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Michigan Recreation & Parks Association
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Ann's Announcements...

We are coaxing spring to come. Just like I am waiting for spring, many of you have been calling and waiting for the spring mystery trip. While it has taken me a while, it is finally in place and the information is in this newsletter!

Two Lights – America 250

Many of you have heard me talk about the 2026 year being the 250th birthday of our country! Please read the article about the call for "Two Lights" which takes place this month! It is an easy way for everyone to help start the celebration. I am excited to celebrate the semiquincentennial of our country. I will keep you updated with activities that we offer as well as events I hear about like this one which will be easy to be involved.

New Software Update

It is an ongoing process as we all learn the new program, however we can already see that it will make our record keeping much easier once it is all in the new system. Yes, there have been a few glitches and mistakes, but we have a great staff and they are actually able to track down the answers to your questions about payments. It will also make doing the refunds easier and I am still trying to catch up all the accounts.

Governmental ID's

Reminder that after 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. If you have an Enhanced license or a passport, you are already compliant.**

Entry to the UK for US Citizens now requires a digital entry permit. This is done online. See info in this newsletter.

Entry into Canada for US Citizens requires a Michigan Enhanced Drivers License or a Passport by land or sea. Flying into Canada requires a Passport. See info in this newsletter for details regarding online renewals.

Newsletter Volunteers

The volunteers who help with the newsletter are instrumental to getting the newsletters in the mail. I am grateful to those who can come whether once in a while or every time we do them. It is always a last minute call and the response has been great. I appreciate your efforts.

Thanks!

I am grateful for all who tell their family and friends about Ann's Adventures. We've been adding between 40 and 50 people to the newsletter mailing list each month. I do not pay for advertising and this helps me keep the trip costs lower. I am continually amazed that people come in and sign up for a trip and tell me their parents, grandparents, or another relative used to travel with me and now they are ready to travel.

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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 Ot! 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 at 11:30 a.m. The locations change each month... April 17, 2025 at Bray Road Diner on the corner of Mt Morris Rd and Bray Rd; May 15 at Junction of Hope on M-57 west of Montrose; June 19 at Bus Stop on Dixie Hwy north of Birch Run; and July 17 at McPhearson's in Millington.

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.

Travel Club Networking Meeting

The next Travel Club Networking Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18th @ 10:00 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

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.

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!

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.

Making a Payment

Payments can be made in cash, checks or money orders. I can take credit cards **however**, there will be a 4% 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.

Why does it take so long to get a refund?

The policy of sending refunds after the trip is completed is Ann's Adventures guidelines. It is in every newsletter where I say that all refunds are issued after the trip is completed! Why? Because it is easier for me to do all the refunds at the same time. Since we are trying to keep costs low for our travelers, I do not have the excess staff to be able to stop and send a refund on whatever day someone cancels a trip. It is much easier when the trip is finished and I can pay all final bills and send refunds at the same time. We often have to wait until venues return the money to us.

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.

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.

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 (from purchase date), 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!

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.

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.

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.

Senior Power Day Tickets now available!

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Cost: \$5.00 per person

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. Tickets are now available in our office!

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Senior Power Day 2025

Wednesday May 21st, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Crossroads Village

6140 Bray Rd., Flint

Tickets \$5.00

Tickets available for purchase at
Ann's Adventures

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. It says "enhanced" at the top of the license.**

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.

Helpful Services Provided by Ann's Adventures:

1. United Kingdom ETA

This is a new UK entry requirement for US citizens planning to visit the UK. The ETA is a digital entry permit that is now mandatory for US travelers to the UK, even for short visits. This includes flying through an airport in the UK for a connecting flight. The ETA is a digital permit designed to pre-authorize travelers before they arrive in the UK.

The application for the UK ETA will be entirely online. Applicants will need to provide personal information, passport details, and their travel plans.

- A valid passport
- A valid email address
- A credit card for payment

The processing time for the UK ETA is expected to be quick, within 72 hours.

2. Passport Renewals Now Available Online

Last year it was announced that individuals who need to renew their passports can now do so online. To make it easier for our travelers, we are offering assistance here in our office. You need to call and make an appointment as it will take about 40 minutes to complete. A list of the requirements to be eligible for online renewal is available at the office.

You will need to bring your most recent passport, email and password, and credit or debit card for payment.

We will be able to help with these two processes in the office. You can call the office to make an appointment with Izzy.

The cost is \$10.00. for this assistance. Call for an appointment.

Reflections of Italy # 1

Date: April 2 – 11, 2025

Status: Ready To Go!

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

Reflections of Italy # 2

Date: April 6 – 15, 2025

Status: Ready To Go!

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

Make Em Laugh – Petrolia A Variety Show of Sorts!

Date: Tues, April 22, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

Status: A few 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 Actor's Casual Dining 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.

Join us for an unforgettable new variety show with Canadian comedy sensation Neil Aitchison. Neil will have you in stitches with his sharp observations, relatable tales, and good old-fashioned tomfoolery. Adding to the hilarity are vaudevillian style entertainers delivering songs and skits that are certain to have you laughing and singing along. Get ready for a performance packed with clever punchlines, downright silliness and infectious tunes!

