



#### Hello Connect Club Friends!



Did you know that numerous studies have confirmed significant health benefits from connecting with others? The daily activities in our lives have made it challenging to fit in time with family and friends. A vacation is a great way to get together and connect with the things that matter most in life. Sometimes the best memories are made during a new adventure, a shared meal, or a simple conversation.

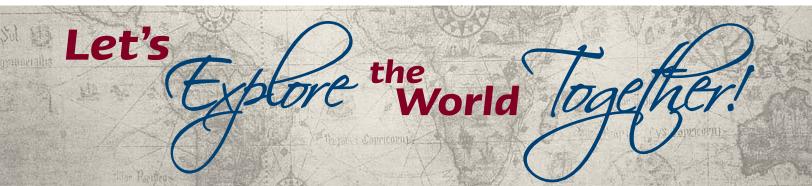
Need some ideas of places to visit? I can help you with that! Take some time to look over this edition of Connections to find an event or tour to share with your family and friends.

- ♦ If the good ole' USA is your destination of choice, then our Washington DC Tour, Ark Encounter & Appalachia or Southern Charm Holiday Markets might be right up your alley!
- ◆ If you yearn for an adventurous destination, consider sailing the Mediterranean to Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Croatia and Italy, or join me as we travel to Poland to discover the amazing castles, poignant history and welcoming culture.
- ♦ And what could be more fun than a 4-day Mystery Tour to, well, that's where the fun comes in! No one knows the destination but I promise you will have fun!
- ♦ If you prefer to stay closer to home, we offer 1-3 day trips throughout the year including Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island, Ladies Day Out, Men's Day Out, and our popular 1-Day Mystery Tours which always sell out!

Once you have chosen a destination, let me take over to make this a hassle free trip for you. All you will need to do is relax, connect with your loved ones, explore the most amazing destinations and meet some new friends along the way. Let's make memories together!

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.

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



# **COOKING WITH THE CONNECT CLUB**

# Peep S'mores Dessert in a Skillet



#### **Ingredients**

- Peeps (3-5 colors)
- 1/2 stick unsalted butter
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup salted caramel chips
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- Graham crackers

#### **Directions**

- Preheat oven to 450°
- Heat cream in bowl for 30 seconds or in pot on medium heat until warm
- Melt butter
- Coat bottom of the skillet with melted butter
- Add chocolate chips to skillet; evenly spread
- Pour cream over chocolate chips
- Gently mix to soften
- Arrange peeps in a pretty pattern
- Bake 8-10 minutes, until golden brown
- Serve immediately with graham crackers



This great tour combines America's largest faith-based attraction, The Ark Encounter with the arts and music of Appalachia, plus the historic grace of the Boone Tavern Hotel. Your days are filled with both artistic and divine inspiration. Your evenings are filled with enough live entertainment and southern cooking to have your lips a smackin' and your toes a-tappin.'

Join me as we visit the Creation Museum, a state-of-the art 70,000 square foot museum that brings to life the pages of the Bible, casting its characters and animals in dynamic form and in familiar settings. In the afternoon we visit the Ark Encounter, so get ready to experience close-up encounters with stunning animals, some life-like recreations from Noah's day and many living-and-breathing animals from today.

Our tour continues as we meet up with Cumberland Falls State Park Ranger for a tour of this beautiful park and amazing Falls. We will ride the Big South Fork Scenic Railroad with an included "Coal Miner's Lunch Bag." This train travels deep into the rugged Appalachians where we visit Blue Heron, a coal camp abandoned in 1962, and we'll take a tour of the Kentucky Coal Museum. This museum brings back to life the most unique and interesting aspects of early coal mining and has a floor dedicated to the life of country music singer and Coal Miner's Daughter Loretta Lynn. We will also enjoy a tour through the Museum's Mock Mine for a short walking tour that winds along coal corridors with vivid sounds and videos from modern mines. Included is a tour of the Portal 31 Coal Mine where we will get the unique experience of touring an actual coal mine by rail car. Our evening will end at Jenny Wiley State Park for a Broadway-style production at the Jenny Wiley Theatre, one of the nation's leading repertory amphitheaters.

