

Ann's Adventures

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The New Year Has Begun...

2023 ended with a couple of exciting trips... The Christmas Mystery Trip was to Butler County, Ohio which is located between Dayton and Cincinnati. We enjoyed a dinner at the Golden Lamb which is 220 years old. We had a donut experience with the Donut Dude and everyone decorated their own donut. A visit to EnterTRAINment was enjoyable from the behind the scenes tour to the largest indoor train display in the US to the Marbleous Marble Collection. There was something for everyone! We finished up our time there with a pizza party for lunch. At Petals and Wicks, everyone got to experience adding scents to their own candle. A visit to BeauVerre Studios helped us learn about the stained glass process. Dinner at Mz Jade's Soul Food filled us up for dinner and then we did two drive-thru Christmas Light displays before returning to our hotel. The third day we visited a large Antique Mall and an Ice Cream / Chocolate Shop on the way home. An exciting three days to leave your troubles behind and relax!

The next trip to wind up the year was heading to California for the Rose Bowl Parade. How nice that Michigan was prominently featured with all of us wearing our Michigan attire! New Years Eve we had a party complete with noise makers and hats.

Of course, this means we started the New Year in California and enjoyed beautiful weather for the parade. Shortly after arriving back in Michigan, I headed to Nashville for the Annual ABA Marketplace. This annual conference is a wonderful resource for Tour Operators as we have appointments scheduled every six minutes for us over three days. I met with hotels, restaurants, museums, cities, farms, and so many destinations that want me to bring you to visit. I met with over 160 vendors and my head is still spinning from all the information I was able to bring back with me.

This newsletter has several new trips as well as new ideas that I am working on for this year and next year as well. I was able to get a lot of ideas for our Route 66 trip in 2026. If you attend the Travel Networking meeting in February, I will be discussing other ideas and answering questions you may have about our travels.

I am grateful for the many kind expressions Rebecca and I received when my mom passed away in mid-December. She was 92 and lived every moment of her life with joy and music in her soul. She raised 9 kids and took care of many more (too numerous to count). She had 24 grandchildren and the 44th great grandchild was born 2 ½ hours before she died. There are 3 more great grandchildren in production.

I am looking forward to a busy year ahead and enjoying planning trips that I hope you will enjoy! Everyone can't go everywhere which is why I try to offer a wide variety. Pick and choose the trips that sound like fun to you. Then once in a while try something new! You might surprise yourself! This is why a mystery trip is so popular...

Ann

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Steve Solomon's Cannoli, Latkes & Guilt!
... the therapy continues**

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Status: 8 seats available!

Departure: 12:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart

"Just in case you've missed one of Steve Solomon's award-winning *My Mother's Italian*, *My Father's Jewish* comedies, he's back with a hilarious one-man show featuring the very best comedy plus loads of new material. This show is a laugh-filled fest of everybody you know, have known and some you'd want to forget but can't! Each of the 20 or so characters is brought to life by Steve using the voices and dialects that they possess in real life. Close your eyes and you'd swear there were two or three people chatting on stage, but all these people are voiced by Steve. Prepare to spend a hysterical evening of side-splitting laughs with one of America's best storytellers and dialecticians. Don't miss this afternoon of fun!" Join me for an afternoon of comedy at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts to enjoy Steve Solomon on stage! This trip includes the motorcoach and main floor tickets for the 3:00 p.m. show. There will be a light lunch stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way which will be 'on your own'.

Wicked # 1

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Cost: \$132.00 per person

Status: 2 seats available!

Departure: 4:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

"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.

This trip includes the ticket and transportation to the Detroit Opera House for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way to the theatre.

FISHER THEATRE SECURITY

All patrons will be scanned with metal detector wands upon arrival at the Fisher Theatre Doors and all bags will be searched. We strongly recommend you bring only what you need for the show. Security protocols may vary slightly for each venue the few hours you will be in our venue.

Broadway In Detroit reserves the right to remove disruptive patrons WITHOUT refund. Everyone is at our venues to experience a wonderful performance, please do nothing to take that away from anyone.

PURSE / BAG POLICY

All Broadway In Detroit venues allow guests to bring a small purse or personal bag with them to the performance. We defer to our security and front-of-house staff to determine what is a reasonable size for the performance you are attending.

ALL BAGS WILL BE SEARCHED PRIOR TO ENTRANCE.

If your purse or bag will not fit easily in your lap or next to you on the floor between you and another patron, it is too large to bring to the theatre. Backpacks, suit cases, and other large containers are prohibited.

Wicked # 2

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Cost: \$132.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started.

Departure: 4:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

"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.

This trip includes the ticket and transportation to the Detroit Opera House for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way to the theatre.

Australia's Outback to New Zealand

Dates: February 14, - March 4, 2024

Cost: \$9948.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1297.00 per person

Insurance included in price (valued at \$599.00)

Status: Ready to go!

Departure: 12:15 a.m. from PNC Bank

Cars may be left in the side parking lot and the Clio Police do keep an eye on the cars.

***** A Passport is required for this trip and must be valid at least 6 months beyond the tour end date.**

A Little More Alive

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Status: Over ½ full.

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

Join me for this new musical at Meadow Brook Theatre. The cost includes the motorcoach and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings. "In this heartfelt and original folk-pop musical, two estranged brothers reunite at their childhood home after their mother's funeral. An unexpected revelation distorts every memory they have, and as they uncover secrets that had been hiding in plain sight their whole lives, Nate and Jeremy find that no one is exempt from the gray area between right and wrong."

To Kill A Mockingbird

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Departure: 4:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: 15 seats available!

