

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019

# Connections

Exploring the world with the FSB Connect Club

## Southern Caribbean "Epic" Cruise

January 15-26, 2020

On the Norwegian Epic ≈ You're on a Floating All-Inclusive Resort!

See inside for details



# REFLECTIONS



## Hello Connect Club Friends!

### Summer should get a speeding ticket!

Like it or not summer is leaving us and winter will soon be approaching. But, fear not, there's always somewhere to find summer around the world. There are so many exciting and warm places to explore and I will help take you there.

What about the Southern Caribbean in January? What a great time to get away from Iowa winter and submerge yourself in beautiful weather and sand beaches. Or perhaps Hawaii in February? Spend some time in this relaxing exotic destination. Need more suggestions? The Adriatic Awakening cruise in October would be perfect for you. Explore the captivating and dramatic seascapes of the coastal cities of Eastern Mediterranean. Your journey will take you to Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Croatia and Italy!

To ensure your travel is the best it can be, please continue to share our membership benefits with your friends and family by inviting them to join us on one of these amazing tours. Make sure to take advantage of our Refer-A-Friend travel promotion where you both will earn a \$50 gift certificate toward a tour with the Connect Club!

**Remember: It's always summer somewhere!**

Let's connect! Please call me or stop by with any questions you may have or to sign up for one of the many upcoming events in the newsletter.

**I look forward to seeing you soon!**

Kathy Leeseekamp - Connect Club Director • 319-294-2900

**Let's**

**Explore the World Together!**

# COOKING WITH THE CONNECT CLUB

Last month our seminar was held at The Grill Works in Marion. We learned how to impress our friends and family with several unique and easy grilling methods! I thought I would share one of the many delicious recipes we learned to grill.

## Plank Grilled Chipotle Salmon

### Ingredients

- 4 to 6 boneless, skinless salmon fillets
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup pineapple juice (6 oz. can)
- 1 grilling plank (alder or cedar recommended)

### Chipotle Rub

- 3 T packed brown sugar
- 1½ T Sure Shot Sid's Chipotle Rub
- 1 tsp grated lime zest
- $\frac{3}{4}$  tsp Galena Garlic Company Hickory Smoked Sea Salt

### Instructions

1. Place salmon fillets into a one gallon zip lock plastic bag.
2. Pour pineapple juice over salmon.
3. Seal bag and refrigerate for 2 hours to marinate.
4. Soak plank in water for 2 hours.
5. Combine rub ingredients, set aside.
6. Preheat grill on medium high (350-400° F) for about 10 minutes.
7. Place plank on grill, preheat for 5 minutes.
8. Turn plank over.
9. Dredge top of salmon filets in rub (or sprinkle on top) and place on pre-heated plank. Close lid.
10. Cook for 12 to 15 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 135°.
11. Remove plank from grill with tongs and serve.

Recipe compliments of:



**"Your Grilling <sup>and smoking</sup> Headquarters!"**

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# ROCKtoberfest

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## Saturday, October 5, 2019

Veterans Memorial Stadium

4:30 - 10:00 PM *(Doors open at 4:00 PM)*



4:30 - 6:00



6:30 - 8:00



8:30 - 10:00

Tickets: \$5 in advance | \$7 at the door

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# HAWAII

**February 13-22, 2020**

▪ **Pricing: \$5,919 pp Double & \$7,919 pp Single | Travel Protection: \$275.00 pp ▪**  
**Your deposit is fully refundable up to December 15, 2019.**

## ***You will not want to miss out on this spectacular tour of beautiful Hawaii!***

Let the spirit of "Aloha" be your guide on this leisurely three-island tour of Hawaii featuring three-night stays each in Oahu, Kauai and Maui. We will enjoy our luxurious beach front hotel in Waikiki, "Remember Pearl Harbor" and visit the USS Arizona Memorial. We will embark on a wonderful journey along Oahu's famous North Shore. Relax and take in the natural beauty during a cruise along Wailua River. Admire the hula dance, an ancient Polynesian art form. Visit the largest Hawaiian coffee estate in Kauai and learn about the coffee bean's journey from tree to cup. We will see Waimea Canyon, the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific." In Maui we will visit the old royal capital of Lahaina, once home of the world's largest whaling fleets, where we can stroll through historic streets. Capping off our adventure through paradise, we will experience a traditional Polynesian luau!

