

# The Wedding Chronicles

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## PASSPORTS - YOUR PASS TO BOARD

In order to board the ship, you'll need a passport or passport card, or a Drivers License & Birth Certificate. Please check the website on the Passports Tab to follow any updates regarding the process and necessary documentation. The passport is the traditional version that will allow worldwide travel. The passport card only allows land/sea travel in North America. You'll need to decide which option suits you best. I only have the passport card, since I'll only be traveling between Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. Chris has both, because he may travel to England and such. There is a price difference in the two. The card is \$45, and the passport is \$100. The only drawback to the card, is that it does NOT cover air travel. If you had to be airlifted off the ship, the card would not serve as ID. But hello, if I'm being airlifted off the ship, does my ID matter so much? If I'm hurt, I'll receive the care I need regardless of who I am. Just remember, the card cannot be used to FLY to Mexico, Canada, or the Islands. But it can be used to for land travel or by ship. You'll need a picture either way, (we went to CVS) and then you can visit your local post office and drop off the application and necessary documents. The below link has all the info.

[http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)

Pay attention to the website, the process is different if you already have a passport, or if you're a first time applicant. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Chris or I and we'll see what we can do to get you answers. There will be a link on our website, (Weddingmoon123.com) that will guide you through the process and have the application there for you to complete, print, and take to the post office. I would recommend applying sooner rather than later. It can take 6 weeks + at certain times to receive your passport. Please allow enough time to make sure that you'll have a hassle free vacation. I would hate to see anyone have to pay the government's "expedite" fee. = ( Children will need a passport or their birth certificate as well. I'm going with the card option for my kids, since they're only good for 5 years anyway, and I don't plan on traveling out of the country. Well, unless it's on a cruise!!

## SHIP HIGHLIGHTS - SAIL & SIGN CARD

This card is one of the most important things to keep on you while on the ship. It serves as your room key, your "cash" or credit card, and it's ID too. The Sign & Sail is the form of currency accepted aboard ship. Whenever you buy a drink, something from the store, or book an excursion, this is your method of payment. Cash and other credit cards aren't accepted. How it works is when you sign in to the ship during embarkation, they'll ask for a credit card, or cash. (I would avoid debit cards if possible). You hand them the card, and they link it to your Sail & Sign. That way, at the end of the cruise, your purchased will be charged to your credit card and you're good to go. If you pay with cash, the night before debarkation, make arrangements with the Purser's desk to settle the balance. I think it's a great idea. Now you don't have to worry about carrying cash everywhere you go. You



Here is the lovely Christopher modeling his Passport and the new Passport Card. Both are options for you to use as ID for boarding!

have the one card, and it's your room key too!! Just be careful, you sort of feel like a kid again with that first credit card. You can just keep on handing it over, charging those margaritas and racking up a balance. You DO need to pay for all those charges before you leave the ship. There's no option here to wash dishes, (I've asked). So, please be aware of your expenditures and make sure that you can foot the bill. =) You can access your "folio" (all your charges) on the TV in your cabin. That way you can see exactly where your balance is at any time. Kind of scary, but very helpful too! There's more info on the Sail & Sign at Carnival.com. Next month, we'll feature a photo with the Sail & Sign Cards!

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## THE GUESTS'S AREA

This month we're going to focus on the Sister's of the Bride & Groom, Brianna Fricker & Rebecca Abbruzzetti.

**Brianna Fricker** - My younger sister - I asked for her when I was small, then she came, and I changed my mind. Give that screaming bundle of chaos back! Well, as we've grown I've changed my mind permanently. I couldn't ask for a better sister. She's caring and loyal, feisty and supportive and the best aunt my kids could have. She shows how much she cares in all that she does. I hope that we show her how important she is to all of us.

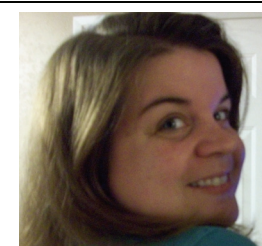
**Becky Abbruzzetti** - is Chris' younger sister who has the pleasure of living in sunny California. While the rest of us are freezing in New England, she, her husband Mark and three beautiful little girls, Emma, Meghan, and Isabella get to enjoy the sunshine year round! Becky has been there to see Chris through all his highs and lows through the years. I'm sure she has tons of stories to tell us about his younger days!



Brianna Fricker - You'll hear her called "Ninna" more often than not! Quentin couldn't say her name when he was a baby!

Becky Abbruzzetti -

Congratulations on the birth of Isabella - and on having those three gorgeous girls to spend each day with!



