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Super Sixty's Reunions

THE GOUGE

Dear Classmates,

The Covid pandemic led to cancellation of our much anticipated 60th Reunion (60 for '60). We then agreed ten years was simply too long between reunions and meaningful contact with classmates.

Three Mini-Reunions were planned, two in 2022 and a third in 2023. We held the first in New Smyrna Beach, FL in early February 2022. **It was a huge success with 38 classmates and guests attending.**

The second Mini-Reunion was planned for San Antonio, TX during September 2022. Continuing concerns with Covid and the current economic inflation are affecting the travel industry; airlines, hotels, restaurants - and our personal perspectives. The financial risks of conducting a gathering in San Antonio were considered not acceptable. I determined the San Antonio Mini-Reunion should be cancelled.

The San Antonio cancellation does not affect the planning for our Mississippi RiverboatCruise in the Spring of 2023. It will commence in New Orleans and return there. The schedule begins with a complementary pre-cruise package (including hotel accommodations). Our paddlewheel ship will get underway on the morning of Day 1 and return to New Orleans on Day 5.

Details for the Mississippi River Cruise are described on the following pages. This Gouge will be updated when necessary. As before, **new information is highlighted in red.**

Best regards.

(s) Pete Chabot

P.S. I'm pleased to add that 15 classmates and guests are currently registered for the Mississippi River Cruise. Come join us!!

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The Mississippi River Cruise

Overview. This is a 5 day/4 night cruise on American Cruise Line's paddlewheel "America." Passengers arrive in New Orleans on 31 March 2023, a day ahead of cruise departure. Complementary overnight hotel accommodations are provided that night. Hotel breakfast and transfer to "America" follow on the morning of departure. Cruise itinerary is below. Passengers disembark at New Orleans on 5 April 2023.

Cruise Itinerary

Day before departure.

Arrive New Orleans. Enjoy a complimentary hotel stay in New Orleans.

Day 1.

Complimentary breakfast at hotel and transfer from hotel to pier. Embark ship and depart New Orleans.

Day 2

Stop at Houmas House Plantation and Gardens.

Day 3

Stop at Baton Rouge, LA. Visit the Capital building, Louisiana Arts and Science Museum, and USS Kidd (DD-661) Veterans Memorial and Museum.

Day 4

Stop at Oak Alley, LA. Visit Oak Alley Plantation.

Day 5

Disembark in New Orleans around 8:00 AM. Complimentary shuttle to airport or parking garage.

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Travel: New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is served by several airlines: Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant, American and several other carriers. Transportation from airport to hotel is on your own. For those who drive, a parking garage close to the pier is available. Daily fee is \$20 to \$25 per day.

Cruise reservations: The bookings for our cruise are handled by Lulu Pincu of the TSI USA agency, who can be reached at 972-331-4226. In addition, Classmate Don Sanders, who will be traveling on the cruise with us and providing general oversight, is also available for general questions at (303) 589-0147.

All bookings are to be conducted through our travel agent and not with the cruise line. To maximize our opportunity for booking everyone on this same cruise, please reserve your cabin promptly. Cabins are available as of this writing (5/26/22). The sooner your reservation is secured by a deposit, the better. The ship has 98 cabins; and the general public is free to book cabins at any time.

There is no block of cabins set aside for USNA '60. This is different than past experience in Annapolis.

Cruise details: For pictorial information about the cruise and a good view of the ship's deck plan, see the website: <https://www.americancruiselines.com>. Starting from the website, the following search path will provide highlights of the cruise and on-board accommodations. Select the following filters:

Mississippi River

Destination (Mississippi River)

Duration (5 days)

Departing Dates (March 2023)

Select a Ship: America

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A recent review of the American Cruise Lines' website indicates there may be changes in ships assigned to specific cruises. Therefore, it is important that you contact our booking agent, Lulu Pincu, at 972-331-4226, for making reservations.

Costs. Cruise prices per person are shown in the table below. Significantly, a number of items are included in cruise prices: cruise fare, gratuities, complementary shore excursions, and complementary beer, wine, and cocktails. Because we are sailing as a group, we will also receive a \$600 price reduction per cabin (\$300 pp). This reduction is shown on the price table below.

