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REFLECTIONS FROM RENEE

Dear Friends,

It has been a very busy summer! I hope you have all been enjoying time outdoors maybe fishing, planting flowers or gardens, picnics, boat rides, walks, or maybe a vacation trip out of town. The club has been very busy as well. Since our last newsletter we have seen Donny & Marie in concert. They still drawn great crowds and I swear they do not age. It was a very good concert! We also had our Long Term Care Seminar, a senior banking seminar about scams, senior day at Steamboat Days (which was very nice). Several members went with Mike and me to the Cubs & Cardinals game in Chicago. The weather didn't look promising but it turned out to be a good day for Cardinals as they won the game. We did hit the rain coming home. A small group of members headed for the Canadian Rockies in July. Wow what a fantastic trip. The scenery was spectacular and the weather was perfect and cool. The national parks were beautiful and the snowcapped mountains were everywhere you looked. We did take the ice explorers out to walk on the Columbia glacier. One of the highlights was the rafting trip as well as seeing black and grizzly bears and other wildlife. We finished our trip in Calgary at the Calgary Stampede. This is the biggest rodeo in the world and has been since 1923. I really enjoyed this Stampede. The whole town gets into it by dressing up in cowboy gear even the hotels have a cowboy theme. We watched the chuckwagon races, the barrel races, the bronco riding competition and then stayed for the show that evening. They had over 100 people in the show and it was amazing. The fireworks topped off the night and was one of the best fireworks display I have ever seen. For those that went on this trip, thanks so much for all the memories.

Our Mystery Trip on July 27, 28 and 29th can now be revealed. We started our trip with a stop in Vinton, IA where we toured the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. This is the school that Mary Ingalls (from the Little House on the Prairie fame) attended back in the 1800's. They are no longer a school for visually impaired people but they have preserved part of the school as a museum and they also have AmeriCorps and Fema training there now. Our tour guide was legally blind and did a terrific job of escorting us around. Then we went to Mason City and toured the Historic Park Inn, which is a Frank Lloyd Wright hotel. It has been newly remodeled. That evening we had as Mystery Dinner and show. The next day we went to Clear Lake, IA to visit the Surf Ballroom (the last place Buddy Holly performed) and then took a 90 minute ride on the Lady of the Lake on Clear Lake. In the afternoon we went back to Mason City to go to the Music Man Square and Meredith Wilson's boyhood home followed by a tour of Mason City with a local guide. We also stopped at the McNider Museum, and on the way home stopped at the Little Brown Church in the Vale. Our lunch was at the Galleria De Paco in Waterloo which featured scenes from the Sistine Chapel on the walls and ceiling of this restaurant done in spray paint by the owners son. We finished our trip with some Laughing Yoga. Needless to say everyone was pretty happy when we headed home. Maybe you will go with us next year!

Be watching for our second in a series of **Safe Banking for Seniors** seminars – *Preventing Identity Theft*, anticipated this fall! The four-part series organizes banker volunteers to help older adults and their financial caregivers learn the risks of, and how to combat, fraud and financial exploitation. We are pleased to offer this to the public in all our neighborhoods through our partnership with the American Bankers Association's national program.

I have added two travel shows to our calendar on the back for some of our 2017 trips. I hope you will consider one or more of these great trips. We still have room on the Fall Foliage Trip this fall and our Caribbean Cruise next February.

Thought of the Day-Life is not about getting there- it is about being here! We have more than one chance to get it right.

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NEW GOOD NEIGHBORS CLUB MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members that have recently joined our Club.

- Michael Berry
- William & Patricia Dearlove
- Donald & Linda Springsteen
- Kathy & Mark Strawhacker
- LaVerne & Sheilia Morrison
- Elyce Riney
- Evelyn Chevalier
- Walter & Carolyn Church
- Katherine A. Logan
- Ray E. Foulk
- Kent & Gretchen Lewis
- Marsha & Phil Rowan
- Matthew Hagerty
- George & Mary Lou Bandstra
- Michele Schnicker
- Lori Kuster

Thank you for joining the club!

2016 EXTENDED TRIPS

October 14-20
Fall Foliage Brilliance Trip

November 1-4
Branson 4-day trip

2017 EXTENDED TRIPS

Feb. 11-19
Caribbean Cruise

May - TBD
All bus trip to Kentucky

Sept. 28-Oct. 10
Mackinac Island

Oct. 24- Nov. 11
Australia & New Zealand

Calendar

SEPTEMBER 21- CIRCA' 21 THEATRE IN ROCK ISLAND MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET - \$100 pp due by August 19th

This thrilling musical brings you inside the recording studio with rock'n roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for one unforgettable night. You will hear some wonderful harmonies and feel like you are right in the room with them. MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET brings that legendary night to life, featuring a score of rock hits including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "That's All Right," "Sixteen Tons," "Great Balls of Fire," "Walk the Line," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Who Do You Love?," "Matchbox," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Hound Dog" and many more. Sign up today for this fantastic musical dinner show. Included will be your lunch, show ticket, bus transportation, escort and driver gratuity. A few seats left!!!!

