

Ahoy Twin Mateys!

Thank you for trusting us with planning your convention in Norfolk! We've had a great time getting things ready for you, and we hope you will enjoy all we've got planned. Besides being home to the largest naval station in the world, Norfolk is well known for its location as a picturesque "city by the sea." So, our theme for this year's convention is "Steppin' out in the City by the Sea."

We're splashing right into our waterside convention with a starlit (hopefully) Thursday evening Dinner Cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk. What a breathtaking and relaxing way to begin our convention as we re-connect with friends in our own reserved section of the ship while enjoying a bountiful buffet as we cruise along the Elizabeth River! We've heard from a very reliable source that there's even music and dancing on board! And we don't have to worry about the weather. If it should rain, our interior deck is climate controlled.

We'll return to our waterside hotel tired but ready to rest for the next adventure to come – a Friday morning trip by double-decker bus (can you imagine - we can all fit on one bus!) to the USS Battleship Wisconsin, where we'll tour on our own or spend time exploring interactive exhibits at the Nauticus Museum next to the Battleship. Your ticket will cover both the Battleship and the Museum, so you're free to go back and forth or stay on one or the other until our group meets for lunch at the Norfolk Grille at Nauticus before boarding the bus for a real treat at Doumar's ice cream– home of the waffle cone! We might even see how waffle cones are made!

Naptime seems like a good plan as we arrive back at the hotel and prepare for Opening Ceremonies on Friday night! This promises to be another fun-filled time with a 50/50 raffle, games, Dan the DJ, and dancing!

We just can't get enough of that double-decker bus, so we'll take it again on Saturday morning to Colonial Williamsburg, where we'll spend some time exploring – and hopefully learning a bit of history - on our own.

Don't get ready for bed yet, though, cos we'll be dining and having a grand ole time at the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre on Saturday evening! It's our understanding that this event will be personally performed with the twins in mind – that's all of us!

Whew! Are you tired yet?

Sunday will be the day we celebrate our Lord and Creator with our annual Gospel Hour, followed by our regular Business Meeting and Judging Contest. Then, our final activity of the Norfolk convention will be our Farewell Banquet on Sunday night. This night is also jam-packed with a scrumptious meal, silent auction, Dan the DJ, and dancing.

But we don't want to get to the end of the convention so fast! We haven't even started, and we're so much looking forward to seeing all of you again!!!!

**Twincereely,
Meryl and Cheryl**