

# Ann's Adventures

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### Ann's Thoughts and Comments...

We had a wonderful trip to Hawaii in March with lots of wonderful people! Thanks to all who participated!

I will be taking part in several Senior Programs in the area... Check them out!

I will be at the Travel Show at Flushing Senior Center on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Come on and see where we are going and share your ideas of where you'd like to go!

I will be at Senior Power Day on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 until 2:00 at Crossroads Village. Stop by my table and say hi!

I will be at the Huron County Senior Fair on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. which will be held at Assembly of God Church at 1365 S Van Dyke Rd in Bad Axe, MI. If you're in the Thumb Area, stop by my table and say hi!

So, when I'm not on a trip or at a Senior Event, I'm busy planning new trips! Thanks for all of your ideas, comments, suggestions and support! Keep them coming and I'll try to get to them all!

I've added a few new trips in this newsletter and am in the process of adding other ideas to the schedule. This issue will be an April/May Newsletter. I will be in England at the end of April and will not have time to get another newsletter in the mail. Hang onto this issue!

Please let us know when you have an address change. If you want to keep getting the newsletter, we are glad to make the change. When newsletters get returned to us, we are charged postage and so we remove that label from the list until we hear from you!

### Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at the Bob Evans in Birch Run. It is a great opportunity to get together with friends, ask questions of Ann, or make suggestions for future trips. Upcoming dates; April 7, May 5, and June 2. I hope to see you there! Breakfast is on your own.

### Romeos – Rowdy Old Men Eating Out!

Join us for lunch and lively discussion **at noon**. Lunch is 'on your own'. The locations and dates are as follows: On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the guys will be at Junction of Hope on M-57 past M-13 (on the way to Chesaning). On May, 18<sup>th</sup>, they will meet at the Classic Coney's in Genesee and June 15<sup>th</sup> they will meet at Billy's Pine Run Inn.

No reservations needed, just come! Wear your plaid shirt and look for the rowdy guys!

### Travel Club Networking Meeting

Travel Club Networking Meetings are held three times a year to allow people to provide ideas for future trips, meet with other travelers and get first-hand information about upcoming trips. They are generally held in February, June and October.

The next Travel Club Networking Meeting will be held June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Clio Cast & Crew Theatre at 2220 W Vienna Rd. (next door to the School Bus Garage) All are welcome to attend and contribute to the conversation. I am always anxious to listen to your thoughts about trip destinations and continue to add new day trips each month.

### Have A Group? Want to travel?

I can plan trips for groups that have a particular destination in mind or if you need ideas for destinations. Pick-ups can be arranged from your location if you have enough to fill a bus! If your group is too small to fill a bus, perhaps we can promote it and help you fill it!

### Poems

Copies of the trip poems I write are available. The cost is \$1.00 per poem to cover the printing cost. Poems through 9/30/16 are typed and available!

### Become a STAR!

I offer a special program for frequent travelers.

You can become a "STAR" which stands for Special Travel Adventure Rate! For only \$36.00 per year you can become a STAR! As a result, every trip you sign up for will be \$6.00 less in cost. Therefore, if you travel at least 6 times in a year, you will have made your money back and for every trip after that, you come out ahead.

### Driver Tips

For all day trips, the driver tip is included in the cost of the trip. On overnight trips, we do pass an envelope for the driver.

### Medical Forms

Is your medical form updated? A medical form ensures that I can give medical professionals correct information about your health in the event of a medical emergency. If something happens, they need to know your birthdate and list of current medications. If you need to update your form, let me know!

### Shirts For Sale!

The grey t-shirt says "Not all who wander are lost" and is on a section of a Michigan map surrounding Clio. The cost for the grey t-shirt is \$12.00 for S, M, L & XL. The cost for 2XL is \$13.00.

There are also polo shirts (with a collar) in red or royal blue. They are monogrammed with "Ann's Adventures" and the cost is \$15.00 for the S, M, L & XL. The 2XL is \$16.00.