Get ready for some excitement as we head to Pikeville, KY for the Hatfields & McCoys Historic Feud driving tour to explore the sites where the most infamous feud took place. We will travel on US 23, the Country Music Highway and home to many famous Country Music Stars. We make a visit to the new US 23 Country Music Highway Museum which is dedicated to the native sons and daughters who have become Country Music Superstars. This evening will include the Kentucky Opry at Mountain Arts Center.

We cannot take a trip to Kentucky without visiting the MEGA Cavern. The Historic SUV-pulled Tram will take us on an underground adventure rich in history, geology, mining, recycling, green building technology, and just simply HUGE in scale.

Pricing includes six nights deluxe lodging including one night at the Historic Boone Tavern Hotel and two nights at Jenny Wiley State Park, six hotel breakfasts, one box lunch, three dinners, all taxes and tips on these services, luggage handling, motor coach transportation & driver's gratuities, all activities listed in the brochure, and travel protection plan.

A \$150 per person deposit and completed application is due upon reservation. Reservations made after the deposit date of May 11th are based upon availability. Final payment is due by June 1, 2020. Deposits are refundable up until May 11, 2020.



\$839 Double Per Person, \$999 Single

### Howdy partner!

It is time to channel your inner cowboy, find a pair of boots and get ready for a rootin tootin time!

This exciting tour has a blend of authentic Western cowboys, songs, musicals, feasts, famous TV personalities, native culture, story telling, western heritage and much more.

Head 'em up and move 'em out so you don't miss out on this exceptional Western adventure!

Stop by or contact me at 319-294-2900 for more information about this exciting tour!

# Discover Washington, D.C.

## TRAVEL SHOW

**APRIL 7, 2020** 2:00 PM

**Elmcrest Country Club** Contact me at 319-294-2900 to reserve your spot.

Explore America's heritage and history during your stay in the capital city of the United States.

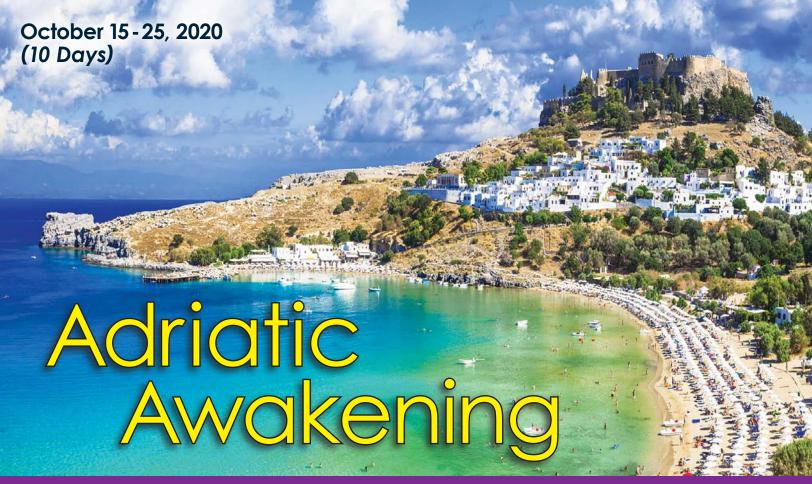
~ Washington, D.C. \$2,609 double per person and \$3,009 single per person. Travel Insurance \$299.00

September 3-8, 2020 (6 days)

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 grave sites. 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

Pricing includes: Round-trip 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.



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.

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

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 Kuşadasi, 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.

# TRAVEL SHOW

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# Southern Charm Holiday

Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island

\$2,969 per person (double occupancy) and \$3,669 single occupancy. Travel insurance \$299 per person.