## GOOD BASIS FOR MARRIAGE?

A husband and wife were at a party chatting with some friends when the subject of marriage counseling came up. 'Oh, we'll never need that. My husband and I have a great relationship, 'the wife explained.' He was a communications major in college and I majored in theatre arts. He communicates really well and I just act like I'm listening.'

## THINGS NOT TO SAY TO YOUR WIFE

She told me we couldn't afford beer anymore and I'd have to quit. Then I caught her spending \$65 on make-up. So I asked, how come I had to give up stuff and not her. She said she needed the make-up to look pretty for me. I told her that was what the beer was for. I don't think she's coming back.

But, Chris is lucky, he doesn't drink much and I hate makeup! =) Perfect!

## THE NATURAL LOOK

The other night, my wife and I were going out. She sat there and put on eyebrow pencil, eye shadow, eyeliner, eyelashes, mascara, toner, blush and lipstick, then turned to me and enquired, 'Does this look natural?' Hehehehe!!



## MARRIAGE ONE-LINERS

The great question... which I have not been able to answer... is, 'What does a woman want?' *Sigmund Freud*

There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness. *Friedrich Nietzsche*

By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. *Socrates*

There's a way of transferring funds that I think is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage.

*James Hold McGavran*

2 secrets to keep your marriage brimming

- 1). Whenever you're wrong, admit it.
- 2). Whenever you're right, shut up. *Nash*

Marriage is the only war where one sleeps with the enemy.

*Anonymous*



## THE WEDDING RING DISCUSSION

Chris and I were talking a few nights ago, and sometimes, he still shocks me with how he thinks. =) We were discussing wedding rings, and as much as he really really doesn't want to wear one, I'd like him to. I'm not sure if it's the symbol he's rebelling against, or the fact that it would be something to fidget with. So I asked him, Chris, would you like white or yellow gold, and his reply is both. Anything to not have to commit to a decision!! =) I said fine, it's my decision now, haha.

Then I tell him that we have to visit a jeweler to get his ring size. And the boy quips, "Well, it gets one size smaller on the wedding day anyway. It magically shrinks so it can't come off." What a brat he is!! I'm tempted to get one of those locking ones just so he can't get it off! See, I can be just as much of a brat as he can.

Next, I bet he's going to tell me that he's "allergic" to it too. =) So, I've come up with a solution to that! Platinum is hypo allergenic. I'm trying to find a way to have one made out of the plastic of a keyboard, but that's proving to be difficult. He'll have to settle for a traditional ring to show the world that he's been chained to me (hopefully, he's happy about this chaining!)

## OUR WEDDINGMOON THEME

I think it's time to announce the WeddingMoon theme! We're going to with Family, Fun, & Fotos! Those are going to be the three biggest aspects of our celebration. Family, because without all of you, the celebration wouldn't mean nearly as much. Fun, because who doesn't want to have fun! And Fotos, to catch all those moments that we wouldn't want to forget.

That is our wish for this WeddingMoon. To have all of you with us, to have a blast, and to document it well for our scrapbook. =) In order for that to happen, we need your help. First, be active in the whole thing. Second, if you have ideas for something fun, please share them with me. And third, bring that camera and get clicking away. I'm sure we'll capture some moments that will bring the warm fuzzies! Or at least some giggles!

So that's our theme!! Family, Fun & Fotos!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHRISTOPHER!

It's a Milestone Birthday! Chris will be 35 on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April! As he's so fond of saying, halfway to useless! I disagree (and not meaning that he's more than halfway there!) Please take a moment to wish him a wonderful birthday! I'm letting him off easy this year, and not going to make a big embarrassing party for him. I figure I can only pull that one off biannually.



## WEDDING INFO - QUICK REFERENCE

**January 22, 2010** - Friday - Arrive in Miami, FL - Hotel and transportation arrangements to be confirmed

**January 23, 2010** - Saturday - Board the Carnival Liberty - Wedding Ceremony to immediately follow - The Liberty departs Miami

**January 24, 2010** - Sunday - Fun Day at Sea

**January 25, 2010** - Monday - San Juan, Puerto Rico

**January 26, 2010** - Tuesday - St. Thomas, USVI

**January 27, 2010** - Wednesday - St. Maarten, NA

**January 28, 2010** - Thursday - Fun Day at Sea

**January 29, 2010** - Friday - Fun Day at Sea

**January 30, 2010** - Saturday - The Liberty returns to Miami - Debarkation Day - Travel home day

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