"*To Kill a Mockingbird*" is a 2018 play based on the 1960 novel of the same name by Harper Lee, adapted for the stage by Aaron Sorkin. The show follows the story of Atticus Finch, a lawyer in 1930s Alabama, as he defends Tom Robinson, a black man falsely accused of rape. Varying from the book, the play has Atticus as the protagonist, not his daughter Scout, allowing his character to change throughout the show.

This production features Richard Thomas (from *Waltons*) as Atticus. The trip includes the main floor ticket for the 7:30 p.m. show at the Fisher Theatre and the motorcoach. There will be a light supper stop on your own at Great Lakes Crossings on the way to the theatre.

Alfreda Sings Aretha

Date: Friday, March 15, 2024

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Status: ½ full!

Departure: 4:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

“Alfreda Gerald is known for her incredible live stage performances, appearing in shows worldwide. *Alfreda Sings Aretha!* combines Alfreda's soaring vocals with three female backup singers, a four-piece rhythm section and three-piece horn section. The eclectic and diverse singer seamlessly performs music in a plethora of genres, including classical, soul, pop, blues, rock, R&B and electronic dance music. You will be dancing in your seats with the musical hits of Aretha!

Join me for an evening of musical fun at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts to enjoy the music of Aretha Franklin on stage! This trip includes the motorcoach and main floor tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way which will be 'on your own'.

Red Wings Game

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

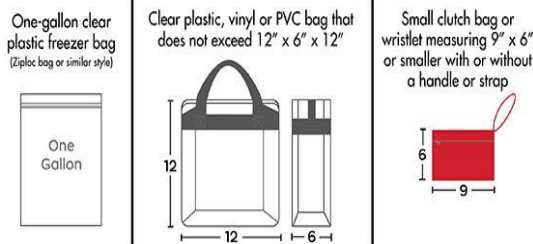
Cost: \$118.00 per person

Status: 15 seats available!

Departure: 5:00 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

Our seats this year are in section 114 on the lower level! The cost includes motorcoach transportation and the ticket to the 7:00 p.m. game against the Columbus Blue Jackets. We will plan to eat at the stadium.

Remember Little Caesar's Arena has gone cashless and accepts credit cards at the food vendors. If you bring cash, there is a machine that will exchange your cash for a card to use at the concessions. Also, please be aware that bags or purses are no longer allowed. Below is the bag policy.



My Way – Turkeyville

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

Status: Over ½ full!

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

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips! The show, *My Way*, will celebrate the unforgettable music that made Frank Sinatra famous with one of the most popular musical revues in musical theatre history. “*My Way*” has played to sold out houses in all 50 states! Audiences and critics alike have hailed its powerful music, superb arrangements, classy style, and easy-going comedy. This show will likely take you on a memorable stroll down memory lane!

Total Eclipse of the Sun

Viewing at the Indianapolis 500 Speedway

Date: Sun – Tues, April 7 - 9, 2024

Cost: \$580.00 per person double occupancy

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

Deposit: \$80.00 per person

Final Payment: Due March 1, 2024

Cancellation Protection is available for \$75.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

A “Once in a Lifetime Event” is planned for next spring when there will be a “Total Eclipse of the Sun” on April 8, 2024. While this will be 90 % visible in our area, I'm planning a group trip to the Indianapolis 500 Speedway where the viewing is expected to be at 100%. The Speedway will be one of the NASA reporting sights. There will be food vendors, NASA experts on hand to answer questions, and you will receive a pair of special edition, IMS Branded, eclipse viewing glasses. You can bring a lawn chair or utilize seats in the stands.

This trip will also include a dinner and show where we will see “The King and I” at Beef and Boards; 2 nights lodging, and more.

In case of inclement weather other activities will be substituted for the day at the Speedway.

Single rate: \$700.00 Triple rate: \$510.00 per person

Native Gardens

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Status: Seats Available!

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

We will enjoy this new comedy at Meadow Brook Theatre. “Pablo, a high-powered lawyer, and doctoral candidate Tania, his very pregnant wife, are realizing the American dream when they purchase a house next door to community stalwarts Virginia and Frank. But a disagreement over a long-standing fence line soon spirals into an all-out war of taste, class, privilege, and entitlement. The hilarious results guarantee no one comes out smelling like a rose.”

The cost includes the motorcoach and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings.

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

Date: Thurs – Fri, April 18 -19, 2024

Cost: \$330.00 per person (double occupancy)

Deposit: \$80.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$60.00 per person w/ deposit

Final Payment due: March 15, 2024

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. Casual dress throughout the trip. You will be taking your own bag to and from your room. Keep it light! Luggage tags will be handed out at the bus. This is an easy trip which calls for only an overnight bag.

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.

Single \$400.00; Triple \$310.00 per person

Route 66 – Musical Review

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Status: Over ¾ full!

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

“Take a dollop of *Grease*, mix in some Pump Boys and Dinettes, and add a generous dose of Forever Plaid and you’ve got the octane fun of Route 66! Beginning with the sounds of 1950’s Chicago and traveling along the “Main Street of America” to the California Coast with the surf music of the 60’s, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greatest ‘Rock ‘n’ Road’ hits of the 20th century. Songs include “Dead Man’s Curve”, “King of the Road”, “Little Old Lady from Pasadena”, “Beep Beep”, “Six Days on the Road”, “Little GTO”, “Fun, Fun, Fun”, and many more. Get your kicks with this smash coast-to-coast hit musical revue!”

The cost includes the motorcoach and tickets to the 8:00 p.m. show at Meadow Brook Theatre. A light supper stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings.

Spring Mystery Trip

New!

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Departure: 8:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

A Mystery Trip is planned for you,

And only I know what we will do.

Dress is casual but keep in mind the weather,

We always have fun when we are all together,

A sense of curiosity you should bring with you,

And of course your sense of humor, too!