Deadline to sign up for this tour is June 5, 2020. After this date you will be waitlisted.

Charleston is a city that has defied all odds. It survived the Civil War, major fires, an earthquake and hurricanes - and still exudes elegance, charm and grace. Join us as we explore this city's rich history and beautiful scenery. We'll begin our tour with your choice to stroll through Charleston's historic center with a local guide, exploring hidden alleys and quaint areas that are only accessible by foot. **OR**, you can choose to set out on a panoramic coach tour with a local guide to see the best of the city. Each choice includes a stop at the battery overlooking Fort Sumter where the first shots of the Civil War were fired in 1861.

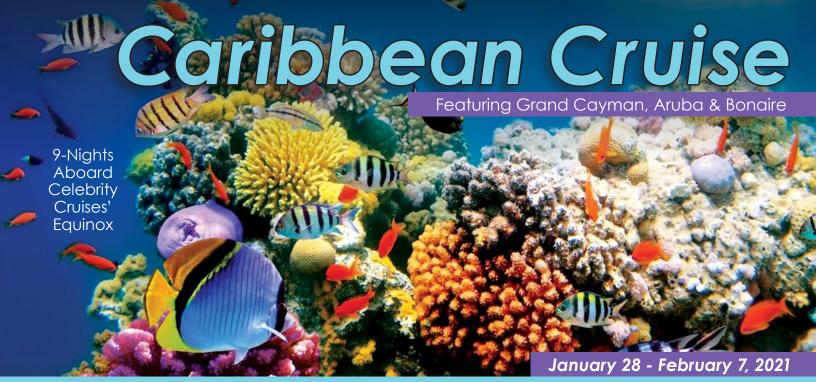
We will make our way to the City Market, one of the oldest public markets in America. The bustling market is also the central hub for Gullah sweet grass basketry, an intricate handicraft of African origin. We will also explore Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens where we will experience Southern living and come to know one of America's oldest plantations, beautifully decorated for the holidays. In the evening we will visit James Island County Park, where over 500,000 lights will provide us with an enchanting 3-mile driving tour. We will have time to explore Charleston at leisure.

Take in the ambiance of the "Old South" with our holiday-themed trolley tour highlighting Savannah's sprawling Historic District. Lively, informative commentary brings the city to life as we travel along the cobblestone-paved streets and beneath moss-draped oaks. Allow the stately mansions, beautiful squares and romantic riverfront promenades to capture your heart. We will have time to explore Savannah at leisure. Then it will be time to gather at a popular local restaurant on Savannah's famous River Street for a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional culinary specialties.

Jekyll Island is situated grandly in the middle of the Golden Isles and was once the beloved vacation spot for prominent families including the Rockefellers, the Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan. With a morning at leisure, we can take a complimentary tour of the Jekyll Island Club hotel or just enjoy the oldworld ambiance of this iconic island resort, beautifully decorated for the holidays. Gather for a tram ride that brings us on a tour of the island and the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District - one of the nation's largest restoration projects. In the afternoon you will find yourself in the holiday spirit with Christmas caroling and refreshments.

Pricing includes: Round-trip 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 per person plus insurance and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due on Oct. 14, 2020. Your deposit is fully refundable up to June 12, 2020.



\*Deadline to sign up for this tour is October 16, 2020. After this date you will be waitlisted.

For nine nights we'll let the beat of the tropics take control as we visit three sun-soaked Caribbean destinations. Spend your days relaxing in the sun with a tropical drink or exploring these vibrant Caribbean ports.

