

# The Royal-tea Club

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## CLUB CONTACTS

**For Reservations for RTC events and US bus trips:** Contact **Donna Lerew** at 717-741-2684 or email her at donnalerew@gmail.com.

**For Tea Club Payments, except ads and trips:** Send checks made out to 'The Royal-tea Club' to **Carol Lee Bettendorf**, 115 Highland Avenue, Abbottstown, PA 17301-9562. Should you need to contact her, call 717-259-5577.

**For New Membership Applications or Renewal of Dues:** Contact **Betsy Green**, 410-259-1853 or email her at anbgreenacres@gmail.com. Mail should be sent to The Royal-tea Club, c/o **Betsy Green**, 1233 Old Fridinger Mill Road, Westminster, MD 21157-3365. Please also send the new application or renewal form with your payment.

**For the Newsletter, Ads or International Trips:** Contact **Sharon Hart** at 717-332-5851.

## HELP WANTED

Sharon is looking for someone who would be interested in helping with the newsletter. You should have Microsoft Word. Please contact her at the number shown above.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

My apologies to anyone who had problems with October's e-edition of the newsletter. On my computer it was fine. On our webmaster's it was not. We have no idea what happened, but it appears the problem has been fixed (fingers crossed!).

**PLEASE** – if you have problems with anything regarding the newsletter, contact me at the number shown on the bottom left of this page. Donna is not the one to contact for this type of problem. It can be corrected faster by contacting me direct.

NOTE –Due to technical issues, this newsletter is late and I will be away the month of April, the date the usual spring newsletter comes out. Look for your next newsletter mid-May.

Teafullly yours,

*Sharon*

## SOME ROYAL-TEA CLUB HISTORY

We thought you might enjoy seeing what our club has accomplished in the previous 12 years.

We have had a total of 199 regular tea events, 11 one day trips with 11 teas, 14 multi-day trips within US with 32 teas, and seven international trips with 18 plus teas.

Our first tea event was at The Victorian Parlor in Spring Grove, PA on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

In the 12 years of the club's existence we visited 18 Maryland tearooms of which nine have closed, 43 Pennsylvania tearooms, of which 21 have closed, 5 Virginia tearooms (excluding the bus trips), and 1 Delaware tearoom for our regular tea events.

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Many of the above tearooms were visited multiple times.

In addition, we had six teas in hotels, three in a restaurant, three in a private home, three at herb farms, one at the Philadelphia Flower Show, one at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, three at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, and one at the Johns Hopkins Club. We had a lovely skipjack boat ride with tea one day in Havre de Grace, MD, a Hobo tea on the H & M Railroad, an historic train ride with tea at the Glen Rock Mill Inn, a Cherry Blossom cruise with tea on the Potomac, tea at Wheatland, President James Buchanan's home in Lancaster, PA and ten annual luncheons.

We have traveled on International Trips -  
England - London, Bath and the Cotswolds'  
London and British Isles Cruise of Ireland and Scotland  
England – Victorian tour including Isle of Wight  
England - Lake District and York  
Bermuda cruise  
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Toronto and Niagara-on-the Lake  
Scotland - Glasgow north and over to Edinburgh

#### **Overnight US trips**

Savannah and Atlanta, GA  
Philadelphia, PA  
Newport, RI  
Charleston, SC  
Madison-Bouckville Antique Show, New York  
Biltmore/Asheville, NC – Christmas  
Biltmore/Ashville, NC - Spring  
Boston, MA  
Norfolk VA Military Tattoo  
Wilkes-Barre and Jim Thorpe, PA  
Hudson Valley, NY  
Tea by the Sea – MD, DE, and NJ  
Cape May, NJ  
Warm Springs, GA  
Hawaii cruise  
Bethlehem, PA

On two of these trips we stopped at the Harney Tea Shop in Millerton, NY and were taken on a tour of the Harney Tea Factory by the late John Harney himself.

#### **Single day bus tours**

Green Spring Garden, Alexandria, VA  
St. Michaels, MD  
Winterthur, and Longwood Gardens, DE  
Gardens and Japanese tea, Washington, DC  
Williard Hotel, Washington, DC  
Multiple trips to National Cathedral, Washington, DC

Oh, so many very fond memories and friends we have made along the way.

## **2017 UPCOMING ROYAL-TEA CLUB EVENTS**

### **Please read the following instructions:**

- ❖ Telephone number for each establishment is provided should you need directions.
- ❖ Reservations may ONLY be made through the Tea Club by contacting Donna Lerew, 717-741-2684, or by email.
- ❖ Prices **always** include tax and tip.
- ❖ The cutoff date for each tea is the last date reservations may be canceled and still get a refund or credit. (Refunds are only sent after the last tea event of the year.)
- ❖ Do not send money without confirming you have a reservation.
- ❖ Make checks payable to: The Royal-tea Club!
- ❖ Send payment to **Carol Lee Bettendorf**, 115 Highland Avenue, Abbottstown, PA 17301-9562 within 10 days of reservation.