The lunch is included, so you can eat,

A little walking, but there’s always a seat.

Depending on traffic, we should be home by six,

Unless the roads, they are trying to fix.

A chance to go somewhere just for the day,

Relax, have fun, and just get away!

Oklahoma! – Turkeyville **New Info – 2nd Bus Added**

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

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

9:30 a.m. from the Davison Missionary Church

1481 N Gale Rd Davison MI

Status: Seats available!

Please call if you want to depart from the Davison bus instead of the Clio bus!

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips!

The beloved musical that changed Broadway forever is coming to the Turkeyville stage! This classic tells the story of cowhands and farmers struggling to build a future, and find love, in a hard world. Featuring “Oh What A Beautiful Morning,” “I’m Just a Girl Who Can’t Say No!” and the boot stompin’ title number, this is a show you do not want to miss!

Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale

New!

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from the Clio K-mart

This day trip is headed to Fort Wayne, Indiana for the Annual Vera Bradley Outlet Sale at the Memorial Coliseum. This annual event draws people from far distances to shop for items marked 40% to 60% off. This is a ticketed sale and the days are broken into 3 hour shopping segments that allow only 4,000 people inside at a time.

There will be a brief rest stop at a rest area and you are welcome to bring a cooler with breakfast items on the bus. We will go to Golden Corral for a buffet meal which is included in the price before we go to the sale. Our shopping time is 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and then we will head home with a stop at the McDonald’s in Coldwater for restrooms and a light supper (on your own). We should return about 8:00 p.m. This is a fun day spent with friends. There is no need to bring a shopping cart as they are not allowed on the shopping floor. Wheelchairs and walkers must be used for their intended purpose.

British Landscapes

Date: May 6 – 15, 2024

Cost: \$4298.00 per person double occupancy

Status: 2 Sold Out busses! Wait List started!

Deposit: \$1147.00 per person

Insurance included in price (valued at \$449.00)

Final payment due: March 7, 2024.

Please plan to attend the Departure Meeting on Wednesday, April 17th at the office to get your packets and itineraries. We will hold three meetings and you can choose which one to attend as your schedule allows. The times will be at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. We will discuss packing, money, and answer questions.

Join us as we explore England, Scotland and Wales in the spring of 2024. Highlights include Edinburgh Castle, York, Chester, Llangollen, Wales, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, and London. Also included are 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners.

***** A Passport is required for this trip and must be valid at least 6 months beyond the tour end date.**

Tulip Festival

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024

Cost: \$160.00 per person

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Final payment due: April 1, 2024

Status: 20 seats available!

The Annual Tulip Time Festival is welcoming all to their annual festival. This trip will include, a show featuring the Texas Tenors; 2 meals, the tulip fields, the motorcoach transportation and the annual Kinderparade. Be sure to bring a lawn chair for the parade.

People from near and far will be invited to don their Dutch costumes, grab a bucket and a broom, and scrub the streets clean for the coming performances. Local elementary school children in full costume and smiling faces march together (each school and grade will have their own theme that nods to the towns’ Dutch heritage). Floats, bands, organizations and businesses join in with their Tulip Time inspired entries for an awesome celebration.

Our trip will also include a drive along the Tulip Lanes, a stop at the park and a visit to Veldheer Gardens. While this is a long day, it is a great way to welcome spring and take part in a Pure Michigan tradition!

Senior Power Day

Save the Date!

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Cost: To be announced!

This annual event, which attracts over 1500 seniors from Genesee, Shiawassee and Lapeer Counties, is held annually at Crossroads Village. The cost includes admission to Crossroads Village, lunch, the train ride, and all the activities.

The activities include: Information on Health and Senior Services; Learn About Senior Issues on the Ballot; Meet with Legislators and Elected Officials; Enjoy Old Fashioned Park Rides; A Huckleberry Railroad Train Ride; Music Entertainment & Dancing; Bingo; Raffles and Door Prizes.

It takes place from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It is a great way to pick up information for your personal use as well as a chance to visit with friends you may not have seen in a while. You provide your own transportation. The event takes place rain or shine. I will have a table in the vendor tent so be sure to stop by my table and say hi!

If you do not purchase tickets in advance, it will be full admission at the gate and will not include the lunch or the train. We will announce when tickets are available!

Oil Rush - Petrolia

THE BIG DISCOVERY MUSICAL

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

Passport or Enhanced Driver License required

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Olive's Casual Cuisine and main floor tickets. There will be a light supper stop (on your own) on the way home after we return to Michigan. We should return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

It's a 'Rush of Excitement' as we present *Oil Rush: The Big Discovery Musical*, making its triumphant return after its sold-out run in 2008! Coinciding with the town's 150th anniversary, this amazing story intertwines the past and present, paying tribute to Petrolia's enduring legacy. Discover the fascinating story of "The Oil Capital of Canada", with amusing characters and some fine knee slappin' music.

Ella, First Lady of Song

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Status: Seats Available!

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

"*Ella, First Lady of Song* traces the 60-year career of the woman Mel Torme called "the best singer on the planet." The story of Ella Fitzgerald truly challenges the age-old saying 'the show must go on.' This jazz musical covers Fitzgerald's hardscrabble childhood to her enduring legacy in the music world and beyond. Songs include classics such as 'Sweet Georgia Brown', 'A Tisket-A-Tasket', and 'It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)'."

The cost includes the motorcoach and tickets to the 8:00 p.m. show at Meadow Brook Theatre. A light supper stop will be 'on your own' at Great Lakes Crossings.

