

# Ann's Adventures

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Greetings to all!

Summer is keeping us busy with lots of trips planned. Please check out the newsletter for updates to the trip you are interested in taking! In fact, we have been so busy, the July newsletter never made it off the computer.

As you are aware, fuel surcharges have made a huge impact on the travel business. I have been determined not to raise prices that have already been published. In an effort to come up with a plan to help cover those costs, it has been decided to hold a Raffle Prize Drawing at our Annual Picnic. We will sell 7 tickets for \$5.00 or 1 for \$1.00. There will be a variety of prizes and you can select which prize to put your ticket(s) in for the drawing. All tickets can be placed on one prize or you can spread them out on a variety of prizes. Thanks to all who have supported this decision and encouraged me to hold this event.

While travel has had its challenges, we have seen record numbers of people signing up for trips and even more people calling and asking to be added to the mailing list. Thanks to all for sharing your positive experiences about traveling with Ann's Adventures!

A special thanks to all who come and help with putting the newsletter together each month! It takes all of you to make this happen. Thanks also to those who have called and requested that they be moved to the email list. This was in response to the article in the June newsletter before I knew that postage was going up in July. It has indeed been a challenging year for everyone!

We are planning some trips for the next year based on comments from those at the Travel Club Networking meeting. I do appreciate all your comments. I have also got a few trips in the planning stages that I have come across in my travel conferences that sound like fun experiences. Theaters are beginning to announce their 2022 – 2023 seasons and so I'm taking a look at what is being offered.

We had a great trip to Alaska and enjoyed amazingly beautiful weather. You can expect to see this trip offered again in three years. It will be here sooner than you think!

Please be aware of trip payment deadlines. Overnight trips have a payment due date at the top of the article for the trip. All day trips are due a month before the trip. This information is always listed in an article within the newsletter.

Benefits of Group Travel include, but are not limited to, meeting new friends, sharing once in a lifetime memories, safety in numbers, always someone to talk to or eat with, front door service, lower costs, not having to park and walk to theaters, get on the bus and relax, the planning is done for you, and lots more!

**Ann**

**Please Note:** Due to the constant state of change in our world today, please always come prepared with a mask. It is better to have it and not need it, than to find someplace has changed their policy overnight and it is now needed and you don't have your mask with you!

For longer trips, please take seriously my recommendations and get your WINGS! (See article) You will have a better travel experience if you wake, water and walk prior to the trip.

### Travel Club Networking Meeting

The next Travel Club Networking Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.** at the office! All are welcome! This is a great chance to meet a potential roommate for an upcoming trip. If you would like, I can introduce you to others who may also be looking to share a room on a trip. It sure makes the trip more affordable! We currently have many individuals looking for a room mate for the Hawaii trip next year. Come and get acquainted with others who are interested in the same trip you are!

Some requests that were discussed at the June meeting include Australia & New Zealand; the Pacific Northwest; England, Scotland & Wales; Grand Canyon; Yosemite; Yellowstone; Vancouver and Victoria; Italy; as well as other destinations.

Where do you want to go? Come help us make some plans for the future.

Travel Club Networking Meetings are held three times a year to allow people to provide ideas for future trips, meet with other travelers and get first-hand information about upcoming trips. They are in February, June and October.

### TSA – Transportation Security Administration Acceptable Forms of ID

#### 1 - REAL Michigan Driver's License –

Michigan is enacting a federally acceptable form of ID. **This will be in effect by May 3, 2023.** The REAL ID will be required for flying within the United States, entry into certain federal properties, entering nuclear facilities and military bases. **The Real ID Michigan Driver's license has a star in the upper right hand corner.**

**2 - Enhanced Michigan Driver's License** is already compliant and allows entry into the US by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean without a passport. **The Enhanced Michigan Driver's License has an American flag on the license just to the right of your picture. The newer ones also have a star in the upper right hand corner.**

**3 - Passport** - is acceptable ID for any type of air flight to go anywhere. It is also acceptable for entry into certain federal facilities and entering nuclear facilities and military bases. It cannot be used as a driver's license. To fly into the US from anywhere – including Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean, you must have a passport.

### ArriveCan Form

For all trips entering Canada by motorcoach, you need to fill out the ArriveCan Form on their website AND print the receipt to have with you when we cross the border. You will need your passport or enhanced driver's license number, your surname, date of birth and the vaccine card information including the type of vaccine and the dates of the first and second dose, our Port of entry will be Sarnia and the date and time you will be entering (10:30 a.m. for all Petrolia Trips). This needs to be done within 72 hours of the trip. You need to upload a copy of your vaccine card. The website is [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca) then go to the upper right corner and enter ArriveCan in the search box. There is no charge to fill out the form.

If you find this too complicated or do not have a scanner. Bring the information to the office and we will help you! If they change this requirement, we will let you know.

### W...ings for Travel

Preparation for a trip of any duration takes time. I am encouraging everyone to think about preparing yourselves as well as your clothes, what to pack, and what should be in your carryon! Time to spread your wings!

- 1. Waking:** Every trip requires an early start. Begin setting your alarm a little earlier each day a couple weeks before the trip. Then it won't be such a shock to your system to suddenly be getting up so early every day
- 2. Walking:** If you are not a person who walks regularly, begin! Don't try to start with a mile or two right away. Try walking ten minutes a day then 20, then 30. It is amazing how much easier the trip will be for you if walking is not a shock to your system. You will definitely have more fun!
- 3. Watering:** Drink more water! This is good for you even when not traveling. However, when we travel it is crucial that you not become dehydrated. Keeping your body hydrated will help you to be healthier and your system to work more efficiently.

Get your own W...ings ready for travel!

### Annual Summer Picnic!

Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Location: Fireman's Park

Our annual summer picnic will be held at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to join us. You do not need to bring anything! Everything is provided. The meal will include fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, ice tea, lemonade and dessert! **Please call by 8/12/22 to reserve your seat so I know how much food to provide.** It is a great place to reconnect with friends you've met on the trips, or perhaps to meet a travel partner.

The location of the picnic will be at Fireman's Park. It is located on Wilson Rd just east of Saginaw Rd (also called Dort Hwy or M-54). This is a bigger place to hold the picnic this year. We have a lot more seats in the pavilion and can have double serving lines. There is plenty of parking.

