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Connect Club

Connections

Explore the world with FSB's Connect Club

Discover

**THE BEST OF
EASTERN CANADA**

See inside for details!

Hello Connect Club Friends!



*Explore...
Discover...
Travel...
Repeat!*

Are you looking for some added excitement in your life? If so, the Connect Club is the place to be! Enjoy reading this issue of the Connections Newsletter and contact me for detailed brochures.

If I am on a FSB Connect Club tour, a Marketing Department team member is happy to help you with your questions.

Let's make some memories together!

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NOTICE OF RELOACTION



FSB ANNEX 1100 8th AVE MARION, IA 52302

All Future Document Parties
and Travel Shows will be
held in the FSB Annex Building!

Park in the parking lot behind the Annex Building
between 11th and 9th street. Enter through the
back door and take the stairs or the lift to the
lower level.

As we prepare to say “goodbye” to 2023,
and welcome 2024 with open arms, it’s
easy to reflect on this year’s journeys.
Enjoy looking through our 2023 adventures!

Australia/New Zealand



Costa Rica



Tahiti



California Dreamin'



Newfoundland



Ballard's

Exciting times with Gene and Jean Neighbor!



Branson



6 Day Mystery



Southern Charm



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

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!

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!

Let's Get Connected!



2024 MOVIE DAYS

**Connect Club
Members Only**

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Tuesday, January 9** •
- **Tuesday, March 12** •
- **Tuesday, May 14** •
- **Tuesday, September 10** •
- **Tuesday, October 22** •

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 three days 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 be available! The concession stand is always open to purchase anything else you might want.

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.



1462 Twixt Town Road, Marion

A TASTE OF BROADWAY
CIRCA'21
DINNER PLAYHOUSE

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

February 21, 2024 • \$150

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning, it is one passenger fewer.

An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercule Poirot to identify the murderer — in case he or she decides to strike again. Ken Ludwig's clever adaptation of the Agatha Christie classic boasts all the glamour, intrigue and suspense of Dame Agatha's celebrated novel, with a healthy dose of humor to quicken the pace.



“Strikes the perfect balance of the cerebral and the comic. Get on board – it’s a great ride.”
Houstonian Magazine

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

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS

Saturday March 2, 2024 • \$160



Join me as we enjoy this spectacular instrumentation of Appalachian Spring paired with new work by alt-classical band OK Factor. Music has the power to bring people together and evoke emotions like nothing else. You do not want to miss this experience filled with enchanting live music and illuminated by thousands of electric candles during this intimate, one-of-a-kind experience.

Experience fine dining at Montage! Their casual sophistication and creative tastes are sure to impress, while their Midwest favorites will make you feel right at home. Montage is the perfect destination for a memorable dining experience.

***Sign Up Deadline: Thursday, Feb 1, 2024
(Need a minimum of 30 members)***

***Contact Kathy Leesekamp, CBCD, at
319-294-2900
for a reservation form.***

Itinerary:

Depart at 2:30 pm

Candlelight Series at 4:00 pm

Dinner at 6 pm

Depart for home

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join me for an amazing day filled
with Tulips, Food, Fun, and Friendship!

Day Trip will Include:

Guided Coach Tour of Pella's Gorgeous Gardens
Tour and Organ Demonstration at Pella Opera House
Lunch Catered by Central College
Free time to shop and view the Tulips
Peanuts and Bloody Mary's at Pella Peanut Pub
Bell Show at Klokkenspel Clock Tower
Drawing for Give-a-ways!
Deluxe Motor Coach and gratuity
All gratuities for the above activities

We will depart for this tour at 7:30 am
from 1380 Twixt Town Rd. Marion, IA 52302

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

Deadline to sign up for this tour is April 1, 2024.

**Contact Kathy Leeseekamp, CBCD, at
319-294-2900 for a reservation form.**

Ladies Outing - Love is in Bloom!

May 6, 2024 • \$150



*Free event
for FSB
Connect Club
Members
Only!*

Kentucky Derby Party

You are invited for an afternoon of
celebration and appreciation!

The afternoon will include drinks, snacks, FSB Learning
Session, Photo Booth and fun live-action Horse Race Game!

Prizes will be awarded for best hats (guys and girls)!

