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President's Report:

Dear Members,

Hello from Africa! If you can't ski then safari. Mike and I are having a wonderful time in East Africa, seeing lots of exotic animal. I highly recommend this vacation, of course when you can't ski!

Hope you had a great TGIF at World of Beer. We have been out of the loop for awhile so looking forward to getting back in at the next TGIF and our "Kick-Off" dinner on 9/15.

Leslie

Social Calendar:

2019 TGIF Events from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

September 13th - Medici Italian Kitchen - Reilly's Plaza

October 11th - NYC Pizza - Festival Center

September 15th - Kickoff Party @ LagerHead Tavern at the Oyster Reef Country Club

2020 Adventures

Cruise:

January 12th - 19th
Caribbean Cruise onboard the Nieuw Statendam
(see p 3 below for details)

Ski Trip:

February 1st - 8th
Fairmont Chateau Whistler
British Columbia
(see pp 4,5 below for details)

Paddlewheel Cruise

September 13th - 21st
(see p 6 below for details)

Membership Director's Report:

Hello folks,

We have 149 members. I would like to welcome our new member - Larry Chatfield.

If you plan to re-join the club, please send in your dues as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Theresa



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Social Director's Report:

Dear Members,

Thirty people attended our TGIF Friday at World of Beer. The appetizers were excellent and fun was had by all. A big thanks goes out to all those who participated; a very diverse and interesting group makes for great conversation !!

Our next TGIF will be September 13th at MIDICI Italian kitchen located at Reilly's plaza.

Also, just a reminder that the ski club kickoff party will be held September 15th @ 5:00 held at the Lager Head Tavern at the Oyster Reef country Club. Please remember to respond to Sue Crespan by September 1st with your choice of meal and check.

Stay cool. Cheers!

Your social director.

Sandy

Trip Highlights for August 2019

2020 Cruising January 12th-19th onboard the Nieuw Statendam



Our first cruise in 2020 will be to the Caribbean enjoying the ports of Nassau, St. Thomas, Puerto Rico and Half Moon Cay on board Holland America's newest ship which was just launched in December 2018. Four of us have already signed up for this trip. **We now have twelve people registered to date.**

The pricing has been reduced once again on this cruise. As of this past week, Holland America is offering two plans one with a nonrefundable deposit unless you buy insurance the day that you sign up or a flexible plan.

Nonrefundable Deposit Pricing:	Flexible Pricing:
Ocean View - \$593.00	\$699.00
Veranda - \$791.00	\$899.00
Vista suite - \$1,187.00	\$1,299.00

Come enjoy live music on the Music Walk, featuring Lincoln Center Stage, Billboard Onboard (dueling pianos), Rolling Stone Rock Room and B.B. King's Blues Club. Experience the World Stage, our state-of-the-art theater.

Restaurants to choose from include the Main dining room, Pinnacle Grill, Rudi's sel de mer, America's test kitchen, the Lido Market, Dive-in, Tamarind, Gelato, New York pizza and deli, Canaletto, and the Grand Dutch Café.

To reserve your cruise please contact Grace VanBrunt at Valerie Wilson Travel. Her number is 843-341-8911.

Ski Trip February 1st-8th 2020

At Fairmont Chateau Whistler



Reminder the last signup for our trip to Whistler will be October 1st. Nineteen people have now registered. The flights to Vancouver are now all set with Delta Airlines.

As always, our trip has lift tickets available, however if you plan on skiing more than the 5 days and plan on skiing other areas the Epic pass is probably a better deal. Also for those who are now super seniors (over 75) it is best to buy the pass direct from the mountain on their website. Information is outlined below.

The **Epic Local Pass** covers 30 resorts, some give you 7 to 10 days at certain places like Vail or Beaver Creek, but you can customize a program to fit your needs. Most of the 30 resorts included are unlimited skiing. This pass is good if you plan on skiing more or are skiing at other areas.

Go to [EPIC PASS.Com](http://EPICPASS.Com), hit compare passes to see what best fits your needs. The Epic Local pass is \$699 for the season. If you're Retired Military or over 65 Years Old, you may qualify for further discounts. I found it best to look over the website, then call the Epic Pass Office. They are VERY HELPFUL in getting what you need.

The **Whistler Super Senior Pass**: Every member 75+ years old or who will turn 75 in 2020 (if 74 turning 75 in 2020, you must call customer service) should purchase a Whistler Super Senior unlimited season pass. (\$141 USD). Benefits include 6 buddy passes 25% off daily ticket price, 20% off all the mountain food concessions, 50% off daily lift tickets at all the other Vail resorts. To purchase this pass go to <https://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/>, select unlimited season pass then scroll down to the Super senior pass to get your deal.

I have checked with Sports America they cannot get this deal you must go to the website.



2020 Paddlewheel Cruise September 13th-21st

Four of us have signed up for this trip as of now. September is the ideal month to make this cruise. The trees are turning, the weather is in the 70's and it has the least rain.

The American Queen offers a trip down the Columbia River from Vancouver, WA (Portland) to Spokane. This is a 9-day trip aboard the American Empress, which is a 340-foot Paddlewheel Boat that holds 221 passengers and 88 crew. It was refurbished in 2014.

Included on the trip is a one-night Precruise Stay at the Hilton Vancouver Hotel on September 13th. Other amenities included is a Hop-on Hop-Off Bus, Free Internet, Wine and Beer With dinner, and 24-Hour Room Service.

On this trip you will see the Columbia Gorge, Cascading Waterfalls and acclaimed wineries. Their Premium Experiences include such events as The Manhattan Project, Jet Boat ride in Hells Canyon, Lewis and Clark Experience, Vintage Car Experience with Classic Planes, Automobiles etc.

2021 Ski Trip

Based on the survey that was done last year, our next trip should be to Steamboat Springs. I have begun to get pricing for this trip.

2021 AmaWaterways trip in May on the Douro River from Porto Portugal to Spain

I am investigating this trip. AmaWaterways has posted their trips through November 2020. They are supposed to be releasing their spring offerings in September.