Rainy Day People - Petrolia

A TRIBUTE TO GORDON LIGHTFOOT

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

Passport or Enhanced Driver License required

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Olive's Casual Cuisine and main floor tickets. There will be a light supper stop (on your own) on the way home after we return to Michigan. We should return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Gordon Lightfoot's rich influence defined the essence of Canadian folk music. Our company of extraordinary performers celebrate his iconic music and masterful storytelling. Featuring classic songs like "*If You Could Read My Mind*", "*Sundown*", "*Early Morning Rain*", "*The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*" and "*Rainy Day People*", this tribute encompasses the lasting legacy of Canada's folk hero.

Authentic Alaska

Dates: June 10 - 25, 2024

Cost: Is based on the room you select on the ship.

Cancellation Protection is included (valued at \$350.00.)

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Final payment due: March 15, 2024

This trip includes 7 days land and a 7 night cruise through the Inside Passage. We will fly Delta from Detroit to Fairbanks, Alaska and the return flight will be from Seattle to Detroit. Detailed flyers with registration forms are now available! ***A passport or Enhanced Driver's license is required for this trip!** The cruise ship docks in Vancouver, British Columbia – Canada.

There will be a departure meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. to answer specific questions, provide detailed itineraries and talk about packing, including what to take. Choose which time fits your schedule.

Grandparent's / Grandkids's Trip

New!

John Ball Park Zoo – Grand Rapids

Date: Thursday, June 27th, 2024

Cost: \$65.00 per person

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

Here is another wonderful opportunity to spend a day with your grandchild! We will spend the day learning about animals at the John Ball Park Zoo. While this trip is designed for grandparents and their grandkids, others are welcome to join us! This trip includes admission and transportation. Meals will be on your own. There is an area for concessions, or you can pack a lunch. We will depart at 4:00 p.m. and should return home between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Escanaba In Da Moonlight! – Turkeyville

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

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

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips! When the Soady clan reunites for deer season at the family's Upper Peninsula camp, 35 year old Rueben Soady brings with him the reputation of being the oldest Soady never to bag a buck. Escanaba in da Moonlight spins a hilarious tale of humor, horror and heart.

Mud Hens & Tony Packos

Date: Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Cost: \$70.00 per person

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

Status: 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 Columbus Clippers which is the farm team for the Cleveland Guardians.

Sweet Soul Music - Petrolia

A NON-STOP HIT PARADE

Date: Friday, July 5, 2024

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

Passport or Enhanced Driver License required

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Olive's Casual Cuisine and main floor tickets. There will be a light supper stop (on your own) on the way home after we return to Michigan. We should return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Get on board the soul train as we showcase the very best music of this iconic genre. Smooth, soulful voices, pay homage to legends such as Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Lionel Richie and Marvin Gaye. Get ready to move and groove in this non-stop parade of soul!

Bay City Fireworks

Date: Saturday, July 6, 2024

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Departure: 5:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

"One of the grandest displays in all of Mid-Michigan is the Bay City Fireworks! Saturday night is the final and best Fireworks Display of the three-day festival." The bus will drop us at the park where we can enter and find a great place to sit. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, wear your patriotic colors and plan to celebrate Independence Day with friends!

You are welcome to bring a light lunch/snacks/water/pop or purchase snacks from vendors in the park. (Alcoholic beverages may not be taken into the park) What a great way to enjoy this 36 minute fireworks display without having to drive through heavy traffic. The cost includes motorcoach transportation and entry fee into the park.

Lancaster & Hershey, PA # 2

Featuring "Daniel" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

Date: Monday – Thursday, July 15 – 18, 2024

Cost: \$685.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$185.00 per person

Final payment due: June 1st, 2024

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

Status: 5 seats available!

We are offering a 2nd trip to Lancaster since the first one sold out so quickly! It will be the same as trip # 1 with the exception of the 2nd show. This group will see "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" at the Fulton Theatre.

Single occupancy: \$880.00 Triple: \$625.00 per person

Lancaster & Hershey, PA # 1

Featuring "Daniel" and "Sound of Music"

Date: Monday – Thursday, July 8 – 11, 2024

Cost: \$685.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$185.00 per person

Final payment due: June 1st, 2024

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

Status: Sold out! Wait List started!

Our 2024 Trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania will feature "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theatre. We will also visit Hershey with a guided tour of the area. We will visit Elva the Chalk Artist, Kitchen Kettle Village, a couple of Amish Farms, and enjoy "Sound of Music" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. We will stay 3 nights at the Heritage Hotel. The trip includes the motorcoach, three breakfasts, three dinners, and the activities listed above,

"Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith? From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, DANIEL is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life in Lancaster, PA this year."

Single occupancy: \$880.00 Triple: \$625.00 per person

New York City

New Info!

Date: Sun - Sat, July 21 – July 27, 2024

Cost: \$2150.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$250.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$150.00 per person due w/ deposit

Final Payment Due: June 1st, 2024

Status: 18 seats available!

Please mark your calendars for a **Departure Meeting** on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the office. Come and ask questions, pick up your packets, meet the other travelers, and learn about packing!

This exciting trip will provide an opportunity to visit New York City and includes 6 nights lodging and two breakfasts. We will stay 4 nights in New York City. We will have easy access to many attractions and theatres. The trip includes visits to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, an all-day guided sightseeing tour, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the Flight 93 Memorial, a harbor cruise and more! There will be optional opportunities for Broadway Shows. Many meals are "on your own" because it is more cost effective to offer this trip that way. There are many restaurants and deli's within walking distance of our hotel. A free day is included so individuals can explore places they may be interested in visiting such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Carriage Ride in Central Park, shopping, the US Intrepid, or others. Some Broadway Shows that will be there this summer include: The Neil Diamond Musical - A Beautiful Noise; Aladdin; Back to the Future – The Musical; Chicago; Days of Wine and Roses; Hamilton; Kimberley Akimbo; MJ (Michael Jackson); Moulin Rouge! The Musical; SIX; Spamalot; The Book of Mormon; The Lion King; The Notebook; and Wicked! Start thinking about what you might be interested in seeing. Some shows require 10 or 15 or more to count as a group. Single Occupancy: \$2900.00 Triple Occupancy: \$1900.00

Pacific Northwest - Oregon Coast # 1 New Info!

