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Connect Club

Connections

Explore the world with FSB's Connect Club

California Dreamin'

June 5-12, 2023

See inside for details!

Hello Connect Club Friends!



Let me
plan your
future events
and travel!

It is hard to believe another year
of travel has been completed.
Check out the next couple pages
for some fun photos of our
adventurous travels in 2022!

Enjoy reading this issue of the
Connections Newsletter and let
me know if you want to connect
so we can get together and
have some fun in 2023!

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2022
Recap!

Cancun

January 15-21, 2022



Islands of New England

May 20-27, 2022



Oberammergau

June 24-July 3, 2022



Oberammergau

June 24-July 3, 2022



Four Day Mystery Tour

June 7-10, 2022



Celebration Belle

July 11-13, 2022



Alaska

August 9-20, 2022



Greek & Turkish Splendor

September 3-14, 2022



Africa

October 6-21, 2022



Africa

October 20 - November 4, 2022





JOIN OUR NEW FACEBOOK GROUP

I am excited to announce that we have created a new and improved Connect Club Facebook Group!

This group will provide an interactive place where Connect Club members can stay up-to-date on upcoming tours, events, travel shows, and much more. The best part of this group is that you will be able to introduce yourself, ask questions, participate in discussions, and share travel stories & photos!

How do I Join?

- Pull up Facebook
- Search for FSB Connect Club Group
- Click "Join Group"
- Answer the Group Questions
- Submit
- And Wait to be Approved

Once you're in ...

Introduce yourself to the group!

Let's Get Connected!

*****We will no longer be using our old Facebook page*****



2023 MOVIE DAYS

**Connect Club
Members Only**

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Thursday, May 11** •
- **Monday, August 21** •
- **Thursday, October 12** •
- **Thursday, November 9** •

We will have our choice of 4 first-run movies, with the most popular movie being held in two theaters. If you are interested in seeing which movies are playing, you can go to the Collins Road Theatres website up to one week prior to Movie Day.

And, of course, we can't have a **FREE MOVIE DAY** without **FREE POPCORN** (the best popcorn in town with real butter) along with pop or coffee! Free refills will still be available! The concession stand is always open to purchase anything else you might want.

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

At 9:15 we will have announcements and a synopsis of the movies being shown.

No reservations are necessary.

Please remember our free events are for members only.



1462 Twixt Town Road, Marion

FREE Event for FSB Connect Club Members Only!



Here's the Deal!

You are invited for an afternoon of celebration and appreciation! The afternoon will include drinks, hors d'oeuvres and Casino Games and Bingo!

Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Marion Public Library Community Room
1101 6th Ave • Marion, IA 52302**

RSVP Required to attend.

(If you need to cancel, please let me know ASAP)



FREE Event for FSB Connect Club Members Only!

Here's the Scoop!

You are invited for an afternoon of celebration and appreciation! The afternoon will include drinks, ice cream, and Bingo!

Thursday, August 3, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Marion Public Library Community Room
1101 6th Ave • Marion, IA 52302**

RSVP Required to attend.

(If you need to cancel, please let me know ASAP)

**Did someone say...
One Day Mystery Road Trip?**

SIGN ME UP!



April 28, 2023

I can't tell you where we'll go or what we'll do,
but I will tell you that it is going to be a lot of fun!

All you need to do is sit back, relax
and enjoy time with your family and friends!

Price will include: Breakfast, lunch and dinner,
deluxe motor coach, all gratuities, and mystery activities.

Reservation form and non-refundable payment
will be due at the time of sign-up.

Deadline to sign up for this tour is March 28, 2023.

If you are interested in joining me on this tour,
please contact me at 319-294-2900 to be placed
on the "interested" list to receive a brochure with
details & pricing, once they become available!



**You are
invited for
an afternoon
of Kentucky
Derby fun!**

Kentucky Derby Party

The afternoon will include drinks, hors d'oeuvres, wagering,
and being a part of the greatest two minutes in sports!

