



**Food  
Ice Cream  
Balloon Animals  
Face Painting  
Games**

# 47th Annual Employee Celebration Picnic

Free for all Lafayette Employees and up to 4 guests

**Sunday, May 21st, 2023**

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**McDonnell Park**  
2960 Adie Road  
St. Ann, 63074

**Everyone must register in advance**



Register online with this QR Code *or* complete the form below and return it to Lafayette



**Contact Vicky James with any questions (636) 227-5666 x 1118**

**YES! I am attending the Picnic!**

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

I work at (circle one):

West

North

**Please return this form to Becky at West or Sheila at North**




**Rob Libera**  
CEO & Executive Director  
[rlibera@lafayetteindustries.com](mailto:rlibera@lafayetteindustries.com)

**Mission:** The mission of Lafayette Industries is to provide employment opportunities to persons with developmental disabilities and to persons with other disabilities who are 18 years or older.

**Goals:** ♦ To provide a meaningful and productive work experience to persons who are disabled ♦ To maintain a safe and pleasant work environment ♦ To teach and to train persons with disabilities to acquire better work habits ♦ To enhance self-worth and dignity through employment ♦ To provide high-quality business service through packaging, light assembly and commercial mailings ♦ To operate the center in a professional, fiscally responsible manner ♦ To provide fair wages and good benefits



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**\*Visionary - \$500\***

**Champion - \$300**

**Advocate - \$200**

**Patron - \$100**

**Friend - \$25**

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We put everything at your fingertips that we thought you'd need for the picnic. If you need to sign up for the picnic, please use the front page to sign up for it or sign up online. This second page has opportunities to support Lafayette's employees by making a donation to the event. You can do this online or by mailing it in. The next page is the last item in the three page "spread" on the picnic. This one is for the raffle ticket drawing. We have a supply of tickets at West's front desk or you can purchase them online. Good luck to everyone in the raffle, but for the rest of you who are attending the picnic, we hope you have a great time while there. If you can't use the QR, then visit [www.lafayetteindustries.com](http://www.lafayetteindustries.com), and that gets you to our website where there is a red Employee Picnic button at the top. Everything you need is there! It's going to be a gorgeous day for the picnic, so hope to see you there!





# **LAFAYETTE'S 32ND ANNUAL RAFFLE**

1ST PRIZE  
**\$1,000 CASH**

2ND PRIZE  
**4 BOX SEATS FOR  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES  
@ ST. LOUIS CARDINALS  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD**

3RD PRIZE  
**1 LUNCH A MONTH FOR A YEAR AT THE  
PIONEER BAKERY CAFE**

**Drawing May 21st, 2023**

Purchase Tickets at the  
Lafayette front desk or online  
using the QR Code

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT VICKY JAMES AT  
(636) 227-5666 X 1118**



**TWO CHECK PRESENTATIONS FROM TWO DIFFERENT  
ORGANIZATIONS FOR LAFAYETTE ON SAME DAY – 3/31/2023**



The Knights of Columbus Council #12986 from Christ Prince of Peace Catholic Church came on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, to present a check from their Tootsie Roll Drive held last fall. We are so appreciative of our Knights because they always go the extra mile to make a difference in so many lives. Council #12986 is located in Christ Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Weidman Road in Manchester, and they started giving part of their proceeds from the Tootsie Roll Drive several years back to us. Their efforts are noted, and we wanted to let you see some of the fine men that make up the Knight's Council there. Gentlemen, thank you for remembering Lafayette. We will put the funds to good use.

**Immediate left – left to right:** Ron Schnarr, John Diderrich, Brian Cahill (CPOP), Craig Marek, and Rob Libera (Lafayette Industries CEO).



The Manchester United Methodist Church has hosted Lafayette's Art Concert in December since 2015, except during the pandemic years. Once a year the Manchester United Methodist Men's group has a Christmas tree lot, and part of the proceeds come to Lafayette. This connection goes clear back to 2013, and they have been greatly appreciated as a consistent donor to Lafayette. We thank them again for being a part of our lives, and we are grateful for what they have done for us over the years.

**Immediate left – left to right:** Cliff Hackmann (Manchester UMM), David Kendall (family attends Manchester UMC), Don Ehrhardt (Manchester UMM) and Rob Libera (Lafayette Industries CEO).



**WEST – CAUGHT**  
**BEING RESPECTFUL**  
**AND CAUGHT BEING**  
**SAFE – MARCH 2023**

**Left to right: SAFE:** Stacie Waller, Stas Johnston; Diana Hemkens (EDP staff); **RESPECTFUL:** Loretta Jackson, Sherri Cooley; Rob Libera (CEO).

