

July 2023

Travelers,

We meet at ASBURY PLACE! behind the Cokesbury United Methodist Church (across from PSC).

Our regular PST meetings are on the third TUESDAY each month except May and December. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 18, 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 big THANK YOU to the 84 of 203 PST members who turned in the 2024 Trip survey. 41% participation. The results are attached. The Board will review for the 2024 calendar.

A second Escort/Trip Planner training is planned for Tuesday, September 5, 11:30. 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. Paula Bonner was a great escort on her first trip (Cabaret) Thank you Paula!

2023 Trips:

August 23. Airbus Tour, Mobile, AL. Price \$76. Due by June 20. Flier attached. There is still room for several more travelers.

September 24. Perdido River Queen Mystery Dinner Cruise, Mobile, AL. Price \$150. Final due 15 August. Tickets NON REFUNDABLE. Still spaces available.

October 9 – 19. Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta by motorcoach, . Elaine Storms is your escort. She will meet with those travelers fully paid after the September meeting for final details and instructions

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

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

2024 Trips:

Sedona, Two Trains & the Grand Canyon by air, April 25 - May 1, Double \$2845. Single \$3945. Deposit \$500. Final payment due 21, 2023. One single opening available. See Steve Lester

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

Lunch Bunch is Monday. July 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:

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 on the right just after 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 June meeting and be ready to approve during this meeting!

Stay cool! Only 8 weeks of hot summer to go!