- George Town, Grand Cayman: This upscale destination offers world-class restaurants, designer boutiques, and duty-free shopping, plus white sand beaches, brilliant blue waters, and teeming coral reefs.
- Oranjestad, Aruba: Admire the architectural details and open-air patios of the candycolored townhouses that define this charming Dutch community. Find spas, restaurants,
  and bars just steps away from the white sandy beaches. Aruba is known for its vibrant
  coral reefs, neon tropical fish, and eerie old shipwrecks.
- **Kralendijk**, **Bonaire**: An island in the Dutch Antilles, with such treats as flamingos, hiking, barefoot casino and delightful pastel stucco houses in pinks, oranges and lime greens act as the backdrop for the marine park that surrounds the island. Starting at the beach, the park extends 200 feet in depth and covers the entire coastline.

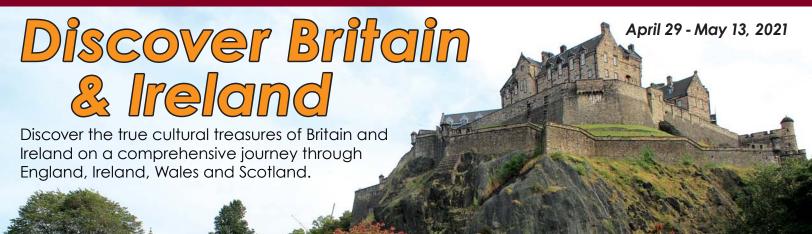
Celebrity Cruises' Equinox continues to set new standards in modern luxury. New outdoor spaces and updated technology give guests a fresh feel while at sea. Grab a seat on the Rooftop Terrace, a restaurant, bar, or alfresco movie theater. Wine and dine in reimagined restaurants and lounges that feature an amazing array of flavors to suit every palette. Enjoy evenings that are filled with live entertainment. Experience the ultimate in relaxation at Canyon Ranch Spa. Find the perfect environment for every mood and occasion.

This tour includes two free perks - Classic Beverage package and an Onboard Credit of \$150.00 per person.

A deposit of \$450.00 per person (includes deposit and insurance), along with the completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Your deposit is fully refundable up to the final payment date of October 16, 2020.

# \* TRAVEL SHOW \*

APRIL 7, 2020 @ 2:00 PM • Elmcrest Country Club
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Double Occupancy pp \$4,999, Single Occupancy pp \$5,999, Insurance \$329 pp

This amazing journey begins in the regal city of London. We will see Big Ben, Westminster, Whitehall, Hyde Park, and Buckingham Palace. As we continue our journey, we will explore the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age in Stonehenge, visit the elegant Georgian town of Bath to walk the cobblestone streets, soak in its old-world atmosphere and visit the Roman Bath Museum. In Cardiff we will learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, take in the beautiful countryside of Wales and the coastal village of Fishguard. We will board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea as we travel to the historic Blarney Castle.

Then it is off to Killarney National Park where we will take a traditional jaunting car ride along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery and marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. We will see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. We will discover Dublin's past and present including the Bank of Ireland, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and St. Patrick's Cathedral. We will enjoy a traditional Irish cuisine cooking class and dinner at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions and will top off the evening by making our very own Irish coffee.

Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales. We will a Ferry across the anfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch, the town with the longest name in the world, make a stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle, where Charles was crowned Prince of Wales and take in the views of the Welsh countryside to discover some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Britain. As we cross into Scotland, we will stop in the town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples eloped. We will continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital city where we will visit the Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyrood house (the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots).

In England, we will visit Hadrian's Wall (this wall has served as the northern border of the Roman Empire), continue to the historic city of York where we will find ourselves surrounded by the charms of history as you explore its quaint narrow streets. And we'll step back in time as we visit William Shakespeare's birthplace.

Pricing includes: Round trip 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 forms is required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due February 28, 2021. Your deposit will be fully refundable up to October 30, 2020.

August 6 - 18, 2021

Your journey through Poland, a land of amazing castles, poignant history and welcoming cultures!



# TRAVEL SHOW

APRIL 7, 2020 2:00 PM

Elmcrest Country Club
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to reserve your spot.