## WEST - ART CLASS - WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 – 3:00-4:00p



Register today for May. You have to register each month for each Art Class!!

Volunteers will give personal instruction for each project. Everyone attending the Art Class will have the chance to participate in each Art Station. ***Please turn in your registration to Becky S. by May 12, 2023.***

Questions: Call or email Vicky James [vjames@lafayetteindustries.com](mailto:vjames@lafayetteindustries.com) 636-227-5666, ext.1118

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### WEST - ART CLASS – WEDNESDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> – 3:00-4:00P

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name/phone number of person picking up art student at 4p.

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Thought it would be beneficial for the folks at West to have the date of their next month's Art Class. The next Art Class will be held on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:00-4:00p. **WE DON'T HAVE AN ART CLASS EVERY WEEK NOR EVERY OTHER WEEK, JUST ONCE A MONTH.** Hopefully by giving you next month's Art Class date ahead of time, it will allow you time to do some pre-planning in case you wish to attend the class. We will then be taking July and August off. We will start back up on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.







## **SAFETY THOUGHTS FOR APRIL 2023**

By Tom Heitert (The Safety Guru)

### **DON'T TAKE YOUR FEET FOR GRANTED**

It is very difficult to get around without them. A simple stubbed toe is a gentle reminder. I bring this up because there are numerous dangers in a production plant to our feet. Many plants across America insist on steel-toed shoes. They really work. A coworker of mine wore a pair there at Lafayette, and a pallet full of product dropped on his foot. Not a scratch, but it could have meant a trip to Urgent Care. They are well worth the investment.

Two years ago, I taught our granddaughter to use the riding mower. Shortly afterwards, I look out to see her riding with flip-flops on. Yikes. Wear tennis shoes at minimum. Boots of any kind are best. And don't be barefooted outside all the time. There are nails, rocks, pieces of glass, bees and who knows what else to step on.

The cowboy and cowgirl have it right. They wear very fashionable cowboy boots. They enjoy protection from the objects previously mentioned, AND snakes, scorpions, barbed wire, tumbleweed and even wood splinters. My fellow Lafayette family, follow the cowboy way!

**SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT** - **MORE LATER!**

### **PETRA TURNS 30!!**

By Julie Bauer (Proud Mom)

Petra enjoyed the fun in the sun girl's trip! She couldn't wait to get back to the beach to celebrate! From riding around the resort in the golf cart, a surprise birthday dinner at PF Chang's, music and dancing at Baytowne Wharf, lounging in the sun and putting her feet in the sand and ocean.... It was the perfect girl's trip!



**HAPPY 30<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, PETRA!!**



## 2023 LAFAYETTE NIGHT AT THE CARDINALS GAME



This month we are answering the last of our top 3 questions asked regarding the Lafayette Industries' Night at the Baseball Game. Quick reminder that **the date of the game will be Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:15p against the New York Yankees.** Question #1 asked where we are sitting – same seats as last year. They are Sections 128, 129 and 130. Question #2 asked when

tickets were going on sale – in May when you see the order blank, not before (in other words by the time you get this newsletter). You may already know what the next question is going to be. Question #3 (and the last one in the series) is - How much do the tickets cost? The cost of the tickets is the same as it has always been – *Lafayette employees get their first four tickets for just \$5.00 each. We want to remind you that after the first four tickets, the cost of additional tickets go up to \$40.00 each.* Lafayette has a contract with the Cardinals that states that none of its employees will scalp their tickets. If anyone with our group is caught scalping the tickets, then the sales of future tickets for all of us would be in grave jeopardy. A reminder to all that this year there are no giveaways. Below is the order blank for the tickets, as promised for May. You can now start sending in your orders for the tickets. Go, Cards!

