

2021 RMC Reunion - Registration is now open. Here are the details...



Greetings from the NYL Retired Members Club (RMC)!

As we all emerge from the challenges and experiences of 2020 and look forward with gratitude and optimism to 2021 and beyond, it's a good time to update you on the Club and its plans for this fall.

For starters, once again we invite all retired Home Office and Field retirees to renew your membership or to become a new RMC member, for 2021. 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.)

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 (Present & past), Creative Works, NYLIC Memorabilia, Outreach Projects*, etc. The Club can also be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nylrmc.

We are excited to confirm our plans for the next, and 23rd Annual RMC Reunion this October.

2021 Annual Reunion

Kimpton Brice Hotel, Savannah, Georgia



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 in historic Savannah, Georgia at the **Kimpton Brice Hotel** from Sunday, October 10th to Wednesday, October 13th. This hotel is like any good Southern belle — beautiful and poised on the outside, a bit sassy and rebellious on the inside. Enjoy the boutique hotel's urban resort vibe right in the center of Savannah's National Historic Landmark District, filled with museums, churches, gardens, monuments, mansions and more. The hotel's website, www.bricehotel.com/, provides you with everything you will want to know about this fabulous location.

To learn more about our 2021 RMC reunion, visit our website's [Reunion](http://www.nylrmc.org/ournextreunion.html) (www.nylrmc.org/ournextreunion.html) pages. Here you will learn more about our reunion site including seeing a video about the hotel, see the latest Reunion Agenda, find out who has already registered and learn about various things to see & do in the Savannah area.

We look forward to seeing you in historic Savannah.

Registration is now open for our 2021 reunion

As in the past, there is a **two-step registration process**. You'll need to (1) register for the reunion with the RMC and also (2) reserve your hotel room directly by contacting the **Brice** hotel.

Step 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 and show you your total cost. If you fill out the form manually, please print, as this is much easier to read. (If you have not paid your 2021 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 2021 dues, you may check for your name on our website's [Members](#) page.)

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

Step 2. Reserve your hotel room. To reserve your hotel stay, you may call the **Brice Hotel** directly at 1-877-482-7423 for arrival on Sunday, 10/10/21, with checkout on Wednesday, 10/13/21. (RMC Board members arrive Saturday, 10/09/21, for pre-meeting and set-up and will need to make their room reservations accordingly.) **Be sure to identify yourself to the hotel as being with the "New York Life Retired Members Club – Block NYL" to get the group rate.** You may also make your hotel reservation online [by clicking here...](#) The deadline to make your reservation is **September 18th by 5:00 PM Eastern time** to ensure getting a room. Any reservations received after this date will be confirmed at the Hotel's prevailing rate, based on room availability. Please note specific bedding requests are fulfilled upon availability. The RMC has a block of 45 rooms; beyond that, the hotel cannot guarantee availability or rate. We have a group rate of \$182.00 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, subject to availability, so you are encouraged to come before, and stay after the meeting to further enjoy Savannah 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.

Other Meeting Information

Weather – temperatures in Savannah in October average in the upper 70s daytime and low 60s nighttime.

Air Travel – For those flying, the recommended destination is the Savannah/Hilton Head International airport. Local transportation from the airport to The Brice hotel is readily available at an approximate cost of \$35 - \$40 each way.

Auto Travel – If you are driving or renting a car, the Brice Hotel has valet parking available for \$18.00 per night. The hotel's address is 601 East Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

Business Program – Arrival, registration and a Welcome Reception/Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 10th.

Business sessions will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday mornings, and this year we are honored to have former NYL President, **Fred Sievert** giving us an update on what he has been doing post-retirement, including talking about his latest book, *Fast-Starting a Career of Consequence*. We will also have an update on the American College and in particular our college intern program. **Rich Simonetti**, SVP Agency, will give us the Company Update. And finally, **Jules del Vecchio** and **Fred Lindlaw** will take us down memory lane as they share with us stories from the 150th NYLIC Anniversary and the 175th Anniversary celebrations. [The latest meeting's agenda may be seen here.](#)

Departure will be on Wednesday, October 13th.

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.

Special Activities

We have put together a number of optional activities for your enjoyment.



Georgia Port Authority Tour - (Monday) - Since 1945, Georgia's ports have served as magnets for international trade and investment, enriching the state's economy to benefit all Georgians. Come see the Savannah Port up close on an exciting 90 minute - 20-mile boat trip! Our guide will take you upriver discussing in detail all the terminals on the river, what they do, produce, and sell. You will see a variety of ships like bulk, chemical and container ship and our guide will give you examples of the various products that are produced and sold throughout the world. He will also talk about the history of the port and when it was started as a commercial entity and where it is going in the future.



Hop On, Hop Off City Trolley Tour (Monday or Tuesday) – Ride along and see all the highlights of Savannah's Historic District in about 90 minutes. Meander past 15 stops at the city's most popular historic sites. You can *Hop off* when you want to take a closer look or stay on board if a simple drive by will do. And always be on the lookout for Old

Savannah Tour's signature Savannah characters to charm you with their colorful personalities along the way.



Two Hour Historical Walking Tour - (Tuesday) – The very best way to get to know the Hostess City is to stroll along her waterfront and through her squares with a knowledgeable and experienced guide. Local author Robert Edgerly was born at the Telfair Infirmary for Women in Savannah, where he was raised and has lived most of his life. Having written a book on local history and hauntings, a private walking tour with Robert offers unmatched access to and information about Savannah by weaving history and culture, anecdotes and regional lore. Robert describes the city's rich past from her settlement by the British to a bustling cotton port and now the fourth largest container port in the US to her status today as a top travel destination that adds to this history art galleries, designer and antique shops, world-class restaurants, and local watering holes. A walk with Robert is not only a walk-through Savannah's physical gardens, squares, and architecture, but is also a walk-through time; it is an exploration of her military, religious, cultural, and even ghostly and pirate-ridden history.

Prices and schedules for each of these optional activities is listed on the RMC registration form.

Golfing – While we are not hosting an official golf event, for those who are interested in golfing, you can contact **The Club at Savannah Harbor**. This course offers unparalleled views of historic downtown Savannah while it gently winds its way through tidal wetlands. In the true Troon Golf tradition, you can be assured a round at The Club at Savannah Harbor is certain to provide an enjoyable and challenging golfing experience for players of all abilities. The club also offers a nine - hole family friendly course. Green fees are \$189.00 for 18 holes & cart rental; Club rentals are \$65.00. To make your plans, contact The Club at (902) 201-2240 or visit theclubatsavannahharbor.com.

Please don't hesitate to contact me (ebc53@hotmail.com or 917-796-7980) if you have any questions. On behalf of your Board of Directors, we look forward to another outstanding reunion and the opportunity to see each and every-one of you.

Sincerely,

Eric

RMC President