Renaissance Health Care Network Auxiliary, Inc. 2012 Caribbean Cruise Newsletter

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We're Ready to Sail!

We would like to thank all of our passengers who have confirmed their trip on Celebrity

Cruise Line's

Silhouette which will sail from the Cape Liberty Cruise Port (Bayonne NJ) at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, March 5th.

Check-in begins after 12:00 noon. The ship departure time is 5:00 P.M. We return on Saturday, March 17th at 8:00 A.M. The RHCN Auxiliary wishes you a wonderful vacation.



Cruise Co-Hosts, Bob Grier & Joan Reid

Online Documents

Online Check-in:

The transportation industry is quickly moving away from paper documentation. Passengers are asked to obtain their Boarding Pass at <u>www.CelebrityCruises.com/onlinecheckin</u>, where you can also request your ship luggage tags and have them sent to you. On the Celebrity home page click on "My Celebrity" at the top of the web page. Fill in the My Celebrity Information and click the Register button at the bottom of the page. On your My Celebrity page, click on the Online Check-in box and complete the following pages. Then click the Luggage Tag Information button to order your luggage tags. They will be sent to you by mail.

Also, please click the eDocs link to see the *Guest Ticket Booklet* online. You can print out any pages of particular interest (e.g. the travel insurance contract) if you wish.

Should you not have computer internet access, please call Bob Grier [914-237-5711] or Joan Reid [212-427-6159] for assistance.

Helpful Travel Hints

For the first day of your cruise, pack a small carry-on bag with your travel documents, a change of clothes, and any prescription medications you may need. That way you don't have to wait for your checked bags to arrive in your stateroom. Start your vacation from the moment you step onboard the ship. Be sure to leave some room in your luggage for all those souvenirs and mementos. Some space-saving ideas include:

- Bring shirts and pants/skirts that mix and match, turning three outfits into five or six.
- ♦ Make sure you have sufficient prescription medication for a 12-night vacation.
- Start packing early. Last minute packing may cause you to include more items than you need and you may include clothing that has a problem you forgot about.

Dinner Attire

For the 12-Night cruise, Celebrity Cruises suggests planning for nine *Smart Casual* dinners, and three *Formal* dinners. Smart Casual would be pants with collared shirts or sweater for men; dresses, skirts or pants complemented by a sweater or blouse for women.

You'll also need *Smart Casual* attire for the *specialty* restaurants which require reservations.

Additionally, guests are asked to dress *Smart Casua*l for all evening performances in the Celebrity Theater.

Identification Requirements

All U.S. citizens on a cruise must carry a valid passport. Your passport cannot have less than six months on it before it needs to be renewed.

Cruise Itinerary

- March 5 Departure Cape Liberty Port
- March 6–8 At Sea
- March 9 Philipsburg, St Maarten
- March 10 St. John's, Antigua
- March 11 Castries, St. Lucia
- March 12 Basseterre, St. Kitts
- March 13 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
- March 14-16 At Sea
- March 17 Arrival Cape Liberty Port



Lawn Club Grill aboard the Celebrity Silhoutte

Entertainment

Some of the captivating experiences that await you include:

- Production Shows: Broadway, Circus, Song and Dance spectaculars
- Interactive Theme Parties: Flava, Groove, Masque, and Live@Sky
- Custom performance featuring Poet
 Theatricals and Qdos
- Everybody Dance featuring guests who have been trained onboard in different types of dance by our professional dancers
- Guest Entertainers featuring Comedians, Singers, Magicians, Jugglers and more
- Live Music featuring String Quartets, Jazz Bands, Guitarists and A Cappella performances
- DJs to keep you dancing all night long

And so many more in their entertainment guide of choices. Celebrity is your front row ticket to an entertaining vacation.

Van Transportation to Cruise Port

Nine of our guests will be using the Auxiliary's Van Transportation to the Cape Liberty Cruise Port in Bayonne, NJ.

The van will leave from the Harlem State Office Building – 125^{th} Street & Adam C. Powell Jr. Blvd – at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 5^{th} . The Round-Trip fare is \$35.00 per person. Cash payment will be made prior to boarding the van.

For your return, the van will be at the cruise pier at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17th to pick up our passengers and take them back to the Harlem State Office Building.

For all other guests, driving directions and public transportation can be found on the Cape Liberty Cruise Port website:

http://www.cruiseliberty.com/dirpark.htm

The Renaissance Auxiliary

In brief, the Renaissance Auxiliary has three primary purposes and activities. We raise funds to support our patient care programs, assist the network through volunteerism, and act as a channel of communication and interpretation between the institution and the community. By raising funds to support Auxiliary programs through special events like our Caribbean cruises, we provide supplementary funding assistance to the Department of Social Work Services and the Women's Health Initiative for patient transportation, emergency patient items, and similar needs.

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