



September 2024

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From the President ...

Welcome back, Travel Club members! We hope you all had an amazing summer filled with memorable adventures. As we transition into fall, we're excited to kick off our Travel Club activities with a lineup of events and updates that you won't want to miss.

As a Travel Club member, you have access to our monthly presentations, where fellow members share their incredible travel experiences, along with tips on travel planning and more. Stay informed and inspired for your next adventure. Our club offers a platform to connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for travel, fostering friendships, finding travel companions, and creating shared memories. Our website is a hub for all travel-related information, including upcoming trips, meeting dates, and helpful travel resources.

We want to hear from you! Your feedback is essential as we plan for future trips and events. Let us know where you'd like to travel. We're always looking for exciting new destinations for 2025 and beyond.



Happy Travels! *Dianne*

Website Update: New Webmaster



We're pleased to welcome **John Clarke** as the new webmaster for our club's website. John will be updating the site in the coming weeks, so please be sure to check it regularly for the latest travel information, trip updates, and details on upcoming Travel Club events. www.travelclubscityhh.com



Program Notes

Join us For our **September 10th Program**, [2:30 pm, at *Hidden Cypress Ballroom*

NOTE VENUE CHANGE!] for ...

Fall Trips - Oceans to the Mountains & Travel 101

Presented by Dianne Brooks & Scottie Davis

Are you ready to embark on your next adventure? Whether you are a seasoned traveler or a novice, having the right tips and information can make your journey smoother and more enjoyable. Dianne Brooks will share insights from her 30 years of travel experience and practical advice to help you prepare for your travels and make the most of your trips. Traveling can be one of life's greatest joys, offering new experiences, cultures, and memories. However, lack of proper planning or knowing what to do when your flight is delayed, canceled, or your luggage is lost can make your travel a nightmare. Come join the presentation from both Scottie and Dianne and share some of your travel experiences with fellow club members.



Looking Ahead

TRAVEL CLUB OF SUN CITY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All meetings are 2:30 to 3:30 pm at **Pinckney Hall Ballroom** unless otherwise noted.

We will be back in Hidden Cypress for the Sept. 10th meeting ONLY!

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 23, 2024,
at 2:30 pm in Pinckney Hall Ballroom**

Topic: ***Around-the-World Cruise*** by *Marcia Corenman*

Coming Up:

Nov. 13 ***Australia and the South Pacific*** , by *Perry Samowitz*

Dec. 13 ***Switzerland***, by *Ruth Dexter (Holiday Party)*

Octoberfest: Save the Date!

We're thrilled to announce the return of our popular Octoberfest event! This year's celebration will be held on **October 2nd, from 5-8 pm at the Pavilion**. Last year's Octoberfest was a huge success, and we're expecting an even bigger turnout this time.



Join your fellow Travel Club members for our Oktoberfest party on October 2nd at the Sun City Pavilion! Enjoy authentic German food, lively games & prizes, and music by Mr. Ed, along with a special performance by the Sun City Cloggers. We'll have a beer truck on-site, and upon check-in, you'll receive a complimentary ticket for a drink of your choice. Don't forget to dress the part—women, wear your dirndl, and men, dust off your lederhosen!

Watch for your email invitation and be sure to register soon (<https://forms.gle/VRmpVbPSvTV6Ep4VA>) for this fun-filled event. The registration deadline is September 18th, and the cost is \$30 per person. Don't miss out!





SOME SAVVY TRAVEL TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL VACATION



WORDS OF TRAVEL WISDOM FROM RICK STEVES, TRAVEL GURU

• Senior Discounts for European Travel

Most rail passes are about 10 percent cheaper for seniors age 60 and up. And seniors can get deals on point-to-point rail tickets in many countries, such as Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, and Norway. The qualifying minimum age ranges from 60 to 67 years old. But to get many of those discounts you must purchase a senior card at a local train station (valid for a year, prices range from €6 in Spain to €122 in Germany). Note that advance-purchase discounts are usually as good as or better than the senior card offers, and off-peak travel offers lower fares, too.



• Sightseeing for Seniors

- ◇ Go late in the day for fewer crowds and cooler temperatures.
- ◇ Many museums have elevators, and even if these are freight elevators not open to the public, the staff might bend the rules for older travelers who'd appreciate a lift.



