

August 2023

Happy 18th Birthday Panhandle Senior Travelers! We are celebrating this month! Join us!

Our regular PST meetings are on the third TUESDAY each month except May and December. The next meeting is **Tuesday, August 15, 3:00 PM** at Asbury Place, behind Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 750 College Blvd. Sign up and payment for trips is at 2:30 PM.

A second **Escort/Trip Planner Training** is planned for Tuesday, September 5, 11:30 am. Main Library downtown on Spring Street. Please sign up with Sue Breed at the meeting or by text. We will review the first training information briefly for anyone new, then continue on with a focus on overnight trips. (hotels, tour companies, multiple venues). We need more escorts and trip planners on our roster. Please volunteer for this important position!

2023 Trips:

August 23. Airbus Tour, Mobile, AL. Price \$76. You **MUST** be signed up by this meeting.

September 24. Perdido River Queen Mystery Dinner Cruise, Mobile, AL. Price \$150. Final due 15 August. Tickets **NON REFUNDABLE**. Still spaces available, but must be paid by this meeting.

October 9 - 19, 2023. Albuquerque, NM Balloon Fiesta by motorcoach, Elaine Storms is your escort. She will meet with those travelers fully paid before the September meeting for final details, draw for seats, receive luggage tags and itinerary.

NEW! NEW! October 27. Historical Houses and the Basilica – Mobile, AL. Price \$85 due by 19 September. Limited to 32 travelers. Flier attached.

NEW! NEW! November 18. Cirque De Soleil – Mobile, AL. \$155. Only available this meeting. Flier attached.

December 4 - 8. Christmas in Atlanta, GA. Double \$1160 Single \$1500. **FULL**, with a long wait list!

Mark the date: Christmas Luncheon. December 19. Details still in planning.

2024 Trips:

NEW! NEW! Savannah, Jekyll Island, GA & Beaufort, SC. January 29 - February 2. Double \$695, Single \$875. Deposit \$75, Final due 22 November. A great winter get-away! Flier attached.

Sedona, AZ - Two Trains & the Grand Canyon by air, April 25 - May 1, Double \$2845. Single \$3945. Deposit \$500. Final payment due November 21, 2023. FULL. Steve Lester, escort

*** Fliers with details for all trips are available on <http://www.pstravelers.org>

Lunch Bunch is Thursday, August 31 (last weekday of the month), 12:30, at Red Lobster near Cordova Mall. This is an excellent place to learn more about upcoming trips and meet new travel friends!

IMPORTANT NEWS:

Bylaws addition:

The Board voted for the following addition to the Bylaws:

"Seat rotation will take place each morning. All members must rotate except the escort and one assistant. Seat "name signs" will be moved two seats at the end of the day's travel in a counter clockwise manner. All personal items should be promptly moved to the new seat location, including items in, under, and above the seats".

The entire August 2023 Bylaws are attached and are always available on the website.

DUE to bus companies, hotels, and some venues requiring deposits earlier, we will now use the following guidelines for trip pricing:

- a. Day trips, full payment holds your seat. This is refundable until a final payment date.
- b. Short overnight trips, deposit date indicates intent to travel and will determine if there is interest to continue. No refunds after full payment date. Encourage trip insurance.
- c. Long trips, deposit date at 6 months, and full payment at 3 months before date of travel. Again, the deposit may be the decision point for possible cancellation of the trip. Please make your deposit early!

Would you like to share your travel story?

If you'd like to write up a short summary (500 word maximum) of a recent PST trip, we have an interesting blog on our website. Check it out and add your story. Keep it light, informative, and entertaining. Email to Victoria Street vsfive@aol.com

Please wear name tags to meetings, Lunch Bunch, and on all trips. Name tags also help our many new members to get acquainted and feel a part of the group more quickly. If you do not have one, a name tag can be purchased for \$6.00 cash from Peggy at the meeting. Look for her table just as you enter. If you have already ordered, don't forget to pick up the tag!

Just a reminder that we are a non-smoking, no perfume/no after-shave club! Some of us are very sensitive to strong odors. Please, just be your natural no-fragrance enhanced self! Thank you!

All travelers must have a MEDICAL FORM for their 2023 trip. Please fill out a new form if you have significant emergency contact or medical changes. Forms are always available on the trip flier table at the meeting.

Check out our expanded website, <http://www.pstravelers.org> The website has all the information you may want to know about the club and trips!

***** Please read the attached minutes of the July meeting and be ready to approve during this meeting!

Stay cool! Only 4 weeks of a too-hot summer to go!

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