\$4,429 Double Occupancy pp, \$5,279 Single Occupancy pp, \$329 pp Insurance

We will visit Warsaw, the city that blends old-world charm with a modern vibe. Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII. Our journey through this capital city includes a stop at the monument dedicated to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Our journey will take us to the town of Malbork, home to Malbork Castle, one of the largest castles in the world. **A guided tour of this 700-year-old structure** introduces us to the world of the Knights of the Teutonic Order. We will continue onto Gdansk, stopping at the Gdansk Shipyards, site of the creation of the anti-Communist Solidarity movement in 1980 that helped liberate Poland from Soviet rule.

It's your Choice! Join your Tour Manager on an excursion to the seaside resort town of Sopot -OR-remain in Gdansk and join a local guide on an educational shopping excursion during which you'll learn about Polish amber at a demonstration, followed by the opportunity to purchase the stone.

We will travel to the town of Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site and birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous astronomer. Torun remains one of the best-preserved medieval towns in all of Europe and is one of the "Seven Wonders of Poland." On arrival, we will walk past Copernicus's house before stepping back into history while baking and sampling our very own gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe.

Once we arrive in the ancient city of Wroclaw, we will enjoy some locally-brewed beer and a traditional "home-style" dinner at a local restaurant. Wroclaw brings us up close and personal to this large and ethnically diverse city. It could be the only location where you can find a *Stare Miasto* (Old Town) with a Synagogue, a Lutheran church, a Roman Catholic Church and an Eastern Orthodox Church standing near each other. We will have plenty of time at leisure to savor Wroclaw's idyllic parks and captivating culture. Be sure to go in search of the many "dwarfs" hidden on the streets of the city!

We will visit Krakow, an enchanting city famous for its well-preserved town center. Along the way we will stop in Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland, where each year over 5 million pilgrims journey to pay their respects to the famous Black Madonna. Housed in the Jasna Góra monastery, we will journey inside for an up-close look at this miraculous image.

During the morning we will explore the city on a panoramic tour that includes Market Square, St. Mary's Church and the university, and the famous Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. You will have time at leisure to stroll the quaint streets of Krakow's famous Old Town and visit the Schindler Museum.

On the last day of our tour we will **embark on a poignant journey through history as we travel to Auschwitz.** A local expert will guide us through the former concentration camp where we will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls.

Pricing includes: Round trip 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 forms is required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due June 8, 2021. Your deposit will be fully refundable up to February 8, 2021.

# Mancation

### ... A Stroll through Old Muscatine

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 • Contact Kathy for pricing.

Join me as we discover a town filled with history, bluffs, river views as well as fun activities!

- Hatchet Jacks Learn the art of throwing a hatchet at a target
- National Pearl Button Museum Learn about Clamming (mining of mussels & clams)
- ► Lock & Dam Tour
- Fish Hatchery Tour
- Discovery Park (Fishing Seminar)

Pine Creek Grist Mill Tour

 Wilton Candy Kitchen Tour (a good old-fashioned nostalgic ice cream parlor)

Stop by or contact me at 319-294-2900 to sign up for this tour!



#### The world is your oyster. You are the pearl.

# Ladies Day Out

because you know you need one...

Thursday, July 23, 2020 • Contact Kathy for pricing.

Spend the day celebrating with your girlfriends for an unforgettable girl's day out in Muscatine - The Pearl Button Capital of the World!

- A Stroll Through Old Muscatine City Tour
- Pearl Button Museum Tour
- Pearl Craft
- Oyster Opening into Jewelry
- Candle Making
- Wilton Candy Kitchen Tour (a good old-fashioned nostalgic ice cream parlor)
- Delicious Food and Wine

Stop by or contact me at 319-294-2900 to sign up for this tour!