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## 2023 LAFAYETTE NIGHT AT THE CARDINALS GAME

Enclosed please find \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets are \$5 each for the first 4 tickets for **Lafayette** Employees (\$40 each for additional tickets after the initial 4)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include city and zip code where you live)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I will need **wheelchair** seating \_\_\_\_\_ Okay to send the tickets home by sheltered employee \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to Lafayette Industries.** Please mail the tickets to me \_\_\_\_\_

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**Editorial note:** Rob Libera asked if we could put baseball's new rules into the newsletter. As everyone has probably heard one way or another, love 'em or hate 'em, the new rules in baseball were put there to speed up the game. From the pitcher to the batter to the catcher, everyone comes under the new rules. Sometimes it can change the course of the game. Love 'em or hate 'em, here are the new rules to read up on before coming to the game on June 30<sup>th</sup>, so you'll know what changes have occurred:

## MAJOR LEAGUE: BASEBALL'S NEW RULES:

### a) PITCH TIMER:

- 15 seconds with bases empty; 20 seconds with runners on
- Hitter gets 1 timeout per plate appearance; must be in batter's box with 8 seconds left
- Pitchers get two disengagements (pickoff attempts or step-offs) per batter; violations are a balk
- Limits on pickoff attempts led to 26% increase in stolen base attempts in Minors
- Pitch timer helped reduce game length by 25 minutes in Minors in '22

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## MAJOR LEAGUE: BASEBALL'S NEW RULES – CONTINUED:

### b) SHIFT RESTRICTIONS:

- Two infielders must be positioned on either side of 2B when pitch is released
- All four infielders must have both feet within the infield when pitcher is on rubber
- Shift restrictions increased batting average and decreased strikeouts in Minors while giving players more opportunity to show off their athleticism

### c) BIGGER BASES:

- 1B, 2B and 3B increased from 15" square to 18" square
- Bigger bases expected to have positive impact on player safety
- Distance reduced by 3" from home to 1<sup>st</sup> and home to 3<sup>rd</sup>, reduced by 4.5" from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Bigger bases reduced injury events near the bases by more than 13% in the Minors in 2022

## BATTLE OF THE CRUISE SHIPS AND OUR TWO CRUISERS

(By The Editor)



the ship looks like, and also where you think you would have preferred to go, offered where the ships docked. Myself? Not saying. You can call me as well, or come to the front desk to let me know which one you think is better. Good luck to my two cruisers!

The time has come to reveal the 2 people who went on 2 different cruise ships and traveled in 2 different directions for their cruises. They are sitting back to back because it is a “he said, she said” kind of contest and position. The crossed arms indicates that each thought they had the best cruise. Who really had the better cruise? On the left is Bill Taylor, and he went on the Freedom of the Seas. It headed to the Bahamas. On the right is Kate Gregor who went on the Breakaway, and she headed towards Mexico. Because we had a Battle of the Cruise Ships going on, the Editor is asking for your help. Let me know which one you think sounded like the better cruise (check out April 2023 newsletter for descriptions). There are no prizes, just bragging rights. Contact me at [bstillwell@lafayetteindustries.com](mailto:bstillwell@lafayetteindustries.com) and give me your pick. There is no right or wrong, just what you see that



Far left: Freedom of the Seas (Bill's)

vs.

Immediate left: Breakaway (Kate's)



A few more pictures from Bill's cruise that we were unable to use at the time we did the two articles because, obviously, it would be a dead giveaway of one of the cruisers. See if you can find Kate in her picture.....ummmm, no. She's obviously taking the picture, and there's no selfie.



## 2023 MOUSE RACES (IN PICTURES)



SEE YOU AT THE MOUSE RACES NEXT YEAR?





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY FOLKS

### NORTH

Roosevelt	Ore	3
D'Marcus	Merritt	5
Keith	Muldrew	7
Laird	Simpson	7
James	Campbell	8
Terrance	Williams	14
Margot	Elgert	15
Janiah	Young	17
Charles	Young	19
Alphonso "Lamont"	Jackson	21
Michael	Kelly	22
Chris	Lott	24
Genece	Jordan	26
Adrian	Robinson	26
Matthew	Knipshild	27
Mark	Bowman	28
Delano	Thompson	28
Catherine	Schwarztrauber	29
Morgan	Williams	31

### WEST

Ryan	Preston	4
Ryan	Dillon	5
Martha	Sanderson	5
Robert	Gregg	9
Tim	Sitek	10
Thomas	Mondello	12
Kim	Lamb	16
Debra	Draper	17
Wendy	Johnson	17
Ian	Bagley	19
Katie	Sears	19
Logan	Coffman	20
John	Hardcastle	21
Joyce	Klipsch	26
Casey	Florent	28
Jay	Wainz	28
Ryan	Zimpfer	28
Brad	Davis	29
Carrie	McKaskel	29
Richard	Hardcastle	30
Valerie	Shaw	31



