

## NEW YORK LIFE RETIRED MANAGEMENT CLUB

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#### **Greetings from the New York Life Retired Management Club (RMC)!**

The year is already flying along and it seems like a very good time to update you on the Club and its plans for 2017.



*First though, I'd like to share some wonderful personal news with you. Since last we met at the RMC Reunion in Boston, I have become a grandfather again --- times two!! My son, Matt and his wife Katie who live in California, gave me a new granddaughter, **Quinn**, on January 31st. AND, the very same day in New York, my son, Pip and his wife, Jessica, also presented me with a granddaughter, **Emily**. Needless to say, it was quite a day and happily, the little girls are doing fine as well as the parents. I am blessed and I hope you*



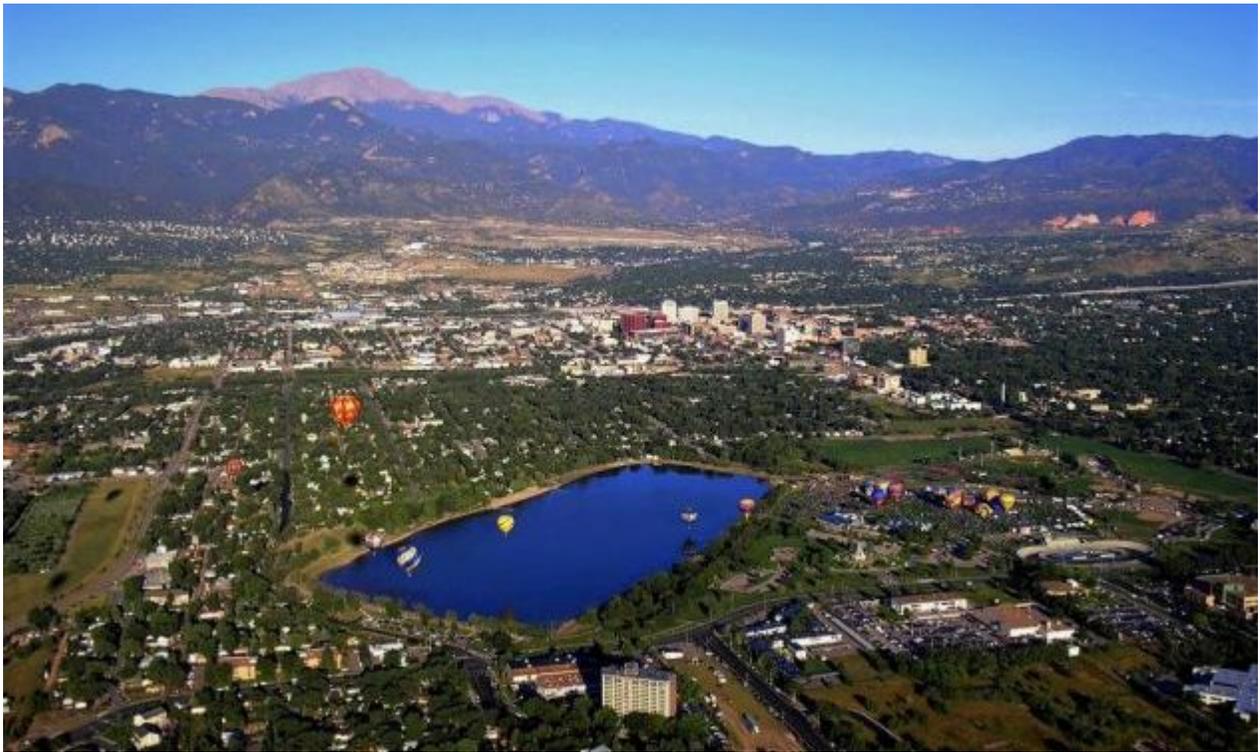
*are, too, in all that has come to you in retirement.*

Now, on to the fun and business of planning the next, and 21st, **Annual RMC Reunion** this October. For starters, we invite all retired Home Office and Field Managers to renew your membership or to become a new RMC member, for 2017. If you have not renewed your membership for this year, or if you want to become a new member, please go to the RMC website's Members page, [www.nylrmc.org/members.html](http://www.nylrmc.org/members.html). There you will find an application form with instructions on how to join or renew. (You may also request a membership application by e-mailing our webmaster, Reed Williams ([reedwilliams@charter.net](mailto:reedwilliams@charter.net)) with your mailing address and he will send you a copy.)

We urge you to go to the website [www.nylrmc.org](http://www.nylrmc.org) for detailed information on the RMC, particularly if you are learning about it for the first time. There you will find convenient tabs about the Club's Mission, Membership, Reunions, Endowment Fund, Creative Works, Outreach Projects, etc. The Club can also be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nylrmc](http://www.facebook.com/nylrmc).

