

## *On the Horizon*

### **November 16-19, 2010: Christmas in Branson**

### **Late March, 2011: Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC**

It will be an epidemic of southern charm when we visit these historic cities on the South Atlantic sea coast. The azaleas will be in full bloom and spring will be in the air. This tour will feature many historic sites and points of interest. I am working with a gentleman that is a native of Savannah and he knows the ins and outs of both Charleston and Savannah. He will operate much like the great guides we had in Vermont.

Other special stops along the way and on the way home will include the Biltmore in Asheville, NC, Stone Mountain near Atlanta, GA and several of my favorite restaurants.

This tour has the potential of taking two busses. I am going to ask you to place your name on an "I am interested" list at your local branch. This is not a final commitment.

### **Mid-November, 2011: New York City**

I am working with Chris Donnelly and the group that helped us with the Vermont trip on this one. This tour will feature a Broadway Show, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Radio City Music Hall's Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, a six hour guided tour of the city and much more. Our hotel will be in Manhattan near Central Park. There will be much more to share with you as the tour develops.



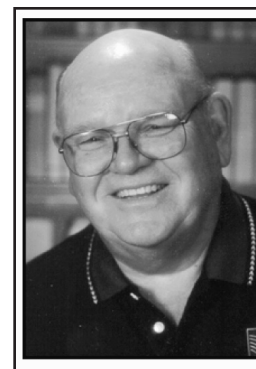
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I am overdue for a regional newsletter again. I find that the activities created through Connections Club keep me so busy that I am always behind. The 2009 year has been sooooo good with a number of exciting events and 2010 looks to be equally exciting.

The highlight of 2009 had to be the trip to Vermont. What a gorgeous display of fall color we saw. We had never taken two buses on a long trip before and it was a beautiful experience. The two groups blended so well and many new friendships were established.

In our west region the Queen for a Day tour to Des Moines and the Lunch at Stoney Point near Reasnor were very well received. Musical events such as "Wicked" at the Civic Center in Des Moines, "6-On-6: The Musical" at Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines and Cedar Rapids Follies held in Cedar Falls were most enjoyable. Our day trips were topped off by the Van Buren County

"Hobo Tour." What a fun time and we all had eating our Mulligan Stew out of a tin can.

Just a reminder that we do have trip insurance available and I encourage you to use it for longer tips. The value of insurance was brought to light when one of our Vermont travelers was injured while moving cattle two days before the trip. They had purchased trip cancellation insurance and it covered the cost of their tour.

Three other items that I need to address include medical forms, liability release forms, and photo release forms. MidWestOne Bank requires that we have liability release forms on file before we depart on a tour. The photo release form is optional, but you must sign this if you would like to be included in group photos taken on the trip. You will keep your medical form and have them with you in your name badge at all times. You only need to sign the liability release one time. If you feel you can't sign this form, please withdraw your name from the tour

Remember, Power Checking customers are eligible for travel with the Connections Club if they are age 50 and above. If a trip is not full 45 days prior to departure, I will open it to non-members. If you have a travel partner that is not a member, we would allow you to take them along.

My excitement continues to build about the opportunities that are ours through the Connections Club. If you have questions feel free to contact me or contact the Connections Club contact person in your branch bank.

Happy Holidays!

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# Upcoming Trips...

RSVP to Burdell at (641) 673-8303 ext. 5111 OR bhensley@midwestone.com

## January 21: BINGO - American Legion Hall

This is an Oskaloosa event, but folks from other branches are welcome to join us. I just need to have you RSVP to myself or Angela Patterson by January 14. Bingo will be played from 1:00 to 3:00 pm with refreshments at the conclusion.



## March 6: Judy Garland in Concert- Des Moines Civic Center

The legendary voice and performance visuals of **Judy Garland** accompanied live in perfect synchronization by the **Des Moines Symphony** create this remarkable concert event. Experience Judy's dynamic life in song as she performs on multiple screens, accompanied by the orchestra in the classic repertoire and arrangements that thrilled audiences worldwide.