### ANDREW FURRER DRESSES AS ONE OF HIS FAVORITE TV FIGURES

If you have ever turned to Me TV, you might see a Chicago man who does a show that features really bad horror movies. He's been around Chicago since the late 70's, and on Me cable TV from 2011. His name is Svengoolie, and he's been around a long time. Since the horror movie industry has produced some really bad movies, he has a lot of them he can put on the air. He dresses as a vampire who has rubber chickens thrown at him, and he has a lot of fun doing the show. He also has a lot of fans across the country. Andrew Furrer is one of those fans, and he's such a big fan that he decided to dress up as Svengoolie one evening. He even has one of Svengoolie's rubber chickens as a necklace that he's wearing at left. He was also such a big fan that he wrote Svengoolie a note, and it was a great note. He wanted to come see him during a taping of his show in Chicago. Svengoolie responded on-air to his

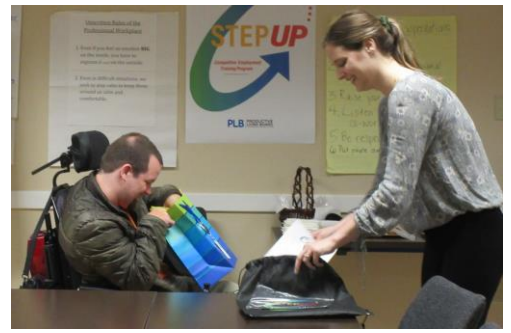
request, and he read Andrew's letter during one of his shows recently. Andrew, I hope you get to see Svengoolie in person soon, but most of all we hope you get to see him at one of his public appearances.

**WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) TRAINING AT WEST:** On April 18<sup>th</sup> a letter was sent home with everybody. It contained very important information about WIOA training at West which is coming up soon. Every employee is required to take part in this training. Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation will host an in-person session at Lafayette **WEST** on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023, beginning at 9:00a.** The session will last about 30 minutes. Sessions will consist of a team of employees watching a video and listening to a short presentation about employment options. **Again, every employee will be required to participate in this training. If you have a conflict with the date, please call Kim at 636-227-5666, x1114.**



## **BILL TAYLOR GRADUATES FROM STEP UP – APRIL 10, 2023**

(By Emma Seyffert, STEPUP)



For the past year Bill Taylor has spent his Monday mornings receiving intensive employment instruction with the STEPUP program in order to grow his soft and hard skills. On Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, he was celebrated as the most recent graduate of STEPUP! Additionally, Bill was trained in the reception role at Lafayette's West location, where he now covers for Becky during her lunch breaks and time off. Bill's family joined Lafayette staff in congratulating Bill on his growth and professional achievements. Since he has more than earned a spot on the staff team, Bill was presented with an ID badge, name plate and Lafayette Industries apparel. He also enjoyed a celebratory breakfast burrito with his family after proudly accepting his STEPUP diploma. Congratulations Bill!! We can't wait to see all of the great things you'll do.

## **TIM HOPKINS RETIRES**

Tim Hopkins joined Lafayette Industries in January 2008. 15 years later he has decided to retire after a long stint. Congratulations to you, Tim, and enjoy your retirement.



**Immediate left:** Tim Hopkins poses alongside Aida (blue/grey sweater), his supervisor, his brother Mike (red ball cap), his sister-in-law Laura, (to right of his brother) and the members of his team. They also enjoyed cupcakes, and made him a big card from that everyone signed wishing him....

**HAPPY RETIREMENT, TIM!**



## MARY GOOD RETIRES

We've had several people retire this year. Tim Hopkins is the latest (see above), and now it's Mary Good's turn. She started at Lafayette on January 14, 2002. But now she's ready to hang it up. In celebration of her retirement, as well as her birthday, her sisters came to eat with her during her last lunch at Lafayette on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Then she shared her birthday cupcakes with everyone on her team in honor of her birthday. The team gave her a card which everybody signed as they also said their goodbyes to her. Her friend, Beth, shared lunch with her as well. Below are the pictures from her retirement celebration. Mary, we will all miss you so much. Over the years you have always been there, and you've always had a smile for everyone. Have a great time in retirement, Mary!



## JESSE BROOKS GOES EAST TO WEDDING

By Jennifer Brooks (Proud Mother)

Jesse had blast on our trip out east! He crossed the Appalachian Mountains, visited Civil War battlefields, walked the Atlantic beach in New Jersey and hiked a bit of the Appalachian Trail. He saw amazing views, posed with Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania, danced at his cousin's wedding, rode around town on a scooter with his brother and ate some great food.