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

1 - 4 pm

Wanatee Park - Prairie Oak Lodge
4201 Big Bluestem Drive
Marion, IA 52302

RSVP is required to attend this event.
If you sign up and then need to cancel,
please contact Kathy ASAP.



July 26-28, 2024

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

Let's get together for a fun-filled three-day Mystery Tour. You can try to get me to spill the beans on where we are going, but you won't succeed! This tour will be easy-paced, relaxing, and breathtaking! You will not want to miss out on this spectacular tour!

Includes:

Deluxe motor coach, 2 night hotel stay,
2 breakfast, 3 lunch, 2 dinner, and all gratuities.

If you are interested in taking this tour, please contact Kathy at 319-294-2900 for a brochure, forms and location/mile guesses. Pricing will be announced once finalized.

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

Discover the Best of Eastern Canada

August 15-24, 2024

DEADLINE

The deadline date
to sign up for
this tour is
February 16, 2024



*\$3,959 Double Per Person • \$5,059 Single Per Person
\$349 Insurance Per Person*

From the old-world style of Quebec City to the power of Niagara Falls, say bienvenue to Eastern Canada. Board a boat and experience Niagara Falls up close. Discover Niagara-on-the-Lake's quaint local shops and charming atmosphere. Watch the busy St. Lawrence River from high atop Montreal's Mount Royal and experience the energy of multicultural Toronto. Explore the vibrant Canadian capital Ottawa. Have a breakfast of regional specialties at a local sugar shack and learn about maple syrup-making. You choose how you explore Old Quebec - on foot with a local guide or on a panoramic coach tour. Walk the cobblestone streets of Old Montreal.

An unforgettable experience awaits as you venture along picturesque countryside and glistening skyscrapers.



Contact Kathy Leesekamp, CBCD, for a detailed itinerary of this tour.



Ballard's Resort Fishing Trip with Gene Neighbor

Minnesota's Lake of the Woods

September 2-5, 2024

***If you are interested in joining this tour,
please contact Kathy Leesekamp, CBCD, at 319-294-2900!***

**Like to fish? Love to catch (and eat) Walleye?
Then you'll want to join FSB President Gene Neighbor
on the 2024 Ballard's Resort Fishing Trip!**



This tour will include transportation to and from Ballard's Resort, 3 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! Pricing will be finalized in January.

One-Day Mystery Tour



**September 5 or
September 6, 2024**
(pick either date)
\$150 per person

It's Mystery Time!

I am thrilled to once again host the ever so famous One-Day Mystery Tour!

Come spend the day with me while we create memories and enjoy exploring a part of Iowa!

Includes:
Deluxe Motor Coach, all mystery activities,
lunch, and all gratuities.

Contact Kathy Leeseekamp, CBCD, at 319-294-2900 for a brochure.

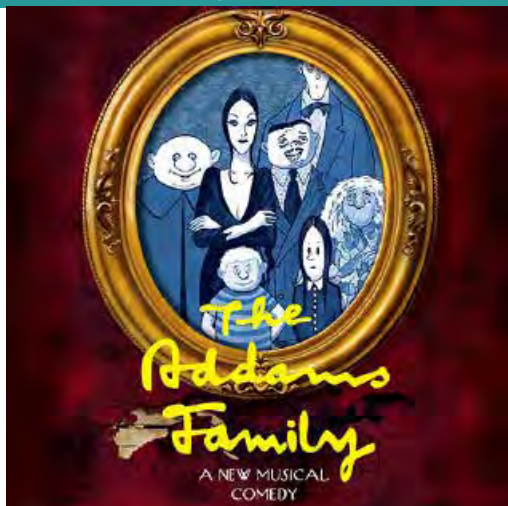
A TASTE OF BROADWAY
CIRCA'21
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THE ADDAMS FAMILY

September 11, 2024 • \$150

They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky ...THE ADDAMS FAMILY, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man

from a respectable family— a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.



“Wickedly wonderful, delightfully dreadful and magically full of malice, mischief and mayhem — the amazing Addams Family can’t be missed.”
-Redbrick.me

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Margaritaville

You are invited for an afternoon of
celebration and appreciation!

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Session, Photo Booth and Bingo!

Thursday, September 19, 2024

1 - 4 pm

**Wanatee Park - Prairie Oak Lodge
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Marion, IA 52302**

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please contact Kathy ASAP.