**New this year!** We will be holding a raffle prize drawing at the picnic as a way to help offset the fuel charges that have been added to the cost of the trips. We will sell 7 tickets for 5.00 and you can choose which items you want to put the tickets toward. There will be drawings for each item. Some of the items include backpacks, bags, travel mugs, blankets, cushions, and a variety of other things that have found their way into my collection of prizes. Thank you all for your support!

### Mud Hens Game & Tony Packos

Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Cost: \$65.00 per person

Departure: 2:00 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

Status: A few seats available!

This trip includes the bus and game ticket. This trip is referred to as "The Klinger Connection". Klinger, from the M\*A\*S\*H series loved the Toledo Mud Hens and Tony Packos' Hungarian hot dog sauce. We eat at Tony Packos' (on your own), see a Mud Hens game and watch M\*A\*S\*H episodes on the way home. The Mud Hens are the farm team for the Detroit Tigers and they will be playing the Indianapolis Indians, the farm team for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

### **The Odd Couple – Turkeyville**

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2022

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: 10 seats available!

This day trip to Turkeyville includes the delicious turkey dinner, the motorcoach, the show and an “actor talk back”!

This classic comedy opens as a group of the guys assemble for cards in the apartment of divorced Oscar Madison. And if the mess is any indication, it’s no wonder that his wife left him. Late to arrive is Felix Unger, who has just been separated from his wife. Fastidious, depressed, and none too tense, Felix seems suicidal. But as the action unfolds, Oscar becomes the one with murder on his mind when the clean freak and the slob decide to room together with hilarious results as *The Odd Couple* is born.”

### **New York City**

Date: Sun - Sat, July 31 – August 6, 2022

Cost: \$1750.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Ready To Go!

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank

Those who were not able to attend the Departure Meeting and have not picked up their packets will receive them on the bus. Luggage tags and name tags will be available at the bus.

### **Tiger Night Game**

Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 4:30 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

Status: 15 seats available!

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Cleveland Guardians for this night game. We have tickets along the third base side. We’ll have supper at the ballpark on your own. The cost includes transportation and the game ticket. Dress for the weather. A hat and sunblock is always a good idea for these summer games!

**Please Note:** Comerica Park has gone “cashless”! All concessions are payable by credit card only. If you take cash to the game, you can insert it into a machine to get a card in order to pay for your food purchases.

### **Mule Drawn Boat Ride**

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Departure: 8:30 a.m. from Clio K-mart

Status: Sold Out! Wait List Started!

Step back in time at the Canal Experience and get a taste of life on the Miami and Erie Canal in 1876. We will ride the Volunteer, a reproduction of a mule drawn canal boat. As we ride the canal boat we will also go through Lock #44, one of the last functioning 19<sup>th</sup> century limestone locks. You can also visit the Ludwig Mill, a working water-powered saw and gristmill.

This trip includes motorcoach transportation, a Luncheon, some shopping time in Grand Rapids, Ohio; the Mule Drawn Boat Ride in the canal, a visit to the Ludwig Mill, all taxes & tips on included events. Return to Clio approx. 6:30 p.m. We will be outdoors so dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

### **Divine Women – Petrolia**

Date: Friday, August 12, 2022

Cost: \$115.00 per person

Departure: 9:00 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: A few seats may be available!

**\*\*\*Must have passport or enhanced driver license, proof of vaccination and fill out the ArriveCan form.**

This fabulous concert event pays respect to some of the greatest female singers of our time. *Divine Women* will feature even more inspiring and popular songs performed by some of Canada’s leading female artists from Musical Theatre, Concert and Cabaret stages. These powerhouse performers will share their admiration for the women that have shaped the world of Pop, Broadway, and Jazz music: *Doris Day, Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand, Julie Andrews, Aretha Franklin, Ella Fitzgerald* and more, with exhilarating renditions of iconic hits like “Natural Woman”, “Memory”, “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”, “I will Always Love You”, “Climb Every Mountain” and “The Winner Takes It All”

As well as main floor tickets for the 2:00 show, this trip includes lunch at Olive’s and the motorcoach. We’ll make a short stop after we cross the border on the way home for those who need something to eat. We should arrive back in Clio between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.

### **Grandparent – Grandkid Trip – Toledo Zoo**

Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Cost: \$70.00 per person

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

How about spending a day at the Toledo Zoo? This trip is designed as a Grandparent / Grandkid Trip! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation and the zoo admission. There are concessions and food options available at the zoo for lunch. At this time, no outside food is allowed in the zoo.

There is an aquarium and a new Natural History Museum, which is also included in your admission as well as many live shows at scheduled times. We will depart the zoo at 4:00 p.m. and should return about 6:00 p.m. in Clio. Dress for the weather.

While this trip is planned for Grandparents and Grandkids, if you like zoos and don’t have a grandkid available, you are welcome to join us! The more, the merrier!

### **Young Americans**

Date: Thurs – Fri, August 18 - 19, 2022

Cost: \$366.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$90.00 per person

Final Balance Due: July 20, 2022

Cancellation Protection: \$50.00 per person due w/ deposit

Departure: 9:00 a.m. from PNC Bank

Status: Seats available!

This trip features the dinner theater of the Young Americans – a group of college age students who spend their summer entertaining and serving at Boyne Highlands.

We will be staying at Birchwood Inn this year. The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, 1 night lodging and breakfast, the dinner theater and more!

Please let me know your choice of entrée when you reserve your seat:

1. Oven Roasted Prime Rib
2. Lemon Herbed Airline Chicken,
3. Maple Bourbon Scottish Salmon
4. Eggplant Lasagna

Single occupancy \$466.00; Triple occupancy \$336.00

### **Quilt Town – Hamilton, Missouri**

Date: Mon – Fri, August 22 – 26, 2022

Cost: \$780.00 per person double occupancy

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from PNC Bank

Status: Seats available!

Calling all Quilters! Here is your opportunity to visit Missouri Star Quilters and the town that has something for everyone! This trip includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners and an opportunity to explore 14 Quilt Shops, the museum, and more!

Single Occupancy: \$1050.00

Triple Occupancy: \$690.00 per person

The trip will feature a presentation by Edie McGinnis.