To hold a cabin, a deposit of \$500 per person is required. \$250 is refundable, if cancelling before the final payment date, which is 120 days (Dec.1, 2022) prior to sailing (Mar. 31, 2023).

To determine your cost, we suggest you speak with our booking agent, Lulu at (972-331-4226).

Optional Trip Insurance. Trip insurance is highly recommended, especially at our tender age. The extra cost varies according to your state, age, and cruise cost. An average cost for an 85 year old purchasing the highest cost cabin is \$374 pp. If insurance is purchased within 14 days of the deposit date, any pre-existing medical conditions are covered. The cost of the trip is covered, but the plan also covers medical emergencies, baggage delay, emergency evacuation and other things. The Travel Solutions USA travel agent can help you purchase the plan that is best for you.

Remember, when the website says, "contact a travel specialist," do not call their agent, but do call our travel agent, Lulu, at 972-331-4226.

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Comments: “America” has a capacity of 185 guests. Class of ’60 members should make reservations as early as possible. Waiting risks space being taken up by early “walk-ons” (individuals not our Classmates or guest).

STATEROOM CATEGORIES	BROCHURE RATE	GROUP DISCOUNT	PORT CHARGES & FEES	PER PERSON CRUISE FARE (Double Occupancy)
Owner Suite's (Private Balcony)	\$3,745.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$3,595.00
AAM (Private Balcony)	\$3,095.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,945.00
AAC (Private Balcony)	\$2,850.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,700.00
AAL (Private Balcony)	\$2,720.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,570.00
AAR (Private Balcony)	\$2,500.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,350.00
A (Non-Balcony)	\$2,215.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,065.00
Single (Private Balcony)	\$3,140.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,690.00
Single (Non-Balcony)	\$2,840.00	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$2,390.00

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REGISTRATION FORM

GUEST ONE - Name as it appears on your Driver's License **- Please Print Clearly**

Title ____ First Name _____ MI _____ Last
Name _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____
DOB: ____/____/____ Phone _____ Cell
phone _____
Email address _____
Special Needs or
Diet _____

GUEST TWO

Title ____ First Name _____ MI _____ Last
Name _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____
DOB: ____/____/____ Phone _____ Cell
phone _____
Email address _____
Special Needs or
Diet _____

STATEROOM SELECTION (Check one – price is per person based on double occupancy)

- ☐ Category - Owner Suites – w/Balcony \$3,595.00
- ☐ Category – AAM – w/Balcony \$2,945.00
- ☐ Category – AAC – w/Balcony \$2,700.00
- ☐ Category – AAL – w/Balcony \$2,570.00

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- Category – AAR – w/Balcony \$2,350.00
- Category A - \$2,065.00 Non-Balcony
- Single – w/Balcony \$2,690.00
- Single – Non-Balcony \$2,390

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Deposit of \$1,000.00 per cabin is necessary to reserve your cabin.

Major credit cards are accepted by the cruise line. Please call Lulu Pincu at 972-331-4226 with your credit card information.

Full Payment is due December 1, 2022

CANCELLATION TERMS

All cancellations must be sent in writing. Refund amounts are based on cancellation date:

Up to 120 Days prior to day of sailing 100%

119 – 90 Days 50%

89 – 0 Days 0%

*All refunds will incur an additional \$250 per person cancellation charge.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

By booking a cruise with American Cruise Lines, Inc, you agree to the Terms and Conditions of Passage, which can be found at www.americancruiselines.com/terms Please read these Terms and Conditions of Passage Carefully as they LIMIT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

TRAVEL INSURANCE - We are offering ALLIANZ TRAVEL INSURANCE – Please telephone Lulu Pincu for information at 972-331-4226

AMERICAN CRUISE LINES offer a pre-night accommodation in New Orleans for Thursday, March 30, 2023 Please advise Lulu Pincu if you are arriving by car or need airline reservations.

- By car
- By air, please call Lulu Pincu for flight information if needed

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Please email your registration form to Lulu Pincu lpincu@tsiusa.com.