

## MDSC EVENT RECAP: Traveling During the Pandemic

Thursday, April 21, 2022  
Janet S. Weinstock, Secretary

Seventy five (75) MDSCers, volunteers, and a visitor flocked once again to the Schweinhaut Senior Center in Silver Spring, MD on a mild day when we spent 4 hours chatting, listening, eating, drinking, playing, and hand-waving. We welcomed two MDSC members - Arlene Marsh Kuschmider (left) and Mildred Redmond (right) - so we are now 222 strong!



The board members wore our MDSC denim shirts and Volunteers Arleena (left) and Michael (right) led by Volunteer Chair Bev could easily be identified as they donned a hot orange vest. Arleena That way, everyone could ask for assistance when needed. Together we set up tables and chairs for everyone who first signed up with Treasurer Cathy and her assistants, Mike Moore and Rick Thompson then got to their preferred spaces.



The highlight of our day was a spellbinding presentation on “Traveling During the Pandemic: tips, stories, and pictures” with our seasoned travelers Barry Harlan and Vicki Shank. Barry and Vicki brought travel items for us to SEE - bags, outfits, hats, scarf, sunglasses, etc. Throughout their PPT presentation on “The Lands of the

Pharaohs and the Emirates”, they exhibited how experienced they are as travelers as they answered questions from the PPTs and from the rapt audience while entertaining us with captivating stories and fascinating history of the countries they visited - Egypt and United Arab Emirates (UAE) - for **F-I-V-E** weeks last January and February 2022. We learned key signs that Deaf Egyptians use: Egypt, muslim, mosque, etc. Vicki challenged us by asking us to guess which U.S. state is compared to the UAE. (Answer: Maine). We learned that 5,000 items were found in King Tut’s tomb. We also learned about the complicated mummification steps to preserve the body for the afterlife and that four items - the intestines, liver, lungs, and stomach - were taken out and mummified and stored in jars in a small coffin. WHOA! It was helpful to know that each country has their own COVID19 vaccination and testing policy. We now know more about travel insurance, travel advisory levels, etc.



Here are a few tips from Barry and Vicki:

- Create your own bucket list
- Travel lightly
- Go off tours
- Check your passport for stamps/labels
- Go with the flow
- Check the website for the best travel insurance. It costs more when you hit 70!

Check <https://barry-vicki-journey2.blogspot.com> for their 'MDSC Presentation 4/21/2022'.

When we break for lunch, we enjoy eating food that we made at home or bought from the store while the board members and volunteers delivered the desserts from Nothing Bundt Cakes and a bottle of water directly to our tables. What a service!



After lunch, we had fun playing the Left Center Right dice game with nickels in groups of 10-12.



See pictures taken by Photographer Andriana of the smiling LCR winners from each group below.





Two exciting announcements were made:

- Mike Moore informed us that today was the 5th year anniversary of signing with Morgan Stanley investment. WHOOT!

- President Leslie shared with us the Meritorious Service Award certificate (below) that she accepted on behalf of MDAD at the MDAD Gala on Saturday, April 2nd. AWESOME!



Now on to Bank Day, Second Chance and Door Prizes with Treasurer Cathy...

Alas, the winner of the \$25 Bank Day was a no show so it will go up to \$50 next month.

Our Second Chance Winners are...3rd place...\$15...Patty Huston-Hoover, 2nd place...\$20...Lee Meadows, and 1st place...\$25...Elizabeth Sorkin. YAY!



Steven Nover was pleasantly surprised when he learned he won \$125.00 from the 50/50 raffle. What will he splurge it on? Hmm...

***See you at the next MDSC event on Thursday, May 19th!***