Dates: August 1 – 11, 2024

Cost: \$5699.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$800.00 per person

Final payment due: May 1, 2024

Status: 14 seats available!

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the Pacific Northwest and the states of Washington, Oregon and Northern California. This trip will include airflight from Detroit to Seattle and a return flight from San Francisco to Detroit. We will visit the cities of Seattle and San Francisco. Included will be Mt St Helen's Visitors Center, Timberline Lodge Tour and chairlift ride up Mt Hood, Bonneville Dam and Lock, Multnomah Falls, Whale Watch, sand dune buggy ride, Haceta Head Lighthouse, jet boat ride through Hellgate Canyon, Redwoods and the Avenue of the Giants, Trees of Mystery Gondola Ride, and a visit to Wine Country. This trip includes cancellation protection. This is one of the best trips I've had the pleasure of escorting!

We need your name as it is written on your acceptable ID and your birthdate in order to confirm your airline ticket. You can use your passport, your enhanced driver's license or a REAL driver's license for this trip.

Single occupancy: \$7399.00 Triple occupancy: \$5199.00

We are partnering with Shoreline Tours for this trip.

Detailed flyers are now available!

The Departure Meeting for this trip will be held on Friday, July 19, 2024 at the office at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Choose which time meets your needs!

Alcatraz... Several people have called asking about seeing Alcatraz while we are on the Pacific Northwest Trip. It is very difficult to get tickets once we get there. They sell out months in advance. If there is enough interest, I can check on group tickets for the free time we have in San Francisco. I will say there is a good amount of walking to tour the prison and the boat ride. The incline from the boat to the prison is the equivalent of walking up a 13 story building. This tour takes about 2 ½ hours and the additional cost would be about \$42.00 - \$45.00. If you are interested, please let me know by April 1, 2024. If there is enough interest, we may be able to get group tickets.

Tuesdays With Morrie - Petrolia

A LIFE ALTERING FRIENDSHIP

By Jeffrey Hatcher & Mitch Albom

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

Passport or Enhanced Driver License required

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Olive's Casual Cuisine and main floor tickets. There will be a light supper stop (on your own) on the way home after we return to Michigan. We should return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays with Morrie is the heartwarming true story of Mitch Albom and his former college professor, Morrie Schwartz. The two embark on a series of Tuesday meetings that explore life's most important lessons of love, family, and the meaning of life.

Pacific Northwest - Oregon Coast # 2 New Info!

Dates: August 15 – 25, 2024

Cost: \$5699.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$800.00 per person

Final Payment due: May 15, 2024

Status: ½ full!

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the Pacific Northwest and the states of Washington, Oregon and Northern California. This trip will include airflight from Detroit to Seattle and a return flight from San Francisco to Detroit. The price also includes cancellation protection. This is one of the best trips I've had the pleasure of escorting!

This trip is the same as trip # 1. See Alcatraz info 1st column.

We need your name as it is written on your acceptable ID and your birthdate in order to confirm your airline ticket. You can use your passport, your enhanced driver's license or a REAL driver's license for this trip.

Single occupancy: \$7399.00 Triple occupancy: \$5199.00

Detailed flyers now available!

The Departure Meeting for this trip will be held on Friday, July 19, 2024 at the office at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Choose which time meets your needs!

Tiger Night Game

Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Cost: \$85.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Los Angeles Angels 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. Sunblock is always a good idea for these summer games and a hat! Comerica Park has gone cashless. You must have a credit card to purchase food items or convert your cash to a card via machines.

Labor Day Bridge Walk

Date: Monday, September 2, 2024

Cost: \$65.00 per person

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

Status: Seats 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.

A Taste of Wisconsin

Date: Tuesday – Saturday, September 3 – 7, 2024

Cost: \$920.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$120.00 per person

Cancellation Protection is \$85.00 per person

Final payment due: August 1st, 2024

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

Status: Seats available!

This trip includes four nights lodging, motorcoach transportation, a boat cruise through Wisconsin Dells, the Lost Canyon Tour, the House on the Rock, a ride on the Lake Geneva Mailboat and more! This trip is very casual. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

Single occupancy: \$1250.00 per person

Triple occupancy: \$830.00 per person

The Ultimate Fiddler On The Loose - Petrolia

ALL YOUR FIDDLIN' FAVOURITES

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

Passport or Enhanced Driver License required

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Olive's Casual Cuisine and main floor tickets. There will be a light supper stop (on your own) on the way home after we return to Michigan. We should return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Just when you thought it couldn't possibly get any more epic, Jesse Grandmont and friends bring you the best of this highly acclaimed audience favourite. By popular demand, this wildly talented cast will blow the roof off one more time with the most ultimate music, step-dancing, comedy, and of course, fantastic fiddling. Catch the *Orange Blossom Special* and ride down *Country Roads* through the *Ring of Fire* to where *The Devil Went Down to Georgia!*

Tiger Day Game

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024

Cost: \$85.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Colorado Rockies 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. Comerica Park has gone cashless. You must have a credit card to purchase food items or convert your cash to a card via machines.

Million Dollar Quartet! – Turkeyville

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

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

Status: ½ full!

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips! On December 4th, 1956, a twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together for one of the greatest jam sessions ever. This smash hit sensation features a score of legendary hits, including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Walk the Line," "Sixteen Tons," "Great Balls of Fire," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Hound Dog," and more!