Edie McGinnis is a prolific author and has been an editor for fifteen years at Kansas City Star Quilts. She is also a popular teacher and lecturer. Her work has appeared in several quilting magazines....

There will be two days to explore the 14 different quilt shops in Hamilton and admission to the Quilt Museum is also included. It should be a great time to be with others who enjoy the same hobby as you!

### **Hamilton – the Musical**

Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Cost: \$180.00 per person

Departure: 3:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

Hamilton is an American Musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda. This sung-and-rapped-through musical tells the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton.

We will head to Toledo for an included dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse and then to the Stranahan Theatre for the 8:00 p.m. show.

“Hamilton” is the hit Broadway show that has drawn an immense number of people to see the show. This American Musical is a sung- and rapped-through musical about the life of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, with music, lyrics and book by Lin-Manuel Miranda, inspired by the 2004 biography Alexander Hamilton by author and historian Ron Chernow. Incorporating hip hop, R&B, pop, soul, traditional-style show tunes, and color-conscious casting of non-white actors as the Founding Fathers and other historical figures. The musical achieved both critical acclaim and box office success. The cost includes the dinner, tickets, and the bus transportation.

### **Tiger Day Game**

Date: Thursday, September 1, 2022

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Seattle Mariners for this day game. We have tickets along the third base side. We'll have lunch at the ballpark on your own. The cost includes transportation and the game ticket. Dress for the weather. Sunblock is always a good idea for summer games! I highly recommend a hat.

**Please Note:** Comerica Park has gone “cashless”! All concessions are payable by credit card only. If you take cash to the game, you can insert it into a machine to get a card in order to pay for your food purchases.

### **Labor Day Bridge Walk**

Date: Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Cost: \$58.00 per person

Departure: 2:00 a.m. from Clio K-mart

Status: A few seats may be available!

Walk the Mackinac Bridge with thousands of other people on Labor Day. Your payment will reserve your seat. We will stop for a bathroom break on the way and breakfast will be included at the rest area once we cross the bridge. You will walk south to Mackinaw City and then have time to shop, have a good meal, and we'll meet at 1:30 p.m. and head south to Clio. We arrive home about 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

### **Horrocks**

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022

Cost: \$38.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

Time for shopping at Horrocks in Lansing! This is an amazing Farm Market! We will have time for shopping for fruits, vegetables, meats and cheeses and more! There is a deli where you can have lunch. Wine tasting and beer tasting is also available. Where else can you enjoy a glass while shopping? Bring a cooler if you want to bring home items that would be better off being kept cool. They also have items for your gardens and yards! We will depart about 1:30 to head back to Clio.

### **David – Lancaster**

**New!**

Dates: Mon – Thurs, September 12 – 15, 2022

Cost: \$590.00 per person double occupancy

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank

Final Payment Now Due!

Cancellation Protection: \$70.00 per person due w/ deposit.

Join the Lakeville Golden Gals for this wonderful trip.

This trip will include 3 nights lodging, 2 dinners, 3 breakfasts, the production of David at the Sight and Sound Theater. We will also visit the Chalk Artist; visit Hershey's, some Amish Farms, Kitchen Kettle Village and a 2nd show which will be Kinky Boots!

“David. Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Experience this legendary Bible story as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals!”

Triple price: \$525.00 per person; Single price: \$745.00

### **Church Basement Ladies # 1**

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

This day trip to Turkeyville includes the delicious turkey dinner, the motorcoach, the show and an “actor talk back”!

“A celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there, this musical comedy follows four women as they prepare food and solve the problems of a rural Minnesota church in 1964. From the elderly matriarch to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, we see them handle a record-breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, an Easter fundraiser and hot July wedding. With good, clean laughs and memorable characters, Church Basement Ladies is heavenly fun!”

### **Church Basement Ladies # 2**

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

This day trip to Turkeyville includes the delicious turkey dinner, the motorcoach, the show and an "actor talk back"! This is the same as trip # 1 ... just a different day!

### **When Irish Eyes Are Smiling – Petrolia**

Date: Friday, September 23, 2022

Cost: \$115.00 per person

Departure: 9:00 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

**\*\*\*Must have passport or enhanced driver license, proof of vaccination and fill out the ArriveCan form.**

Imagine the atmosphere of a Dublin pub overflowing with the energy and excitement of bawdy Irish tunes mixed with heart-wrenching ballads and beautiful Celtic melodies. There'll be flying fiddles, tin whistles, guitars, and accordions playing along with high-stepping, hand-clappin' and toe-tappin' good fun entertainment. From glen to glen and down the mountain side you will be serenaded with many Irish classics including the beloved "Danny Boy", and as Irish luck would have it, a fair many more...

This trip includes lunch at Olive's, the motorcoach and main floor tickets for the 2:00 show. We should arrive back in Clio between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.

### **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta**

Date: September 30 – October 5, 2022

Cost: \$3080.00 per person double occupancy

Insurance is included (valued at \$285.00)

Status: Sold Out!

This trip includes 2 nights in Albuquerque, New Mexico and 3 nights in Santa Fe, New Mexico as well as 5 breakfasts and 2 dinners; roundtrip airfare; travel protection plan; and more! There will be sightseeing stops in Old Town, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center; Los Alamos Bradbury Science Museum; Taos; Santa Fe City Tour and the highlight... the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta! Enjoy one of the most photographed events in the world followed by the Mass Ascension! That evening return to witness the Balloon Glow just before dusk as they light up the evening sky. This trip will certainly be a colorful and memorable experience. We are doing this trip with Premier World Discovery.

The Departure Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. at the office. We will be discussing the trip schedule, handing out trip packets, and talking about packing. It is a great opportunity to meet others traveling on this trip, ask questions and get some great travel tips.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, you can pick up your packet anytime after the meeting during office hours.

We will be in the Mountain Time Zone.

### **Daniel O'Donnell in Shipshewana**

Dates: Thursday – Friday, October 6 – 7, 2022

Cost: \$280.00 per person double occupancy

Departure: 10:00 a.m. from PNC Bank

Deposit: \$80.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$50.00 per person (optional)

Status: A few seats may be available!

Daniel O'Donnell will be at the Shipshewana Center for Performing Arts. This venue will be host to the evening show presented by Daniel O'Donnell. His show is always a delight! His show is a unique production that features the star entertaining his audience with a nostalgic trip down memory lane as he performs hit after hit in the show.