### **FLORICA GAULT RECOGNIZED IN FLORIDA**

Submitted by Florica Gault (Proud Lafayette Employee)

Written by Sheila Zigrye (Proud Lafayette Staff)

Florica Gault went Florida to participate in the Run Disney 10k. Florica walked 6.2 miles, and she earned this super-cute award. The door opens and closes to the Monsters, Inc.

### **NORTH – CAUGHT BEING RESPECTFUL AND CAUGHT BEING SAFE – APRIL 2023**



Janay Edwards, Sam Sullivan, Darrius Roberts, Jerome Binder, Antwuan Williams, Mike Sweeny, Chris Lott, Laura Fortus, Dion Austin, Stephen Bindbeutel, De'Marco Bean, Krystle Conroy, Henry Anderson, Demetri Jamison, Glendall Davis, John Hope, Mike Terry, Tina Tackett, Veronica Quinn, Sandy Hite, Kevin Thompson, Cindy Behan, Jerry Ring, Anita Hightower, Robert McCoy, Erica Humphreys.

### **BRAD DAVIS'S ANTARTICA TRIP (PART 2)**

This month is the second and final installment on what is a fascinating trip to the bottom of the world. We've all heard what's going on in the North and South poles. Ice is disappearing at an alarming rate, and all that water has to go somewhere. Therefore, we hope that someone can turn it around to save this unique place on earth before it disappears forever. We appreciate Brad sharing his adventures and doing it well. His writing was engaging, and you can almost see and feel what it might have been like to visit down there. Brad's adventure start on the next page.

If you have a vacation that you want to show us or even to show us a special event that you and your family shared, then please don't hesitate to get us a pictures and a brief article. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. It's a monster-big newsletter, but it was fun to put it together and see what everyone's been up to. We sure do have a busy group of people.



**Day 4:** We started the day off with a cruise around Foyen Harbor in Willhelmina Bay. Willhelmina Bay was discovered by the Belgian Antarctic Expedition somewhere between 1897 and 1899, and it was named after Queen Willhelmina of the Netherlands, who was 18 years old at the time. The 15-mile-wide bay is a hotspot for whales and icebergs.

Three of my fellow passengers. There are no seats on the Zodiacs. Instead,

you sit on the side of the boat and hold onto the ropes if things get rough.



Icebergs in the Bay.

Humpback whales feeding around the icebergs.



Humpbacks dive deep before coming up directly under concentrations of krill.

The wreck of the Norwegian whaling ship Guvernøren.



One of the largest whaling ships of her day, the Guvernøren caught fire while her crew was celebrating the end of the 1915 whaling season.

With 22,000 gallons of whale oil in her hold, the fire quickly became uncontainable, and the crew was forced to run her aground.





## My 2023 Trip to Antarctica (Part 2) – Continued:



Photo by NOAA

As we pulled away from the wreck of the Guvernøren, our pilot spotted an Antarctic minke whale feeding nearby. At only 13 meters long, minke whales are one of the smallest species of baleen whale. Unlike the humpback, which dives deep so it can feed on krill from below, the minke whale makes shallow dives and lunges through the swarms from the side. This makes tracking them extremely difficult as their fins will appear above the water for only a few seconds before disappearing again, only to reappear hundreds of feet away. Our pilot was able to keep up thanks to

years of experience chasing and tagging their northern cousins off the coast of Canada. After 20 minutes following the whale around the bay, our pilot decided it had had enough time to get used to us and turned off our engine. Less than a minute later the whale swam only a few feet under our boat.



After lunch we landed on Danco Island in the Errera Channel. The island is home to multiple gentoo penguin colonies and was the site of a British Antarctic Survey station until 1959.

Approaching Danco Island.

One of the gentoo penguin colonies on the island. Danco Island is



home to around 1600 penguins.



Penguins use penguin trails to travel between nesting sites and the ocean. These trails are deep grooves in the snow worn by the passage of thousands of penguins.

In Antarctica penguins always have the right-of-way.



A view of our ship and the entrance to the Errera Channel from the top of Danco Island.

Danco Island is surrounded on both sides by glaciers.



## My 2023 Trip to Antarctica (Part 2) – Continued:



Penguin parents and their chicks.

This curious penguin wanted to see what our guides were up to



**Day 5:** This was the big day; the day we finally landed on Antarctica proper. Up until now we had only visited the various islands off the coast. But first we took a morning cruise around Graham Passage and Bluff Island. Sailors had known about Bluff Island since the 1820s, but believed it to be part of the Antarctic continent. This changed in 1922 when the whaling ship, Graham, found a way through the ice connecting the island to the mainland. The Graham Passage is known for its spectacular icebergs.