Seine River Cruise in France Including Normandy 80th Anniversary

New Info!

Dates: October 8 – 16, 2024

Deposit: \$1149.00 per person due with reservation form.

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

We will cruise the Seine River in France on the Amadeus Diamond. Prices range from \$5944.00 per person to \$7644.00 per person depending on the room you select on the ship. We will fly from Detroit to Paris and return from Paris to Detroit. Transportation to and from the airport is included. Travel Protection is included in the price of the trip (valued at \$549.00). This trip includes a Paris City tour, a visit to Normandy which will be marking the 80th Anniversary since the invasion during WWII, and more. **A passport is required for this trip!** Must be valid for 6 months beyond trip dates.

The **Departure Meeting** for this trip will be held on Tuesday, September 17th, at 2:00 p.m. at the office. Please save the date!

The Tony Bennett Songbook - Petrolia

Date: Friday, October 18, 2024

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

Passport or Enhanced Driver License required

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Olive's Casual Cuisine and main floor tickets. There will be a light supper stop (on your own) on the way home after we return to Michigan. We should return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

The everlasting music of Tony Bennett is highlighted in this very special theatrical concert. Experience some of his most powerful music with soaring voices and stunning arrangements. Featuring renditions of "*I Left My Heart in San Francisco*", "*The Way You Look Tonight*" and "*The Best is Yet to Come*", these songs and the legacy of Tony Bennett will remain in our hearts for years to come.

Grand Experience – Mackinac Island New Info!

Dates: Sunday – Wednesday, October 20 – 23, 2024

Cost: \$990.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$250.00 per person

Final Balance Due: August 20, 2024

Cancellation Protection: \$90.00 per person due w/ deposit

Status: Seats pending deposits may be available!

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 fudgie 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. This trip is offered in cooperation with MRPA (Michigan Recreation and Parks Association).

Single price: \$1200.00 Triple price: \$910.00 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.

Please Note: All rooms are "luck of the draw"! I can put in a request if you have a particular need, but there is no guarantee. Last minute requests are extremely difficult to obtain. Please let us know when you sign up if you need a walk in shower, grab bars, 1 bed, 2 beds, etc. With over 500 seniors at the hotel, we cannot accommodate every request.

Daniel O'Donnell @ Shipshewana

Dates: Fri – Sat; October 25 - 26, 2024
Cost: \$330.00 per person double occupancy
Deposit: \$80.00 per person
Cancellation Protection: \$50.00 per person (optional)
Final Payment Due: Sept. 15, 2024
Departure: 9:00 a.m. from PNC Bank
Status: Seats available!

Daniel O'Donnell will be at the Shipshewana Center for Performing Arts. 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, the ticket for the matinee Daniel O'Donnell Show, a buffet style dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant, and 1 night lodging at Farmstead Inn. 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: \$385.00 Triple: \$310.00 per person

Winter Wonderettes – Turkeyville # 1

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Cost: \$88.00 per person
Status: Seats available!
Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips!

This glittering seasonal celebration finds the all-girl singing group, the Wonderettes, entertaining at the Harper's Hardware Holiday Party. When Santa turns up missing, the girls use their talent to save the party! Featuring great 60's versions of holiday classics such as "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Run, Rudolph, Run," and "Winter Wonderland," the result is marvelous!

Christmas In Branson

Date: Sunday – Saturday, November 17 – 23, 2024
Cost: \$1365.00 per person double occupancy
Deposit: \$165.00 per person
Cancellation protection: \$100.00 per person
Final payment due: October 10, 2024
Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank
Status: ½ full!

We are very excited to return to Branson in the Christmas Season! We have a top-notch line-up for this year! This trip will include 6 breakfasts, 6 dinners, 6 nights lodging, the motorcoach transportation, 9 shows, a tour of the area, Christmas lights and time in downtown historic Branson. The shows will include Miracle of Christmas at the Sight and Sound Theatre; the Showboat Branson Belle; Clay Cooper's Country Express; The Duttons; The Hughes Family; Sanders Family Christmas (Christmas version of Smoke on the Mountain); The Presley's Family Jubilee, Doug Gabriel; and the Texas Tenors! What an amazing line-up! We will spend 2 nights at the Drury Inn in St Louis (one night going and one night coming home) and 4 nights at Branson Towers in Branson.

This trip is packed with music and a town that celebrates God, Family and Country. Get yourself in the Spirit of Christmas by joining this delightful trip! It is the most relaxing busy trip you will take!

Single rate: \$1780.00 Triple rate: \$1250.00 per person

Starbright Christmas # 1 - Petrolia **New!**

Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024
Cost: \$125.00 per person
Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

***Must have Passport or Enhanced Driver License,

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 your own" on the way home after we return to Michigan. We should return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Starbright Christmas # 2 – Petrolia **New!**

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Cost: \$125.00 per person
Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

***Must have Passport or Enhanced Driver License,

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.

Lunch will be included at Olive's Casual Cuisine in Sarnia on our way to Petrolia. There will be a light supper stop "on your own" 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 7:30 p.m.

Winter Wonderettes – Turkeyville # 2

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024
Cost: \$88.00 per person
Status: Seats available!
Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips!

This glittering seasonal celebration finds the all-girl singing group, the Wonderettes, entertaining at the Harper's Hardware Holiday Party. When Santa turns up missing, the girls use their talent to save the party! Featuring great 60's versions of holiday classics such as "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Run, Rudolph, Run," and "Winter Wonderland," the result is marvelous!



Sunday, March 10th, 2024
Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour!
Daylight Savings Time Begins!

San Antonio, Texas

New!