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Elmcrest Country Club

1 Zach Johnson Drive NE • Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

4:30 pm - Placing bets.

5:00 pm - Social hour with Hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

5:57 pm - Post time and the greatest two minutes in sports!

6:00 pm - Prizes will be awarded for...
best dressed (guys and girls),
best hats (guys and girls)
and for the winners of the horse race.

Reservation form and non-refundable payment
will be due at the time of sign-up.

Deadline to sign up for this tour is April 6, 2023.

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What Cheer Flea Market



May 7, 2023

Do you dream of road tripping, searching for bargains, vintage goods, antiques and haggling for that perfect price?

Then this day tour was made for you!

You're sure to find a hidden treasure at this Flea Market!

This indoor/outdoor market features 400 dealers from several states and is one of the premier antique and collectibles markets in the Midwest.

This market offers a little bit of everything, including antiques & collectibles, tools, primitives, postcards, glassware, stamps, coins, jewelry, furniture, baseball cards, and more.

You will also find a big selection of food vendors or you can pack your own picnic lunch and a lawn chair to relax in the shade and enjoy some downtime before you get back to shopping.

Includes: Motor Coach transportation, gratuities, parking fee, Flea Market ticket, and included dinner.

Reservation form and non-refundable payment will be due at the time of sign-up.

Deadline to sign up for this tour is April 6, 2023.

If you are interested in joining me on this tour, please contact me at 319-294-2900 to be placed on the "interested" list to receive a brochure with details & pricing, once they become available!

Tahiti and the Pearls of French Polynesia

May 23 - June 3, 2023

Sign up now before it's too late!

Pricing ranges from \$7,465 to \$7,765 depending on your choice of cabin.

Uncover the world-famous Society Islands of French Polynesia by small ship! Bora Bora, Huahine, Taha'a, Raiatea, and Mo'orea are gorgeous islands sculpted by sky-piercing, moss-green peaks and lined with vivid turquoise lagoons. Island hopping will allow you to see every landscape,



from geometric ridges strung with waterfalls on the high islands to flat, desert-like atolls where lagoons far outsize the landmass. The Islands of Tahiti are a slice of paradise with unrivaled culture, history, natural beauty, and marine life!

We still have space available, so don't miss out on the opportunity to join the Connect Club on this absolutely amazing tour!



Contact Kathy Leeseekamp at 319-294-2900 for a detailed itinerary of this tour.

California Dreamin'

June 5-12, 2023

*\$3,856 Double Per Person • \$4,656 Single • Insurance \$299 Per Person
Optional 3 days and 2 night San Francisco Post Tour Extension
\$399 Double Per Person*

This is the essence of Northern California, from fine wine and freshly caught seafood to vibrant cities and nature on an epic scale. Discover Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf and Sacramento's Old Town. Witness the stunning views along 17 Mile Drive. Meet a local farmer and taste his farm's produce. Marvel at the unspoiled beauty of Yosemite National Park. Glide on the pristine waters of Lake Tahoe on a classic yacht-style vessel. Sip local wines in Napa Valley and enjoy a farm-to-table lunch. Embrace the laid-back life of the Golden State.



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Mad Hatter Tea Party



Curiouser and Curiouser

FSB Connect Club's first ever Grandparents & Grandkids (All Ages) Day!

You are invited for an afternoon of whimsical fun, delectable goodies, a spot of tea, mad hat making and game playing!

Don't be late for this very important date!

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Follow the white rabbit to...

Marion Public Library Community Room

1101 6th Ave • Marion, IA 52302

The time, the time, who's got the time?

2 o'clock in the afternoon

If you like, we would love for you to come dressed as your favorite Mad Hatter character.

Reservation form and non-refundable payment will be due at the time of sign-up.

Deadline to sign up for this tour is August 16, 2023.



If you are interested in joining me on this tour, please contact me at 319-294-2900 to be placed on the "interested" list to receive a brochure with details & pricing, once they become available!

Thank you to the "Travel Tribe" for suggesting Grandparents day be added to our line-up of tours.