One of the many icebergs in the Graham Passage. This one was several times larger than the Ocean Adventurer.

The Graham Passage. On the right is Bluff Island and on the left is the Antarctic Peninsula.



The ice sheet on Bluff Island. Here you can see one of the dangers of going ashore in Antarctica. Deep crevasses form in the ice and get covered in a thin sheet of ice and snow, leaving them completely undetectable by the naked eye. Besides driving the zodiacs and teaching us about the wildlife, one of our guides' main jobs was

to go ashore before us and mark safe paths across the ice.



Our steward would come to clean our room while we were out on our first expedition of each day. Since he only had a few rooms assigned to him he had time to add some personal touches (picture – above right).

After our cruise around Graham Passage we sailed west to Portal Point, a spot that was frequently used by British expeditions into the Antarctic Peninsula.

My 2023 Trip to Antarctica (Part 2) – Continued on next page



## My 2023 Trip to Antarctica (Part 2) – Continued:



A pool of fresh meltwater forms on a small iceberg. The woman in red is the ship's doctor. In the background you can see the remains of the foundation of the refuge the British built in 1959.

Finally landing on the Antarctic continent. The peninsula is very geologically active and composed entirely of granites and

volcanic rocks.



A view of Charlotte Bay.

After our return from Portal Point it was time for the Polar Plunge. If you were brave enough, you could head down to the gangway in your swimsuit and jump off one of the Zodiacs into the ocean. The prize for doing this was a t-shirt and a double shot of vodka.



I knew if I thought too hard about it I was going to psych myself out. So as soon as I heard them say “jump”, I threw myself off the boat as hard as I could. They tied a rope to you so they could pull you in if the cold knocked you out. In all, a little over half the passengers took part.

This was easily the coldest I've ever been in my life. It wasn't piercing like when you suddenly get hit by a gust of wind on a winter day but an all-encompassing, bone-deep cold that felt like all the heat in your body was being drained away. That said, I would absolutely do it again.

**Day 6:** This was our final day aboard the ship. We sailed overnight from Portal Point to Deception Island, an island to the southwest of the Shetland Islands. Deception Island is an active volcano you can sail into and is home to several research stations as well as the remains of an old British survey station and airfield. It gets its name from the fact that from most angles it appears to be a normal island and the only clue that it contains a large, natural safe harbor is a small channel on southeast end of the island.

After our final shore excursion we were supposed to sail back to King George Island where we would anchor for the night and prepare for our flight back in the morning but a shift in the weather forced us to depart that evening instead.

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Sailing to Deception Island. The passage into the caldera is called Neptune's Bellows.

Sailing through Neptune's Bellows.



The heat of the volcano warms the water and sand of the harbor. This makes it a popular resting place for seals and other wildlife.

One of the many Antarctic Fur Seals resting on the beach. Their aggression isn't limited to their own kind, they'll charge anyone and anything nearby. Fortunately, they're mostly bark and will back

down if you stand your ground and make a little noise.



A leopard seal rests on the beach. At over 10 feet long and 1200 pounds, even the dumbest adolescent fur seal knew to give it a wide berth.

Deception Island was home to a British Antarctic Survey station and airfield from the 1940s to the 1980s. It was eventually abandoned after the Falkland War.



The house that the head of the survey station and his family lived in.

The remains of the tractor they used to pull the planes out of the hanger.





## My 2023 Trip to Antarctica (Part 2) – Continued:



The old airplane hangar.

The interior of the hangar.



A long-distance shot of the base we flew in and out of. The waiting lounge was a double wide with some plastic chairs and Christmas lights for decoration.

Back in Punta Arenas. Since we came back half a day earlier than planned, we had plenty of time to unwind and

catch up on the things we'd missed while off the grid.



## THANK YOU FOR READING!!



## MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 West - Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) – beginning at 9:00a	10 PAY DAY	11	12	13 K of C Dance – St. Clare of Assisi School Cafeteria 7-10p – Patriotic Celebration - Wear your red, white & blue (Last dance until September)
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 6:00p – Board of Directors meeting	18 North Free Lunch	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21 47 <sup>th</sup> Annual Employee Celebration Picnic 1:00-3:00p at McDonnell Park 2960 Adie Road St. Ann, MO 63074 Everyone must Register in advance.	22	23	24	25 West Free Lunch  PAY DAY	26 North – Leaves at 1:00p for the Holiday weekend	27
28	29 Memorial Day – Both Workshops are <u>closed</u> for the Holiday	30	31			