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President's Report:

Dear Members,

The “Dog Days” of summer are upon us now. This makes me dream of the colder temperatures of our Ski trip to Whistler. But alas that is still many months away.

So for now I dream of the need to go to the Caribbean to keep warm while it is cooler here.

Our Socials are keeping us all together and in good spirits. We have the “Kickoff” party to look forward to in September, then the cool weather here should kick in.

Leslie

Social Calendar:

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

August 9th - World of Beer - Shelter Cove

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 5,6 below for details)

Membership Director's Report:

We have 147 members. We have one new member Steve Devendorf.

Please introduce yourselves at our next TGIF!

Don't forget to send your renewals to me.

Theresa



Social Director's Report:

Dear Members,

Sorry I had to miss the TGIF at Bluffton Wild Wings. Rugby and I were competing at a dog show.

I heard there was fairly low attendance, but the reviews seemed positive about the food and the restaurant was very accommodating moving all inside due to the heat. Maybe car-pooling would help if happy hours are off the island. As the new social director, I am finding out how time consuming it can be to find the best places for our TGIFs, so please try to attend as many as possible.

Our next TGIF is August 9th at World of Beer in Shelter Cove by Kroger's. This is my first happy hour, so let's all ring in the summer heat with good friends and good cheers.

Sunday, September 15th, we will host our kickoff party at the Lager Head Tavern.

Thanks Nina for all the work you did!! Here's to a good year. Cheers!!

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Trip Highlights for July 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 have eight people registered to date with others who have noted their interest in joining us. The pricing has been reduced on this cruise.

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 1-8th 2020

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At Fairmont Chateau Whistler



We have 16 people who have registered already.

Some of our participants have decided to spend some time in Vancouver before or after the trip to see the sites. If you have not been Vancouver offers many great restaurants and places to visit many within walking distance of hotels.

I will send more info on Vancouver under separate cover.

For those who have not signed up below are lift ticket suggestions:

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.

I have begun to research cruises for later in 2020 and April of 2021

2020 Paddlewheel Cruise October

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, Hop-on Hop-Off Bus, Free Internet, Wine and Beer With dinner, 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 AmaWaterways trip in April on the Douro River from Porto Portugal to Spain

I am investigating this trip. AmaWaterways has posted their trips through November 2020. I am checking to see when they will release the 2021 cruises.