Pricing includes: Round trip air from O'Hare Int'l airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, coach transfer from Marion to Chicago, hotel, transfers, gratuities and baggage handling.

A deposit of \$500 pp plus \$275 insurance and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due on December 15, 2019.

Offer: Optional 3 Days 2-Night Big Island Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$949.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive

***Stop by or call me at 319-294-2900 to learn more about this breathtaking tour.***



May 11- 16, 2019 (6 days)



# Castles, Flowers & Falls

***\$2,425 Double per person and \$2,859 Single per person***

We will begin our tour viewing the beauty of the 1000 Islands Region of New York. On arrival in Alexandria Bay, we will take a Two Nations Sightseeing Cruise on the St. Lawrence River. This international tour offers historic and scenic wonders in both the Canadian and American sections of the 1000 Islands. We will disembark at Heart Island where we will take a tour of Boldt Castle, built at the turn-of-the-century by the millionaire proprietor of the world-famous Waldorf Astoria. We will then depart for Belhurst Castle which is located on the shores of Seneca Lake. Belhurst takes you to a place filled with history, beauty and breathtaking views. Our elegant dinner will be held at the Belhurst which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We will spend the second day exploring the beautiful Finger Lakes. The eleven, long, narrow fingers are lakes that were carved by a glacier eons ago. In the afternoon, we will visit the New York Kitchen where their mission is to educate, engage and excite visitors by showcasing New York's finest in wine, food and agriculture in a setting that proudly highlights the natural beauty, rich history and agricultural bounty of New York State. We will learn about the Kitchen and then be treated to a gourmet dinner prepared especially for our group.

Our first stop on the third day will be at the George Eastman House for a guided tour of the restored Colonial Revival-style mansion, once home to the founder of the Eastman Kodak Company. After the tour, you will be able to walk through the formal gardens of the estate. Next, we're off to experience Rochester's Lilac Festival. Every May, the Festival signals the start of spring as 22 acres of Highland Park display more than 500 varieties of lilac bushes, from the deepest purple to the purest white, from lightly scented to irresistibly aromatic. Our group will be treated to lunch at the Elmwood Inn, a local favorite, before continuing on to Niagara Falls, Ontario. We will check into the beautiful Hilton Niagara Falls Hotel where everyone will have a view of Niagara Falls from their room!

We'll start our fourth day at the Floral Showhouse with its collection of orchids, succulents and other tropical plants. We'll make photo stops at Horseshoe Falls, the Floral Clock and the lilac gardens before our arrival in the charming, historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. This lovely village has been described as the prettiest town in Canada. Blocks and blocks of boutiques and cafés line the flower-filled streets. Next, we'll take an exciting boat ride on the Hornblower Niagara that will take us up close to the American and HorseShoe Falls. Our elegant farewell dinner will be in a revolving restaurant high atop the Skylon Tower.

This tour includes: Round-trip transfers from Marion to Chicago airport, deluxe motor coach transportation throughout the tour, five nights deluxe hotel and accommodations, luggage handling at all hotels, five breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners, all activities and admissions as listed on the itinerary, all tour-related taxes and gratuities, travel insurance and a Cruises and Tours Worldwide tour manager.

A deposit of \$100 and your completed reservation form is required to reserve your space. Final payment is due on February 3, 2020. Your deposit is fully refundable up to February 3, 2020.

**December 9-13, 2019**

**Experience  
"The Big Apple"  
alive with the  
holiday spirit on this  
spectacular tour.**

# **New York City Holiday Tour**

**\$3,459.00 Double and \$4,459.00 Single  
Travel Protection \$110.00 pp**

From Rockefeller Center to Greenwich Village, New York City shines even brighter during the holiday season. We will spend four nights in the heart of Midtown close to Central Park's skating rink and Times Square all dressed up for the holidays. We will take a seat and watch the curtain rise for an exciting Broadway show. See the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall, featuring the world famous Rockettes! We will take a ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and see the Empire State Building and Central Park. We will visit the poignant 9/11 Museum and Memorial. We will enjoy plenty of free time on our own to shop and see the elaborate 5th Avenue holiday window displays and the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center. Get ready to "start spreading the news!"