October 4-19, 2024

Spain's Classics & Portugal

DEADLINE

The deadline date
to sign up for
this tour is
April 6, 2024



*\$6,219 Double Per Person • \$7,559 Single Per Person
\$449 Insurance Per Person*

Embark on an Iberian adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine. Explore Lisbon, Europe's second oldest capital city. View Antonio Gaudí's architectural masterpieces, including La Sagrada Familia. Become part of an authentic "paella experience." Enjoy the fascinating art form that is Flamenco. Visit the exotic and expansive Alhambra Palace. Marvel at the timeless masterpieces at the Prado Museum. Visit the Jeronimos Monastery in Belém. Visit the medieval walled town of Obidos. Explore Spain and Portugal's culture and history set against a backdrop of sunny Mediterranean shores and grand mountain ranges.

You are on your way to a colorful cultural adventure featuring the best of Spain and Portugal. I hope you'll join me on this unforgettable trip.



Contact Kathy Leeseekamp, CBCD, for a detailed itinerary of this tour.

2025

March 5-18, 2025

Grand Hawaiian Adventure

DEADLINE

The deadline date
to sign up for
this tour is
September 6, 2024



*\$8,464 Double Per Person • \$11,139 Single Per Person
\$349 Insurance Per Person*

Embrace the spirit of "Aloha" on a leisurely 4-island tour of Hawaii featuring 3-night stays each in Oahu, Big Island (Kona), Maui and Kauai. Enjoy your luxurious beachfront hotel in Waikiki. Remember Pearl Harbor and visit the USS Arizona Memorial. Embark on a wonderful drive along Oahu's famous North Shore. Take in the natural beauty of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island. Admire the hula dance, an ancient Polynesian art form. Visit a coffee farm in Kona and learn about the coffee bean's journey from tree to cup. In Maui, visit the old royal capital of Lahaina, once home of the world's largest whaling fleets, where you can stroll through historic streets. Experience a traditional Polynesian luau - just one of your stops in paradise. Relax and take in the natural beauty during a cruise along Wailua River. Admire the hula dance, an ancient Polynesian art form.



Contact Kathy Leeseekamp, CBCD, for a detailed itinerary of this tour.

2025

May 16-27, 2025

Croatia & Its Islands

The deadline date to sign up for this tour is
April 17, 2024

Double Lower Outside Cabin - \$6,329

Double Main Deck Cabin - \$6,829

Insurance - \$599

Single Cabins are very limited.

Please call for pricing and availability.

From medieval architecture to ethereal waterfalls, coast along the sparkling Adriatic Sea and experience the best of Croatia. Enjoy a memorable 7-night cruise on the Adriatic Sea along Croatia's coast aboard a privately chartered ship. Tour the Old City of Dubrovnik and walk along the picturesque cobblestone streets. Visit the island of Biševo, home to the mystical Blue Cave. On Brac Island, take in the "Golden Cape" of Bol. Discover the ancient palace of Emperor Diocletian in Split. Stand in awe before the cascading waterfalls of Krka National Park. Get to know Zagreb, the illustrious capital of Croatia. See the country's immaculate beauty as you cruise its vibrant waters and step into its rich history.



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2024 FSB Connect Club Calendar

JANUARY

- 9 - Movie Day

FEBRUARY

- 21 - Murder on the Orient Express (Circa 21)

MARCH

- 2 - Candlelight Concert
- 12 - Movie Day

APRIL

- 6 - 20 - Egypt & Jordan Tour

MAY

- 6 - Ladies Outing
- 14 - Movie Day
- 21 - Free Connect Club Event
Kentucky Derby

JUNE

- 18 - 28 - Montana Tour

JULY

- 26 - 28 - Three-Day Mystery Tour

AUGUST

- 15 - 24 - Best of Eastern
Canada Tour

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - 5 - Ballard's Fishing Trip
- 5 - 6 - One-Day Mystery Tour
- 10 - Movie Day
- 11 - The Addams Family
(Circa 21)
- 19 - Free Connect Club Event
Margaritaville

OCTOBER

- 4 - 19 - Spain Tour
- 22 - Movie Day

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

2025 FSB Connect Club Calendar

MARCH

- 15 - 18 - Grand Hawaiian
Adventure Tour

MAY

- 16 - 27 - Croatia & Its
Islands Tour

Let's

Explore the World Together!



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