This trip includes the motorcoach, 1 night lodging at Van Buren Hotel, a buffet style dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant, and ticket for the Daniel O'Donnell Show. Following an included breakfast we will visit a bakery, the cheese house, Yoder's Department Store and the Bulk Food Store. Bring a cooler if you'd like to purchase items that need refrigeration.

Single: \$335.00 Triple: \$260.00 per person

### **Rails of West Virginia**

Dates: Monday – Friday; October 10 – 14, 2022

Cost: \$1439.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$100.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 a person due w/ deposit.

Final payment due: August 10, 2022

Status: A few seats may be available!

There will be two buses on this trip and we are excited that there is so much interest. Although we will be traveling together, each bus will have its own escort and stay at its own hotel. That will make the breakfast serving time go smoothly and luggage handling be quicker. I will be on 1 bus (Red Group) and Katrina will escort the other bus (Blue Group). We will be designating 2 different pick-up stops since the bank parking lot cannot accommodate that number of cars.

**All details will be given ahead of time at the Departure Meetings which will be held on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m. at the office.** Please plan to attend one meeting or the other. Since space is limited at the office, we will be doing two meetings. Information will be the same at both meetings. If you cannot attend either meeting, please plan to pick up your packet at anytime after that date during office hours.

This trip includes motorcoach transportation, 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners. Enjoy fall color in West Virginia from the trains... New Tygart Flyer and Cass Scenic Railroad. We will also visit the West Virginia Railroad Museum, Green Bank Observatory, Gandy Dancer Dinner Theatre, Beckley Coal Mine Tour, and Greenbrier Bunker. This five day trip will be a perfect get-away to enjoy fall color. Detailed flyers are available!

Single: \$1,849.00

Triple: \$1,299.00

We are partnering with Shoreline Tours for this trip.

### **Travel Tip:**

To save plastic bottles from landing in the landfills, bring a refillable water bottle on the trips. You can keep hydrated and refill your water as needed. There are many varieties and types of bottles. Thanks for helping to recycle and reuse.

### **Ark Encounter & Creation Museum # 1 New Info!**

Date: Tues – Wed; October 18 – 19, 2022

Cost: \$268.00 per person (double occupancy)

Deposit: \$75.00 per person

Balance Due: September 15, 2022

Cancellation Protection: \$40.00 per person due w/ deposit

Departure: **6:00 a.m.** from the PNC Bank

Status: Sold Out! Wait list started! (See Ark Trip # 2)

The trip includes a self-guided tour of the Creation Museum which brings the pages of the Bible to life; a visit to the Ark Encounter which allows you to go at your own pace through the life-sized reconstruction of Noah's Ark; 1 night stay at the Hampton Inn, 1 breakfast and 1 luncheon buffet; and the motorcoach transportation.

Single \$338.00; Triple \$258.00 per person

Motorized carts are available for rent at each facility on a first come – first serve basis for those who may need it. Both facilities are easily walkable due to the ramps and elevators to get you from floor to floor. This is an easy trip which calls for only an overnight bag. You will be taking your own bag to and from your room. Keep it light! Luggage tags will be handed out at the bus.

### **Mackinac Island & Grand Hotel New Info!**

Dates: Monday – Thursday, October 24 – 27, 2022

Cost: \$870.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$200.00 per person

Final Balance Due: August 20, 2022

Cancellation Protection: \$75.00 per person due w/ deposit

Status: Sold Out! Wait list started!

This trip includes 3 nights at the Grand Hotel, the motorcoach, ferry boat to and from the island, carriage ride around the island, afternoon tea & cookies, many other activities, classes and entertainment, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, and lots more. It is like a 'land cruise' with many included activities like fudge bingo, movies, contests, a cocktail reception and more. This year's trip will also include 2 Grand Buffet Luncheons and lots of sales since it is the end of the month.

Single price: \$1120.00 Triple price: \$845.00 per person

Note: Dress Code after 6:00 p.m. requires jacket and tie for men and dressy slacks and top or dress for women.

**Departure Meeting:** We will hold a Departure Meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the office. We will answer questions, meet others traveling on this trip and talk about packing. Please plan to come. If you cannot come, plan to pick up your packet anytime after that meeting during office hours.

### **Ark Encounter & Creation Museum # 2**

Date: Wed – Thurs; November 2-3, 2022

Cost: \$268.00 per person (double occupancy)

Deposit: \$75.00 per person

Balance Due: October 2, 2022

Cancellation Protection: \$40.00 per person due w/ deposit

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from the PNC Bank

Status: Seats Available

The trip includes a self-guided tour of the Creation Museum which brings the pages of the Bible to life; a visit to the Ark Encounter which allows you to go at your own pace through the life-sized reconstruction of Noah's Ark; 1 night stay at the Hampton Inn, 1 breakfast and 1 luncheon buffet; and the motorcoach transportation.

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See above article Ark Encounter trip #1 for additional information regarding packing and motorized carts.

### **Ikea – Fall Shopping**

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Cost: \$38.00 per person

Departs: 9:00 a.m. from the Clio K-mart

Status: Seats available!

If you've heard about IKEA, but have never been there or you would like to go again, now is your chance! This shopping experience is not like any other store. They have everything for the home... (no clothes!) There are small items as well as big furniture items. We will have the entire luggage bays to bring home any great bargains you might find! There is also a restaurant on the premises for a break or for lunch. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring your blue Ikea bag and your orange "family" membership card if you've been before. You are welcome to bring a cooler if there are frozen food items you'd like to purchase from the grocery section.

A reminder that Ikea accepts credit cards, debit cards and cash. No personal checks are accepted.

### **Still Dreaming of a White Christmas # 1**

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

This day trip to Turkeyville includes the delicious turkey dinner, the motorcoach, the show and an "actor talk back"!

"A Cornwell's original, filled with holiday classics! A sister act, two dashing song and dance men, and a whole lot of Christmas cheer can be found in this continuation of the beloved Christmas story. Now a successful foursome on the vaudeville touring circuit, the combined acts of the old war buddies and the sisters is getting a bit stale. To liven things up, one of the guys adds a sultry young singer to the lineup which doesn't sit well with his partners. Featuring well-loved favorites such as 'Cheek to Cheek,' 'Baby, It's Cold Outside,' and 'White Christmas,' this stylish evening of the 1940's standards will have you dreaming of a white Christmas as well!