Reservations made after July 9, 2019 are based upon availability. Final payment is due October 10, 2019.

**Contact Kathy Leesekamp at 319-294-2900 for details of this outstanding tour!**



# \* TRAVEL SHOW \*

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 @ 3:00 PM • Elmcrest Country Club

## Southern Caribbean "Epic" Cruise

On the Norwegian Epic ~  
You're on a Floating  
All-Inclusive Resort!!

January 15-26, 2020

12 Day • 11 Night  
Cruise/Tour

**Enjoy 9 Destinations:** Aruba ✨ Curacao ✨ Bonaire ✨ St. Lucia ✨ Barbados ✨ St. Kitts ✨  
St. Maarten, San Juan, Puerto Rico ✨ St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands

The incredible Norwegian Epic is a ship that's designed to dazzle! Recently awarded Best Cruise Ship Entertainment by Frommer's, the Epic features a Cirque extravaganza, the Headliners comedy club and two new Broadway shows: Ballroom Blitz and Priscilla, Queen of the Desert! When it's time to simply relax - there's the 180-degree indoor observation lounge with floor to ceiling windows providing spectacular vistas ... and, of course, a full-service bar so you can toast the colorful sunsets! The Epic is also packed with exciting activities in its lively casino, Bliss Ultra Lounge, bowling alley, and top-deck Aqua Park. While the Epic's dining options offer plenty of standard favorites, you'll also find exciting new choices. Authentic Brazilian steakhouse or Shanghai noodles, anyone?? With over 15 dining venues and more than a dozen lounges and bars, you'll surely find the perfect spot to relax and enjoy the warm breezes of the Atlantic Ocean as you sail from San Juan down through the unspoiled Southern Caribbean!

Pricing ranges from \$3,798 to \$4,698 pp double occupancy depending on which cabin you choose. Single Supplement is an additional 50% up charge in your selected cabin category.

Pricing includes: Round trip motor coach transfers from Marion to Chicago Airport, transfers, all gratuities, round trip airfare to San Juan (checked baggage fees are not included), pre-night lodging in San Juan, 10 nights onboard the Norwegian Epic in your selected stateroom, all meals while onboard the Norwegian Epic, all port charges and government taxes.

A deposit of \$500.00 and your completed reservation form is required to hold your space on this tour. Final payment is due September 17, 2019. Your deposit is fully refundable up to September 17, 2019, 50% non-refundable on September 18, 2019 and 100% non-refundable as of November 14, 2019. Passports are required for this trip.

**Stop by or call Kathy today at 319-294-2900 to reserve your space!!!**



# \* TRAVEL SHOW \*

OCTOBER 1, 2019 @ 2:00 PM • Elmcrest Country Club

## Discover Washington, D.C.

September 3-8, 2020 (6 days)

Explore America's heritage and  
history during your stay in the  
capital city of the United States  
~ Washington, D.C.

**\$2,609 double per person  
and \$3,009 single per person.  
Travel Insurance \$299.00**

Our tour begins at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center with a guided tour of this historic and storied building. Then, we will discover the celebrated history of America's capital on a tour with a local expert. Delight in wonderful views of the White House, National Mall and many monuments and museums. We continue with stops at the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. We will visit the White House Visitor Center, explore the history of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, and see artifacts from the White House collection. Your Choice: You can step into the pages of history and uncover some of the treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with a visit to the National Air and Space Museum -OR- you can enjoy the National Museum of American History. Among the National Air and Space Museum's collection in their location on the National Mall are the famous Wright 1903 Flyer, the Spirit of St. Louis, and the Apollo 11 command module. The National Museum of American History houses an array of American touchstones, including many gowns worn by America's First Ladies and the Star-Spangled Banner.