My Mother & the Michigan / Ohio War

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 1:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

Join us for a 3:00 p.m. matinee at the Purple Rose in Chelsea. The cost includes the motorcoach and the ticket for the show! There will be no meal stop on this trip. Bring a snack if you wish.

"Izzy's history buff husband, Freddy, had a dream: a full-scale reenactment of The Michigan-Ohio War. But when a bizarre papier-mâché accident leaves Izzy a widow, she calls on her Wolverine daughter and Buckeye son to see Freddy's vision realized. Historical becomes hysterical in this comedy about family, football and the fight for the Toledo strip." Contains adult language & subject matter.

The Rat Pack Lounge

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Cost: \$78.00 per person

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

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Join me for this 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.

"Frank, Dean and Sammy are up in heaven, but God tells them they left some unfinished business back on Earth. It seems Frank made an unfulfilled promise to Vic, the owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. Now he and the boys have one night to make things right. With hits like "My Way", "What Kind of Fool Am I?" and "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime" this show will leave you singing and savoring the days of the highballs.

Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025

Cost: \$90.00 per person

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

Status: Seats Available!

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. We will be eating lunch at Golden Corral before heading to the Coliseum for our shopping time.

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.

The cost includes the motorcoach, the lunch, admission to the sale, driver tip and fun, fun, fun!

Nonsense – Turkeyville

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Cost: \$95.00 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!

Nonsense is habit-forming! After a culinary disaster nearly wipes out the convent, the Little Sisters of Hoboken pull out all the stops in a fundraising variety show featuring toe-tapping musical numbers, habit humor, and an unabashed desire to make you laugh. With songs and comic interludes paced at break-neck speed, it's a must-see musical adventure!

iLuminate

Date: Friday, May 9, 2025

Cost: \$84.00 per person

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

Status: Sold out! Wait list started!

From the moment the lights fade to darkness, you are transported into another world...another dimension, where the music moves you and the visuals are unlike anything you've ever seen. Welcome to the world of iLuminate, a fantastic fusion of cutting-edge technology and dance that has been wowing the world ever since appearing on America's Got Talent. iLuminate features a brilliant cast of the country's top dancers performing to energetic music – including top pop and rock hits from the 70's, 80's and 90's – a little jazz, Latin, hip-hop and more. The dancers are outfitted with customized LED suits synced to music that creates extraordinary lighting effects with each of the phenomenally choreographed dance moves that will take viewers on an exhilarating ride!

The cost includes the motorcoach and main floor seating at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on your own.

Did you know?

April is National Humor Month! Look for the fun things that happen around you! Find a funny joke and share it with a friend!

Great Canadian Cities

Montreal, Quebec & Ottawa

Date: May 11 - 18, 2025 Sun - Sun

Cost: \$3099.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$500.00 to confirm your seat

Final Balance: Now due!

Cancellation Protection: \$250.00 due with deposit (optional)

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

This trip includes 7 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners. We will enjoy sightseeing tours of Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa. We will visit the St Anne De Beaupre Shrine, St Joseph's Oratory, Notre Dame Basilica, 1000 Island Boat Cruise, and visits to several other well-known places such as Montmorency Falls topped off with a walk through the Tulips at the Festival in Ottawa. A highlight will be staying at the World-Renowned Chateau Frontenac in Old Town Quebec. This trip is being planned by Shoreline Tours.

***** You will need a passport or a Michigan enhanced driver's license for this trip.**

Single: \$4379.00 Triple: \$2849.00 per person

Departure Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the office. Please plan to attend.

Rockin' the 50's - Petrolia

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Passport or Enhanced Driver License required

We are headed to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Actor's Casual Dining 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.

A VPP Original

Feel the beat as we step back in time to the unforgettable decade that gave us doo-wop, drive-in diners, and dance crazes! Relive the golden age of rock 'n' roll, catchy classics and timeless ballads, as our crazy talented performers breathe new life into electrifying hits like "Jailhouse Rock," "Peggy Sue," "Mr. Sandman" and "Stand By Me." Tap your toes, twist along and travel back to the joyful, nostalgic sounds of the fabulous '50s.

Daniel O'Donnell @ Shipshewana

Dates: Wed - Thurs, May 28 - 29, 2025

Cost: \$330.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$80.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$50.00 per person (optional)

Final Payment Due: April 28, 2025

Departure: 8:00 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. There will be time at the shops in town for those who like to explore. After 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

Spring Mystery Trip

New!

Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Cost: \$100.00 per person

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

It's finally here! The Mystery Trip has been scheduled! Lunch is included. As well as the activities and the motorcoach!

This should be a great time to spend with friends, learn something new, recall the past, and enjoy a relaxing day out and about! The trip this spring has some walking and will be indoors and outdoors! Wear comfortable shoes, casual clothing and dress for the weather. Be prepared for Michigan in the Spring!

Just a reminder... 2 rules for Mystery Trips

1. It is somewhere I've never taken a group.
2. It is not a casino!

We should return to Clio around 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Shear Madness

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Cost: \$78.00 per person

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

Status: Over ½ full!