### Can I get a refund if I have to cancel?

Full refunds will be given only if there is a wait list and I am able to fill your place prior to departure. Partial refunds may be given if I am able to recover the costs of prepaid tickets, meals, etc. Cancellations and no-shows on the day of the trip will not be entitled to a refund. Refund checks are issued after the trip is completed.

### **Motown the Musical**

Date: Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$120.00 per person

Departure: 5:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

MOTOWN THE MUSICAL is the true American dream story of Motown founder Berry Gordy who launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson and many more. Motown shattered barriers, shaped our lives and made us all move to the same beat. Now, experience it live on stage in the record-breaking smash hit MOTOWN THE MUSICAL! The price includes the main floor ticket at the Fisher Theatre and the bus!

There will be a supper stop on the way which will be "on your own" at Great Lakes Crossings.

### **Vera Bradley # 1**

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Cost: \$70.00 per person

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from the Clio K-mart

Status: 1 seat available!

This day trip is headed to Fort Wayne for the Annual Vera Bradley Outlet Sale at the County Coliseum. This annual event draws people from far distances to shop for items marked 40% to 60% off. This is a ticketed sale and the days are broken into 2 ½ hour shopping segments that allow only 4,000 people inside at a time. They have a special arrangement for groups and we will be admitted through a special entrance as well as have our own check out space and not have to stand in the long lines with everyone else. There will be a quick breakfast stop and a luncheon buffet stop after our shopping time which will both be "on your own." We'll return about 7:00 p.m.

### **Vera Bradley # 2**

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017

Cost: \$70.00 per person

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from the Clio K-mart

Status: Sold Out!

See details in the above article. This day will be the same as Trip # 1. There will be a quick breakfast stop and a luncheon buffet stop after our shopping time which will both be "on your own."

### **British Landscapes**

Date: April 22, to May 1, 2017

Cost: \$4279.00 per person double occupancy

Departure: 4:15 p.m. from the PNC Bank

Time to pack! Don't forget your passport! We have a direct flight from Detroit to Heathrow on Delta Airlines!

We will visit England, Scotland and Wales! This price includes airfare, and insurance, 10 days, and 12 meals, (8 breakfasts & 4 dinners) We will visit London, Oxford, North Wales, Edinburgh Castle, York, Stratford-upon-Avon, Stonehenge, Cotswolds and more...! We will spend the night in Ruthin Castle in the north of Wales!

**This trip requires a passport!**

### **Travel Certificates Make Great Gifts!**

Tell your kids! Certificates are available in any amount! They can be used for any Ann's Adventures Trip! There is no expiration date! Tell your kids you want the gift of Travel! These make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, and Mother's Day or Father's Day!

### **I Love A Piano – Irving Berlin Music**

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017

Cost: \$70.00 per person

Departure: 5:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: 3 seats available!

This trip includes the motorcoach transportation and the ticket to the show. It will be at Meadow Brook Theatre. *I LOVE A PIANO*, the celebration of the music of Irving Berlin, follows the journey of a piano as it moves in and out of American lives. Along the way, the story comes to life with over sixty of Irving Berlin's most beloved songs, including the classics "Blue Skies," "There's No Business Like Show Business," "Puttin' on the Ritz" "Cheek to Cheek," "Always," "God Bless America," and, of course, "I Love a Piano." Alternately heartbreaking and hilarious, rousing and reflective, and a fitting tribute to the man Jerome Kern famously said had "no place in American music - he is American music."

We will make a light supper stop on the way at Great Lakes Crossings which will be "on your own."

### **Tulip Festival**

Date: Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$135.00 per person

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: 6 seats available!

This year's trip will include a drive thru the tulip lanes, a stop at Veldheer's Tulip Farm, Tulip Time Musical Mix: a luncheon show, the Children's parade, dinner, the Brett Family Show, (a favorite from Branson!) and the motorcoach transportation. We will be going on a Thursday so we will be able to watch the Children's Parade which promises to be a delight! **Bring your lawn chair so you can have a comfortable seat!** Hats are highly recommended. Estimated time of arrival home is 11:30 p.m.

### **Jeanne Robertson**

Date: Friday, May 12, 2017

Cost: \$90.00 per person

Departure: 3:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: 12 seats available!