We will visit Arlington National Cemetery for a narrated tour that takes us to the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites. In the afternoon, we will call on Mount Vernon, the beloved home of the first U.S. president, George Washington. Wander the beautiful plantation grounds he adored and tour the home filled with 18th-century artifacts. Next, we'll arrive in Old Town Alexandria, a charming community nestled along the Potomac. Enjoy some time to stroll the cobblestone streets, view the historic Colonial architecture, and stop at some of the trendy boutiques. This evening we will dine at Gadsby's Tavern, located in the heart of Old Town Alexandria and famous for hosting George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other founding fathers. We will also visit the Washington National Cathedral. This magnificent church took 83 years to complete and has been host to many poignant moments in America's history such as state funerals, Presidential inaugural masses and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s last sermon. Admire the beautiful craftsmanship of the cathedral as you learn more about its history during a docent-led tour. In the afternoon, we will visit Ford's Theatre where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on that fateful night in 1865. Tour the theatre and hear about the timeline of events that transpired as John Wilkes Booth's plan unfolded. Our tour will finish with a visit to the neighboring Petersen House, the boarding house to which the fatally injured Lincoln was carried.

Pricing includes: Roundtrip Airfare from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, 1st class and deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities and all taxes/service charges. A deposit of \$500 plus insurance and your completed reservation form is required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due on July 5, 2020. Your deposit is fully refundable up to April 3, 2020.

# \* TRAVEL SHOW \*

OCTOBER 15, 2019 @ 2:00 PM • Elmcrest Country Club

## Adriatic Awakening



**October 15-25, 2020**

**10 Days**

Deadline to sign up for this tour is April 15, 2020. After this date you will be waitlisted.

**Pricing ranges from \$3,955 to \$7,588 pp double occupancy  
depending on which cabin you choose.**

**Your deposit is fully refundable up to final payment date of June 26, 2020.**

***Together, let's explore the coastal cities of the eastern Mediterranean including Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Croatia and Italy aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina.***

We will begin our cruise in Athens, one of the world's oldest cities, and travel to Rhodes to spend the day admiring the idyllic scenery of the largest of the Dodecanese. In Kuşadası, you could visit the Temple of Artemis or escape to the nearby ruins of the city of Ephesus. We'll discover the dramatic seascapes of Santorini before cruising to Katakolon, a peaceful town with seaside cafés and galleries. We'll relax along the coastline of Corfu, a unique coastal city with a colonial-style old town, and then discover the walled medieval city of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage site that showcases narrow streets and a twelfth-century cathedral. Our journey will end with two days in the timeless city of Venice, but before that, we'll stop in Zadar to tour its majestic churches and stroll down its seaside promenade.

This tour includes your choice of 4 free shore excursions, free beverage package or \$400 shipboard credit (per stateroom, based on double occupancy).

Pricing includes: Round trip airfare from O'Hare Int'l airport, transfer to/from Marion to Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, cruise, transfers, gratuities and baggage handling.

A deposit of \$950 pp (includes deposit and insurance) and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space.

***Stop by or call me at 319-294-2900 to learn more about this spectacular tour!***





# Ballard's Resort Fishing Trip with Gene Neighbor

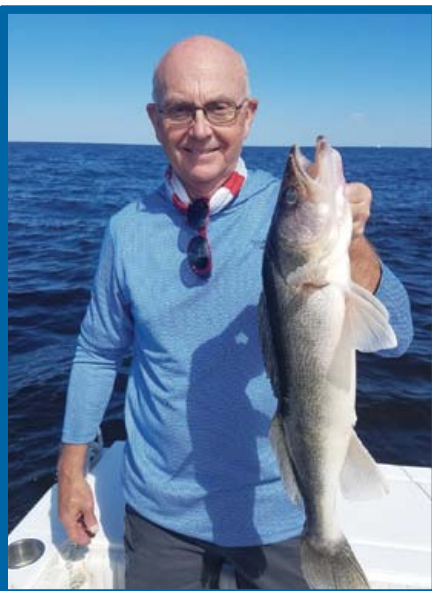
*in Minnesota's Lake of the Woods*

**Like to fish? Love to catch (and eat) Walleye?  
Then you'll want to join FSB President Gene Neighbor  
on the 2020 Ballard's Resort Fishing Trip!**

As evidenced by the photos below, the 2019 Ballard's Fishing Trip was so much fun we're going to do it all over again in 2020!

