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## President's Report:

Dear Members,

Our Special Island was spared from Hurricane Dorian this past week. Although we were lucky, there were lots of others that weren't; I hope we can all find some way to make donations to help the recovery efforts.

On a good note, the storm chased away the last of the tourists or at least the "In Season" tourists. The roads and beaches are ours again!

I'm, looking forward to seeing everyone at the Kick-Off Dinner on Sunday.

Leslie

## Social Calendar:

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

October 11th - NYC Pizza - Festival Center

October 27th - Polo Match Rose Hill

November 8th - It's Greek to Me

December 1st - Christmas Party Indigo Run

## **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)

## **The American Express Paddlewheel Cruise**

September 13th - 21st

(see p 6 below for details)

## **2021 Adventures**

**Ski Trip** - Steamboat Grand Hotel Feb. 20th-27th  
(see p.7 for details)

**River Cruises** - Douro River May 11th

(see p. 7 for details) and Amsterdam to Brussels  
December 6th (see p.8 for details)

## Membership Director's Report:

Hello folks,

We have 147 members currently. We would like to welcome our latest members - Ginny and Rocky Whitehead.

Please remember to send in your Ski Club renewals by October 15th to get included in the directory.

Thanks,  
Theresa

## Social Director's Report:

Dear Members,

Fall is upon us and so are threats of bad weather.

Last night we had a nice turnout for the TGIF held at Medicia Italian Kitchen. They treated us very well and seemed pleased that we chose their restaurant !! We had several new members participate and many stories were exchanged about who evacuated. Always an interesting topic ☐.

Our next TGIF is at New York pizza, Festival Center. Let's continue to have good turn outs at these fun functions cheers ☐

Your Social Director.

Sandy



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Trip Highlights for September 2019

### 2020 Adventures Cruse 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.**

<b>Nonrefundable Deposit Pricing:</b>	<b>Flexible Pricing:</b>
<b>Ocean View - \$593.00</b>	<b>\$699.00</b>
<b>Veranda - \$791.00</b>	<b>\$849.00</b>
<b>Vista suite - \$1,088.00</b>	<b>\$1,199.00</b>

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**

### **At Fairmont Chateau Whistler**



**The last signup for the trip to Whistler has been extended to October 25th. At that point we must release any unused rooms and flights.**

**We currently have twenty-one people signed up.**

**Whistler is a great destination with the Fairmont being a truly ski in/ski out property. It offers vast amounts of terrain and numerous restaurants. The base elevation is around 2000 feet much lower than other resorts.**

**I will send out the registration information again for those who have not had a chance to go to the website and signup.**



### **2020 Paddlewheel Cruise September 13th-21st**

**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 Adventures**

### **2021 Ski Trip**

**February 20th-27th at the Steamboat Grand Hotel.**



**Our trip to Steamboat is all set for next year. We will be staying at the Steamboat Grand hotel which is located right on the slopes with ski- in/ski-out. The hotel offers 328 luxury hotel rooms as well as one, two- and three-bedroom condos and penthouses.**

**Amenities include a full-service fitness center, full-service spa, outdoor heated pool, complimentary internet, daily housekeeping, complimentary transportation within the city limits, and complimentary slope-side ski/snowboard storage.**

**I will send detailed information for this trip shortly.**

## **2021 AmaWaterways trip**

### **Flavors of Portugal and Spain on the Douro River**



**Our seven-day cruise on the Douro River is set for May 11th, 2021. The trip begins in Porto Portugal and ends in Vega on Terron Spain.**

**A three-night Precruise package is offered for Lisbon and a post three-night package is available for Madrid.**

**Pricing is currently not available. AmaWaterways usually puts out their pricing in the fall.**

**The current rate for the 2020 year in May starts at \$3,699.00 per person. This price includes all tours, food and beverages.**

## **Cruise from Amsterdam to Brussels Belgium On a Tauck tour on December 6th, 2021**



**This is a brand-new tour offered by Tauck and has already been sold out for 2020.**

**Although pricing is not available at this time, you can still sign-up by making a deposit. These trips sell out quickly. When pricing is finalized you have 10 days to accept the trip or cancel and receive a full refund.**

**As with all Tauck cruises tours, food and beverages are all included. One of the highlights of this trip is a private tour on the canals of Amsterdam which has light shows along the way during the holidays.**

**Stops include, Gouda, Rotterdam, Ghent, Antwerp and Brussels.**

**Pricing for 2020 starts at \$2,990.00 for December 6th.**