



## *The Royal-tea Club January Newsletter*

We are in the midst of “BR-rrrr” Season here in Pennsylvania. I hope that when you read this you are safe, warm and dry. Here is a poem I found to help us look forward to “buds and flowers” season!

**Orchard Trees, January** by *Richard Wilbur*

*It's not the case, though some might wish it so  
Who from a window watch the blizzard blow*

*White riot through their branches vague and stark,  
That they keep snug beneath their pelted bark.*

*They take affliction in until it jells  
To crystal ice between their frozen cells,*

*And each of them is inwardly a vault  
Of jewels rigorous and free of fault,*

*Unglimpsed until in May it gently bears  
A sudden crop of green-pronged solitaires.*



## **CHANGING TIMES**

The Royal-tea Club is celebrating fifteen years in 2019! We have been to many teas in many places and have had wonderful trips. A lot has changed in 15 years. One thing that did not change is the cost of club membership. Since 2005 the dues have remained at \$5.00 for email and \$10 for mail. However, the cost of postage, printing, paper and web site charges (yes, there is a fee to maintain a web site) have all increased. Therefore, we find it necessary to increase the club dues to \$10 for email and \$15 for mail. If you have questions about this increase, please talk with Donna Lerew or Betsy Green.

## **TEA ETTIQUETTE *What time should I arrive for tea?***

Several of the tea room owners have commented that we are arriving before they have completed their set-up for teas. They would prefer that we do not enter the tea room until 20 minutes before the tea is to begin. I know it may be difficult to determine how long it takes to get to the tea room and want to make sure you are not late. If you arrive early, drive around the area to see the sights or wait in your car or walk around the block. The tea hostesses will appreciate your cooperation.

## **HOUSEKEEPING:**

- 1) Often parking space is limited or the tea room is a distance away. Car pooling is a smart option to consider. Anyone interested in car pooling, contact Donna Lerew and she will assist in finding other attendees in your area.

- 2) *How do I make a reservation for tea* First, contact Donna Lerew either by email at [donnalerew@gmail.com](mailto:donnalerew@gmail.com) OR phone her at 717-741-2684.

When your reservation is confirmed, mail a check, payable to The Royal-tea Club, to Donna Lerew, 110 Reynolds Mill Road, York, PA 17403. Payment is due within 10 days of your reservation. (NOTE - this is a change from 2017. Checks are to be sent to Treasurer Donna.)

**NOTE:** Reservations for tea close 2 weeks prior to the event. If you need to cancel after reservations have closed, contact Donna. If there is a waiting list she will try to fill your seat. Cancellations cannot be accepted after reservations close unless we can fill your seat.

## UPCOMING TEAS

### **Friedensaal Church Annual Tea, *An Udderly Wonderful Tea***

9138 White Church Road, Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania

(This church is west of Loganville, 10 minutes from Leader Heights and 20 minutes from Maryland Line. Call Donna 717-741-2684 for questions or directions.)

**Saturday, March 30, 2019, at 11 am. Reserve by March 16**

PRICE - \$25.00 inclusive for members (\$30 for guests) Number of seats 30

**INCLEMENT WEATHER DATE – Sunday, March 31, at 1:00 pm**

The tea will be held in the church fellowship hall - the Hall of Hope which is across from the church. There will be a "gift shop" of craft items and plants in the hall. Several members attended the tea last year. The food is plentiful and delicious.

**NOTE:** *Please bring your own tea cup, if you wish to drink from a china cup.*

### **Bella's Tea Room,**

421 St. John Street, Havre de Grace, Maryland, 443-502-5423

**Saturday, April 13, 2019, at 2:00 pm Reserve by March 29**

PRICE - \$26.50 inclusive, (\$31.50 for guests) Number of seats 35

This tearoom is in the town of Havre de Grace, Maryland, where the Susquehanna River meets the Chesapeake Bay. The tea includes scones, soup or salad, sandwiches and dessert (and of course a bottomless pot of tea). Come enjoy the spring weather by the water.

### **Spring High Tea** Hosted by the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society

at Society Headquarters, Red Men's Hall, 332 W. King St., East Berlin, PA.

**Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 1:00 pm. Reserve by April 13**

PRICE-- \$35 inclusive for members (\$40 for guests) Number of seats 30.

This is an annual event. Several club members have attended and requested we schedule a tea here. Guests will be treated to a program entitled "Manners and Etiquette in the Colonial Era." This tea is served by a group of committed volunteers to raise funds for the historical society. Guests can expect wonderful food and a good program. Parking is available on the street or in the grass lot behind the meeting hall.



**Going to the Chapel Wedding Tea** at The Carroll County Farm Museum

500 S. Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157 800-654-4645

**Sunday, May 5, 2019, at 11 am OR 2 pm** -- Number of seats 18, at each seating

NOTE: specify which time you will attend when you reserve your space.

PRICE-\$24 (guest \$29) for a 3 course tea Reserve by April 20

After tea, enjoy a guided tour through the Farmhouse by a costumed docent and view the museum's collection of bridal and party gowns. You can also tour the grounds.