Join me for this comedy-whodunit 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. "This Unique comedy-whodunit takes place today in the "Shear Madness" hair salon and is chock full of up-to-the minute spontaneous humor. During the course of the action, a murder is committed and the audience gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery in the annals of crime. The outcome is never the same, which is why many audience members return again and again to the scene of the mayhem."

Lancaster - Noah # 1

Date: June 9 - 12, 2025 Mon - Thurs

Cost: \$670.00 per person for double occupancy

Deposit: \$170.00 per person

Final Balance due: May 1, 2025

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank side parking lot.

This trip will feature the production of Noah at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. It includes 3 nights at the Heritage Hotel, luggage handling, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, the Chalk Artist, a production of CAT's, a visit to Amish Farms, Kitchen Kettle Village and more!

This trip is casual. No dress clothes are required. You need comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to have needed items in your carryon. 1 piece of luggage under the bus will not be available on travel days. Luggage handling is included at the hotel.

Single: \$910.00

Triple: \$615.00

Dear Jack, Dear Louise – Petrolia

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

Passport or MI 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 Actor's Casual Dining 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.

Set during World War II, this charming and humorous love story unfolds through the letters of two strangers. Jack Ludwig, a military doctor, and Louise, an aspiring actress, exchange witty and touching correspondence, falling in love despite the distance between them. Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig tells the joyous, heartwarming story of his parents' courtship, and the results are anything but expected.

The WIZ

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Cost: \$122.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

An adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz" that tries to capture the essence of the African-American experience: 24-year-old kindergarten teacher Dorothy, born, raised, and still working in Harlem, is celebrating Thanksgiving with her extended family, but she doesn't seem to be thankful for much. She lives a sheltered life and is shy and unfulfilled. When she gets caught in a snowstorm while chasing her dog Toto, they're transported to the mysterious Land of Oz, where she's informed that the only way she can find her way home is through the assistance of the powerful wizard in the Emerald City. As she searches for him by easing down the Yellow Brick Road, she befriends some creatures who face problems in their lives. In their quest to find the wizard, they also face Evillene, the equally evil sister of Evermean, the wicked witch whom Dorothy inadvertently killed when she arrived in Oz; Evillene might be their biggest obstacle.

This trip includes the motorcoach transportation and main floor seats for the show at Fisher Theatre in Detroit. A stop for supper will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings on the way to the theatre.

Gilmore Car Museum

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025

Cost: \$75.00 per person

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

Status: ½ full!

This trip includes motorcoach transportation, driver tip, admission to the Gilmore Car Museum which has recently been named the # 1 Car Museum in the World! There are 2 locations on the property where you can enjoy lunch on your own whenever you choose. They are the Blue Moon Diner and the Heritage Café. You can explore at your own pace. We will depart about 3:30 and should return to Clio around 5:30 p.m. There is a lot of walking, however there are places to take a break. It is an indoor / outdoor experience.

The Gilmore Car Museum is located in Hickory Corners. The museum exhibits over 400 vintage and collector vehicles and motorcycles from all eras in several vintage buildings located on a 90-acre campus. The museum claims to be the largest automobile museum in North America.

Zekelman Holocaust Center

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Cost: \$70.00 per person

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

Status: ½ full!

This trip will take us to the redesigned Center in Farmington Hills. We will have a guided tour in the morning and a visit with a NextGen, (a child of a Holocaust Survivor). Then we will leave the center for an included lunch, return to have time to revisit the exhibits on our own at our own pace. We should arrive back in Clio between 4:00 and 4:30.

Founded in 1984, The Zekelman Holocaust Center (The HC) first opened its doors on the campus of the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield as the Holocaust Memorial Center and relocated to the current award-winning Farmington Hills building in 2004. The HC is home to not only our core Holocaust museum exhibit, but an extensive research library, archives, and special exhibit galleries. As The HC continues to grow, so do our educational outreach efforts. Each year, we reach more than 150,000 people through our teacher training workshops, virtual museum experiences, public programs, and visits to the museum.

Grandparent / Grandkid Trip**New!**

Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025

Cost: \$65.00 per person

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

Our annual Grandparent / Grandkid trip will feature 2 stops this year! We will visit the Toy and Antique Fire Museum and the Saginaw Children's Zoo. The Toy and Antique Fire Museum has over 40,000 fire engines ranging in size from miniature to full size as well as many other nostalgic items. The Children's Zoo has animals, a train and more! You can pack a lunch or the zoo has hot dogs and a few other concessions. We should return between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m.

Dress comfortably and for the weather.

Bay City Fireworks

Date: Saturday, July 5, 2025

Cost: \$50.00 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.

Joke of the Month:

You know you're getting older when everything you see at a vintage flea market is something you already own.

Lancaster – Noah # 2

Date: July 7 – 10, 2025 Mon - Thurs

Cost: \$670.00 per person for double occupancy

Deposit: \$170.00 per person

Final Balance due: June 1, 2025

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank side parking lot.