# Live ... from Super Bowl LIV!

From our friend and Connect Club Member Jan King

Just before Christmas, I learned that I had won a sweepstakes I didn't even know I had entered! Just by using my FSB Visa credit card, my name was randomly selected from almost 9 million transactions that occurred during a 2-month promotion. When I received the phone call from Gene Neighbor to let me know I had won, I thought "Do real people win things like this?" He assured me it was not a hoax but it was a fully-funded trip for two to the Super Bowl in Miami! I invited one of my brothers to join me since he had been a high school and university level coach ... and what an experience we had!

The Super Bowl energy was palpable from the minute we landed at the airport ... and everywhere we went. We were well taken care of by a Visa Hospitality Team that was located in the beach house of our hotel in South Beach. The Kick-Off Party on Friday night was held at a local nightclub and felt like an event you might find in Las Vegas. It was here I met my first NFL player along with some of the other attendees.

On Saturday, we were escorted to what was labeled "The NFL Experience" in the Miami Convention Center. We were allowed to enter two hours before the event was opened to the public, and got the chance to see the Lombardi Trophy, championship rings from previous Super Bowls, and enjoyed learning about the history of the NFL and the NFL Hall of Fame. There were opportunities for autographs from several NFL players and a chance to see how footballs are made ... all of which put us even more in the Super Bowl spirit!

Sunday found us at a Super Bowl Tailgate party in the hospitality center where we had another chance to meet and get autographs from NFL players. Then it was time for the BIG GAME! The teams lined up on opposite sides for a tribute to Kobe Bryant. In addition, it was

the 100th anniversary of the NFL, so four WWII veterans, each 100 years old, were honored. The 100 greatest players and coaches from the leagues' history were also honored, and many were present on the field to be recognized. Before half time, we were given a back stage view as we went onto the field to watch the setup. The dancers came in right behind us but, because we were behind the stage, we watched the half time performance on the big screens!

The game itself was soooo exciting! As Chiefs fans, we were especially happy with their 21-point comeback in the 4th quarter. Go Chiefs!

Thanks for letting me briefly share what was a truly memorable experience ... and one I can only label as **FANTASTIC!** 

~ Jan King





















\$85.00 pp

# ... Pick your date:

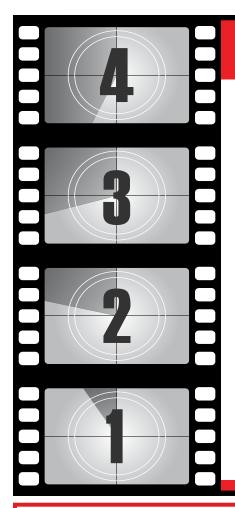
- June 15th (Monday)
- June 16th (Tuesday)
- June 17th (Wednesday)

# Join me for a wonderful summer day filled full of surprises to hmmm...who knows where?!

For those of you who are brave and adventurous, we will depart from the FSB Collins Road Square Office at 8:30 am, enjoy some amazing places, eat some awesome food, have lots of fun and return home around 6:00 pm.

Price includes motor coach transportation, gratuities, step-on guide, lunch, mystery entertainment and tours!

Once your payment of \$85.00 and your completed reservation form are received, your name will be added to the tour (reservations are made on a first come, first served basis for each day). Deadline to sign up and deadline to cancel with a full refund is at final payment (Monday, May 18th).



# --- MOVIE DAY---



1462 Twixt Town Rd, Marion

#### March 17 - April 21 - May 19

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 setup, the doors will not open until 8:30 AM.

No reservations are necessary!

Please remember our FREE events are for members only.





A powerful and stirring re-invention of this beloved favorite, celebrated the world over for its Grammy award-winning score and the excitement, energy and passion of its Irish and International Dance.

Now, 25 years later, renowned composer Bill Whelan brings this mesmerizing soundtrack back to life, completely revitalized for the first time since those

original orchestral recordings. Producer Moya Doherty and Director John McColgan have produced an amazing new 25th Anniversary production with innovative and spectacular lighting, projection, staging and costume design, and an all-new finale number which will blow audiences away. Immerse yourself in the extraordinary power and grace of music and dance, beloved by fans of all ages. Fall in love with the magic of Riverdance all over again.



