

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 2018.

On a personal note, 2018 has already been an incredible year for Jen and I. Almost 4 months ago I had a total knee replacement and am very happy to declare that it was a success. I had hoped that it would improve my golf game, but one can dream! Jen and I did get to do a Panama Canal cruise in February and for the first time were able to spend most of the winter at our house in Florida. Boy did I miss shoveling snow.....NOT!

Now, on to the fun and business of planning the next, and **22nd 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 2018. 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. 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) with your mailing address and he will send you a copy.) As an aside, at our last reunion Ted Mathas was our keynote speaker. After the reunion, Ted challenged us to increase RMC membership as he believes it is an outstanding club. I would like to challenge all of our members to get one more retired NYLIC into the club. Wouldn't it be great if we could report back to Ted that we not only met his challenge but exceeded it? **Let's all take the challenge!**

We urge you to go to the website 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.

[The 2018 Annual Reunion – Amelia Island, Florida](#)



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** – this year's annual reunion will be held at **The Amelia Island Plantation**, an Omni Resort in Amelia Island, FL. The Omni Amelia Island Plantation is the only Florida resort to receive AAA's prestigious 4-Diamond award every year since 1980. The resort's southern charm, natural setting and attentive service makes it the ideal destination to create truly memorable experiences for our club's members.

Arrival date for the reunion will be Sunday, October 14th with departure on Wednesday, October 17th. The resort website, www.omnihotels.com/ameliaisland, provides you with everything you will want to know about this fabulous resort. (The RMC website, www.nylrmc.org/nextyearreunion.html, also has a link to the resort's website.)

The Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort offers 404 oceanfront guest rooms and suites all with private balconies overlooking the ocean, 3.5 miles of uncrowded beach, the largest poolscape in North Florida, 9 restaurants from casual to gourmet, 27 holes of championship golf, luxurious full-service spa and salon, shopping village with 14 boutiques, Nature Center, Fitness Center and much more.

We're looking forward to a great program in a superb location. And to learn more about Amelia Island 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. Please plan to join us!

Reunion Registration

It's time to begin registering for the 2018 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, as this is easy to read. We have increased the registration fee to \$150/pp this year as the cost of our reunions continues to increase.

(If you have not paid your 2018 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 2018 dues, you may check for your name on our website's [Members page](#).)

2. Reserve your hotel room. To reserve, please call directly **Omni Reservations** at 1-888-261-6161 **for arrival on Sunday, 10/14, with checkout on Wednesday, 10/17.**

(RMC Board members arrive Saturday, 10/13, 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 2018 to get the group rate. The deadline to make your reservation is August 29 by 5:00 PM Eastern time to ensure getting a room. (We urge you to book early since October is a popular time for visitors to Amelia Island.) The RMC has a block of 48 rooms; beyond that, the hotel cannot guarantee availability or rate. We have a group rate of \$199.00 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 Amelia Island 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 Amelia Island in October average in the upper 70's/low 80's daytime and in the mid 60's nighttime.

Air Travel – For those flying, the recommended destination is Jacksonville airport. If flying to Jacksonville, Dana's Limousine Services offers service to Amelia Island. Additional information may be found at www.danaslimos.com, 1-800-456-5466. Transfer time from Jacksonville Airport is about 40 minutes.

Auto Travel – If you are driving or renting a car, the Omni offers complimentary self-parking. For those driving, the GPS address for the Omni Amelia Island Plantation is 39 Beach Lagoon Rd, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.

Business Program – Arrival, registration and a Welcome Reception/Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 14th. We will have a local historian provide us with information on Amelia Island and the 8 different flags that have flown over the Island. Be prepared to hear stories of pirates, marauders and settlers to this unique island.

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 Senior Vice President Mark Madgett, who will deliver the Company Update on Monday morning.

Senior Vice President George Nichols will give us an update on the goings on in our Nation's Capital and how it affects New York Life. Other featured speakers will include RMC Board member **KB Sareen** to give us an update on how his race horses are doing, and RMC member **Jeff Hatchman** who will share with us his passion for travel and visiting amazing places.

Departure will be on Wednesday, October 17th.

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

Attire – "Business casual" (shorts/slacks & collared shirts) is recommended for the business sessions; shorts/slacks & collared shirts or cocktail dress is optional for the planned dinners. Both planned dinners will be held outside (weather permitting) with our opening reception/dinner on the beach and our closing reception/dinner at Marsh View overlooking the golf course.

Special Activities – Amelia Island has much to offer. Besides the business program, there will be three optional activities available on the RMC agenda for delegates, spouses and guests. The cost for the 3 optional tours are shown on the Registration Form.

Monday afternoon, there will be a choice of 2 tours.



First, you may choose a tour on the **Amelia Island River Cruise** and enjoy a two-hour professionally narrated cruise along the salt marshes, wilderness beaches and historic river banks of Amelia Island. Dolphins, sea turtles, egrets, herons, spoonbills and osprey meld with shrimp boats, luxury yachts and even a Civil War era fort!

The second choice is the two-hour **Amelia Island Trolley Tour**. Ride in comfort as courteous drivers entertain you with the interesting history of Amelia Island while pointing out the local sights from Old Town to the Silk Stocking District.



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



Tuesday afternoon, there will be three optional activities available: the Amelia Island River Cruise and the Island Trolley tour will be offered again. Or you may choose to play a round of golf at the **Oak Marsh Championship Golf Course**.

Tuesday evening the final dinner will be held at **Marsh View**, located at the golf clubhouse which offers beautiful views of salt marsh and the Intracoastal Waterway – especially at sunset!



Questions

Please e-mail me at ejboyce@comcast.net or nylrmc@nylrmc.org, or call me at 908-797-6100 with any questions you have. We look forward to another great RMC meeting and reunion in Amelia Island! - Ed