- ◇ Many larger museums offer loaner wheelchairs.
- ◇ Take bus tours (usually two hours long) for a painless overview of a city's highlights. Boat tours — of the harbor, river, lake, or fjord — are a pleasure.
- ◇ Hire an English-speaking cabbie to take you on a tour of a city or region.
- ◇ If you're traveling with others but need a rest break, set up a rendezvous point.
- ◇ Some people — of all ages — find that one day of active sightseeing is best followed by a quiet day to recharge the batteries. Europe needn't be nonstop museums and markets: Grab a table at a sidewalk café for a drink and people-watching.



TRAVEL CLUB EXCLUSIVE TRIPS

The Travel Club is pleased to offer these exciting, club-endorsed trips. Act quickly to reserve your spot and travel with other Sun City Club members. If you are interested in any of these trips, don't delay in securing your spot!

AMERICA'S CANYONLANDS

Ken Burns American Journey

October 10-17, 2025

*Price per person: **\$5,990**; Insurance Req'd: \$349 pp; Deposit: \$350 pp
Additional discounts may be applied **

Price does not include airfare

Explore 3 National Parks - Zion, Bryce & Grand Canyon with Tauck

Hear insider stories about the national parks during filmed narratives by filmmakers Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan

Champagne welcome & private yacht dinner cruise on stunning Lake Powell

Inside-the-park accommodations at three national parks – Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion

Flightseeing over Lake Powell and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

Insights into the Grand Canyon's ecology from a geology expert

To Book:

- Use Group # CY5A10 (exclusive # for Travel Club members)
- Tauck # 001915674 • Phone: 800-241-1365

More information from Tauck: <https://www.tauck.com/tours/american-canyonlands-grand-canyon-escorted-tour?tcd=CY2021>,

or Call Lori Fritsky, Club Trip Manager, 203-506-8117



- Exclusive SC Travel Club Trip
- 8 Days – begin in Phoenix & end in Las Vegas
- Stay at premier resorts & wilderness lodge at the Grand Canyon
- Lake Powell cruise
- Flightseeing Grand Canyon
- Monument Valley option
- Activity level 2/Pace level 2

Armchair Traveler

Armchair travel is the act of exploring a place, learning about a culture, or going on an adventure without leaving your home. It's the perfect way to learn about new cultures and destinations, and it can be a great way to escape your everyday life for a little while.

TURN YOUR NEXT ARMCHAIR TRAVEL EXPERIENCE INTO A GROUP TRIP

and a culturally immersive experience. Be sure to engage all the senses!

- ⇒ **Make It a Party!** Send **invites** to get people excited. On the day of their 'trip', ask guests to bring pictures, clothing, artifacts, and stories of the highlighted location to share with the rest of the group.
- ⇒ Create **passports**. Collect a stamp for each journey to encourage "travelers" to come back for more armchair adventures.
- ⇒ **Decorate** your screening room or the whole residence. Think travel posters, colorful tablecloths, streamers, or anything festive.
- ⇒ **Binge on travel videos**, visit virtual art galleries, or explore museums.
- ⇒ **Serve snacks**. Provide virtual tourists with tasty **snacks** appropriate to the location. Sample a wine from the region or a variation of the tea enjoyed in the area.
- ⇒ **Listen to music** from the region. Music has the power to stimulate memories and transport us to new places. For instance, the sound of a steel drum might remind you of a trip to the West Indies, while the distinctive hum of a bagpipe might whisk you off to the lush green vistas of Scotland or Ireland.
- ⇒ **Learn a new language**. Learn a few words from the land you're exploring.



Check out these resources for your next Virtual Travel Party! <https://westportlibrary.libguides.com/virtualtravel>



BUS Trips, One-day & Extended

Weekend Get-Aways

www.scottiedavis.com

Contact: Cheryl Fuchs, 703-887-7793, or Scottie Davis, 843-422-3360

GOLDEN GIRLS – THE LAUGH CONTINUES

PLUS ST JOHN’S TOWN CENTER – JACKSONVILLE

Saturday, October 5, 2024 (\$199) Deadline – September 7, 2024



Golden Girls – The Laugh Continues in Jacksonville’s Terry Theater is billed as a hilarious show with a modern-day twist on our favorite TV program. The all-male cast portrays our beloved Sophia, Blanche, Dorothy and Rose as sassy seniors navigating in a world of edgy, adult content.