This trip will feature the production of Noah at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. It includes 3 nights at the Heritage Hotel, luggage handling, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, the Chalk Artist, a guided tour of Hershey and a visit to Chocolate World, a production of CAT's, a visit to Amish Farms, Kitchen Kettle Village and more!

This trip is casual. No dress clothes are required. You need comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to have needed items in your carryon. Luggage under the bus will not be available on travel days.

Single: \$910.00 Triple: \$615.00

Nunsense - Petrolia

Tuesday, July 22

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 Actor's Casual Dining 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.

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of this hilarious musical spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a fundraiser. Packed with uproarious musical numbers and side-splitting wit there is good reason this comedic gem has become a habit with audiences around the world for four decades.

Mud Hens & Tony Packos

Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Cost: \$75.00 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 St Paul Saints which is the farm team for the Minnesota Twins.

Tiger Night Game

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 4:15 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

Status: Seats Available!

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Minnesota Twins for this 6:40 p.m. 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.

Sexy Laundry

Date: Thursday, Aug 7, 2025

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 Actor's Casual Dining 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.

When Alice and Henry's marriage hits a rough patch, they escape to a trendy spa hotel with a copy of 'Sex for Dummies', hoping to reignite their passion. Amidst awkward moments and emotional struggles, they confront the big question: can they rekindle the spark, or is it time to part ways? This wild comedy stars the wacky and hilarious real-life husband and wife duo, Andrew Dolha and Bernadette Taylor Dolha as they air their sexy laundry.

South Dakota

Date: August 11 – 18, 2025, Mon - Mon

Cost: \$2470.00 per person double occupancy

Final payment due: July 7, 2025

Cancellation Protection: \$120.00 due with deposit (optional)

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

This trip promises to be a taste of South Dakota and the beauty hidden in the hills.

Single Rate: \$3100.00 Triple rate: \$2300.00 per person

Please save the date: There will be a **Departure Meeting** on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the office. We will discuss packing, and answer questions about the trip.

Annual Summer Picnic!

Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025

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 8/14/25 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. It is a covered pavilion in case of inclement weather.

Make New Friends!

On longer trips we use a seat rotation in order to allow different viewing perspectives throughout the trip. Each day, travelers will have a new seat. This helps you to meet new people, get off in a different order and not always be first or last. I realize some people have special requests as to seating and we do try to keep that in mind in doing the rotation. However, there are only so many seats in the front on each trip. Thanks for your understanding!

Ann to the 3rd Power – Stratford **New!**

Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Cost: \$330.00 per person

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

Passport or Enhanced Driver License required

Join **Ann** for this day trip to Stratford, Ontario in Canada to see two productions: “**Annie**” and “**Anne of Green Gables**” at the 2025 Stratford Festival. This will be a long day but you will get your fill of Ann, Annie and Anne (with an E).

“**Annie**” has reigned as one of the world’s most beloved family musicals since its original six-year Broadway run. Annie Bennett is the iconic mop-topped orphan who knows the sun will come out tomorrow for her, no matter how dark it gets today. (Even if “today” is under the domain of Miss Hannigan, the caretaker of the orphanage and an over-the-top misopedist.) When Annie and her scrappy dog, Sandy, are taken in by the secretary of the billionaire Oliver Warbucks, the girl’s lifelong search to find her birth parents sets off a chain of wacky, heartwarming adventures.

“**Anne of Green Gables**” Generations of readers have fallen in love with Lucy Maud Montgomery’s timeless tale of imagination, resilience and the transformative power of love. When freckle-faced orphan Anne Shirley arrives in Avonlea, she has little more than the clothes on her back. Soon her vivid imagination, fiery temper and tenacious spirit win over her adoptive parents and schoolmates, including her arch nemesis, Gilbert. In this playful take on the beloved classic novel, audiences meet Anne illuminated by her signature charm and irrepressible glory.

This trip includes the motorcoach transportation, tickets for both shows, and dinner.

We will get home approximately at 1:30 – 2:00 a.m.

Labor Day Bridge Walk

Date: Monday, September 1, 2025

Cost: \$70.00 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. 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.

Lancaster – Noah # 3

Date: September 8 – 11, 2025 Mon - Thursday

Cost: \$670.00 per person for double occupancy

Deposit: \$170.00 per person

Final Balance due: August 1, 2025

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

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

Status: Sold Out!

This trip will feature the production of Noah at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. It includes 3 nights at the Heritage Hotel, luggage handling, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, the Chalk Artist, a production of the Buddy Holly Story, a visit to Amish Farms, Kitchen Kettle Village and more!

This trip is casual. No dress clothes are required. You need comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to have needed items in your carryon. Luggage under the bus will not be available on travel days.

Single: \$910.00

Triple: \$615.00

Joseph - Turkeyville **2nd bus added**

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Cost: \$95.00 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! A lively and colorful journey through Ancient Egypt, Andrew Lloyd Weber’s beloved biblical rock ‘n roll masterpiece follows the rags to riches story of Joseph, his eleven brothers, and the coat of many colors.

