

# Solo Travelers Club newsletter

January 2012



## MESSAGE FROM SUE SMITH YOUR PROGRAM MANAGER



Happy New Year! 2012 is here already, but I'm still wondering... where did 2011 go? As I review this year, I am still in awe that we have more than 2,000 members in the Solo Travelers Club, and

that so many of you have traveled with us. I have enjoyed meeting and traveling with so many of you throughout the year.

Here are some of my favorite highlights from 2011:

- August - I'll never forget our hoedown in Rochester! 200 STC members enjoyed learning to line dance, a fabulous presentation from Liz Scanlon of Trafalgar Tours and a great BBQ lunch to boot!
- September - Our 2nd Annual Bermuda Cruise! 137 STC and AAA members headed down the highway, boarded the Explorer of the Seas and set sail to the beautiful island of Bermuda! Boy, do I wish I was back on Horseshoe Bay Beach with my STC friends right now!
- December - Our holiday party in Niagara Falls! 150 STC members - 3 FULL motorcoaches, enjoyed a fun-filled day! Festivities began with breakfast at Hard Rock Café, a walking tour of the falls, shopping, a holiday concert by Elisabeth Von Trapp, and ended with a holiday dinner and gift exchange.

I hope you all enjoyed our time together as much as I did. I am looking forward to 2012 and wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

## YOUR SOLO CLUB

### DECEMBER MEETING REVIEW:

As I mentioned at our Holiday Celebration in Niagara Falls, if you are interested in one of our trips this year, **please book early**. We are hoping some of our trips will be exclusive to STC members, but in order to do that we must fill the space early before it becomes necessary to open the trip up to other travelers.

We also introduced our **Solo Connections** White Board, which will travel with us to all of our meetings. Should you wish to search for a travel partner on one of our trips, simply post on the Solo Connection white board. We'll connect you with interested STC members, where hopefully you will find a compatible roommate. Though many of our trips allow us a reduced single supplement making travel more affordable, some trips do not. Therefore this white board may help you find a roommate, ultimately reducing the cost of the trip for both of you. (See page 3 for current postings)

### FEBRUARY 2012 MEETINGS:

You won't want to miss our February meetings! Guest speaker **Lori Nojaim**, of Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, will highlight the fabulous destinations of Alaska and Bermuda and the exciting Solo Travelers Club trips planned in 2012! In addition, **Dan Belliveau** will be unveiling a fascinating new trip to Prague departing in October 2012! Dan will also share his wonderful photos and experiences from our recent trip to Iceland.

#### Monday, February 13

AAA Liverpool  
7485 Henry Clay Blvd., Liverpool

#### Wednesday, February 15

AAA Amherst  
100 International Drive, Williamsville

#### Thursday, February 16

Eagle Vale Golf Club  
4344 Nine Mile Point Road, Fairport

*NOTE: All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required. To RSVP call 1-855-862-6651 or click [AAA.com/solo](http://AAA.com/solo).*

# UPCOMING TRIPS



## Grace Kelly: From Movie Star to Princess

January 17 or January 21. You won't want to miss out on the Toronto International Film Festival's new Grace Kelly exhibition. Tour includes motorcoach transportation from Buffalo and Rochester.

**From \$117 per person - Single**



## Atlantic City

Want to try your luck? Join us January 23-35, February 5-7 or March 12-14 in Atlantic City. Spend two nights at the Resorts Atlantic City and receive \$25 slot play, two buffets and meal credits. Tour includes motorcoach transportation from Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse.

**From \$335 per person - Single**



## Philadelphia Flower Show

Do you love flowers? Then you will want to join us March 5-7 for the Philadelphia Flower Show. The theme for the 2012 Flower Show is Hawaii - Islands of Aloha. Enjoy beautiful floral displays, daily luaus and hula, plus you will also enjoy a stop at the Longwood Gardens on your way home. Tour includes motorcoach transportation from Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse.

**From \$709 per person - Single**



## 9-Night Bahamas Cruise

**SOLO TRAVELERS CLUB EXCLUSIVE - Hosted by Sue Smith!**

Join Sue on the beautiful *Enchantment of the Seas* - March 10-19 - to escape the cold and snow. Set sail from Baltimore (includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation from Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse) to Port Canaveral, Key West, Nassau and CocoCay in the Bahamas. A reduced single supplement is available on this trip, so don't be left in the cold! I am looking forward to this cruise and hope you can come along.

**From \$1,339 per person - Single**



## Gems of Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands including Floriade

Join Sally Cunningham, professional garden writer, from March 31-April 8, for this unique cruise and vacation opportunity. Enjoy the scenic treasures of Europe from the luxurious serenity of your river cruise ship, plus experience Floriade 2012. This World Horticultural Expo occurs once every ten years in the Netherlands, and is a must see for all garden enthusiasts!

