

ARCADIA TRAVELERS



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT ARCADIA TRAVELERS!

Our Website:

www.ArcadiaTravelers.org

The Presidents Corner:

Let me start by saying how much I miss seeing all of you at our monthly meetings, seeing you in the office, and sitting alongside you on one of our day trips!!

This has surely been a year for the record books. Unfortunately, not in a way most of us anticipated. The Corona virus has thrown us all for a loop and the challenge continues through the holidays and on into 2021. Your Board of Directors, and I, have been meeting monthly in the only safe way possible, via Zoom conference calls, to keep tabs on the latest news from our hosts, the City of Arcadia, and from our travel partners. We have cancelled more than a dozen day trips and nearly as many extended trips. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you'll have a chance to read about two trips we're hopeful we will take in 2021 and plans for some trips we hope to offer as soon as the pandemic restrictions safely allow.

Wow, do we miss Curt Tucker and Main Street Tours! We miss hearing from Collette and Premier World Discovery about the latest destinations around the world that we can't wait to visit. Alas, we're unable to participate in any of those activities for now but we're confident that we will be back – at the moment though, we just don't quite know when that will be.

We have already learned that when we do finally get the opportunity to be together again, some familiar faces will be missing. A few of our members have passed away for which we send along our deepest sympathies to their families and friends. Our extended travel partners will have new faces. Both Mali Dunleavy from Premier World Discovery, who retired, and Tyler Reardon from Collette, who changed careers, will be replaced by new representatives. Time marches on and thus we must put one foot in front of the other and move on, as well.

Please, please, please follow all applicable COVID guidelines and celebrate the holidays safely. Know that we WILL be meeting together again as soon as the Public Health authorities deem it is safe to do so.

With my BEST wishes for the happiest of Holidays to all of you!

Tom Meikle
President

THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

2020 - The year of travel that vanished.

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TRAVEL UPDATES

DAY TRIPS

For the most part, we're waiting until it is safe to travel again. Two postponed trips have been rescheduled for 2021.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Board voted to have all 2020 memberships carry over into 2021, with no added cost (a 2021 card will be automatically issued).



ARCHIVAL TIDBITS FROM THE TRAVEL DESK

On September 24, 1982, Arcadia Travelers began when By-laws were approved and the first official general meeting was held. According to the minutes of 1982, the reason for forming the organization was "To get people out of their homes."

The original Arcadia Travelers office was located at the Arcadia City Hall.

Arcadia Travelers general meetings were held in the City Council Chambers and dues were \$3.00

Betty Harris represented the City and attended all meetings, both Board and General.

All trips were planned and organized by individual escorts with approval of the Travel Coordinator.

The first four trips were: Pepperdine College: \$10.00, Christmas Lights: \$12.50, Holiday on Ice: \$13.50, and 2-nights in Las Vegas (double) \$65.00.

Every meeting one \$5.00 gift certificate was raffled.

In 1989 Arcadia Travelers had 1,200 members.

In 1990 Arcadia Travelers moved to the Community Center.

DAY TRIP NEWS:

Trip Coordinator, Chris Ohmund, reports that the remaining 2020 day trips have now been rescheduled for dates in 2021. Both trips, Hamilton at the Pantages, now scheduled on May 23, 2021, and the Neil Diamond Tribute performance, now scheduled on July 20, 2021. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the venues will reopen in time for these highly anticipated performances.

As soon as we have a clearer picture about when destinations we want to visit open up, Chris will begin planning, in accordance with public health department guidelines, for those reduced occupancy trips.....Stay tuned.

EXTENDED TRAVEL NEWS:

Our website (www.arcadiatravelers.org) now includes links to 2021-2022 Catalogs for our travel partners Collette and Premier World Discovery. Take a look for some ideas about places you want to go!

Karen Sexton tells us that plans are progressing for some exciting trips to Washington, Nashville, Mt. Rushmore, Montreal's Christmas Market, Canadian Railroad, along with Japan and Italy.

