

Anchors Away on the UAA Odessey Cruise!

On October 10 UAA hosted a City Dinner Cruise up the Potomac River prior to the Annual General Meeting. Who would have thought that the USAID Alumni Association, a group of retired Foreign Service Officers and senior citizens, could have such a blast? Yet, on Thursday, October 10th, nearly 20 UAA members boarded the Odyssey for a dinner cruise on the Potomac River. The evening turned into a lively party, with us, the oldest patrons, leading the way on the dance floor. It's been 20 years since many of us danced that much! The DJ was a hit, playing a mix of music from our youth, early careers, and contemporary hits. The dinner and cocktails were delightful, adding to the fun. The cruise was a perfect prelude to UAA's Annual General (AGM) Meeting held on Friday, October 12th.

We started in Southwest DC and sailed by Haines Point and Fort McNair. As the sun set the lights of DC came up and the monuments and Kennedy Center glowed. Our city looked beautiful! As dinner was served and the music began, we could see the lights of Georgetown and as we returned down the river the lights of the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial and the Air Force Memorial lit the skyline. The music was great as was the food and service on-board.

The Dance Flotilla!

We danced and laughed, walked the deck and recounted memories of what we saw...it was a lovely evening all in all! Thank you to our wonderful 19 shipmates for making it such a wonderful night! Our thanks to Washington Cruise Line and City Experiences and the Crew of the Odyssey! [Click here](#) to see the rogues' gallery.





(back) Beth Hogan, Karen Freeman, Margot Ellis, (front) Denise Rollins and Dawn Liberi



Sharon Pauling, Franklin Moore and Denise Rollins



Paula Feeney and Patrick Shooltz



Margot Ellis, Karen Freeman, Sharon Pauling, Diana Putman, Franklin Moore, Beth Hogan and Denise Rollins



Sharon Pauling, Diana Putman and Franklin Moore



Krista Gimmet and Eric Adams



Dawn Liberi, Ashleigh Apple, Margot Ellis and Beth Hogan



The Floor



Dawn Liberi and Paula Feeney



Krista Gimmet and Ashleigh Apple



Dawn Liberi, Margot Ellis and Denise Rollins



Our own Dancing Queen! Denise Rollins



Dave McCloud and Roberta Mahoney



Sharon Pauling and Karen Freeman