**From \$3,999 per person - Single**



## Jonah in Lancaster

Join us April 2-4 on this tour to the heart of the Amish country, featuring a performance of Jonah, an uplifting and entertaining play filled with a powerful timely message. Includes 4 meals - one dinner is with an Amish family in their home, and sightseeing. Motorcoach Tour departs from Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse.

**From \$619 per person - Single**

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## Scenic Parks Explorer

We still have space on our Scenic Parks Explorer from May 13-26. This Wild West adventure is filled with spectacular scenery, and we will visit several of our National Parks including Zion, Bryce Canyon, Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Arches and Mesa Verde.

**From \$3,625 per person - Single**



## 12-Night Alaska CruiseTour

For those who want to go deeper into Alaska, this May 13-25 departure includes a 5-night land tour (including two nights in Denali) and 7-nights cruise accommodations aboard the *Radiance of the Seas*. Book today and take advantage of a reduced single supplement on this cruisetour.

**From \$3,799 per person - Single**



## 7-Night Alaska Cruise

A reduced single supplement is available on our May 18-25, 7-night Alaska cruise, sailing roundtrip from Seattle aboard the *Rhapsody of the Seas*. Cruise itinerary includes Inside Passage cruising, Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord and Victoria, B.C.

**Priced from \$1,314 per person - Single**



## STC Returns to Bermuda!

Join us for our 3rd Annual Solo Travelers Club Bermuda Cruise, September 30-October 7. This 7-night cruise aboard the *Explorer of the Seas*, includes three days in Bermuda to explore this beautiful and picturesque island! Includes motorcoach transportation to Bayonne, New Jersey from Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse. Last year, we had 137 passengers travel on this trip! Book early so you won't miss out.

**From \$1,231 per person - Single**

# BITS & BITES

### Tips for Traveling Abroad:

- **Sign passport, and fill in the emergency information.** Make sure you have a signed, valid passport, and a visa, if required, and fill in the emergency information page of your passport.
- **Leave copies of itinerary and passport data page and visas** with family and friends, so you can be contacted in case of emergency.
- **Check your overseas medical insurance coverage.** Ask your medical insurance company if your policy applies overseas, and if it covers emergency expenses such as medical evacuation. If it does not, consider supplemental insurance.
- **Familiarize yourself with local conditions and laws:** While in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.
- **Take precautions to avoid being a target of crime:** Do not wear conspicuous clothing or jewelry, carry excessive amounts of money or leave unattended luggage in public areas and do not accept packages from strangers.



## RECIPE

- 4 sweet Italian turkey sausage links, casings removed
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano
- 1 pkg. (9 ounces) frozen cut green beans
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 pkg. (9 ounces) refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh oregano

## SLOW COOKER TURKEY SAUSAGE & TORTELLINI STEW

**Serves: 6 people**  
**Prep Time: 10 mins**  
**Slow Cooker: High: 3 Hours**  
**Low: 6 Hours**

### Directions

1. Crumble sausages into a bowl and stir together with tomatoes, green beans, onion and Italian seasoning
2. Place mixture in slow cooker
3. Cover slow cooker bowl. Cook 3 hours on high or 6 hours on low
4. When there is 20 minutes remaining, stir in tortellini, oregano and 1 cup water; continue cooking
5. Serve immediately



Send in your favorite recipe to get published in an upcoming issue!

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Source: familycircle.com (featured in Sept/Oct 2011 issue of Associate Connection)

## Stay in touch!

Have you moved? Changed your e-mail address? Please notify me so I can update our records. I want to be sure that you are receiving our newsletter and special event invitations. If you are a STC member and not receiving either the mail version (if you do not have an email address, then you receive mail version) or email version of our newsletter; please let me know so I can be sure our information is correct. To update your contact information, just email me at [ssmith@nyaaa.com](mailto:ssmith@nyaaa.com). And as always, I encourage you to keep up with the latest STC trips by visiting our website at [AAA.com/Solo](http://AAA.com/Solo).

## CALL, CLICK OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL AAA TRAVEL CENTER TODAY!

### AMHERST

100 International Drive  
**716-633-9860**

### CAMILLUS

5103 West Genesee Street  
**315-487-2700**

### CICERO

5663 East Circle Drive  
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### CLARENCE

8120 Main Street  
**716-932-3900**

### DEWITT

3460 Erie Boulevard East  
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### DUNKIRK/FREDONIA

3963 Vineyard Drive  
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### GREECE

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Lowe's Plaza  
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### ITHACA

1284 Dryden Road  
**607-257-2515**

### KEN-TON

1737 Sheridan Drive  
**716-873-0111**

### ORCHARD PARK

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Quaker Crossing  
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### PENFIELD

2156 Penfield Road  
**585-377-8500**

### PITTSFORD

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**585-249-1390**

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