Before the show, you will have free time in St. John’s Town Center to shop and have lunch. Wine and snacks will be served on the trip home.

Included: transp., orchestra seats, wine and snacks, bus driver’s tip.

The bus leaves Sun City at 8 am and returns by 8 pm.

FANTASY IN LIGHTS - CALLAWAY GARDENS - PLUS FDR'S

LITTLE WHITE HOUSE

Wednesday, November 20- Thursday, November 21, 2024

(single \$679 pp; double \$549 pp)

The trip is full. Sign up to be placed on the wait list.

The trip includes transp, Callaway Gardens entrance, Fantasy in Lights event, Little White House, accommodations, 2 meals, bus driver’s tip, snacks.

Trip departs from Sun City.



THE MAGIC OF BILTMORE AT CHRISTMAS PLUS CHIHULY EXHIBIT

Wednesday, December 4 - Thursday, December 5

Deadline – October 1, 2024

*(\$749 pp dbl occ; \$679 pp. triple;\$ 646 pp quad occ;
\$979 pp single occ;)*



Spend a magical 24 hours on the Biltmore Estate grounds; stay at the elegant Inn on Biltmore Estate with a wine tasting, dinner, and Biltmore House candlelight tour the first day. On day 2, tour the Estate grounds with a step on guide, experience the incredible Chihuly Exhibit and have free time to shop and have lunch in Antler Village before departing early afternoon.

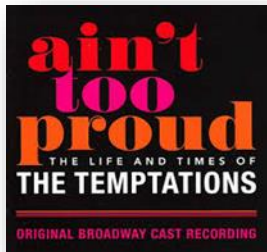
Trip includes: transp., overnight at the Inn on Biltmore Estate, wine Included: Transp., wine tasting, candlelight tour, Estate tour, Chihuly exhibit, 2 meals, bus driver’s tip, snacks.

Bus leaves from Sun City at 8 am and returns around 8:30 pm on day 2.

AIN'T TOO PROUD: LIFE AND TIMES OF THE TEMPTATIONS

PLUS ST. JOHN'S TOWN CENTER – JACKSONVILLE

Saturday, December 7, 2024 (\$244 pp) Deadline – Oct. 3, 2024



A great holiday gift to give yourself, a significant other or friends! This fantastic day includes an orchestra seat for the Broadway production of “our kind of music” at the Moran Theater and free time at St John’s Town Center to enjoy a wonderful lunch, knock out holiday shopping or find that perfect dress and shoes to shine at holiday events. On the way home, we will have a wine party to end a very special treat.

Trip includes: transp., orchestra seat for the show, wine and snacks, bus driver’s tip.

Trip picks up in Sun City at 8 am and returns by 8 pm that evening.

CHRISTMAS CHEER IN CHARLESTON

Saturday, December 14, 2024 (\$234 pp) Deadline – October 5, 2024

A festive, memorable day with a holiday lunch at High Cotton, Moranz Christmas show at the Charleston Music Hall with uplifting songs, dances and skits followed by the magnificent Holiday Festival of Lights display on James Island, along with wine and snacks for a very full, fun day.

Trip includes: transp., lunch at High Cotton, Christmas show, James Island lights, wine, snacks, bus driver’s tip.

Trip picks up in Sun City at 8 am and returns around 8:30 pm.



*When our travelers cancel at the last minute, there is no refund. It occurred to me some of you would be willing to be a "last minute" traveler and pay the person who cannot go half the cost of the trip. It would be a win-win for all....So, if you want to be on the "**LAST MINUTE TRAVELER**" LIST, send an email to getaways.scottie@gmail.com with a note saying "sign me up as a last minute traveler, your name and phone number." This must be in writing!*

Sign up for trips at www.scottiedavis.com

Contact us, email getaways.scottie@gmail.com

Brevard, NC – Fall Get-Away in the Mountains

Thirty minutes from Asheville is Brevard, NC, a small, artsy town with loads of galleries and good restaurants, entertainment ranging from bluegrass to symphonic music and over a hundred waterfalls to hike to or view from the road. Nestled between Pisgah National Forest and Dupont State Recreational Forest, Brevard is a nature lovers paradise with miles of hiking trails, campsites, picnic areas and flyfishing streams.