A tentative date is being set for July 2020 and will include transportation to and from Ballard's Resort, three nights lodging at the resort, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners at the lodge, along with all gratuities. With this guided Walleye fishing tour, all fishing equipment is included, and the fish you catch will be cleaned and packaged for you to take home!

**If you are even thinking about joining us next year, please contact Kathy ASAP to be placed on the "interested" list. Once she has finalized the July dates and pricing, she will reach back out to that list with all the details. To get the pricing and accommodations we want, we must have a group of 24 or more signed up for this trip.**



42<sup>ND</sup> SEASON  
A TASTE OF BROADWAY  
**CIRCA'21**  
DINNER PLAYHOUSE

Wednesday,  
Oct. 9, 2019



Tap your toes and sing along in this splashy adaptation of the celebrated and beloved film. The "Greatest Movie Musical of All Time" is faithfully and lovingly adapted by Broadway legends Betty Comden and Adolph Green, from their original award-winning screenplay in Singin' in the Rain. Each unforgettable scene, song and dance is accounted for, including the show-stopping title number, complete with an on stage rainstorm! Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make Singin' in the Rain the perfect entertainment for any fan of the golden age of movie musicals.

Singin' in the Rain has all the makings of a Tinsel town tabloid headline - the starlet, the leading man and a love affair that could change lives and make or break careers! In silent movies, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are a hot item but, behind the scenes, things aren't always as they appear on the big screen! Meanwhile, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress to do the talking and singing for her.

***Filled with every memorable moment from the film and a downpour of unforgettable songs, Singin' in the Rain, can't be missed!***

\$95.00 per person. Once payment is received, your name will be added to the tour.

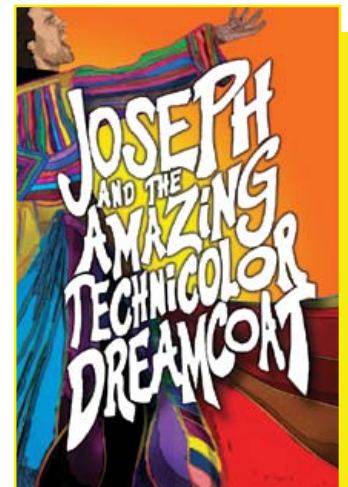
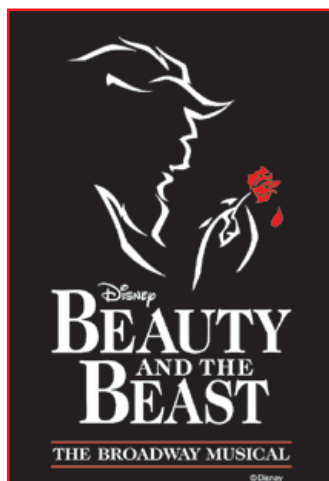
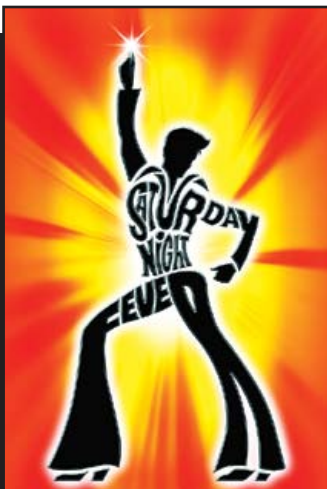
Deadline to sign up and deadline to cancel with a full refund is September 16, 2019.