Date: February 17 - 21, 2025

Cost: To be determined. Waiting on flight costs

We will stay at the Drury Inn right on the River Walk. The plan is to offer an excursion each day and yet still give everyone a chance to enjoy time on their own to explore the River Walk, shop or visit area museums. The plan includes visiting the Alamo, the San Antonio Missions, SAS – the San Antonio Shoe Factory for a tour, and the towns of Gruene and Gonzales. We will also visit the Institute of Texan Culture. The bus to and from the airports, the flight, hotel and cancellation protection are also included.

The City of Gruene has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. You will enjoy the small town with a variety of shops to visit and a wonderful lunch at the Gristmill River Restaurant. The “Come and Get It Cannon” is on display at one of the museums in Gonzales. Wait until you hear the story of this unique piece of history! The Alamo and the San Antonio Missions are also a wonderful experience. Even with scheduled tours each day, there will be time to explore the Riverwalk and enjoy San Antonio.

The cost includes 4 nights at the Drury Inn – River Walk which is housed in the beautifully restored Alamo National Bank Building. Chandeliers in the lobby date back to 1929 and beautiful stained glass windows can be found throughout. There is a pool for your enjoyment. Each night there is a Kickback Reception featuring hot foods and cold beverages. Some people consider this filling enough for dinner. Or you can enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants on the RiverWalk.

A deposit of \$180.00 per person will confirm your seat and the remainder will be due by January 8, 2025. We will be flying Delta. If you have a skymiles # please include it in your reservation information. I need your name as it is printed on your drivers license and birthdate in order to reserve your airline ticket.

Hawaiian Islands – Land & Cruise

New!

Date: March 6 – 19, 2025

Cost: To be determined. Waiting for airline pricing.

Join me for a trip to the Hawaiian Islands in March of 2025. 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 6, 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 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!

Reflections of Italy

New!

Date: April 2 – 11, 2025

Cost: \$5353.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1177.00 per person

Final payment due: February 1, 2025.

There is a \$200.00 early bird discount for those signing up before October 3, 2024. We will visit several areas of Italy including Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistene Chapel, St Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Venice, Murano Island, and Lake Como. This ten day trip will include 8 breakfasts 1 lunch and 3 dinners. The airfare and our transportation to and from the airport and Trip Insurance is also included. (valued at \$479.00)

The Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise in Venice is an included experience.

Detailed flyers will be available soon! The reservation form is in the flyer and needs to be returned with your deposit. It asks for your name as it is printed on your passport as well as birthdate and other important information!

***** You will need a passport for this trip.**

South Africa Update!

For those who had signed up for the trip to South Africa which was cancelled due to Covid, I've been investigating our options for putting that trip back on our schedule. Collette Vacations has a trip that is replacing the exact one we were planning. It would be in early February of 2026. Remember that would be summer there. This trip includes Victoria Falls, 8 safaris, a couple of National Parks, Capetown, Johannesburg, and more. While I do not have exact pricing yet, I guess I am wondering how many would be interested in doing this trip. It is geared toward a smaller group of participants. Let me know if you would like me to continue to continue to explore this option.

Romeos! Calling all men! Come and join us!

This group of men gather monthly to enjoy lunch, laughter and good conversation. 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. All men are welcome!

The luncheons will be on Thursdays, February 15 at Liberty in Flushing and March 21 at Bray Rd Diner on the corner of Bray Rd and Mt Morris Rd. We meet at 11:30 a.m.

This group was started as a response to the women's Red Hat Society. The women have a poem, "When I am an Old Woman, I Shall Wear Purple!" There is also a poem called "When I am an Old Man, I Shall Wear Plaid!" So, an active group of guys attended the first meeting and the Romeo's were officially started.

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 February 2; March 1; April 5; and May 3rd, 2024.

Annual Summer Picnic!

New!

Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024

Cost: \$10.00 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 8/14/24 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 big place to hold the picnic and we have a lot more seats in the pavilion and can have double serving lines. There is plenty of parking.

Travel Club Networking Meeting

The next Travel Club Networking meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the office. All are welcome to attend. I am excited about many of our upcoming trips and will be happy to answer any questions.

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. This is also a great meeting to attend to learn about travel tips and why I do the trips like I do. Come and be a part of the discussions.

Travel Terms... What is ???

Sometimes when we have been doing business for many years, certain terms or wording become our normal. I am glad that some folks remind me that perhaps new travelers don't have a clue what I'm referring to when I use terms that are new to you! So, here is my attempt at defining some frequently used terms that have generated questions from our travelers.

Checked Bag – This is the bag you pack with all your belongings for the duration of the trip. It is the bag that is stored in the bays below the bus or checked in at the airport. You do not have access to this bag during the travel days. The checked bag (1 per person) will be taken to your room when luggage handling is included in the price of the trip.

Carry-on Bag – This is the smaller bag that you have with you on the bus or on the airplane that holds items you may need during the course of the day: medications, snacks, a camera, magazine, book, phone charger, etc. You will carry your small bag to your room.

Double occupancy – a hotel room for 2 people

Single occupancy – a hotel room for 1 person

Triple occupancy – a hotel room where three people share the same room. It is generally 2 queen or 2 double beds so often 2 people share a bed. There is not generally space to bring in a roll-away bed. Generally 3 people know each other and are comfortable with this arrangement. This option is not always available such as on cruise ships or in Europe.

TSA – TSA officially stands for Transportation Security Administration and they set the standards / guidelines for travel. TSA can also refer to the individuals who search your bags and guide you through security at the airports.

What makes a trip "sold out?"

A trip can be "sold out" for several different reasons. It could be the number of tickets I purchased are all spoken for. It could be that the seats on the bus are all taken. In some cases, it may be that I can only get a certain number of hotel rooms at a particular location.

