



MidWestOne

Connections Club

NEWSLETTER

A newsletter from MidWestOne Bank for members of the Connections Club

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Greetings!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. It was great to see many of you at the holiday brunch in December! Thanks for coming out to join us - in spite of the cold, snowy weather! This year, I decided to make a donation to the Arbor Day Foundation in lieu of gifts at the holiday gathering. For those of you who are wondering, this donation was used to plant 500 trees in a national forest that was stricken by wild fires during the past several years. These forests in particular are in desperate need of replanting and this will make a difference. Thank you for responding so positively to this gift.

We have many great events coming up this year and I hope something appeals to you. Please call and sign up as soon as possible. Payments are not usually due right away, but I suggest calling to get your name on the list, as some events and trips fill quickly.

Take care and best wishes for 2010!

Jenny Olson

Connections Club Director

January 29: Chili & Game Day

Warm up with us! Join us to play some **games** or cards and enjoy a bowl of chili. **Bring** a favorite game to play if you would like! We'll supply the **chili**, all the toppings and beverages. Seating is limited so call soon to reserve a space. We will begin at 11:30 AM and plan to play until around 1:30 PM at MidWestOne Bank, 1906 Keokuk Street, Iowa City.



February 14: UI Women's Basketball Game & Pizza Party

12:30 pizza party, 2:00 game time, Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Go **RED** for women! MidWestOne Bank is once again sponsoring tickets to the **UI Women's basketball game** against Illinois. Connections Club members are invited to attend a pre-game pizza party at 12:30. There is no charge for this event, but please RSVP so we know how many to plan for.

April 14-22: Classic Ireland

Join us as we journey to the Emerald Isle! You'll visit the famous Blarney Stone in Blarney, spend the night in a real Irish castle, enjoy **Irish entertainment** and food in a pub, and view the scenery during a driving tour of the Ireland coastline and much, more!!! This tour includes many meals and all gratuities. Our list of travelers is growing, so don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity! There are still a few seats available so if you're interested please call Jenny for a detailed brochure!



April 28: Ladies Day Out - Des Moines

\$115 per person

Ladies: This one is for you! Treat yourself and join us for a day of indulgence and pampering. Enjoy your choice of **spa treatments** at La James International College's Romanesque-style spa followed by a delicious **lunch and dessert**, fit for a queen. You'll also receive make-up, hair and accessory tips from one of Des Moines' leading fashion coaches and much more! Call Jenny for a detailed brochure.



May 12-13: Cardinal Baseball in St. Louis

\$245 per person (double occupancy) - \$295 (single occupancy)

Calling all baseball fans! The Connections Club will travel to St. Louis for two **St. Louis Cardinals** games against the Houston Astros. We arrive in time for a Wednesday evening game and then take in a Thursday afternoon game before departing for home. Lodging will be at the **Drury Inn** that is one block from the stadium and one block from the **St. Louis Arch**. NOTE: Iowa City members who wish to join this tour will need to board the bus in Mount Pleasant. Please be prepared to provide your own transportation to Mount Pleasant if you sign up for this trip.

May 22: South Pacific: The Musical

\$129 per person - Civic Center of Greater Des Moines

South Pacific is considered to be one of the **greatest musicals in history**. This Tony Award-winning production is set on a South Pacific island during World War II and it features many well-known songs including, "**Some Enchanted Evening**," "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy," and "Bali Ha'i." Price includes motor coach transportation, ticket to the show, lunch before the show and all gratuities.



June 23-25: Wisconsin Wonders



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. 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**. Other attractions include **Ten Chimneys Mansion** and the **Lake Geneva mail boat tour**. There will be other attractions along the way including some excellent **cheese** and **chocolate shops**. Pick up for Iowa City passengers is planned for the Tanger outlet mall, but is subject to change. Call Jenny for a detailed itinerary and pricing.

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. You will visit **Colorado Springs** and have dinner with the **Flying W Ranch** chuck wagon crew. Then spend a couple of days in and around **Durango**, Colorado. Attractions we visit during our stay include the **Durango & Silverton Railroad**, the **Cumbres & Toltec Railroad**, **Mesa Verde National Park** and the cliff dwellings. Please contact Jenny for pricing and more detailed itinerary information.

September – Wine tasting day trip

November 30-December 3 – Christmas in Branson

March 24-April 2, 2011: Belles of the South: Savannah and Charleston

November, 2011: Christmas in New York City