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**The 2017 Annual Reunion – A Rocky Mountain High!**



In the RMC's tradition of rotating meeting locations each year to offer a variety of sites in the following sequence - **East, Central, East, West** - the annual reunion will be held at **The Mining Exchange Hotel & Spa**, a Wyndham Grand Property in Colorado Springs. Colorado is sometimes called the "Switzerland of America" for the breathtaking beauty of the Rocky Mountains and all they have to offer.

Arrival date for the reunion will be Sunday, October 8th with departure on Wednesday, October 11th. The hotel website [may be seen here...](#) (The RMC website [www.nylrmc.org/nextyearreunion.html](http://www.nylrmc.org/nextyearreunion.html) also has a link to the hotel's website.)

**The Mining Exchange** is a boutique 4 Diamond hotel & spa located in downtown Colorado Springs within walking distance of dining, entertainment, shopping and museums. It was built in 1902 as a stock exchange for local mining companies. Renovated and restored, the property re-opened in 2012 with a breathtaking grace and elegance.

We're looking forward to a great program in a superb location. And to learn more about Colorado Springs and some of the things you can see and do, go to our website's [Our Next Reunion page](#) and click on the **Things to See & Do** tab, or you may go to [www.visitcos.com](http://www.visitcos.com). Please plan to join us!

## Reunion Registration

It's time to begin registering for the 2017 RMC meeting. As in the past, there is a two-step registration process.

1. Complete the RMC Reunion Registration Form. The form may be found by [clicking here](#). It is preferred that you fill it in online before printing and mailing with your payment to our

Secretary/Treasurer, Bruce Schobel, at the address on the form. When completing it online, the form will calculate your costs based upon your selections. If you fill out the form manually, please print.

(If you have not paid your 2017 RMC dues yet, please also complete the **Membership Application Form** [found here](#) and mail that in with your Registration Form. If you are not sure whether you have paid your 2017 dues, you may check for your name on our website's [Members page](#).)

2. Reserve your hotel room. To reserve, please call directly **The Mining Exchange Hotel & Spa** at (719) 323-2000 **for arrival on Sunday, 10/08, with checkout on Wednesday, 10/11.**

(RMC Board members arrive Saturday, 10/07, for pre-meeting and set-up.)

**Be sure to identify yourself to the hotel as being with the RMC of New York Life Annual Meeting 2017 to get the group rate.** The deadline to make your reservation is September 7th at 12:00 Noon to ensure getting a room. (We urge you to book early since October is a popular time for visitors to Colorado.) The RMC has a block of 45 rooms; beyond that, the hotel cannot guarantee availability or rate. We have a group rate of \$219.00 single/double (plus tax & fees) per room, per night. **The hotel is guaranteeing that room rate for 3 nights before and 3 nights after the meeting dates** so you are encouraged to come before, and stay after, the meeting to further enjoy the Colorado Springs area if your plans permit. If you do extend your hotel dates, you must mention that when you make your reservation in order to receive the special rate.

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Spouses and significant others are welcome and urged to come and share in the RMC Annual Meeting.***

## **Other Meeting Information:**

**Weather** – Temperatures in Colorado Springs in October average in the mid 60's daytime and in the mid 49's nighttime. Chance of precipitation averages less than 30% in the month. (Due to the elevation of Colorado Springs, weather patterns can change significantly throughout the month so be sure to check the forecast before you pack.)

**Air Travel** – For those flying, the recommended destinations are either Denver or Colorado Springs airports. If flying to Denver (DEN), the **Front Range Shuttle** offers service to Colorado Springs. Additional information may be found at <https://frontrangeshuttle.com> or <https://www.coloradoshuttle.com>. Transfer time from Denver Airport is about 60 to 90 minutes.

For those arriving at Colorado Springs Airport (COS), the transfer to the hotel may be made via **Yellow Cab** (719-777-7777). Upon arrival at the airport, call for a cab and one will be waiting for you. Transfer time from COS is about 15 minutes.

**Auto Travel** – If you are driving or renting a car, the daily hotel fee for valet parking is \$18 plus tax per night with unlimited in and out privileges. Self-parking is \$6.75 plus tax per night, also with unlimited in and out privileges.

For those driving, the GPS address for The Mining Exchange Hotel & Spa is 8 South Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903.

**Business Program** – Arrival, registration and a Welcome Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 8th. Guest speaker Don Moon will be on hand to talk about **"The Why, the When and the How of the Pikes Peak Region"** and what makes Colorado Springs the marvelous place that it is.