### **Come From Away - Grand Rapids**

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022

Cost: \$115.00 per person

Departure: 3:30 p.m.. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

"Come From Away" is based on the true story of when the isolated community of Gander, Newfoundland played host to the world. What started as an average day in a small town turned into an international sleep-over when 38 planes, carrying thousands of people from across the globe, were diverted to Gander's air strip on September 11, 2001. Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, the people of Gander cheered the stranded travelers with music, an open bar and the recognition that we're all part of a global family.

This trip includes the motorcoach transportation and seats for the show at DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids. A stop for supper will be on your own en route to the theatre.

**Branson Christmas Shows & Lights      New Info!**  
**Featuring the “Miracle of Christmas” at the Sight & Sound Theatre**

Dates: Wed – Tues, November 16 – 22, 2022  
Cost: \$1140.00 per person, double occupancy  
Deposit: \$140.00 per person  
Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 a person due w/ deposit  
Balance Due: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Status: Sold Out! Wait List Started!  
Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank

We will travel to the Ozark Mountains and enjoy shows from the area as well as two Christmas Light Displays, shopping in Historic Downtown Branson, visiting the College of the Ozarks, and enjoying some great food!

This trip will be seven days, six nights, and include the motorcoach, 6 dinners, 6 breakfasts, 6 nights lodging, and 9 shows including The Duttons; Yakov Smirnoff; Doug Gabriel; Clay Cooper's Country Express; Hughes Brothers; CJ's Classic Country and Comedy, The Brett Family, New Jersey Nights and The Miracle of Christmas at the Sight & Sound Theatre. We will visit the historic downtown as well as the College of the Ozarks.

Branson is a delightful place to visit as the entire area seems to focus on God, family and country!

We will stay at the Shrine Hotel in Belleville, Illinois on the way to and from Branson. There is no need to pack a smaller bag for the nights spent to and from Branson. You will receive your luggage at each hotel. Each person is able to have 1 large checked bag and a carry-on. You will receive a luggage tag at the bus on the morning of departure.

Triple occupancy: \$1050.00 per person  
Single occupancy: \$1440.00 per person

**Starbright Christmas – Petrolia # 1**

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022  
Cost: \$120.00 per person  
Departure: 9:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart  
Status: ½ full!

**\*\*\*Must have passport or enhanced driver license, proof of vaccination and fill out the ArriveCan form.**

We will head to Petrolia, Ontario and after a delicious lunch, enjoy an afternoon production of Starbright Christmas Celebration, a musical collection of Christmas songs, singers, dancers and choirs, at the Victoria Playhouse. There is not a lot of walking and it should be a relaxing, enjoyable day!

Lunch will be included at Olive's Casual Cuisine in Sarnia on our way to Petrolia. There will be a light supper stop on the way home after we return to Michigan. There is no need to worry about having any Canadian money. We should return to Clio about 7:00 p.m.

**Starbright Christmas – Petrolia # 2**

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022  
Cost: \$120.00 per person  
Departure: 9:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart  
Status: ½ full!

**\*\*\*Must have passport or enhanced driver license, proof of vaccination and fill out the ArriveCan form.**

We will head to Petrolia, Ontario and after a delicious lunch, enjoy an afternoon production of Starbright Christmas Celebration, a musical collection of Christmas songs, singers, dancers and choirs, at the Victoria Playhouse.

This is the same as Trip # 1 just a different day!

**Still Dreaming of a White Christmas # 2**

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022  
Cost: \$80.00 per person  
Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart  
Status: ½ full!

This day trip to Turkeyville includes the delicious turkey dinner, the motorcoach, the show and an “actor talk back”!

“A Cornwell's original, filled with holiday classics! A sister act, two dashing song and dance men, and a whole lot of Christmas cheer can be found in this continuation of the beloved Christmas story. Now a successful foursome on the vaudeville touring circuit, the combined acts of the old war buddies and the sisters is getting a bit stale. Featuring well-loved favorites such as ‘Cheek to Cheek,’ ‘Baby, It's Cold Outside,’ and ‘White Christmas,’ this stylish evening of the 1940's standards will have you dreaming of a white Christmas as well!”

**An Elkhart Christmas Experience!**

Date: December 15 – 16, 2022  
Cost: \$285.00 per person double occupancy  
Departure: 9:00 a.m. from PNC Bank  
Deposit: \$50.00 per person  
Cancellation Protection: \$50.00 per person  
Status: Sold Out! Wait List Started

We will experience the delights of the Elkhart area including Linton's Enchanted Gardens “Holiday Village” and the Christmas Feast Dinner and the Shipshewana Majestic Noel. This amazing show is filled with non-stop equestrian adventures of all kinds featuring some of the most beautiful horses anywhere. Along with incredibly talented riders from all around the world. This show also features lovely and death-defying aerialists, performing jaw dropping routines, high in the air, with a blend of beauty and grace combined with danger and bravery that will take you on a roller coaster ride of emotions! You'll witness all the festive lights that make Christmas so grand, you'll sing along with world class vocalists to all your favorite traditional songs of the season, as well as some new favorites! You dance along with the Yuletide dancers as they do their part to spread Christmas cheer and you will laugh at our hilarious comedy throughout the show, including a moment when a cow thinks he's a reindeer! Mostly, you will be transported back to your childhood, and experience a feeling you may have forgotten about for many years...that childlike innocence and excitement that only the Christmas season can bring. Christmas is without a doubt the most special time of the year, and “Noel” is proud and honored to share with you the real Reason we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! “Noel” features one of the largest living nativities anywhere, complete with a re-creation of the stable and manger in Bethlehem where the savior was born. A glorious Angel on horseback heralds the Lord's coming as wise men from the East with real life camels come to witness the blessed miracle, as well as the townspeople with their sheep, goats, donkeys and cows. The powerful music and narration of our nativity scene, and the message of hope and everlasting life that it brings will change your life!

We'll drive through the 2 million LED lights of light displays before spending the night at the Holiday Inn Express in Elkhart. On our 2<sup>nd</sup> day, we will visit several places including an Amish Wind Chime Maker, a Mennonite Jam/Butter Maker, a Basket Maker and a popcorn shop. We'll enjoy a great Amish wedding feast before heading home to Clio.