Jeanne Robertson is returning to Michigan this spring! This 6'2" comedian is a favorite of many of our travelers. Jeanne is coming to the Kirtland Center for Performing Arts in Roscommon. A dinner will be **included** along with the ticket for the 7:00 p.m. show and the bus. Anticipated time of return is about 11:00 p.m.

### **Mother's Day Special**

**Andy Williams Remembered by Jimmy Osmond**

Date: Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 11:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available! Men are welcome, too!

Make it a Mother's Day to remember. Enjoy a pre-show lunch at the Lorenzo Cultural Center followed by Jimmy Osmond's tribute to Andy Williams. In this heartfelt concert, Jimmy sings the songs that made his mentor and friend so beloved by millions. Jimmy Osmond's *Moon River and Me* is full of music, nostalgic footage and special memories of Andy Williams. With hits we love from Andy and chart topping hits that Jimmy and his brothers made famous, it's a perfect pairing for a memorable entertainment experience.

This trip includes the main floor ticket at Macomb Center for Performing Arts, the luncheon and the motorcoach transportation.

### **Getting Mama Married – Turkeyville**

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Cost: \$72.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: 1 seat available!

This trip to Turkeyville will include the turkey dinner, transportation, the show and an Actor Talk Back!

When Ann Finnelly's second husband left her five years ago for a younger woman, she swore off men forever. Instead of a man, she involves herself with house plants, bridge, puzzles, and murder mysteries. Daughter Julie, twenty, married to the "unemployable", plans to change all that and encourages her mother to take on several suitors. First there's Ed Finnelly, her first husband, who she's not seen in thirty years and who's still dumb as ever. Then Mr Apollo, an amorous ouzo-drinking, bull-in-a-china-shop Greek mailman. Finally, there's last husband Jack Stanton, whose younger wife left him for another man. This is a warm loving comedy filled with funny situations and delightful characters.

### **Ikea – Spring Shopping**

Date: Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$32.00 per person

Departs: 9:00 a.m. @ Clio K-mart

Status: Seats available!

If you've heard about IKEA, but have never been there or you would like to go again, now is your chance! This shopping experience is not like any other store. They have everything for the home... (no clothes!) There are small items as well as big furniture items. We will have the entire luggage bays to bring home any great bargains you might find! There is also a restaurant on the premises for a break or for lunch. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring your blue Ikea bag and your orange "family" membership card if you've been before. You are welcome to bring a cooler if there are frozen food items you'd like to purchase from the grocery section.

A reminder that Ikea accepts credit cards, debit cards and cash. No personal checks are accepted.

### **Flower Day @ Eastern Market**

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from Clio K-mart

Status: Seats available!

Every year on the third Sunday of May, the Eastern Market comes alive with "Flower Day". You will have time to explore the market, enjoy lunch on your own and we'll have plenty of space below the bus to bring home anything you purchase. Bring a wagon or cart to help carry your purchases around the market. There is a lot of walking. We should return to Clio about 4:00.

### **Senior Power Day!**

Date: Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$3.00 per person Tickets are here!

This annual event attracts over 1500 seniors is held annually at Crossroads Village.

The cost includes the admission to Crossroads Village, the lunch, a train ride, an opportunity to visit with vendors, bingo, and many other activities that will be held during the day. It takes place from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It is a great way to pick up information for your personal use. You provide your own transportation. The event takes place rain or shine. I will have a table in the vendor tent so be sure to stop by my table and say hi!

### **Nashville – Memphis**

Date: May 30 – June 4, 2017

Cost: \$1379.00 per person double occupancy

Status: A few seats may be available!

This trip includes motorcoach transportation, 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 2 dinners, Graceland, Sightseeing Tour of Memphis, Sun Studio, National Civil Rights Museum, Beale Street, Country Music Hall of Fame, RCA Studio B, Sightseeing tour of Nashville, Andrew Jackson's "The Hermitage", Grand Ole Opry, and more. A \$100.00 deposit will reserve your seat.

The final payment is due by April 15, 2017. Cancellation protection is available for \$80.00 per person and is due with your deposit. Detailed trip flyers are available! Triple: \$1249.00 per person Single: \$1699.00.