Business sessions will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday mornings, and this year we are honored to have as a special guest on the program, New York Life Chairman and Chief Executive Officer **Ted Mathas** who will deliver the Company Update on Tuesday morning.

Other featured speakers will include **Suzy Williams** (spouse of RMC Board Member Reed Williams) to talk about her life and experience as an author, and **Carolyn Burson** (spouse of RMC Board Member Mike Burson) who will share with us important information about nutrition and healthy eating.

Departure will be on Wednesday, October 11th.

Additional details of this year's reunion will be provided and posted to our website when finalized.

**Attire** – "Business casual" (slacks & collared shirts) is recommended for the business sessions; tie & jacket or cocktail dress is optional for the planned dinners. If you are going on the Cog Railway Tour (see below), warm clothing may be needed for the top of Pike's Peak.

**Special Activities** – The Colorado Springs area has much to offer. Besides the business program, there will be three optional tours available on the RMC agenda for delegates, spouses and guests plus a special off-site dinner on Tuesday. The cost for the 3 optional tours are shown on the Registration Form.



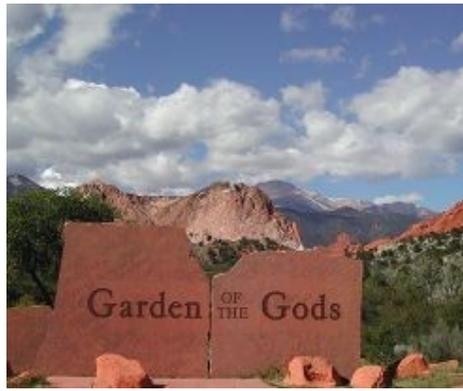
**Cog Railway to Pike's Peak Tour**



**US Air Force Academy Tour**



*Olympic Training Center Tour*



*Garden of the Gods Dinner*

**Monday afternoon**, there will be a choice of 2 tours. First, you may choose a tour on the **Pikes Peak Cog Railway** to the breathtaking 14,115 foot summit of Pikes Peak. Sit back, relax and take in the splendors of Colorado as the highest cog railway in the world takes you through hidden valleys, past groves of quaking aspens and over the tundra at timberline.

Once on the summit, you will see the same unparalleled vistas which inspired Katherine Lee Bates to write America the Beautiful! **Recommended Attire:** Layered clothing, jacket, comfortable athletic shoes & sunglasses. (Temperatures are usually at least 30° *cooler at the Summit than at the base*). The second choice is an inspiring tour of the nearby **U.S. Air Force Academy**. Spanning over 30,000 acres, the Air Force Academy is home to over 4,000 Air Force Cadets. You will enjoy a guided tour, including a visit to the unique Cadet Chapel and Visitor Center.

Monday evening for dinner will be "free" so you can gather with friends and enjoy one of the numerous restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. [Click here to find a list of recommended restaurants near the hotel](#) or check with the Hotel's Concierge.

**Tuesday afternoon**, there also will be two optional tours available: the **U.S. Air Force Academy** tour will be offered again. Or you may choose a tour of the **Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center - Team USA**. It has been the home of the U.S. Olympic Committee since 1978. The tour includes the Hall of Fame Display, before enjoying an energizing and inspirational video, which highlights some of the greatest Olympic moments. Next, will be a guided, walking tour of the Olympic Training Center complex, where they will see a variety of sporting venues, where our US Teams are training for the Gold!

Tuesday evening the final dinner will be held at **Garden of the Gods**, a registered National Natural Landmark known for its dramatic views, towering rock formations, snow-capped Pikes Peak and brilliant blue skies. **Sunset is at 6:34 that evening so, if the skies are clear, we're promised a spectacular sunset!**

## Questions

Please e-mail me at [julesalexander1@yahoo.com](mailto:julesalexander1@yahoo.com) or [nylrmc@nylrmc.org](mailto:nylrmc@nylrmc.org), or call me at 917-

690-8056 with any questions you have. We look forward to another great RMC meeting and reunion in Colorado Springs!

*I look forward to greeting you and catching up there in October.*

Sincerely,  
Jules del Vecchio  
RMC President

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## **Looking to the Future – and - "A Changing of the Guard"**

FYI, the 2018 RMC Reunion site will be announced when we gather in Colorado Springs in October. Next year is expected to be an east coast location.

Following the conclusion of the RMC Reunion in October, current RMC Vice President **Ed Boyce** will assume leadership of the Club as President in the new year. **Jules del Vecchio** will remain on the Board for a year as Past President.

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