Single price: \$330.00    Triple price: \$260.00 per person

### **“Tina” the Tina Turner Musical**

This musical is coming to Detroit in December. I've had a few requests to go see it. I'm wondering how much interest there will be so I can purchase the right amount of tickets. Let me know your thoughts!

“From humble beginnings in Nutbush, Tennessee, to her transformation into the global Queen of Rock 'n Roll, Tina Turner didn't just break the rules, she rewrote them. This new hit stage musical, presented in association with Tina Turner herself, reveals the untold story of a woman who dared to defy the bounds of her age, gender and race.

### **Birthday Club**

**New!**

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Departure: 11:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This “Michigan Premiere” of Birthday Club will be presented at Meadow Brook. This comedy is the story of five women who get together for their birthdays to drink, celebrate, commiserate and support each other as they negotiate through marriage, work, divorce, birth and kids, all while solving the problems of the world. One by one they reveal their personal, work and family issues, and when one of them admits a surprising secret, the vodka hits the fan. The questions is: Will Birthday Club survive, or will it end forever? We will stop at Great Lakes Crossings for lunch before heading to Meadow Brook for the 2:00 matinee which will be on your own. The cost includes the motorcoach transportation and the show ticket. What a great way to beat the winter blahs than seeing an enjoyable comedy with friends.

### **Genitti's**

**New!**

Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Join us for a trip to Genitti's in Northville for an Italian meal and show! The seven-course family-style Italian dinner is a guaranteed delight. Like an old Italian wedding, it features lots of food, served hot. The dinner starts off with homemade Italian wedding soup followed by pasta, antipasto salad, then Italian sausage with green peppers and onions, Italian steak with potatoes, baked chicken with zucchini and cannoli for dessert! Following the meal, we will enjoy an interactive show. Who knows what will happen! The cost includes the motorcoach, the dinner and the show as well as gratuities! We should return to Clio between 3:30 and 4:00 – perfect for those who like an early return before it gets dark!

### **Blues In The Night**

**New!**

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Departure: 5:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

This trip includes the motorcoach and the tickets for the 8:00 p.m. performance of Blues In The Night at Meadow Brook. Using music from the great artists such as Bessie Smith, Duke Ellington, Johnny Mercer, and Harold Arlen this musical tells of the sweet, sexy, and sorrowful experiences three women have with the lying, cheating, snake-of-a-man who wrongs them. The soul of the blues wails out full and strong with songs such as “I Gotta Right To Sing the Blues,” “When A Woman Loves A Man,” and “I've Got A Date With A Dream,” that are sure to bring down the house. There will be a stop at Great Lakes Crossings for a light supper on your way to the theatre which will be on your own.

### **Hawaiian Islands – Land & Cruise**

**New Info!**

Date: March 2 – 15, 2023

Cost: determined by the room type on the ship...

\$5900.00 per person double occupancy for balcony

\$4900.00 per person double occupancy for ocean view

Deposit: \$500.00 per person

2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit due: \$1,000.00 by August 25, 2022

Final Balance due: October 25, 2022

Cancellation Protection Included: Value \$350.00

Status: 12 seats available!

Join me for a trip to the Hawaiian Islands in March of 2023. Let's get away from the winter weather and enjoy a couple weeks in the sun! March is a delightful time to visit Hawaii because the whales are having their babies and we can often see them breaching from the shore. We will depart on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and fly to Hawaii. Arriving at our hotel we will be a block from Waikiki Beach. It will be early evening there and due to the time change, it will be a long day for us. On Friday, we'll relax – sleep in if you choose – and learn your way around the hotel and surrounding area. Perhaps hanging out on Waikiki Beach will be enjoyable for you. On Saturday afternoon we will head to the ship terminal and board the Norwegian Cruise Line's “Pride of America” for a week long cruise. The cruise will take us to the four major islands where you will have an opportunity to purchase shore excursions of your choice on each island. The meals on the cruise ship and many ship activities will be included for your enjoyment. Returning to Honolulu, we will stay for three additional nights at the same hotel in Waikiki. Since you'll already be rested and know your way around, you can really enjoy some local activities. I will schedule day trips to Pearl Harbor and a city tour as well as a day to the Polynesian Cultural Center. These are places that I recommend everyone take time to see especially if it is your first trip to Hawaii. Aloha!

Wow! There has been such an incredible amount of interest, we have purchased additional seats for this trip. Our flight will be a direct flight from Detroit to Honolulu making it easier for all and no need to worry about dashing through an airport to catch a connecting flight! This is an amazing plus for this large group!

### **Virginia International Tattoo**

**New Info!**

Date: Tues – Sun, April 18 – 24, 2023

Cost: To be determined!

The Virginia International Tattoo is a military tattoo that began in 1997 and is the signature event of the Virginia Arts Festival. Presented annually in Norfolk, Virginia, the Tattoo is an exhibition of military bands, massed pipes and drums, military drill teams, Celtic dancers and choirs.

This trip will include 6 nights lodging, motorcoach transportation, the Tattoo and more! To bring you the best trip we are working with local visitor centers in selecting the events, hotels and meals that will give you the most value. Thanks for your patience as I continue to put together a trip that will enhance your week in Virginia as we enjoy the Tattoo!

### **Lion King at the Stranahan in Toledo!**

Date: May 2, 2023

Cost: \$135.00 per person

Departure: 3:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

This phenomenal show will be at the Stranahan Theatre in Toledo. The trip includes your ticket to Lion King, dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse and the motorcoach transportation. "The story of The Lion King takes place in an African kingdom called the Pride Lands, where a lion rules over the other animals as king. Rafiki, a mandrill shaman, **anoints Simba**, the newborn cub of King Mufasa and Queen Sarabi, and presents him to a gathering of animals at Pride Rock."

This is the show that was cancelled in 2020. If you left your money to hold your seat for this show, please check the new date and makes sure this date will work for you. If not, we will issue you a refund. Since many did receive refunds already or moved their money to a different trip, there are now seats available for this show which was previously sold out!