Tuesday, May 16, 2023 • 8:00 AM

Marion Public Library Community Room
1101 6th Ave • Marion, IA 52302

**You are invited to join me for a divine day
with Freedom, Fun, Food & Friendship!**

Included:

- * Continental Breakfast
- * Fashion Show
- * Catered Lunch
- * Photo Booth
- * Kiss & Tell Booth
- * Wine & Cheese Pairing Booth
- * Chocolate Tasting Booth
- * Soap Booth
- * Olive Oil Booth
- And much more!*

**If you like, I would love for you to come dressed in black!
I will provide the Pearls and Sunglasses!**

Reservation form and non-refundable payment will be due at the time of sign-up. Deadline to sign up for this tour is April 15, 2023.

If you are interested in joining me on this tour, please contact me at 319-294-2900 to be placed on the "interested" list to receive a brochure with details & pricing, once they become available!

"Your friendship is more valuable to me than the rarest of diamonds."

Newfoundland

July 1 - 10, 2023

\$6,677 Double Per Person • \$7,586 Single Per Person

Insurance is included in the price of this tour.

Cruise on Bonne Bay with views of Gros Morne Mountain & the Tablelands, Gros Morne National Park (Unesco World Heritage Site) Nicknamed the "Galapagos Of Plate Tectonics", Twillingate Island-Newfoundlands oldest and most interesting fishing community, Prime Berth Fishery & Heritage Center, Long Point Lighthouse, visit to Gander who is world famous due to residents opening their homes and showing true Newfoundland hospitality to many stranded passengers due to the attacks on the USA on September 11, 2001, travel through Terra Nova National Park, visit to the Botanical Gardens with breathtaking trails, 250 species of plants, 26 species of butterflies, 100 species of birds who all make this garden their home, visit to Cabot Tower at Signal Hill National Historic Site where we can view the famous "Narrow" and admire the architecture of old St. Johns, visit to Cape Spear National Historic Site to see the incredible "rooms" Museum depicting Newfoundland's cultural heritage.

Highlight of the tour: We will take a cruise out to the icebergs & sea bird life at Witless Bay Ecological Reserve. You will be astounded by the sea bird activity including more than 260,000 pairs of Atlantic Puffins - that's right thousands! In addition we will see Murres, kittewakes, hawks, ospreys and many other shore birds along with the icebergs and home to the many humpback, Minke and Fin whales.





Ballard's Resort Fishing Trip with Gene Neighbor

Minnesota's Lake of the Woods

July 23-26, 2023



***An exciting summer fishing
trip with Gene and Jeanie!***

If you are interested in joining Gene and Jean on this tour, please contact me at 319-294-2900 to be placed on the "interested" list to receive a brochure with details & pricing, once they become available!

The Fireside

FiresideTheatre.com

MARY POPPINS

July 28, 2023 • \$210



The world's favorite "practically perfect" nanny comes alive on the Fireside stage serving up more than a spoonful of delightful music, dancing, and laughter that will transport and enchant audiences of all ages. A beloved Tony Award-winning musical, The Fireside's production of MARY

POPPINS features all the well-known popular songs, high-stepping dancing, and a treasure chest full of magic and mirth! The whole family will enjoy this dazzling and beautiful musical fable. There is only one word to describe this unforgettable production – Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!"

We will depart from FSB (1380 Twixt Town Rd Marion) at 6:30 am, make a stop at McDonalds for breakfast, enjoy a delicious lunch, dessert & the spectacular production. On the way home we will make a rest stop at Culver's and return home around 8:30 pm.

A TASTE OF BROADWAY
CIRCA'21
DINNER PLAYHOUSE

ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE

August 2, 2023 • \$135

Set your mind on island time and plan your escape to Circa '21's premiere of ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE, the new musical comedy about choices we make -- and the people we become -- once we've had

a change in 'latitude'. ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE, features both classic Jimmy Buffett and original songs with a story that revolves around a part-time bartender/singer who falls for a career-minded tourist. Welcome to Margaritaville, where people come to get away from it all -- and stay to find something they never expected. Get ready for a hilarious and heartwarming musical with the most unforgettable songs from one of music's greatest storytellers. This hilarious, heartwarming musical is the party you've been waiting for!