Also within Pisgah is the Cradle of Forestry that tells the story of the first school of forestry by George Vanderbilt who owned all the land from Biltmore to what is now Pisgah National Forest. Continue to drive further and you will come upon the Pisgah Inn with its magnificent views and glorious entrance to the Blue Ridge Parkway.



Twin Falls, Dupont Forest

The center of town in Brevard is Main Street and Broad. There are galleries, shops, and restaurants on East Main and West Main and fanning out a few blocks from there. King



Street has recently become a new happening place. Rental companies, such as **White Squirrel Realty**, will help you find a place to stay, and there are B&Bs ([Inn at Brevard](#) and [Bromfield Inn](#)) along with a multitude of places to rent on Vrbo and Airbnb. Ask how far the property is from the center of town to gauge whether or not you will find yourself on a windy road up the side of a mountain! The

Brevard Visitors Center at 175 East Main St. is a great resource.

Some of my favorite places to dine in downtown Brevard are: [The Blue Ridge Bakery](#) for breakfast and homemade baked goodies, [Square Root](#) for lunch, [The Bohemian](#) and [Jordan St Café](#) for dinner.

The peak of leaf season, according to locals, is towards the end of October, though they quickly add, “that varies from year to year.” Locals also tell me that apple picking is a favorite fall activity. North Carolina is the seventh largest apple producing state in the country and there are lots of apple orchards right around Hendersonville, only 40 minutes away.

Labor Day weekend is the big [Apple Festival in downtown Hendersonville](#) with bands, food, and apples from the nearby orchards. And there is lots more! Go to www.explorebrevard.com to learn more about Brevard, NC





SOLO TRAVELERS SIG



Our next meeting is Sept. 24th, 2024

LIONS, TIGERS AND ELEPHANTS... OH MY!

Presented by Kathy Davis

All meetings are at 7 PM in the Lakehouse Ballroom.

Welcome Back Solo Travelers!



We will be “roaring” back into our regular meeting schedule beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 24th @ 7pm at the Lakehouse. Come join us on the wild side as **Kathy Davis** shares her 13-day African Safari experience through Kenya and Tanzania. Kathy will take us on a journey to a Masai village where she met the local chief and learned the cultural art of spinning wool. Additionally, what would an African safari be without experiencing some of the most beautiful creatures in their natural habitat. Kathy will transport us to Serengeti’s vast treeless plains where animal life roam year-round and is an excellent place to see lion and cheetah up close... an experience found nowhere else on Earth.

If Africa, its native wildlife and culture excites the adventure traveler in you, then this is a presentation you won’t want to miss... So, grab a friend and come experience an evening with “Solo Travelers” in the wilds of Africa.



Join our private Facebook page, [SCHH Travel Club](#), for exclusive travel updates, news, and exciting developments. Connect with like-minded members and stay informed about your Travel Club.



What Ever's Going On - WEGO!

The Travel Club's very active special interest group for local events

WEGO meetings are a great way to get together with other members. Click [here](#) to view the WEGO page on the Sun City website. Current and past lists of events are in the Documents section at the bottom of the page.

If you're interested in events close to home, the WEGO program has something for everyone! The WEGO group within the Travel Club is included with your membership at no additional charge. Meetings are at 1pm on the third Wednesday of the month (except in June, July, and August). WEGO benefits include:

- An extensive WEGO list of events that changes every month, plus an Ongoing Happenings list of activities that occur regularly. The latest lists are emailed to members and posted on the [WEGO page](#) of the Sun City website in the middle of the month.
- Free and moderately priced events (some with exclusive discounts for us). Most are \$40 or less.
- A wonderful way to discover local treasures, such as these:
 - ◇ **Classical Events** – Symphony concerts, ballets, and operas.
 - ◇ **Festivals & Home Tours** – Gullah, food and drink, music, art, and water festivals; shopping and holiday events; parties; parades; and house and garden tours.
 - ◇ **Music & Theater** – Band and orchestra concerts, singers and musicians, plays, musicals, and shows.
 - ◇ **More Adventures** – Cultural and historical events, art walks and shows, boutiques and markets, expos, lectures, classes, races, book clubs, cruises, and much more.
 - ◇ **Museums & Tours** – Museum exhibits and events, local tours, and wildlife refuges.
- Access to our Facebook page ([SCHH Travel Club](#)) to get last-minute updates and keep in touch with other Travel Club members. It's a Private page for our members only. Contact Debbie Hite at 207-240-4980 or pushywoman@aol.com if you have questions.
- The opportunity to get together and arrange to go places with others through the Facebook page and meetings.

The September WEGO list contains several classical concerts, cultural festivals (including Caribbean, Garba, Hispanic, and reggae), food and drink fests, storytelling, Savannah Jazz and Tattoo Arts Festivals, art and music fests, German style OktPRfest and BluffemberFest, music and shows (at Coligny Plaza, Savannah Theatre, Savannah Civic Center, Plant Riverside District, Victory North, Shelter Cove, Tybee Post Theater, USCB Center for the Arts, Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, and more), Palmetto Bluff Conservancy Events, local markets, dinners, 5K and paddle races, lectures, river sweeps, a dance exhibition, workshops, a circus, museum exhibits and events, local tours, and much more.

Meetings provide the opportunity to learn more about what is going on, ask questions, tell about places you have gone and things you have done, meet with fellow members, make new friends, and arrange to go places together. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you are ever looking for something to do, the WEGO list is the place to find it!

THE NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday, Sept. 18th at 1 pm in Pinckney Hall (Edisto River Room).

Come starting at 12:30 to see what events others are planning to attend.

Name Badges: Order Yours Soon!



We've received numerous requests for Travel Club name badges, and we're excited to offer them. Even if you already have a name badge from another club, having a Travel Club-specific badge helps you stand out at our meetings and events. You'll have the option to choose between pins or magnets when placing your order. Instructions for ordering are included here and on the club website.



NAME BADGE ORDER FORM

Name as you would like it to appear on the badge, (**first name & last name**, printed in all CAPS):

_____ (First Badge)

_____ (Second Badge)

TYPE OF NAME BADGE (please check x):

Magnet Backing (\$4.50): _____

Pin Backing (\$3.50): _____

Plain Back-no pin or magnet (*for those who may already have a magnet from another badge*) (\$2.50): _____

Charge will be made to your Sun City CAM Card.

Name as it appears on your Cam Card: _____

Cam Card # _____

Address: _____

Your Phone # in case we have questions: _____

Drop this form in the mailbox to Kate Silver, 82 Redtail Dr., email the form or your information as shown on this form to: silver0325@yahoo.com

Your name badge will be delivered to you after completion.

Thank you!

FYI: LOCAL TRAVEL AGENTS

These are local travel agents. FYI ONLY *Travel Club does not endorse travel agents so do your own due diligence.*

Dream Vacations -

Stephanie - 843-816-4083

Lisa & Terry Mosher Travel

843-929-0775 -lisa.russo11@gmail.com *(Sun City Residents)*

Travel Experts - Carolyn Weber - 843-645-0800 *(Sun City resident)*

AAA - Kelly Brock - 843-815-3775

Expedia Cruises, Diane Lippa, 843-929-2527

(Sun City Resident)

Valerie Wilson Travel - Joan Flynn - Off. 843-757-5888; Cell 843-368-2470

(Sun City Resident)



NOTE: Kelly Tours will only pick-up here in Sun City for 10 or more reservations from Sun City. If you are on one of their tours, please make sure when making a reservation you inform them of where you live. Scottie Davis's trips all pick up here in Sun City.

If you are parking for an overnight trip, don't forget to show your Sun City Parking Pass on your car, and park in the appropriate place.

Both of these documents can be found on the Travel Club website, **Travel News, Helpful Documents**, at: <http://www.travelclubsuncityhh.com>.



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