### **Nashville Sampler**

Date: May 8 - 13, 2023 Mon – Sat

Cost: \$1365.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$130.00 per person

Cancellation Protection \$70.00 due with deposit

Final Balance due: April 1, 2023

Status: A few seats may be available!

This trip is designed to give you a feel for the wonderful city of Nashville, Tennessee. Instead of focusing on just one area, we are doing a mixture of country music, civil war, historical locations, botanical gardens, shows and great food!

Included are accommodations for 5 nights, 5 breakfasts and 5 dinners, 3 shows including Grand Ole Opry, Nashville Nightlife Theatre and Songwriters's performance. A guided tour of Nashville, Hermitage, Studio B, Country Music Hall of Fame, Ryman Auditorium, Carter House, Carnation Plantation, Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, walking tour of Gaylord Opryland Resort, free time in downtown Nashville and a progressive antebellum dinner including James K Polk home, Elm Springs, and Atheneum is also included. Taxes, meal gratuities and baggage handling is also included.

Single occupancy: \$1660.00; Triple occupancy: \$1290.00 per person

### **Wicked**

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Cost: \$130.00 per person

Departure: 5:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats Available

"Long before that girl from Kansas arrives in Munchkinland, two girls meet in the land of Oz. One, born with emerald green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. How these two grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good makes for the most complete, and completely satisfying, musical in a long time." Wicked is the winner of over 50 major awards, including a Grammy and three Tony awards. It is "Broadway's biggest blockbuster!"

This trip includes the ticket and transportation to Wharton Center for Performing Arts for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will not be a supper stop so eat an early dinner or bring a snack for on the bus!

### **Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice**

### **New Info!**

Date: June 11 – 20, 2023

Cost: \$5548.00 per person double occupancy

Save \$150.00 if reserved by December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Deposit: \$999.00 per person

Final Balance due: April 12, 2023

Insurance: Included. Valued at \$399.00

Status: Seats available!

Iceland is a Nordic Island country in the North Atlantic, with a population of 348,580 and an area of 103,000 km<sup>2</sup>, making it the most sparsely populated country in Europe. The capital and largest city is Reykjavík, with Reykjavík and the surrounding areas in the southwest of the country being home to over two-thirds of the population. Iceland is volcanically and geologically active. The interior consists of a plateau characterized by sand and lava fields, mountains, and glaciers, and many glacial rivers flow to the sea through the lowlands.

This trip is the land of the Midnight Sun and days will be long as the sun almost never sets. This trip includes 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners and 7 nights lodging. The first day and 9<sup>th</sup> day would be the travel days to and from Iceland. This also includes transportation to and from the airport, the airflight, the insurance and many activities and tours while in Iceland. Highlights include Reykjavik (the Capital City); Golden Circle; Thingvellir National Park; Vik; Gullfoss Waterfall; Geysir; Snaefellsnes Peninsula; Breidafjörður Bay; Waterfall Seljalandsfoss; Skogar Museum Vatnajökull National Park; and the Lava Exhibition Centre.

Call for a detailed flyer with the registration form. This trip is offered through Collette Vacations.

**\*\*\* You must have a valid passport for this trip!**

**New:** A Sales Rep from Collette Vacations (Ed McKenna) will be here at the office to share a slide presentation and answer questions about the Iceland Trip on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

### **Nova Scotia**

Date: July 27 – August 5, 2023

Cost: To be announced – waiting on air information.

This relaxing trip takes us to Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island. We will experience the Cabot Trail as well as spending time in Halifax. We will also visit Peggy's Cove and see one of the most photographed lighthouses on the east coast. The public gardens in Halifax are beautiful and have always been enjoyed by previous groups. On Prince Edward Island there will be a visit to the homestead which was the inspiration for Anne of Green Gables as well as enjoy a lobster dinner and a stay in Charlottetown. For this trip we take the motorcoach to Toronto Airport and then fly to Halifax and return the same way. This allows us to go through customs at the border on a bus instead of at the airport.

\*A passport is required for this trip. I need your name as it is on your passport!

### **Trips We are Working On for 2023...**

#### **Spooktacular Louisville**

Date: October 9 – 11, 2023

#### **Sedona, Arizona & the Grand Canyon**

Date: November 5 – 10, 2023

#### **Oglebay, West Virginia Festival of Lights**

Date: November 27 – 30, 2023

### **Romeos! Calling all men! Come and join us!**

This group of men gather monthly to enjoy lunch, laughter and good conversation. An active group of guys attended the first meeting and the Romeo's were official. Romeo's stands for Rowdy Old Men Eating Out! No dues, no committees, just eat out every month with other guys to provide input on whatever is of interest to anyone.

The luncheon will be on Thursday, August 18 at Red Robin on Miller Rd. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

### **Breakfast Club!**

The Breakfast Club meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at the Bob Evans in Birch Run. It is a great opportunity to get together with friends, ask questions of Ann, or make suggestions for future trips. No reservations are needed, just come and join us! Upcoming dates are August 5, and September 2, 2022.

### **Money Matters...**

#### **Making a Payment**

Payments can be made in cash, checks or money orders. **I can take credit cards** however, there will be a 3% charge added onto the payment if you decide to use a credit card. Checks should be made out to Ann's Adventures. When sending checks, please write on the memo line what trip the check is for or use the form on the back page of this newsletter. It helps me get your payment posted to the right trip more quickly. If you would like a receipt, you should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. There will be a \$15.00 charge for any check returned for insufficient funds.

#### **Do I need to send a deposit?**

A deposit assures your seat on a trip. When you call to put your name on a trip list, that lets me know how many people are interested. Your deposit (or full payment) assures you of a seat. Sometimes there are more names on the interest list than there are actual seats available. When the maximum number of seats with money deposited are full, the rest becomes the wait list. The bottom line is... if you really want to go, you should put down a deposit. For day trips, a \$20.00 deposit will hold your seat. For extended trips, the deposit amount is listed at the top of the article. **The remaining balance for all trips is due 1 month prior to the trip unless specifically noted.**

#### **Can I get a Refund?**

Refunds will be given only if there is a wait list and I am able to fill your place prior to departure. Partial refunds may be given if I am able to recover the costs of prepaid tickets, meals, etc. Cancellations and no-shows on the day of the trip will not be entitled to a refund. **Refund checks are issued after the trip is completed and can take a few months to process.**

We often have to wait for refunds to come to us from the hotels, activities, etc, Thank you for understanding.

