

# The Royal- tea Club

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## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Welcome to all new members. We're glad you joined. And welcome back to all of our old friends!

At a recent committee meeting, Donna reflected on all we have accomplished in our previous 10 years. We spoke of the many, many events and tea rooms we have visited, the many trips, but especially the many new friends we have made along the way.

You are what makes it all worthwhile. Thank you for being part of our lives and memories, both past and future.

Teafullly yours,

*Sharon*

## **NEW NAME TAGS**

We have been looking at some alternatives to the current optional embroidered name tag. Many have had problems with the pin coming off the back. Also, after quite a few years of use, some name tags are beginning to show their age.

A suggestion was made by a member (our members are just the best!) and we will be getting a completely different type of optional name tag. They are made of a flexible

type of plastic and attach with a very strong magnet as opposed to the previous pin. No holes in your tea clothes!

The name tags look similar to the embroidered ones, but only two colors. They are still a white oval and the writing is in royal blue. They have a tea pot at the top, then your first name, and 'The Royal-tea Club' at the bottom.

The name tags are still \$10 and must be paid when order is placed. Some members have been so patient while waiting for their name tags. You will be getting one of the new ones.

All special name tags are given to you at the first event you attend after we receive them from our source. They are yours to keep if you wish. However, most have us keep them so they don't forget to bring them to an event.

Please contact **Betsy Green** or **Donna Lerew** (contact information below) if you would like one of the new name tags.

### **CLUB CONTACTS**

**For Reservations:** Contact **Donna Lerew** at 717-741-2684 or email her at [donnalerew@gmail.com](mailto:donnalerew@gmail.com). (\*\*\*)Also see below for additional information.)

**For Tea Club Payments:** 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](mailto: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.

**For Newsletter or Trips:** Contact Sharon Hart at 717-332-5851 or email her at [theroyalteaclub@aol.com](mailto:theroyalteaclub@aol.com).

### **NOTE FROM DONNA – HOW and WHEN to CONTACT HER**

-To reserve a seat for a tea you must contact **Donna**. After your reservation has been confirmed by her, then mail your payment to **Carol Lee Bettendorf**. Checks should always be made out to 'The Royal-tea Club.'

-If you need to cancel your reservation, call **Donna** even if it is the day of the event. If there is a waiting list, I will contact them to take your place. Although there are no guarantees, I will try to fill your seat so you do not lose your money.

-Home phone (preferred contact) – 717-741-2684. If no answer, leave a message. Feel free to call as late as 11:00 PM as I am a night owl.

-Cell phone – 717-885-3560. I use this number when traveling. If you need me the day of an event, use this number to contact me

-Email [-donnalerew@gmail.com](mailto:-donnalerew@gmail.com). DO NOT use the club email as I cannot always access it at the club address.

- If I do not call or email you within 24 hours, please call or email again. I always reply that I received your message.

### **SHARON'S ABSENCE**

**Sharon** will be away January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 27<sup>th</sup>. Should you need information regarding tea business, please contact **Donna Lerew** or **Betsy Green**.

### **2015 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.
- ❖ 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:*

**Wednesday, March 25th**, 12:30 PM – Join us as we celebrate the end of winter and our first tea of 2015. The site is Hickory Bridge Farm where we will have tea in their 1887 rustic barn just nine miles west of Gettysburg. *Member Price: \$25.00. (Price for Non-members: \$27.50) Address: 96 Hickory Bridge Road, Orrtanna, PA 17353. Telephone number: 717-642-5261. Seats available: 35. Cutoff date: March 15th.*

**Saturday, April 25th**, 12:00 Noon -- Tea on the Tiber. Many members have requested that we return to this charming Victorian Tea Room and gift shop which recreates the quiet elegance and refinement of a grand English tea parlor. *Member Price: \$28.50 (Price for non-members: \$30.50). Address: 8081 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Telephone number: 410-480-8000. Cutoff date: April 15th. Seats available: 47.* There is limited seating available on the first floor so please let us know if steps are a problem. Also, please let us know of any food allergies.

**Saturday, May 2nd**, 1:00 PM – The Tea Trolley. Step back into history and enjoy an afternoon tea surrounded by Victorian elegance. *Members Price: \$25.25.* (Non-members price: \$27.75.) *Address: 104 Main Street, Delta, PA 17314. Telephone number: 717-303-5182. Cutoff date: April 22nd. 40 seats available.*

**Saturday, May 30th**, 1:00 PM – One of our Virginia members has recommended The Tea Cart. We love to try your recommendations! The very nice owner is very anxious to have us so please come. *Members Price: \$30.00.* (Non-members price: \$32.50.) *Address: 16 W. Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611. Telephone number: 540-955-0832. 45 seats available.*

## **TRAVEL NEWS**

### **APRIL 2015 GEORGIA BUS TRIP**

**Only three seats remain. Don't miss out on this memorable trip!**

Featuring Richmond, VA, Charlotte, NC, and Warm Springs and Helen, GA.

We have talked about this trip for a couple years and now it is finally here!

The dates are

**Tuesday, April 7th - Sunday, April 12th.**

This should be the perfect time to enjoy the beautiful warm  
weather and spring flowers in the south.

Want to know why it has been so anticipated? View the movie 'Warm Springs' with Kenneth Branagh as FDR, Kathy Bates as his physical therapist, and Cynthia Nixon as Eleanor Roosevelt. This movie has been played on two of our previous bus trips and now many want to visit Warm Springs themselves. This tiny town changed our country forever.

If you receive your newsletter electronically, you will find the trip brochure on the club's web site on the Tea Trips page, <http://www.theroyal-teaclub.org/pages/teatrips.htm>. If you receive a paper newsletter, the trip brochure will be sent with your newsletter.

## **FUTURE TRIPS for 2016**

A trip to Scotland is in the planning stages as is a bus trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto.  
We'll keep you posted as plans develop.

## HAWAII CRUISE!



We invite you to join us on a four island Hawaii cruise with

Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL)

October 30th - November 7th, 2015

All prices based on double occupancy.

Balcony      \$2424.66

Oceanview    \$2300.40

Inside        \$1674.09

**There is also someone who really wants a roommate.**

(Contact **Donna**, or **Sharon** after January 28<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested.)

Join us as we travel where rain is but liquid sunshine and tropical breezes always blow.

You may also arrange extra days before or after the cruise in a hotel of your choice.

If we have enough travelers, group air may be arranged.

Contact Lynda Maxwell at Destinations, Inc., 410-992-6656, for

more information or to make a reservation.