

3/27-28/07 Days 71, 72 – At Sea - Tuesday, Wednesday; 27 - 28 March 2007: Tuesday and Wednesday were sunny and calm at sea. A running source of laughs at our dinner table has been that the gold colored curtain that is supposed to lower under electric motor control but it won't lower when the other curtains are let down during the meal. On Tuesday evening the curtain started to lower and then fell off the track. Zain, our head waiter, had to come to the rescue and hold up the curtain until one of the waiters brought some duct tape to hold it up and keep it from falling on the people at the dinner table. They told us that the curtain should be fixed when we get to Italy on this cruise. Let's hope.



On Wednesday we had an action packed day. There was a luncheon in the Queen's Lounge for people on our deck. It was part of a series of luncheons and dinners that the Captain and Hotel manager have put on. This luncheon was a five course meal with each course being introduced by a lady carrying a flag with the name of the dish written on it.



We had a great group of people at our luncheon table which is shown in the photograph on the left.

Clockwise from the left: Orlin, Alethea van Heerden – Asst. Shore Excursion Manager, Mike Offerle, John Bauer, Sandy Bauer, Hans Bloks - Chief Engineer, Martha Offerle, Barbara. Mike and Martha are fellow Tennesseans.

In the afternoon, Marvin and Marilyn Onstott, the AAA representatives on the Amsterdam, gave a reception in the Crow's Nest Lounge for all the passengers who booked their cruise through AAA. We sat with our four dinner table mates and had a few glasses of wine. These periodic get-togethers have been fun and it is a chance to chat with other passengers we don't see all the time.

The action packed day continued in the evening when Don and Gloria Bell took us to dinner in the Pinnacle Restaurant. We had a marvelous five course meal served with great style. Agus and Merdy who we usually see in the Neptune Lounge were serving us that evening in the Pinnacle. We always enjoy talking with Don and Gloria so we had a wonderful time spending the evening and having a delicious meal with them.

Tomorrow we arrive in Salalah, Oman.