What is the Wait List?

When a trip is sold out, we still take names and start a "wait list". This means if someone cancels at the last minute, we start calling to find someone who can go so that the trip doesn't have unused tickets, etc. Sometimes there is enough people on the 'wait list' to encourage us to take a 2nd bus.

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 7, 2025.** 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. In the upper left corner it says "enhanced".**

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.

Note! Please make sure you bring the correct identification to the bus for the trip you are taking! It truly hurts my heart to tell people they cannot go when I check their ID.

Regarding Passports...

Passports are available at the Clio Post Office by appointment. **You must go online to schedule your appointment. They are no longer scheduling appointments by phone. The other option is to go in on Thursday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon.**

You need your birth certificate with a raised seal to apply for one. They are good for ten years. The post office can take your picture or you can get a passport photo taken at another location such as Walgreen's or Rite Aid.

Renewals do not need an appointment! Fill out the forms and take it to the post office. They will take your picture if needed and mail it for you! If you live in another city, check your local post office for their passport hours. They may vary from post office to post office.

We also have passport application forms and renewal forms available in our office.

Money Matters...

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.**

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.

Become a STAR!

I offer a special program for frequent travelers.

You can become a "STAR" which stands for Special Travel Adventure Rate! For only \$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. Therefore, 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!

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 or debit 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.

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.

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 and recommend \$2.00 to \$3.00 per person per day.

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, Mother's day, and Father's day or any Holiday like Christmas!

Health Matters...

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.

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. Or pick one up when you are in the office.

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!

Stay Hydrated!

Always carry a refillable water bottle with you on every trip. Staying hydrated is important for your health! We make restroom stops every two hours so you can use facilities and stretch your legs!

Trips At A Glance!

Steve Solomon's Comedy	February 3, 2024	\$95.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Wicked	February 6, 2024	\$132.00	Detroit Opera House, Detroit
Wicked # 2	February 7, 2024	\$132.00	Detroit Opera House, Detroit
Outback to South Island	Feb 14 – Mar 4, 2024	\$9948.00	Australia & New Zealand
A Little More Alive	March 6, 2024	\$75.00	Meadow Brook Theatre
To Kill A Mockingbird	March 12, 2024	\$125.00	Fisher Theatre, Detroit
Alfreda Sings Aretha	March 15, 2024	\$95.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Red Wings Game	March 19, 2024	\$118.00	Little Caesar's Arena - Detroit
My Way	March 21, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
Solar Eclipse Experience	April 7 – 9, 2024	\$580.00	Indianapolis, Indiana
Native Gardens	April 10, 2024	\$75.00	Meadow Brook Theatre
Ark Encounter & Creation Museum	April 18 – 19, 2024	\$330.00	Williamstown, Kentucky
Route 66 Musical Revue	April 24, 2024	\$75.00	Meadow Brook Theatre
Spring Mystery Trip	April 30, 2024	\$95.00	?????
Oklahoma	May 1, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
Vera Bradley	May 2, 2024	\$85.00	Fort Wayne, Indiana
British Landscapes	May 6 – 15, 2024	\$4298.00	England, Scotland & Wales
Tulip Festival	May 9, 2024	\$160.00	Holland, MI
Oil Rush	May 23, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia - Canada
Ella, First Lady of Song	May 29, 2024	\$75.00	Meadow Brook Theatre
Rainy Day People	June 5, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia - Canada
Authentic Alaska	June 10 – 25, 2024	see article	Alaska
Grandparent / Grandkid Zoo	June 27, 2024	\$65.00	Grand Rapids, MI
Escanaba In Da Moonlight	July 2, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
Mud Hens Game	July 3, 2024	\$70.00	Toledo, Ohio
Sweet Soul Music	July 5, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia – Canada
Bay City Fireworks	July 6, 2024	\$45.00	Bay City, MI
Lancaster – Daniel # 1	July 8 -11, 2024	\$685.00	Pennsylvania
Lancaster - Daniel # 2	July 15 -18, 2024	\$685.00	Pennsylvania
New York City	July 21 – 27, 2024	\$2150.00	New York
Pacific Northwest # 1	August 1 – 11, 2024	\$5699.00	Washington, Oregon, California
Tuesdays with Morrie	August 13, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia - Canada
Pacific Northwest # 2	August 15 – 25, 2024	\$5699.00	Washington, Oregon, California
Tiger Night Game	August 28, 2024	\$85.00	Comerica Park, Detroit
Labor Day Bridge Walk	September 2, 2024	\$65.00	Mackinaw City
A Taste of Wisconsin	September 3 - 7, 2024	\$920.00	Wisconsin
The Ultimate Fiddler On The Loose	September 11, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia - Canada
Tiger Day Game	September 12, 2024	\$85.00	Comerica Park, Detroit
Million Dollar Quartet	September 19, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
Seine River Cruise	October 8 – 16, 2024	See flyer	France
- 80 th Anniversary of Normandy			
The Tony Bennett Songbook	October 18, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia – Canada
Grand Experience	October 20 – 23, 2024	\$990.00	Mackinac Island
Daniel O'Donnell	October 25 – 26, 2024	\$330.00	Shipshewana
Winter Wonderettes # 1	November 12, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
Christmas in Branson	November 17 – 23, 2024	\$1365.00	Branson, Missouri
Starbright Christmas # 1	December 3, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Starbright Christmas # 2	December 4, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Winter Wonderettes # 2	December 18, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
San Antonio	February 17 - 21, 2025	TBD	Texas
Hawaiian Islands	March 6 – 19, 2025	TBD	Hawaii
Reflections of Italy	April 2 – 11, 2025	\$5353.00	Italy



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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!