This jukebox musical is the theatrical equivalent of sipping on a frozen drink while lying on a beach chair in the blazing sun.” – The Hollywood Reporter

We will depart from FSB (1380 Twixt Town Rd Marion) at 10:00 am, enjoy a delicious lunch, dessert & the fantastic production, and return home around 5:45 pm.

Branson

September 18-22, 2023

Double Per Person \$1,589 • Single \$1,809



Have a blast in Branson on this fun-filled adventure. Get ready for neon lights, stunning scenery, and astonishing Broadway-caliber shows! Step into the rainforest at Butterfly Palace with more than 1,000 exotic

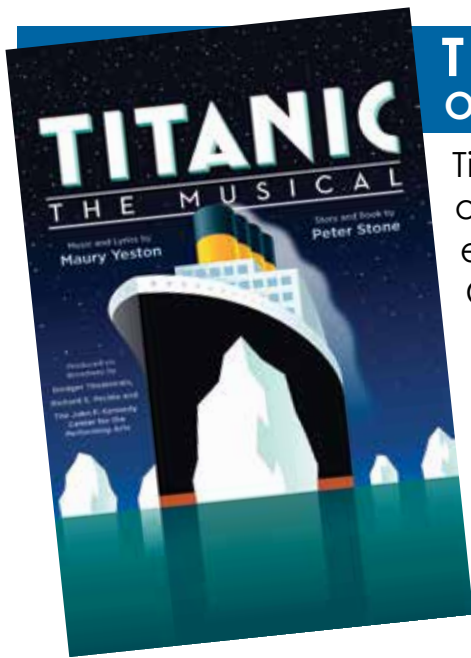
butterflies make their home. Take in the breathtaking Ozark Mountain vistas from aboard a paddle wheeler, atop a Ferris wheel, and on a tram Marvel at the mind blowing illusions of Reza. Tap your toes to the beat during Clay Cooper's Country Express and watch the story of Queen Esther come to life. This ultimate Branson experience will have everyone singing and dancing along!



Contact Kathy Leeseekamp at 319-294-2900 for a detailed itinerary of this tour.

The Fireside

FiresideTheatre.com



TITANIC

October 6, 2023 • \$225

Titanic. The very name signals one of the most enduring events of the Twentieth Century. TITANIC is the 1997 Broadway Musical that captured five Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Soaring songs, grand staging, and a set awash in glorious costumes makes this historic musical a must-see event. It traces the lives of all the

varied strata of people uniquely united on that fateful journey, with the central character being the Titanic herself. TITANIC is human drama that explores and reveals individual strength, love, faith, and especially the triumph of human dignity. Don't miss this musical as unforgettable as the historic event itself.

We will depart from FSB (1380 Twixt Town Rd Marion) at 6:30 am, make a stop at McDonalds for breakfast, enjoy a delicious lunch, dessert & the spectacular production. On the way home we will make a rest stop at Culver's and return home around 8:30 pm.



October 15-20, 2023

It's that time of year for our most exciting tour of the year!

You will be truly thrilled with this extraordinary tour, so you definitely don't want to miss out this year!

The Mystery Coach is ready to take you away to unknown places as we take a road trip filled with clues, entertainment, mystery activities, food and lots of fun!

If you are interested in joining me on this tour, please contact me at 319-294-2900 to be placed on the "interested" list to receive a brochure with details & pricing, once they become available!

Remember this is the most popular tour of the year, so book early to secure your spot on the Mystery Coach!

