

## MAKING TRAVEL A REAL ADVENTURE!

### Air BnB Offers A Different Kind Of Travel Experience.



By now, you've probably already planned your summer travel plans or even completed your summer vacation. However, if you're thinking about an end of the summer getaway, consider a stay through Air BNB.

Air BNB is a website and app that brings travelers and hosts together. As a traveler, it allows you to be immersed in the real day to day life of wherever you choose to stay. An experience that you would never have if you booked the traditional hotel room. As a host, it offers the ability to generate some extra income by offering a room for rent or possibly even an entire home. And for many hosts, it gives you a chance to meet new and adventurous people.

One of my clients was kind enough to share some insight for those that may be adventurous enough to want to, either be a host, or travel using Air BNB. Her name is Cheryl and she operates "Cheryl's Island Oasis" located in Merritt Island, Florida.



She's hosted 42 guests so far from over 12 different countries and even 2 athletes trying out for the Olympic trials for kayaking. She's hosted people who can barely speak english, made 3 lifelong friendships and have many people that keep coming back. She opens her home to families for weddings and special occasions and even families of friends and neighbors that don't have the extra space in their homes. She's shared some really great tips when traveling that you need to know before you travel...

1. Because guests and hosts get rated by each other, there's a level of accountability on both parties. So, if you're selecting a place to stay, try not to pick a place that's brand new to Air BNB if you have any reservations at all and read all of the reviews from previous guests. A lot of people are hesitant to write a negative review but 1 out of 10 will tell the truth if their experience was unfavorable.
2. Make sure you have Air BNB's telephone number saved in your phone before you travel. Depending on where you're going, you may not have the best

cellular service to access the internet.

3. Be sure to contact your host a week before and then again, the day before your arrival to be sure of your check in arrangements. Have the directions printed out, in case your cell service is limited. Some places are hard to find.
4. If traveling, make sure you know if the host is open to sharing all of the community living spaces, or whether it's just your room.
5. Check to see if they have pets. It should be posted.
6. Once you book a place through Air BNB, you will receive the address. Then you can do a Google Earth search and make sure it looks like a nice neighborhood.
7. Many Air BNB hosts rent multiple rooms at the same time. Be sure to check if you will be sharing the house with other guests and not just the host.
8. Finally, it should be common sense but, be respectful that it is *their home* and you're not in a hotel room.

This relatively new and adventurous way to travel may not be for everyone. But Cheryl insists that, "once you try the experience, you will never go back to a hotel again!"

Check out *Cheryl's Island Oasis* on Air BNB



Well, as the summer winds down, it's almost back to school again! Mark your calendars because Volusia County's first day back is Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Flagler County's is Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Though the month of August doesn't have any notable holidays, it does represent the 8<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Savannah Court Financial Advisors, Inc. The past 8 years have been challenging at times, but to this day the practice continues to grow and I thank each and every client for their continued belief in our firm and the vision of what Savannah Court Financial Advisors is becoming. I've learned many things along the way, sometimes in business and in life, plans don't always go exactly the way you had intended on the timeline that you had hoped. You need to be pliable. The key is to continue to forge ahead towards the goal and make adjustments as needed. The seeds you plant today will eventually grow into something tomorrow. So be very careful not to plant weeds along the way. Have a wonderful rest of the summer and I'll see you in September!

Respectfully,

Scott Weidman, CFP®

## Welcome Home!



By now, I'm sure you're aware that my office at 157 Fairview Avenue was once the home of Ms. Jan Harting and the Merricourt Kindergarten. She ran the kindergarten for 33 years and left a real impact on many of the children that had attended the school. Shortly after she retired, due to health complications, she wrote a book called "Tales and Bright Sayings of Merricourt Kindergarten and Play School". For the past few years, I've been desperately searching for a copy of the book. I had looked online, through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc. I even asked my neighbor who owns a bookstore and has lots of connections to attempt to locate a copy. That too was unsuccessful. I was so intrigued with what the content of this book holds. Not only, was this an historic place, but now a book that could unveil actual events that occurred almost half a century ago!

A couple years ago I had connected with a lady by

the name of Martha on the Facebook page, "I grew up in Daytona #2". The #1 page filled up with too many people so they started this second page. She had responded to an article that I had posted about the Merricourt Kindergarten and suggested that she went to school here and actually had a signed copy of this book that I've been searching for! I offered to pay her for it, but she was clearly attached to it and just couldn't part ways, understandably. However, just recently, Martha contacted me again through Facebook and had a change of heart, asking if I were still interested in the book? "Of course" I said. So after a few messages back and forth, Martha sent me her only signed original copy!



I cannot thank Martha enough for her generosity and thoughtfulness. I imme-



diately dug into its contents and wanted to share some wonderful little sayings that I think you'll enjoy...

*Teacher: "George, you have your shoes on the wrong feet."*

*George: "No I haven't. These are the only feet I have."*

*During the Lord's Prayer, I listened carefully and heard the children saying:*

*Howard be thy name.*

*Give us this day, our jelly bread; and*

*Lead us not into Penn Station. The children were all very quiet and enjoying the story I was reading to them. Beverly raised her hand and called me excitedly. "What is it Beverly?" I asked. She answered: "Mark has his boy parts out." Without smiling, I said: "Mark cover up your boy parts before they get pneumonia."*

By the way, that's Martha in the front, right with the black shoes and white socks with the rest of her class from 1965! Martha, I assure you, I will take very good care of your book!

Thank you!

## Investment Concepts Announcement



Savannah Court Financial Advisors is pleased to

announce the third consumer guide titled "Investment Concepts". This guide is designed to unveil the mysteries of investing. A client that has a better understanding of their investment strategy, tends to stick with their plans and

doesn't panic during times of uncertainty. I strongly recommend you take the time to visit the website [SavannahCourtFinancialAdvisors.com](http://SavannahCourtFinancialAdvisors.com) and download your free copy of Investment Concepts today!



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