*Reservations are now being taken for the following events:*

### **Saturday, March 25th at 1:00 PM**

#### **The Red Brick Bakery and Tearoom**

Once again we visit this wonderful tearoom. Perhaps they should call it the hidden door tearoom? If you've never been, come see why.

**Member Price:** \$27.00

**Non-members price:** \$29.50

**Address:** 55 North Main Street, Red Lion, PA 17356

**Telephone:** 717-332-7427

**Cutoff date:** March 15th

**Number of seats:** 40.

### **Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 PM**

#### **Granite Rose Tea Parlour**

This tearoom has been opened a little over a year and we are anxious to try it. It is in the historic town of Granite. The tearoom has a small area for about 7 cars (please allow handicapped parking here). There is a Chinese Church next door and guests are welcome to park there and walk up the path to the tearoom. There are 4 steps in the front without a railing but there is a back entrance with a ramp.

**Member Price:** \$25.00

**Non-members price:** \$27.50

**Address:** 10813 Davis Avenue, Granite, MD 21163  
(Some GPS will say Woodstock instead of Granite)

**Telephone:** 410-465-9116

**Cutoff date:** March 29th

**Number of seats:** 30.

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**

**Susquehanna Manor**

We were here a number of years ago but there are now new owners. They have received excellent reviews.

**Member Price:** \$29.00

**Non-members price:** \$31.50

**Address:** 3272 Maytown Road, Marietta, PA 17547

**Telephone:** 717-604-1854

**Cutoff date:** May 3rd

**Number of seats:** 45 (Seating will be inside and outside on the porch)

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM**

**Camillia's Sin Tea Parlor**

With a name taken from the botanical name for the tea plant, Camellia Sinensis, you know this tearoom is special. Join us as we once again visit them.

**Member Price:** \$29.00

**Non-members price:** \$31.50

**Address:** 36 West Pomfret Street, Carlisle, PA 17013

**Telephone:** 717-243-6292

**Cutoff date:** May 10th

**Number of seats:** 40.

**Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM**

**Dollies Tea Room**

**Member Price:** \$30.00

**Non-members price:** \$32.50

**Address:** 150 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring, MD 21722

**Telephone:** 301-842-2720

**Cutoff date:** May 31st

**Number of seats:** 32.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Annual Club Luncheon has been scheduled for **Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will be visited by Marie Antoinette. See all the details in the next newsletter.

Please start saving your gently used or new items and books now.

**TRAVEL NEWS**

**All trip flyers are located on the club's web site. Go to <http://www.theroyal-teaclub.org/pages/teatrips.htm> for complete trip information and itineraries.**

**LOW COUNTRY CHARM**

**Only 12 seats Remain!**

**featuring Savannah and Charleston**

**April 23 - 30, 2017**

Please join us as we explore this southern region full of history, great southern food, and lots of tea!

Along the way, besides Savannah and Charleston, we will visit the Charleston Tea Plantation, St. Simon's Island, Jekyll Island, Beaufort, SC, St. John's Island, see the Angel Oak, Hopsewee Plantation, and enjoy two cruises and three teas!

*The full trip brochure is on the club's web site or is included with your newsletter if you have paper membership.*



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# *A Country Tea*

*Tea Room & Gifts*

*Enjoy the sights and sounds of the country*

*In picturesque New Freedom, PA*

*Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays*

*Showers, Private Parties, Bridal Teas*

*Holiday Teas and Tours*

*Reservations (717-235-6511)*

*[www.acountrytea.com](http://www.acountrytea.com)*

*Hosts Susan and Ken Freese*

## **TEA TIDBIT**

(from 'Every Day with Tea' calendar submitted by the late Patty Suchy)

Soothe your puffy eyes by soaking two teabags in warm water for a few minutes. Place the teabags in the freezer for 5 – 10 minutes, then place one teabag on each eye. Lie back and relax for a while.

For a black eye, try soothing it with a warm black tea bag placed over the eye.

## **NEW TRIP!**

### **Corners and Canals of Ottawa and Quebec City**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Are you aware 2017 is a very special year in Canada? This year is the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. It is being promoted by the Canadian government as Canada 150. Let's help them celebrate!

The trip flyer is on the club's website. Visit there for more details. If you receive a paper newsletter, the flyer will be with your newsletter.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are interested in this trip, please contact Donna Lerew to let her know ASAP. The hotels are requiring early NON-refundable fees - some as early as April 1! After all, it is a special year. If there is not enough interest in the trip, we do not want to lose money by paying hotel fees.