Tiger Day Game

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Cost: \$85.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Cleveland Guardians for this 1:10 p.m. day game. We have tickets along the third base side. Plan to enjoy lunch at the ballpark on your own. The cost includes transportation and the game ticket. Dress for the weather. Comerica Park has gone cashless. You must have a credit card to purchase food items or convert your cash to a card via machines.

All About ABBA - Petrolia

Cost: Wednesday, Sept 24, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

Status: Sold Out!

Passport or MI Enhanced Driver License required

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia. The cost includes the transportation, a delicious luncheon at Actor’s Casual Dining 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. Join us for a joyous journey through the remarkable rise of one of the world’s most beloved bands. A dazzling cast of singers bring ABBA’s incredible legacy to life to capture the spirit, emotions, and energy that made the group an international phenomenon. Celebrating the songs, as well as the stories, behind such iconic hits as “*Dancing Queen*”, “*Mamma Mia*”, and “*The Winner Takes It All*”, this is a tribute show like no other.

New Hampshire & Vermont

Date: October 3 – 11, 2025

Cost: \$3789.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$500.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$210.00 per person

Final Payment due: August 1, 2025

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

We will visit New Hampshire, Vermont and the Finger Lakes Region in upstate New York for fall color! Many unique opportunities include the Mt Washington Cog Rail, Quechee Gorge, a visit to Von Trapp Family Lodge, a guided tour of Hope Cemetery, Cannon Mountain Aerial Tram, Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise, Canandaigua Lake Cruise and more! Detailed flyers available. **We will be traveling through Canada to save time and mileage so you will need a passport or an Enhanced Michigan driver’s license.**

Single: \$4999.00

Triple: \$3499.00 per person

There will be a **departure meeting** on Wednesday, September 17th 10:00 a.m. Please plan to come and pick up your packet, meet other travelers and ask questions.

Grand Ole' Opry! 100th Anniversary

Date: Mon-Fri, October 13 – 17, 2025

Cost: \$1300.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$250.00 per person

Final payment due: September 2, 2025

Cancellation protection: \$160.00 per person due w/ deposit

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

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

It's all about the Music as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry! Many special events are planned for this month and we plan to join the celebration in Nashville! This trip will include motorcoach transportation, 4 nights lodging in the same hotel, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners, and 3 shows including a songwriter's performance, Nashville Nightlife Theatre, and the Grand Ole Opry.

There will be a **Departure Meeting** on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the office. Please plan to come and pick up your travel packet, meet other travelers, and ask questions.

Single: \$1600.00; Triple: \$1225.00 per person

Grand Experience – Mackinac Island

Dates: Sunday – Wednesday, October 19 – 22, 2025

Cost: \$990.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$250.00 per person

Final Balance Due: August 20, 2025

Cancellation Protection: \$90.00 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 season. This trip is offered in cooperation with MRPA (Michigan Recreation and Parks Association).

Single price: \$1220.00 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.

Departure Meetings will be Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Catch Me If You Can

New!

Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

Overflowing with mirth, this Broadway whodunit is exciting from beginning to end. A Michigan advertising man, who has brought his bride to the boss' mountain lodge for a honeymoon, calls in the local police to investigate her sudden disappearance. Enter a pretty young girl who insists over his protests that she is the missing wife. A priest backs up her story. A funny little man who owns a delicatessen enters and before you know it there are two murders at the isolated lodge.

The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip 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: Tues – Wed, November 4 -5, 2025

Cost: \$350.00 per person (double occupancy)

Deposit: \$80.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$60.00 per person w/ deposit

Final Payment due: October 1, 2025

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 \$450.00; Triple \$320.00 per person

The Naughty List – Turkeyville # 1

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025

Cost: \$95.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

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

Sparkles the Elf dances like a snowflake and has the voice of a snow angel, and she is always the star of the annual Christmas Pageant at Santa's Workshop. But when a new and talented elf comes onto the scene and threatens to steal the spotlight, Sparkles is overwhelmed with feelings of jealousy that threaten to land her on ... the Naughty List!

Christmas In Branson

Date: Sunday – Saturday, November 16 – 22, 2025

Cost: \$1365.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$165.00 per person

Cancellation protection: \$100.00 per person

Final payment due: October 10, 2025

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

Status: Over 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 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, Dean Z's Ultimate Elvis; George Dyer – Broadway to Buble; 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

Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

Passport or MI Enhanced Driver License required

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 Actor's in 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

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

Passport or MI Enhanced Driver License required

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 Actor's in 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'll return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Starbright Christmas # 3 - Petrolia

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

Passport or MI Enhanced Driver License required

Same as # 1 and # 2 above... Just a different day! Lunch will be included at Actor's in 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.

A Christmas Carol**New!**

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

Everyone's favorite holiday classic captivates audiences for the 43rd year with the tale of a mean-spirited miser and the ghosts that haunt him.

The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings before heading to Meadow Brook.

The Naughty List – Turkeyville # 2

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Cost: \$95.00 per person

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

Status: Seats Available!