***Please call Kathy to reserve your spot!***

• COMING IN 2020! •

A TASTE OF BROADWAY  
**CIRCA'21**  
DINNER PLAYHOUSE

The  
**FireSide**





# --- MOVIE DAY ---



1462 Twixt Town Rd, Marion

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

Join your Connect Club friends for your choice of five 1st-run movies currently showing at the Collins Road Theatres. Enjoy all the free popcorn you can eat and all the pop or coffee you can drink! The concession stand is also open to purchase anything else you might like to have. At 9:15 we will have announcements, and a synopsis of the movies being shown that day with a chance to change theatres for the movie of your choice, and to get those refills before we start the show!

**Due to the staff needing time to set up, the doors will not open until 8:30 AM.**

**No reservations are necessary!**

**Please remember our FREE events are for members only.**

***NEXT MOVIE DAY: Tuesday, November 19, 2019***

## SEMINAR - TRUST DEPARTMENT

▪ Wednesday, October 16, 2019 | 2:00 PM | Elmcresc Country Club ▪

***Remain Financially Secure After A Major Life Event***



When the time comes, those surviving you may not be ready to make the important decisions that they will be expected to. Before that day comes, we will educate you on:

- Getting your affairs in order
- Preparing for a catastrophic illness
- What to do when you lose a spouse
- Assuming banking responsibilities

***To join this seminar, please call Kathy at 319-294-2900 to reserve your spot by October 11, 2019.***

Here is another great reason to belong to the Connect Club with Farmers State Bank...

- Does Medicare confuse you?
- Do you know if you're on the right plan?
- Do you like your current Medicare plan?
- Are you having your plan reviewed annually?
- Do you or your spouse have Medicare questions?

*These are all common questions when it comes to Medicare.*



Did you know that from October 15th to December 7th, 2019 you have the option to change your Medicare insurance plan? Come and visit with Jennifer Dunn at Neighbor Insurance, located inside the Marion Farmers State Bank. Jennifer can help answer questions and review your current Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage, or Medicare Drug Card.

Please call Jennifer at 319-373-4307 or email her at [jenn@neighborinsurance.com](mailto:jenn@neighborinsurance.com)

Neighbor Insurance is a proud partner with Farmers State Bank Connect Club members to help answer questions and review your current Medicare plan!



**LIKE IT? —  
LOVE IT?  
GOTTA HAVE IT?**

**Here's The SCOOP!**

Every Connect Club Member who “likes” and “**comments**” on the ‘**Here's the Scoop**’ Facebook post will be placed in a drawing for a \$30 gift card to Cold Stone Creamery!

Promotion runs October 20th to November 2nd!

**Here's the link to our Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/FSBConnectClub>



Contest available to  
Connect Club members only.



2019-2020

# Sneak Peek

*Domestic and International Travel*

▪ **Spotlight on New York City Holiday** ▪

December 9-13, 2019

▪ **Southern Caribbean Cruise** ▪

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▪ **Hawaii** ▪

February 13-22, 2020

▪ **Castles, Flowers & Niagara Falls** ▪

May 11-16, 2020

▪ **Switzerland - Austria - Bavaria - Oberammergau** ▪

June 26 - July 5, 2020

*Waitlist Only*

▪ **Discover Washington, D.C.** ▪

September 3-8, 2020

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*Oceania Cruise to Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Croatia, and Italy*

October 15-25, 2020

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SAVE THE DATE

**SEPTEMBER**

- 3rd - Cookie Day
- 3rd - Travel Show: Caribbean Elmcrest @ 3 PM
- 17th - Movie Day
- 19th-20th - Cubs vs. Cardinals Game
- 23rd-27th - Foody Tour to Omaha

**OCTOBER**

- 1st - Travel Show: Washington DC Elmcrest @ 2 PM
- 3rd - Cookie Day
- 9th - Circa 21 - Singin' in the Rain
- 15th - Travel Show: Adriatic Elmcrest @ 2 PM
- 16th - Seminar: Trust Department @ 2 PM

**NOVEMBER**

- 1st - Cookie Day
- 19th - Movie Day

**DECEMBER**

- 3rd - Cookie Day
- 9th-13th - Spotlight on New York Holiday

*Dates and events are subject to change. This announcement does not include all Connect Club events. Check your future newsletters for further updates.*