Journey through Egypt & Jordan

April 6-20, 2024

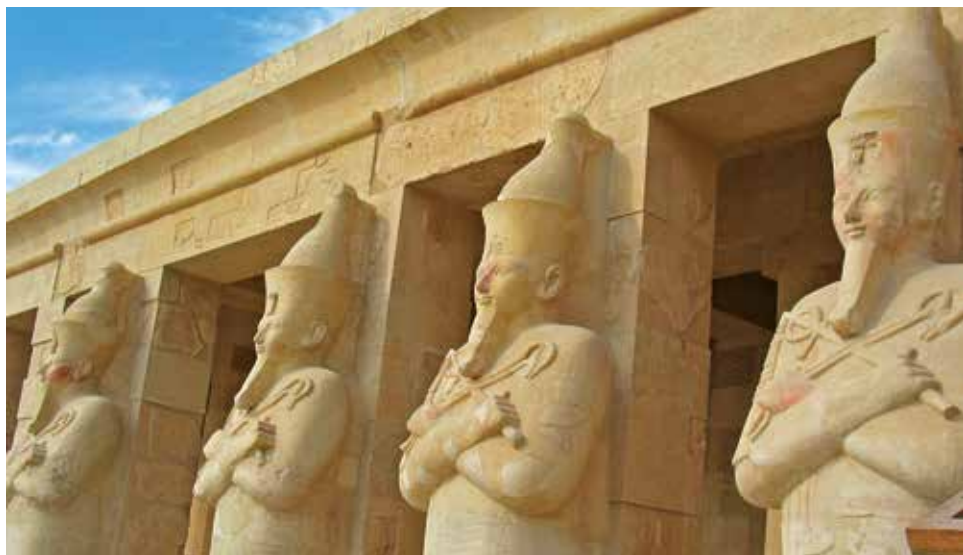
\$6,940 Double Per Person • \$8,240 Single Per Person
\$449 Insurance Per Person



Experience a dramatic world beyond imagination as you enter into lands of legends, relics, and indescribable beauty. Visit the famous Pyramids of Giza and the stoic Sphinx. Unwind on a 3-night cruise on the Nile, the world's longest river. Take in Petra, the "Rose Red City" that appears as if it emerged straight from the rock bed.

Participate in an Arabic cooking class, where you'll use fresh ingredients from local markets to create delectable flavors. Admire the ethereal landscape of the desert city of Wadi Rum, the "Valley of the Moon." Indulge at a deluxe spa resort on the Northern shore of the Dead Sea.

Eons of history and iconic wonders, mouthwatering bites of savory cuisine, and stretching sunsets fading against the desert horizon – this is the essence of Egypt and Jordan.



2023 FSB Connect Club Calendar

JANUARY

- 10th - Australia/New Zealand Doc Party
- 24th - Feb. 13th - Australia/New Zealand Tour

FEBRUARY

- 22nd - Tropical Costa Rica Doc Party

MARCH

- 3rd - 13th - Tropical Costa Rica

APRIL

- 20th - FSB Connect Club - Casino & Bingo
- 28th - One Day Mystery Tour

MAY

- 6th - Kentucky Derby Event
- 7th - Flea Market
- 9th - Tahiti Doc Party
- 11th - Movie Day
- 16th - Ladies Outing
- 22nd - CA Dreamin' Doc Party
- 23rd - June 3rd - Tahiti Tour

JUNE

- 5th - 12th - CA Dreamin' Tour
- 15th - Grandparents Day
- 20th - Newfoundland Doc Party

JULY

- 1st - 10th - Newfoundland Tour
- 23rd - 26th - Ballard's with Gene/Jean
- 28th - Mary Poppins (Fireside)

AUGUST

- 2nd - Escape to Margaritaville (Circa 21)
- 3rd - FSB Connect Club Ice Cream Social
- 21st - Movie Day

SEPTEMBER

- 5th - Branson Doc Party
- 18th - 22nd - Branson Tour

OCTOBER

- 6th - Titanic (Fireside)
- 12th - Movie Day
- 15th - 20th - Extended Mystery Tour

NOVEMBER

- 9th - Movie Day

DECEMBER

Let's *Explore* **the** *World* **Together!**



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