

The Royal-tea Club

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Our beloved friend and club member, Patty Suchy, passed away January 11th. Patty was quite a remarkable lady. Travel, tea, and literature were her passions. She was a British Isles travel expert recognized by the British Tourist Authority. She planned and escorted three Great Britain trips for our club, a special trip to Wales planned for the Johnson family that club members were invited to join, and she planned our Lake District England trips for this May and September. She planned and escorted numerous trips to Great Britain for romance, historical fiction, and other writers.

She was a speaker at the World Tea Expo in Las Vegas in June 2011.

Patty was the travel writer for the Tea House Times, frequently mentioning The Royal-tea Club in her articles. Editor Gail Gastelu wrote a beautiful tribute to Patty and posted it on their web page. There is also a picture of Patty about the time she joined our club. You may also read some of her past articles mentioning us.

<http://www.theteahousetimes.com/members/theteahousetimes/blog/VIEW/00000019/0001293/In-loving-memory-of-Patty-Suchy---our-Travel-writer.html>

Patty will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Instead of the American Cancer Society, Patty's family requested we make a contribution to ChiArts because of Patty's love of the theater, movies and all entertainment. A check for \$1000 was sent to them in honor of Patty. Many thanks to all of you who made this donation possible.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the 10th year of The Royal-tea Club!

I'm afraid Fate conspired against me in trying to get this edition of the newsletter out in January. I block off a period of time, usually about a week, in order to prepare the newsletter. And in January I need a large block of time to update all the email addresses. Unfortunately, due to the passing of Patty Suchy, I inherited quite a bit of work dealing with the three international trips Patty had planned for us this year. This was just at the time I should have been preparing this newsletter. I do apologize for the lateness of our first 2014 edition.

Finally, here we are, a bit late, but full of tea event news for our 10th year.

Due to this delay and the fact I will be away the month of April, there will only be three newsletters for 2014. They will come out February, June, and October.

Teafullly yours,

Sharon

CLUB CONTACTS

For Reservations: Contact **Donna Lerew** at 717-741-2684 or email her at the club's email address.

For Tea Club Payments: Send checks made out to 'The Royal-tea Club' to **Shirley Smith**, 19811 Gore Mill Road, Freeland MD 21053-9402.

For New Membership Applications, Renewal of Dues, or other club business: Contact **Sharon Hart**, 717-332-5851 or email her at the club's email address, theroyalteaclub@aol.com. Mail should be sent to The Royal-tea Club, 105 Frog Pond Hollow, Abbottstown, PA 17301-9073.

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2014 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 **Shirley Smith**, 19811 Gore Mill Road, Freeland, MD 21053-9402 within 10 days of reservation.

Reservations are now being taken for the following events:

Thursday, April 10th and Saturday, April 12th, 1:00 PM - [Cross and Blue Bird](#) - **Member Price:** \$25.00. (Price for non-members: \$27.50.) *Address:* 1975 Shrivens Corner, Gettysburg PA 17325. *Telephone Number:* 717-339-0903. *Cutoff date:* March 31st. *Number of seats:* 18 each date.

Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd, 12:00 Noon - [A Country Tea](#) - **Member Price:** \$21.00. (Price for non-members: \$23.50.) *Address:* 500 Country Tea Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349. *Telephone Number:* 717-235-6511. *Cutoff date:* April 22nd. *Number of seats:* 30 each date.

Saturday, May 31st, 3:00 PM - [Lady Bug Tea Room](#) - **Member Price:** \$30.25. (Price for non-members: \$32.75.) *Address:* 326 W. King Street, East Berlin, PA 17316. *Telephone Number:* 717-259-8131. *Cutoff date:* May 21st. *Number of seats:* 36.

Saturday, June 14th, 11:00 AM - [Reynolds Tavern](#) - **Member Price:** \$27.75. (Price for non-members: \$30.25.) *Address:* 7 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401. *Telephone Number:* 410-295-9555. *Cutoff date:* June 4th. *Number of seats:* 38

Saturday, June 28th, 12:00 Noon or 3:00 PM - [Thistlefields](#) - **Member Price:** \$24.25. (Price for non-members: \$26.75.) *Address:* 3218 Church Road, Thomasville, PA 17364. *Telephone Number:* 717-741-2684. *Cutoff date:* June 18th. *Number of seats:* 14 each seating.

The Annual Tea Club Luncheon with special
10th year food and entertainment is
Saturday, July 26th!

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TRAVEL NEWS

You will find the itinerary for all trips on the club's web site,
<http://www.theroyal-teaclub.org/pages/teatrips.htm>.



BERMUDA CRUISE UPDATE

So far, 42 people have signed up for our very first Club Bermuda cruise leaving from Baltimore. Although the prices shown in the trip brochure are no longer available, cabins might be. If you are interested, please contact Lynda Maxwell at Destinations, Inc., 410-992-6656.



ENGLAND 2014

After some discussion, it was decided we would still go on the fabulous May and September Lake District England trips Patty Suchy planned especially for us. It won't be quite the same going without her but we look on these trips as her last gift to us.

There have been a few cancellations. If you would like to go or be placed on a waiting list, please contact Lynda Maxwell at Destinations, Inc., 410-992-6656.

WASHINGTON DC DAY TRIP

Due to an overwhelming response to the Washington DC trip in March, we are adding a second day. The cost and the itinerary are the same. The new date is April 7, 2014. We must have a minimum of 45 to keep the same price. Please call Donna Lerew at 717-741-2684 or email her at donnalerew@gmail.com to reserve a seat. Then mail your check for \$117.00, payable to The Royal-tea Club, to Donna Lerew at 110 Reynolds Mill Rd., York, PA 17403.

If you are signed up for the March 27 trip, have friends on the waiting list, and want to go as a group, contact Donna to see if that is possible.

Please respond promptly since we cannot book the tea room until we have a minimum of 45.

For questions, contact Donna. Hope you can join us for a wonderful day in Washington!

WINTERTHUR DOWNTON ABBEY DAY TRIP

We are currently taking a waiting list for this trip. Contact Donna Lerew at 717-741-2684.

WHY IT TAKES SO LONG TO CASH YOUR CHECKS

Some are concerned why it sometimes takes a while for us to cash your checks. Shirley Smith gets most of the checks for tea trips and events. Shirley graciously volunteered to handle this aspect of club work. However, Shirley lives almost 45 minutes from the closest branch of our bank. Dues and renewals are sent to Sharon. And although Sharon lives close to a bank branch, she normally only receives one or two checks a month, usually for \$5. She waits until she has several checks to deposit at one time.

We have a community service account which is not interest bearing. There is no club benefit in rushing to the bank. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

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