The price of **\$99** will cover the bus, an evening meal and the ticket to the show. I plan on starting the tour in Ottumwa with pickups made in Oskaloosa and Pella. However, if we get at least a dozen to sign up from Fairfield, I would start the tour in Fairfield.

## April 14-22: Classic Ireland

We are going to Ireland with "Trips", a travel company that does only bank travel. Charlotte and I did the tour last spring and I can assure you that it is a wonderful, fantasy enhancing tour. Highlights include **Dublin, Kilkenny, Waterford, Killarney, Adare, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher and Galway**. At each of these sights you will be immersed in the wonders of the Irish culture.



The cost of the trip is \$3,498 which includes international airfare and airline taxes. This is per person based on double occupancy and the price for a single is \$4496. Signups and final payments must be made by Jan. 6, 2010. Please call if you would like to receive a detailed brochure and trip itinerary. Travel cancellation insurance is available.

## May 12-13: Cardinal Baseball in St. Louis

The **St. Louis Cardinals** are hosting the **Houston Astros** and we will be there for two games. We arrive in time for a Wednesday evening game and on Thursday we take in an afternoon game. Rooms are reserved at the **Drury Inn** which is one block from **Busch Stadium** and one block from the **St. Louis Arch**. Thursday morning you will have time to explore the arch, the riverfront or perhaps walk down to **Union Station**.

The cost of the tour is **\$245 double occupancy** or \$295 single. A \$100 deposit will hold your spot. This tour will begin in Des Moines and pickups will be made in Pella, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa, Fairfield, Burlington and Fort Madison. I would suggest you sign up early to secure a spot.

## June 8-9: Roots Tour - Western Iowa

On June 9, 2010 I will hit the big 70 and I wish to celebrate it with my friends. We are going back to the **Griswold, Iowa** area and visit some of the places that were favorite hangouts when I was growing up. It all began on the southeast corner of the intersection highways 92 and 48. This was my actual place of birth and perhaps we can take a group picture in front of the monument that stands there (Casey's General Store). You will hear legendary stories of **Devil's Hallow**, Camp Wakonda, **Turtle Rock**, Big Elmer, the Nishnabotna River, Walnut Creek, Baughman's Branch, the **Hitchcock House**, the Rock Cut and much more. Since I grew up by spending a lot of time in hay lofts, we will have an evening meal at the **Hayloft in Grant, IA** which is just down the road is the village of Villisca where the horrible axe murders occurred. I have a classmate that wrote a book about the murders and I will try and get him to join us for that part of the tour.

The cost of the tour is **\$139 double** and \$179 single. A \$50 deposit will hold your spot.

## June 23-25: Wisconsin Wonders: A Touch of Class



Join us for a classy three day journey through some of the treasures of southeast Wisconsin. We will spend both nights at the new Hampton Inn in Elkhorn WI. The first evening finds us at the **Dancing Horses Dinner Theatre and Animal Farms**. This is a Las Vegas type show with dancing waters and a spectacular light show to compliment the dancing horses. The second evening is spent at **Fireside Dinner Theatre** with the musical "Cinderella" featured. Other attractions include **Ten Chimneys**, the home of Hollywood stars Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine and the **Lake Geneva mail boat tour** which was recently featured on the Discovery Channel. There will be other attractions along the way including some excellent **cheese and chocolate shops**.

The cost of this tour will be \$439 double, \$529 single and \$409 triple.

## September 24-October 1: Rocky Mountain High

This is a spectacular tour through the southern Colorado high country during the fall color season. The Aspen trees should be at their peak. On the first day we go as far as **Salina, KS** and overnight at the Holiday Inn Express. Dinner that evening will be at a most unique spot. Day two takes us to **Colorado Springs** and we will have dinner with the **Flying W Ranch** chuck wagon crew. After spending the night at Holiday Inn Express, we head for Durango where we locate for the next two days. Attractions we visit during our stay include the **Durango & Silverton Railroad, Mesa Verde National Park** and the cliff dwellings, and perhaps the four corners region.



On our way home we stop at Chama, New Mexico and ride the **Cumbres & Toltec** scenic railroad over the 10,000 feet plus San Jaun Mountains to Antonio, Colorado. From Antonio we make our way home with some interesting stops along the way.