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND TRAVEL SHOW OCTOBER 11, 2016 AT THE BURLINGTON GOLF CLUB AT 6:00 P.M. FREE BUT RESERVATIONS REQUIRED PLEASE!

You are cordially invited to attend a travel show highlighting our fabulous 2017 trip to Australia & New Zealand. If you have been dreaming of this lifetime trip why not come and see a preview. We will have full brochures available at the show. Please call Renee to reserve your seat at 753-9185.

OCTOBER 14-20- FALL FOLIAGE BRILLIANCE \$250.00 PP DEPOSIT DUE AT SIGNUP- \$2449 PP DOUBLE

Have you always wanted to go out east for their beautiful fall foliage display? Here is your chance! We have a terrific 7 day, 6 night trip planned out for you. We will begin our tour in Boston and then head to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and then back to Massachusetts. Our hotels will be Inn-style and I have included 10 meals, gratuities for tour guides and drivers, insurance, as well as air and bus transportation. Some of the highlights will be Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, Portland Head Lighthouse, tour Castle in the Clouds, Quechee Gorge, Morse Farm Sugar Shack, Ben & Jerry's Ice cream, historical Sturbridge Village, cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee and much more. If you would like a brochure, please call Renee. We have 7 spots left!

NOVEMBER 1-4- BRANSON \$150 pp deposit due at signup \$750 pp double, \$700 pp triple, \$850 pp single

It's time for our favorite trip to Branson. Our hotel for the trip will be the Barrington Hotel. This year we will be seeing some of the best shows. On the itinerary is the Andy Williams Christmas Show, Oak Ridge boys, Legends in Concert, Moses, All Hands on Deck, Puttin' on the Ritz and Maxine's Christmas Carol. We have included breakfast every day, most lunches and all your suppers except on the way home. Of course we will also see all the Christmas lights! Brochures are available! Christmas in Branson is always a treat you will not want to miss.

MACKINAC ISLAND & THE GRAND HOTEL TRAVEL SHOW NOVEMBER 15, 2016 AT THE BURLINGTON GOLF CLUB AT 6:00 P.M. FREE BUT RESERVATIONS REQUIRED PLEASE!

You are again invited to attend a travel show highlighting this wonderful fall 2017 trip to Mackinac Island including a stay at the Grand Hotel and then it's all aboard the Autumn Foliage Train for spectacular views of Agawa Canyon and a visit to Michigan's "Little Bavaria" Frankenmuth. Brochures will be available. Please call Renee to reserve your seat at 753-9185.

DECEMBER 3-CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND A SHOW AT THE OLD CREAMERY THEATRE \$100 pp due by October 31, 2016

It's time for a little Christmas shopping at Coral Ridge Mall in Coralville and then off to the Amana's for a seasonal celebration of "Winter Wonderettes". The "Wonderettes" are entertaining at a Hardware Holiday Party in 1968. When Santa turns up missing the girls use their talent and creativity to save the party! This will be a fun holiday day trip. Sign up as soon as possible. This will fill fast!

FEBRUARY 11-19, 2017 CARIBBEAN CRUISE ON THE ALLURE OF THE SEAS \$500 PP DEP. DUE AT SIGNUP INSIDE STATEROOM \$2494 PP, OCEAN VIEW STATEROOM \$2644 PP, CENTRAL PARK BALCONY \$2694 PP, OCEANVIEW BALCONY STATEROOM \$2844PP

Sign up today to attend and see the fantastic ports of call and the beautiful Allure of the Seas ship we will be sailing on. We have excellent pricing on all the cabin categories. Plus if you sign up at the travel show (only that night) you will receive a discount. You'll also find multiple pools, private cabanas, whirlpools, and the Grand Solarium, the ultimate glass enclosed retreat. Try surfing on the Flow Rider, play a round of miniature golf or get a spine-tingling rush on the Zip-Line! Evenings onboard sparkle with a full scale Broadway Musical, two incredible Las Vegas style production shows, a one-of-a-kind Ice Show, high-diving and synchronized. Don't stay here in the snow next winter! Come with your friends to the warm Caribbean.