Refund checks are issued to the person who paid for the trip. If your friend paid for your trip and you cancel, the refund is sent to the person who paid for you to go. In order for my books to match, the money refunded must match the person who paid it.

### **What is cancellation protection?**

Cancellation Protection is a specified amount of money for overnight trips that is **due with your deposit** and protects all monies (except the cost of the cancellation protection) in the event of cancellation for any reason, anytime prior to departure. It is not insurance but does provide protection for the cost of your trip.

Insurance is available and is included when we go overseas. Collette Trips include insurance and that would cover much more while we are in another country.

### **Travel Certificates Make Great Gifts!**

Looking for the perfect gift? Travel Certificates are available in any amount! They can be used for any Ann's Adventures Trip! There is no expiration date! Tell your kids you want the gift of Travel! These make great gifts for retirement, birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas or other special events such as Mother's Day and Father's Day!

### **Driver Tips**

For all day trips, the driver tip is included in the cost of the trip. On overnight trips, we do pass an envelope for the driver. For overnight trips, it is recommended \$2.00 to \$3.00 per person per day. The driver is handling your luggage each time we change hotels.

### **Become a STAR!**

I offer a special program for frequent travelers.

You can become a "STAR" which stands for Special Travel Adventure Rate! For \$36.00 per year you can become a STAR! As a result, every trip you sign up for will be \$6.00 less in cost. So, if you travel at least 6 times in a year, you will have made your money back and for every trip after that, you come out ahead!

### **Going South? Going North? Please take note!**

The post office does not forward bulk mail. If you want to receive the newsletter and are heading south for any length of time, please let me know. You can receive the newsletter via email – then you can get it wherever you are, give me a winter address and let me know how long you will be gone or have the newsletter stopped. You can call and resume it in the spring. Newsletters are returned to me as undeliverable if you have your mail forwarded. This is costly. When a newsletter is returned, we remove the person from the mailing list until we hear from them.

### **Health Matters...**

#### **Medical Forms**

Is your medical form up to date? A medical form ensures that I can give medical professionals correct information about your health in the event of a medical emergency. If something happens, they need to know your birthdate and list of current medications. If you need to update your form, I always carry extra on the trips. You can ask me for a form or call and I can email one to you. You can always pick one up when you are in the office.

#### **Dietary Restrictions:**

If you have a special dietary need, I need to know this in advance of the trip. When meals are catered for a group of 50, caterers plan for the number of meals ordered and often do not have additional options ready on the spot. If you vary from the original menu, there may be an additional charge.

## Trips At A Glance!

### 2022

Mud Hens	July 27, 2022	\$65.00	Toledo
The Odd Couple	July 28, 2022	\$80.00	Turkeyville
New York City	July 31 – August 6, 2022	\$1750.00	New York
Tiger Night Game	August 10, 2022	\$85.00	Comerica Park Detroit
Mule Drawn Boat Ride	August 11, 2022	\$95.00	Grand Rapids, OH
Divine Women	August 12, 2022	\$115.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Grandparent – Grandkid Zoo Trip	August 17, 2022	\$70.00	Toledo, OH
Young Americans	August 18 -19, 2022	\$366.00	Boyne Highlands
Quilt Town	August 22 – 26, 2022	\$780.00	Hamilton, Missouri
Hamilton	August 30, 2022	\$180.00	Toledo, Ohio
Tiger Day Game	September 1, 2022	\$80.00	Comerica Park Detroit
Labor Day Bridge Walk	September 5, 2022	\$58.00	Mackinaw City
Horrocks	September 8, 2022	\$38.00	Lansing, MI
David – Sight & Sound	September 12 -15, 2022	\$590.00	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Church Basement Ladies # 1	September 20, 2022	\$80.00	Turkeyville
Church Basement Ladies # 2	September 21, 2022	\$80.00	Turkeyville
When Irish Eyes Are Smiling	September 23, 2022	\$115.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta	Sept 30 – Oct 5, 2022	\$3080.00	New Mexico
Daniel O'Donnell	October 6 – 7, 2022	\$280.00	Shipshewana
Rails of West Virginia	Oct 10 - 14, 2022	\$1439.00	West Virginia
Ark Encounter # 1	October 18 – 19, 2022	\$268.00	Kentucky
Mackinac Island & Grand Hotel	October 24 – 27, 2022	\$870.00	Mackinac Island
Ark Encounter # 2	November 2- 3, 2022	\$268.00	Kentucky
IKEA – Fall Shopping	November 9, 2022	\$38.00	Canton, MI
Still Dreaming of a White Christmas # 1	Nov 10, 2022	\$80.00	Turkeyville
Come From Away	November 10, 2022	\$115.00	Grand Rapids
Christmas in Branson	Nov 16 - 22, 2022	\$1140.00	Missouri
Starbright Christmas # 1	December 6, 2022	\$120.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Starbright Christmas # 2	December 7, 2022	\$120.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Still Dreaming of a White Christmas # 2	Dec 13, 2022	\$80.00	Turkeyville
Elkhart Christmas Experience	December 15 – 16, 2022	\$285.00	Indiana

### 2023

Birthday Club	January 25, 2023	\$80.00	Meadow Brook
Genitti's	January 31, 2023	\$85.00	Northville, MI
Blues In The Night	February 23, 2023	\$80.00	Meadow Brook
Hawaii Land & Cruise	March 2 – 15, 2023	see article	Hawaiian Islands
International Tattoo	April 18 -26, 2023	TBA	Norfolk, Virginia
Lion King	May 2, 2023	\$135.00	Toledo, Ohio
Nashville Sampler	May 8 – 12, 2023	\$1365.00	Tennessee
Wicked	May 18, 2023	\$130.00	Wharton
Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice	June 11 – 20, 2023	\$5548.00	Iceland
Nova Scotia	July 27 – Aug 5, 2023	TBA	Canada



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Longer trips may have a separate registration form, please see individual trip article to see if additional information is required.

Please help us to make sure your checks are credited to the right account! Please use the form on the back of the newsletter, write us a note or at least write the name of the trip on your check. We are accepting payments on over 40 trips at any given time and it is difficult to remember who is going where! Thank-you!