

### **At Sea – Day 57 Nov. 22 (Dateline Repeat):**

The day started with windy conditions on deck and white caps in the ocean around the Amsterdam. We will cross the International Dateline before arriving in Pago Pago, American Samoa tomorrow so today we burned through a new day (Day 57) of the cruise but the calendar date remained the same as yesterday at November 22.

At 9am Barbara went to the production of the “Good Morning Amsterdam” TV show. Gene and Adele had two of the Amsterdam’s deck officers as guests today, as shown on the right. They described their training in the Netherlands and the experience they have had in arriving at their current assignments.



We went to the Cruise Specialists International (CSI) “Chat Time” that is hosted by Lucia and Henk Barnhoorn. We learned that the Federal Express agents were on board the Amsterdam to help us with shipping our luggage home after the cruise. However, we will not need to get involved in that exercise until after we leave Honolulu. Lucia was also discussing tomorrow’s CSI Tour in Pago Pago with some of the passengers. We took some candid photos around the group as shown here.

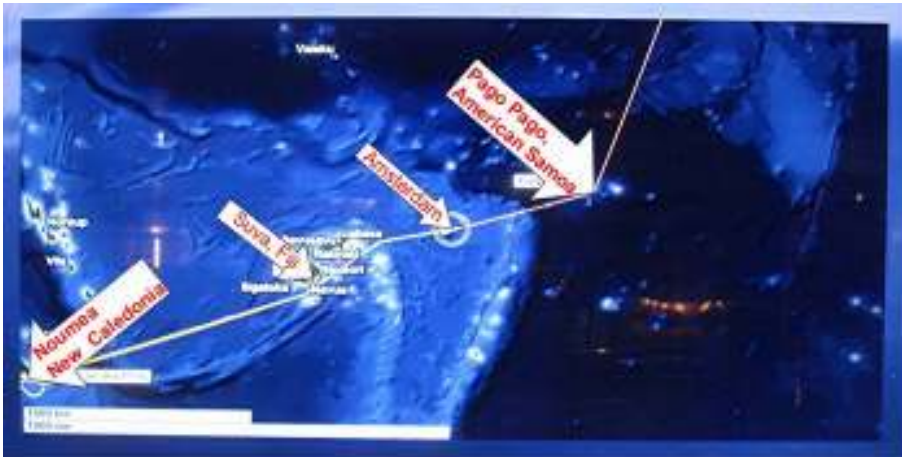




After the CSI Chat Time we went to lunch with Tom and Sherry in the main dining room. The conversation at lunch centered around Tom's interest in World War II events and what we have learned about the WWII Manhattan Project that created the town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee where we now live.



After lunch we checked the location of the Amsterdam on the route between Fiji and American Samoa. A picture of the TV screen showing the approximate noon position is shown on the left. We were about half way to our destination at the time.



In the evening we had dinner in the Canaletto Restaurant with friends Bill and Dolores. Although we met Bill and Dolores on the evening of the Cruise Specialist send off dinner in Seattle, back on September 25 we really hadn't had time for an extended conversation. This was the perfect opportunity and we enjoyed the evening finding out all about them. One thing we learned was that Bill is an accomplished pianist and vocalist while Dolores at one time was a first class tennis player. They are now happy residents of Medford, Oregon where Orlin grew up.



We managed to get the photo shown above before the meal was over. One of the unique features of the Canaletto Restaurant is that they serve a plate of cotton candy before the dessert menu is passed around. It turns out that cotton candy is a real favorite of Dolores who jokingly took the plate and attacked the mound of cotton candy, as shown on the left.

After dinner we settled in our stateroom for the evening. Tomorrow we arrive in Pago Pago, American Samoa. We have a tour in Pago Pago arranged by Cruise Critic and cruising buddy, Pauline.