**Kristtany Tea Room**

177 S. Main Street, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 717-753-3094

**Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 1 pm.** Number of seats 35

PRICE-\$27 inclusive (Guests \$32) Reserve by May 18

This tearoom was named after the owner's 2 daughters. We will be having the *Serenitea* which includes your choice of scone, soup, salad, a warm savory, tiered server with 3 sandwiches and 3 desserts. Also, your choice of tea.

This tea is well worth the ride to Chambersburg and by June flowers will be blooming. The tea room has a lovely gift shop. And you may visit some of the shops along Main Street. Contact Donna to help arrange to car pool if desired. Think Spring!!!

***The Royal-tea Club* MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**

As of January 2, 2019, the club membership numbers 235. We are from nine different states, as follows:

Pennsylvania – 135 (57%)	Maryland – 69 (29%)	Virginia – 19 (8%)
Alabama – 1	Colorado – 1	Delaware – 2
Florida – 3	Georgia – 2	New Jersey – 2

NOTE: There are twenty-four members from York, Pennsylvania, which is ten percent of the club membership.

**From the *Holly Lights and Tea* bus trip.**



Photos above taken by *Mickey Erisman* on December 19, 2018, when the Royal-tea Club journeyed to **Normandie Farms**.

**REVIEW**

Blooming Hill Lavender Farm, August 25, 2018  
19929 Telegraph Springs Road, Purcellville, Virginia

It was a beautiful day for a long ride, again with my favorite chauffeur, Donna Lerew. For me, it is a 2 1/2-hour ride from Fawn Grove, Pa. I loved it here and thought it was one of the best tea lunches I have been able to attend with the “Royal Tea Club”. When we arrived the setting was lovely, we had a choice of sitting on the porch or in the garden, we chose the garden which was well shaded for most of us, the owner did put up an umbrella for a table or two. We had a view of the lavender growing in the back yard; it is maybe four acres in size.

When I sat down and looked at the menu, I thought, this is not good. We will need to stop at McDonald’s on our way home, but I was pleasantly surprised. We had a warm Lavender Scone served with lemon curd and Devonshire cream. I loved the Avocado and Pea Shoot sandwich served on a mini wheat bun. I know, I thought the same thing you are probably thinking, but I thought it was GREAT. The second sandwich was Cucumber, Basil and Oregano with a gourmet dill spread and a sprinkling of mint on white bread. The third sandwich was Turkey with bitter lemon pickle jelly on a bed of summer lettuce on wheat bread. All of the sandwiches had a good amount of filling on them.

I would have loved the recipe for the Avocado, however the chef would not share it. It’s her secret recipe. As far as my favorite thing on the menu, there were too many to decide. Desserts were all excellent. Tea served was Blooming Hill Dark blend and I thought it was very good, also Blooming Hill Red Blend which had no caffeine. The cold drink was Blooming Hill Lavender and Lemonade. They served

it without ice so we had to ask for ice. The tea selection was just those I mentioned, so it was small.

I give this venue an Excellent rating. It is a bit too far, but once a year would be ok, if Donna would be chauffeur again. It's great having a personal chauffeur.

*By Rose Ortel*

**REVIEW**

Hollabaugh Bros., Inc, September 6, 2018  
545 Carlisle Road, Biglerville, Pennsylvania

I enjoyed going to this market last year and the tea and craft was very nice then, however this year I was a little disappointed. The food was a bit on the skimpy side; I overheard other ladies saying the same thing. The soup was Creamy Tomato Tortellini, very tasty but if we had a 3/4 cup total, I would be surprised. The scone was okay; we had Jam and Devonshire cream for toppings. Dessert was a pumpkin Mouse with whipped cream. I thought it was very good. But if you were not a pumpkin fan, you had no other choice.

We had a Baked Apple Butter Ham and Cheese sandwich, Walnut Cream Cheese Sandwich on White Bread (again a little on the skimpy side), too thin for this lady. We had plenty of flavored tea bags to choose from and hot water was served in teapots. The tables were decorated with lovely centerpieces. The girls who served us were very nice.

The craft didn't work for everyone. We made up a mixture of several items to form little shaped bath balls, however, mine was a flop. So I left mine there on the table. As a favor we got a pear. Since one of my favorite fruits is pears I loved it! I love the store and homemade breads, sweets and the produce. I spent way too much money looking around, but enjoyed the shopping. I would give this venue a fair rating *By Rose Ortel*

*A Snapple Tea Fact:* Tsiology is anything written about tea.

In the future you can tell your friends that you are reading the Royal-tea Club Tsiology!

join us for an

# Udderly Wonderful Tea

**Saturday, March 30th, 2019**  
**11 am**

**Friedensaal Evangelical Lutheran Church**

9138 White Church Road  
Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania 17360  
(717) 428-3453

**\$25 per ticket**

dairy themed luncheon

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Bring your teacup and "moola" to spend at the gift shop!

In case of inclement weather, the tea will be held on  
Sunday, March 31st at 1 pm