WICKED, the Broadway sensation, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz... but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin. She's smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possesses an extraordinary talent. When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships...

until the world decides to call one "good," and the other one "wicked." From the first electrifying note to the final breathtaking moment, WICKED-the untold true story of the Witches of Oz-transfixes audiences with its wildly inventive story that USA Today cheers is "a complete triumph! An original musical that will make you laugh, cry, and think."



## Dusty Swehla on Mindfulness Seminar

April 9, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Marion Public Library • 1095 6th Ave Marion, IA

Dusty Swehla is the business owner of Panda Marie LLC and has worked in the medical community for the past 20+ years. She started this business to help others live the life they love, naturally. What does that mean exactly? It means that she offers "tools" to help you, help yourself. Yoga, mindfulness, mindful eating, meditation, breathing techniques and many other modalities that you can turn to when life is overwhelming or stressful. Her clients range from children to seniors.

This past year Dusty launched a Medical Grade Nutrition Plan (The Panda Marie Plan), wrote a children's book that promotes kindness, and is currently taking training to help bring Yoga and Mindfulness into the schools and into the lives of children. Her second book will be finished and published this Spring. To find out more about Dusty visit her website www.Naturallyfeelingbetter.com.

Join the Connect Club as Dusty teaches us the "tools" we need to be mindful!

Call Kathy at 319-294-2900 to reserve your spot by April 3, 2020.

# SAVE THE DATE

The FSB Trust Department will be hosting a seminar on Thursday, May 14th.

More details to follow in the next Connections Newsletter.

This event will be held at Terrace Glen Village (3400 Alburnett Road Marion, IA 52302)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Please RSVP to Brittany Barnhart (Marketing Assistant) at 319-730-6905 or email BrittanyBarnhart@fsbmail.net

# Choose Your Own Adventure

Domestic and International Travel 2020/2021



May 11-16, 2020 SOLD OUT - Waitlist Only

Switzerland - Austria - Bavaria - Oberammergau

June 26 - July 5, 2020 SOLD OUT - Waitlist Only

Ark Encounter & Appalachia =

July 12-18, 2020

 Mystery Tour = August 18-21, 2020

Ballard's - Fishing with Gene Neighbor =
 August 24-27, 2020

Discover Washington, D.C.
 September 3-8, 2020

Adriatic Awakening •

Oceania Cruise to Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Croatia, and Italy
October 15-25. 2020

Southern Charm Christmas Markets

Charleston - Savannah - St. Simons Island - Jekyll Island December 13-19, 2020

#### • • • <u>Upcoming 2021 Tours</u> • • •

Island Hopping to Key West, Grand Cayman, Aruba, and Bonaire
January 28 - February 7, 2021

Discover Britain & Ireland

Wales, England, United Kingdom, Scotland, and Ireland • April 29 - May 13, 2021

Poland

August 6 - 18, 2021

Southern Africa National Geographic Tour

October 2021 • More to come in future issues.

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#### **MARCH**

- 3rd Cookie Day (9:00 am 2:00 pm)
- 17th Movie Day

#### **APRIL**

- 3rd Cookie Day (9:00 am 2:00 pm)
- 7th Travel Shows (WA DC, Southern Charm, Poland, and British Isles)
- 9th Seminar (Mindfulness)
- 21st Movie Day (Make up for January)

#### **MAY**

• 1st - Cookie Day (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

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- 2nd Riverdance
- 4th Document Party -Castles, Flowers & Falls
- 11th-16th Castles, Flowers & Falls
- 19th Movie Day
- 28th Seminar (Make up for February)

#### **JUNE**

- 3rd Cookie Day (9:00 am 2:00 pm)
- 10th Seminar
- 15th, 16th, 17th One Day Mystery Tour
- 18th Wicked
- 26th-July 5th Oberammergau

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