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

Sparkles the Elf dances like a snowflake and has the voice of a snow angel, and she is always the star of the annual Christmas Pageant at Santa's Workshop. But when a new and talented elf comes onto the scene and threatens to steal the spotlight, Sparkles is overwhelmed with feelings of jealousy that threaten to land her on ... the Naughty List!

All Shook Up**New!**

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

This crowd-pleasing musical is inspired by and features the songs of Elvis Presley. It is 1955, and into a square little town in a square little state rides a guitar-playing young man who changes everything and everyone he meets in this hip-swiveling, lip-curling musical fantasy that'll have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes with such classics as "Heartbreak Hotel," "Jailhouse Rock," and "Don't Be Cruel". Collaboration with Oakland University's School of Music, Theatre and Dance.

The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings before heading to Meadow Brook.

Exploring South Africa # 1

Dates: February 2 -16, 2026

Cost: \$9098.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1297.00 per person (includes cancellation)

Final payment due: December 4, 2025

Status: Sold Out!

This is a 15-day trip to South Africa including Victoria Falls & Botswana. This particular trip is designed as a small group exploration with 8 wildlife safaris, 2 National Parks, Cape Winelands, Cape Town, Table Mountain and more.

The cost includes the airflight, transfers to and from the airports, cancellation and insurance. Since this is a more unique experience, the space available is considered a small group and will be limited to 19 people. Visas, vaccines, and Malaria pills will be an additional expense.

Exploring South Africa # 2

Dates: February 13 - 27, 2026

Cost: \$9098.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1297.00 per person (includes cancellation)

Final payment due: December 4, 2025

Status: Sold Out!

Same as Trip # 1!

What The Constitution Means To Me**New!**

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

Written from her own life story, fifteen-year-old Heidi Schreck paid her college tuition by speaking in debate competitions across the country; now older she tells the story of four generations of extraordinary women in her family whose lives were shaped by the Constitution. Heidi Schreck's hilarious, hopeful and achingly human play breathes new life into our Constitution and imagines how it will shape the next generation of Americans.

The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings before heading to Meadow Brook.

Luggage Tip: For every trip, each person can take 1 checked bag and 1 carryon! Luggage costs are rising and I budget the same for everyone. Your carryon should have the items you may need during the day, Do not pack your medications or camera in your checked bag. It causes a delay if we have to unload 50 bags to find the one we need.

South Africa Trip # 3

Dates: March 5 – 19, 2026

Cost: \$9098.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1297.00 per person (includes cancellation)

Final payment due: December 4, 2025

Status: Seats available

Same as Trip # 1

Detailed Flyers are available for all three Africa trips.

We've had some cancellations and some movement between the trips. Call if you are interested in any of the Africa trips and we can check on the status!

Come From Away

New!

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Departure: 11:00 from the Clio Kmart

Following a true story during the 9/11 attacks, 38 planes and 6579 passengers were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland, doubling the population of one small town on the edge of the world. Based on interviews with locals, Come From Away is about how hosting this international community of strangers spurred unexpected camaraderie in extraordinary circumstances.

The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings before heading to Meadow Brook.

Route 66 in April of 2026

100 Years of the Mother Road 1926 - 2026

Dates: April 13 – May 2, 2026.

Cost: \$6720.00 per person, double occupancy

Deposit: \$600.00 per person (includes cancellation protection valued at \$300.00 per person)

Status: Over ½ full!

Final payment due: February 1, 2026

Route 66 will be 100 years old in 2026.

The trip will be taken by motorcoach and will travel through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. While the route will be the same going west and returning eastbound, we will stop in different places and see different roadside attractions in each direction. This will keep the trip fresh even though we will be traveling the same highway.

I am in the final planning stages for this trip! It will include stops at many iconic locations including Rialto Square Theatre, Joliet Area Historical Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center, Edinger's Filling Station, Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum, Amarillo Route 66 Historical District, Cadillac Ranch, Midpoint Café, Route 66 Historical Village, Neon Signs, Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, Uranus, Totem Pole Park, Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum, Pops Soda Ranch, TeePee Curios, New Mexico Route 66 Museum, the Continental Divide, Oatman, Williams, Santa Monica Pier. And, of course the "End of Trail Sign. We will start in Chicago at the Begin Route 66 Sign. Of course, other stops are being considered as well.

The cost includes 20 nights lodging, 40 meals, the motorcoach, admission to attractions along the route, cancellation protection (valued at \$300.00). Please note: that I am still working on finalizing all the many details and that detailed flyers will not be available until early 2025. So many people have been asking about the cost, that I wanted to get this information out there as soon as possible.

Single and triple pricing will be coming soon. This trip departs from Clio and will return to Clio.

Million Dollar Quartet

New!

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

December 4, 1956: an extraordinary twist of fate brings Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever, with an irresistible tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal and celebrations that are both poignant and funny. Relive the era with the smash-hit sensation featuring an incredible score including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "Walk the Line," "Great Balls of Fire," "Hound Dog," and more!

The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 8:00 evening show. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings before heading to Meadow Brook.

Discover Scotland

Date: May 11 – 20, 2026

Cost: \$5898.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1247.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Includes insurance (valued at \$549.00)

Early Bird discount of \$350.00 if deposit received by 11/5/2025.

