

## **Grand River Boat Cruise – August 21, 2018**

Early morning on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, we waited in our cars for the bus to take us to the Grand River luncheon cruise. It was a very rainy morning, but we made it to the site in Caledonia on time, battling the bumper to bumper traffic on the 401. Our host Carol Fernandes and Joe Nunes, representing the TEGSA committee did a marvellous job of guiding us through the days' itinerary and entertainment was provided in the form of two movies going and coming back. We teamed up with the West End 55+ and hope this will be a joint venture for many more outings.

We arrived at 11.00am at the Grand River Cruise site in Caledonia and were served beverages and a muffin in the hall and when seated, were treated to entertainment from the “Blazing Fiddles” a young group that played and sang familiar tunes like songs from “Fiddler on the Roof”, “Crazy for you” and we joined in a joyous unison for “Country Roads”. The group was fantastic.

At 12.30 pm, we were ushered to the two houseboats 'Princess and Belle’ and seated to a fabulous lunch, choice of Roast Beef, or Chicken, or Pasta, steamed vegetables, and apple pie and coffee to sweeten the meal! The weather was just ideal and sunny, in spite of it teaming rain in the GTA. We lounged on the outer deck and met up with new and old friends. The waterway was beautiful with large homes, cottages and trailers lining the banks and were given historical information as we sailed through. The river was surprising very wide and the banks were lush with beautiful weeping willows.

We disembarked at 3.30pm and had a short span of time to browse the craft shop before we boarded our bus back to Toronto in heavy rain.

Many thanks for the opportunity to experience our Ontario and hope many more of the members will be able to do it next year.

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