

First Friends Newsletter

January & February 2023

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UPCOMING TRIPS....



Costa Rica

February 11—19, 2023



San Antonio, Texas

March 29—April 4, 2023



The FOX—Wicked

Tuesday—July 11th



Great Britain & Ireland

September 10—24, 2023

A NOTE FROM ANDREA:



Happy New Year! I have to say I am so honored to have been selected as the new Director for your First Friends Club. I definitely have big shoes to fill. I want to personally thank Becky and Dani for their many years of dedication to this bank & First Friends. I also want to thank both of them for training me this year for my new role. I am sure you can imagine there is an awful lot to learn about running a social travel club. Becky and Dani have really made our club the special group it is today. You will both be missed! I also want to thank Thomas Custer who has been an integral part of First Friends and the best “helper” on every trip. You will be missed too. I wish Becky & Thomas a wonderful retirement.

I know I have already met quite a few of you on trips, at events, and at our Holiday Celebration, but I want to take a minute and tell you a little about myself. I am no stranger to the FNB family. I have been part of this bank’s family most of my life. My mother Earline Nolan was a teller at FNB for more than 40 years. I spent most of my professional career in the wireless industry. I came to FNB in 2015, and I am the “Marketing Director”. I have two children Kylie who is a Senior at Georgia Tech in Atlanta & Ben who is pursuing a career in Heat & Air.

Christmas on the Danube:

Christmas on the Danube River was absolutely beautiful. The First Friends departed from Vienna, Austria after a tour of that beautiful city and their Christmas Markets. Our first stop was at the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey for a tour. Afterwards, we were treated to a Gluhwien party before boarding our ship to travel through the beautiful Wachau Valley. Gluhwien is hot mulled wine – so delicious on a cold day. Our ship, the Amadeus Brilliant, was beautiful and the staff was wonderful. Next was Passau, Germany for a tour through the cobblestone streets, Baroque architecture, and to the St. Stephen’s Cathedral. Regensburg is one of Germany’s best preserved medieval cities. What fun it was to just walk through the Roman gate into the old city and on to the beautiful Christmas Market. Nuremberg has lots of history and boasts as Germany’s oldest (and largest one that we went to) Christmas Market – oh yes, did you know this was a trip to the Christmas Markets. There may have been some shopping involved. One of the most beautiful fairy-tale cities in Germany is Rothenburg. You feel like you are in a Dicken’s Village. It was a wonderful trip to get us all in the spirit of Christmas. We celebrated the season together, and the people of that area are so thankful to be able to host the Christmas Markets once again after the pandemic..



Upcoming Events...

Movie Day - 2pm

January 11th

February 8th



Our movie for January will be “Letters to Juliet” and the Movie for February will be “Yesterday” Call Andrea at 678-510-5144 to make your reservation, and then join us for refreshments, the movie and our drawing.

Hand and Foot-1:00 p.m.

January 18th

February 15th

Join your friends for a fun afternoon of cards. If you are a beginner with us, no worries, we can teach you. We will serve refreshments. Call Andrea at 678-510-5144 to sign up for this event.



Shred Day—April 20th

Clean out your old confidential documents and let us Shred them for you. Swing by our Main Office from 9am—12noon to drop off your documents to shred.

Save
the Date

January 19, 2023

Travel Show

Britain & Ireland

11:00 a.m.

This 15 day trip will take us to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Call Andrea at 678-510-5144 to make your reservation to hear about this wonderful upcoming destination.

July 11, 2023

Night at the Fox

Wicked

We have requested tickets to see WICKED at the Fox Theater on July 11th. We do not have the price for the evening yet, but go ahead and "save the date" if you would like to go. As soon as we have the pricing we will let you know.

**Tropical
Costa Rica**

February 11-19, 2023

Highlights of this wonderful trip include: San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero. This is a spectacular time to visit beautiful Costa Rica. Everyone stops in their tracks to watch the sunset. Brochures are available online and at our office. Call Andrea at 678-510-5144 to reserve your spot on this trip.

**San Antonio, Texas
March 29-April 4, 2023**

This is a truly spectacular tour of San Antonio—filled with fun stops along the way. We will visit the USS Alabama, the Blue Bonnets of Chapel Hill, the Texas Star Winery, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, NASA Johnson Space Center, and of course the Alamo. One of our dinners will be prepared by chefs from the Culinary Institute of America. A brochure for this trip can be found on our website. Call Andrea at 678-510-5144 for more details and to sign up.

Exploring

Britain & Ireland

**Featuring England, Ireland,
Scotland and Wales**

September 10-24, 2023

Highlights include Edinburgh, York, an afternoon tea on a High Speed Train, London, Stonehenge, Bath, Wales, Cardiff Castle, Welsh Evening, Waterford, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Jaunting Car Ride, Dublin, Tour of the Waterford Crystal Factory and a Traditional Irish Night. These picturesque countries are a must see! Brochures are available on our website. We will have a travel show on this trip on January 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Please call Andrea Griffin at 678-510-5144 to make your reservation.

In Memoriam...

Charles Crowder

Eleanor Littleton

Rev. Gene Walton

Carol Smith

Ronald Marchman

Ann Sneed

Edith Camp





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