Final payment due: 2/10/26

Experience the Highlands of Scotland, Glasgow, Isle of Skye, Loch Ness, Thurso, Olney Islands, Inverness and Edinburgh. This 10 day trip includes 15 meals and so much more. Airflights, taxes, and some amazing experiences are also included. Digital entry permits are now required on this trip. We can help you apply for these and will keep you posted on when we need to do this. (read related article on page 3.

Flyers are now available!

Always A Bridesmaid

New!

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

On the night of their senior prom, Libby Ruth, Deedra, Monette and Charlie promise that they will be bridesmaids in one another's weddings... no matter what. Now, more than thirty years later, these Southern gals are still making "the long walk" for each other, determined to honor that vow. 'For better or for worse' takes on a whole new meaning in this delicious comedy about old friends. From the writers of *The Golden Girls* and *Kingdom Come*.

The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 8:00 evening show. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings before heading to Meadow Brook.

Travel Tip:

Always carry a refillable water bottle with you! It is crucial to remain hydrated for mental and physical health.

Authentic Alaska

New!

Dates: June 15 - 30, 2026

Cost: Is based on the room you select on the ship. We are currently waiting on airline costs as it is too early to get cost this far out! We should have final costs in the next newsletter.

This trip includes 7 days land and a 7 night cruise through the Inside Passage. We will fly from Detroit to Fairbanks, Alaska and the return flight will be from Seattle to Detroit. We will be sailing on the Norwegian Jade on Norwegian Cruise Lines.

We will fly into Fairbanks for 2 nights and visit the Alaska pipeline, tour Fairbanks, attend a salmon bake, enjoy the Sternwheeler Discovery, spend 2 nights in Denali, a visit to the tundra, a ride on the domed train, 2 nights in Anchorage, and a City Tour of Anchorage, Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center on the way to Homer, 1 night lodging in Homer, Kenai Peninsula and the artsy fishing community of Homer, Visit the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, and head to Whittier to board the cruise ship.

The seven-day cruise will visit Icy Strait, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan. There will be shore excursions available from the ship in each of the ports. This cost includes your transfers from Clio to Detroit, transfers to the hotels, and the bus back to Clio from Detroit! We will be flying Delta! Detailed flyers with registration forms will be available as soon as costs are available!

***A passport or Enhanced Driver's license is required for this trip!** The cruise ship docks in Vancouver, British Columbia – Canada.

Discover Austria, Switzerland & Bavaria

Date: Planning for August 2026

This 10 day trip includes 13 meals, Bern, Switzerland; Lucerne, Switzerland; Liechtenstein; Innsbruck, Austria; Salzburg, Austria and Bavaria, Germany and more! This trip is being planned by Collette Vacations.

Spectacular Scandinavia

Date: Planning for June of 2027

This trip would visit Denmark, Sweden and Norway. It would include 22 meals over the 15 day trip. We would visit Stockholm, Sweden; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Oslo, Norway as well as other cities. Mountains, valleys and a fjord cruise are just a few of the delights you will experience on this trip.

This trip is being planned by Collette Vacations.

Shades of Ireland

Date: Planning for September 2027

This 10 day trip to Ireland includes all the "must see" locations, 13 meals and more! We will visit Dublin, Kilkenny, Waterford, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick, Galway, Kingscourt and more! Kiss the Blarney Stone, taste the Guinness, and more

This trip is being planned by Collette Vacations.

Two Lights for Tomorrow is a nationwide initiative to commence the celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States of America. The famous ride of Paul Revere occurred overnight on **April 18 – 19, 1775**. Two Lights for Tomorrow originated out of multi-state collaboration at *A Common Cause to All* in Williamsburg and uses the imagery of that shining light 250 years ago as a unifying call to action today for our fellow citizens, no matter where they are, to commemorate and remind ourselves that our history is about working together for a better tomorrow.

At its heart it is **a call across the country**, in private homes, local communities, and statehouses alike, for two lights to be displayed to remind us all of the importance to come together to form a more perfect union.

How to Participate

Everyone can participate! All you have to do is **display two lights in your homes, at your visitor centers, your cultural, historical, and community sites, and in your government buildings** in April 2025 to raise awareness and draw attention to and commemorate the beginning of our constant endeavor as a nation to work together for a better tomorrow!

In Virginia, we'll light our lanterns from **April 11th to April 22nd**, the 250th anniversary of the Gunpowder Incident in Williamsburg. We invite everyone across the state and across the nation to join us in this nationally unifying commemoration. Some states will display their lights on the anniversary itself on April 18th, others will be displaying their lights the entire month of April! Some state commissions are planning a public program as two lights are lit at the statehouses as well so be sure to check with your state's commission for when they're planning to participate so you can join in!

Day of Service

In some states, a day of service will follow the lantern lightings as a reminder that the idea of serving one another has been part of our national identity since that very first day 250 years ago.

Check with your state commission to see if they're planning for that part or if they know of any volunteer projects ranging from park and cemetery clean-ups (especially with the close proximity to Earth Day) to community builds, food drives, and card writing to residents of care facilities, etc. The possibilities for service can be tailored to the needs of our citizens and in partnership with service organizations.

Involve Your Community

From two spotlights at a state capitol building beaming in the darkness to smaller displays at municipal buildings, and lights in individual homes, every citizen can participate. There isn't a specific kind of light, duration of display, or location because the important part is just the willingness to participate!

Some governor's offices are issuing executive orders to encourage government department buildings, municipalities, and every citizen to participate. Educational materials have been prepared by many states to engage students of all levels.

We encourage participation at as many locations as possible – community centers, municipal and county administrative buildings, and private residences.

Trips At A Glance!

Reflections of Italy # 1	April 2 – 11, 2025	\$5353.00	Italy
Reflections of Italy # 2	April 6 – 15, 2025	\$5353.00	Italy
Make 'Em Laugh	April 22, 2025	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
My Mother & the Michigan / Ohio War	April 24, 2025	\$85.00	Purple Rose - Chelsea
Rat Pack Lounge	April 30, 2025	\$78.00	Meadow Brook
Vera Bradley Sale	May 1, 2025	\$90.00	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Nunsense	May 6, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
iLuminate	May 9, 2025	\$84.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Great Canadian Cities	May 11 – 18, 2025	\$3099.00	Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa
Senior Power Day	May 21, 2025	\$5.00	Crossroads Village
Rockin' the 50's	May 22, 2025	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Daniel O'Donnell & Shipshewana	May 28 – 29, 2025	\$330.00	Shipshewana, Indiana
Spring Mystery Trip	June 3, 2025	\$100.00	???????
Shear Madness	June 4, 2025	\$78.00	Meadow Brook
Lancaster – Noah # 1	June 9 - 12, 2025	\$670.00	Pennsylvania
Dear Jack, Dear Louise	June 17, 2025	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
The WIZ	June 18, 2025	\$122.00	Fisher Theater - Detroit
Gilmore Car Museum	June 19, 2025	\$75.00	Hickory Corners, MI
Zekelman Holocaust Center	June 24, 2025	\$70.00	Farmington Hills, MI
Grandparent / Grandkid Trip	June 26, 2025	\$65.00	Saginaw Zoo & Toy Museum
Bay City Fireworks	July 5, 2025	\$50.00	Bay City, MI
Lancaster – Noah # 2	July 7 – 10, 2025	\$670.00	Pennsylvania
Nunsense	July 22, 2025	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Mud Hens & Tony Packos	July 29, 2025	\$75.00	Toledo, Ohio
Tiger Night Game	August 5, 2025	\$85.00	Comerica Park – Detroit
Sexy Laundry	August 7, 2025	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
South Dakota	August 11 – 18, 2025	\$2470.00	South Dakota
Ann to the 3rd Power	August 27, 2025	\$330.00	Stratford, ON
Labor Day Bridge Walk	September 1, 2025	\$70.00	Mackinaw City
Lancaster – Noah # 3	September 8 – 11, 2025	\$670.00	Pennsylvania
Joseph & Technicolor Dreamcoat	September 16, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
Tiger Day Game	September 18, 2025	\$85.00	Comerica Park – Detroit
All About ABBA	September 24, 2025	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
New Hampshire – Vermont	October 3 – 11, 2025	\$3789.00	New Hampshire, Vermont, New York
Grand Ole Opry 100 th	October 13 – 17, 2025	\$1300.00	Nashville, TN
Grand Experience	October 19 – 22, 2025	\$990.00	Mackinac Island
Catch Me If You Can	October 29, 2025	\$80.00	Meadow Brook
Ark Encounter	November 4 – 5, 2025	\$350.00	Kentucky
The Naughty List # 1	November 13, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
Christmas In Branson	November 16 - 22, 2025	\$1365	Missouri
Starbright # 1	November 25, 2025	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Starbright # 2	December 2, 2025	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Starbright # 3	December 3, 2025	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
A Christmas Carol	December 10, 2025	\$80.00	Meadow Brook
The Naughty List # 2	December 16, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
All Shook Up!	January 21, 2026	\$80.00	Meadow Brook
South Africa # 1	February 2 – 16, 2026	\$9098.00	Africa
South Africa # 2	February 13 – 27, 2026	\$9098.00	Africa
What the Constitution Means	March 4, 2026	\$80.00	Meadow Brook
South Africa # 3	March 5 – 19, 2026	\$9098.00	Africa
Come From Away	April 1, 2026	\$80.00	Meadow Brook
Route 66	April 13 – May 2, 2026	\$6720.00	Illinois to California
Million Dollar Quartet	May 6, 2026	\$80.00	Meadow Brook
Discover Scotland	May 11 – 20, 2026	\$5898.00	Scotland UK
Always A Bridesmaid	June 10, 2026	\$80.00	Meadow Brook
Authentic Alaska	June 15 – 30, 2026	TBD	Alaska

“Not all who wander are lost... Some wander with wonder whatever the cost!”

Trips that are bolded are first time offerings...



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