Trip packets will be mailed and there will be no meeting.

### **Daniel O'Donnell**

Date: Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Departure: 4:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Sold Out! Wait list started!

Daniel O'Donnell is coming to Michigan and will be at the Ford Center for Performing Arts in Dearborn. We will take a group to enjoy his legendary concert! There will be a supper stop (on your own) on the way. We have main floor seats for this 7:30 p.m. concert. Daniel O'Donnell has been seen on PBS and does a variety of music. He shares his Irish Heritage as he sings many favorite Irish melodies as well as a mixture of pop, rock, gospel, and country. This trip includes the main floor ticket and the motorcoach transportation!

### **Birds & the Bees – Petrolia \*\*\***

Date: Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$110.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

This trip will include the motorcoach transportation, a lunch in Sarnia and tickets for the show at the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario. Come and celebrate one of Canada's finest up-and-coming playwrights. It's Mark Crawford's new hit comedy with a huge honeyed heart. Sarah just left her husband, Gail's been divorced for twenty years, Earl's on the look-out for a new gal, and Ben's about to get a major lesson in pollination! You'll laugh out loud as "The Bird & the Bees" tackles sex, love, family, beekeeping...and the artificial insemination of turkeys. This should be a fun day! We'll make a light supper stop in Port Huron on the way home on your own.

\*\*\* A Passport or Michigan Enhanced Driver's License required for this trip.

### **Spring Mystery Trip**

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017

Cost: \$110.00 per person

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Off we will go to see someplace new,  
And lunch and dinner will be included for you.

Other things will also be part of the day,  
And only I know what is the way.

So, make a decision if you want to go,  
Then the answer to this mystery, you'll know.

Dress casual and wear good walking shoes,  
'Cause you never know just what I will choose.

**New!**

### **Tiger Night Game**

**New!**

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 4:30 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Tampa Bay Rays for this night game. We have tickets for section 139 along the third base side. We'll have supper at the ballpark on your own. The cost includes transportation and the game ticket. Dress for the weather. Sunblock is always a good idea for these summer games!

### **Father's Day Special! "Ernie"**

**New!**

Date: Sunday, June 18, 2017

Cost: \$85.00 per person (Women are also welcome!)

Departure: 1:30 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Relax on this day by enjoying a great meal at Traffic Jam & Snug in Detroit. Then we will head to the City Theatre for the stage production of "Ernie!" This show will be enjoyed by those who are fans of Ernie Harwell – the Voice of Baseball in Detroit! This stage play was written by Mitch Albom (the author of Tuesdays with Morrie) about Ernie. You will witness how Ernie "recreated" games in his early days and what was behind his broadcasts of the World Series in 1968 and 1984. This is truly a "Made in Michigan" venture.

### **Charity Island**

Date: Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Departure: 9:00 a.m. from Clio K-mart

Status: 4 seats available!

This is a great opportunity to take a boat ride out to Charity Island and learn about the history of the Island, see the lighthouse and the beautifully restored Lighthouse Keepers Home. We will enjoy a wonderful lunch. **You will have a choice of beef tips or perch. Please indicate your choice at sign-up!** This trip includes the transportation, the boat ride, the meal and a relaxing day! We should return to Clio around 7:00 p.m.

### **A Day in Chelsea**

#### **Featuring "Harvey" @ Purple Rose & Jiffy Mix Tour**

Date: Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$86.00 per person

Departure: 12:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: 8 seats available!

Enjoy this relaxing day in Chelsea! We'll tour the Jiffy Mix Factory and learn about this "Michigan made product". Take time to visit the delightful shops in town. The trip includes the bus, dinner at the Common Grill and tickets for the 8:00 p.m. production of "Harvey" at the Purple Rose Theater. "Harvey" is the story of Elwood P Dowd and his imaginary six-and-a-half-foot tall rabbit.

### **Midland Loons @ Dow Stadium**

Date: Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$48.00 per person

Departure: 5:00 p.m. at the Clio K-mart

Status: Seats available!

For this game, the Loons will be playing against the South Bend Cubs which is an affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. This is a fun evening out and we have seats along the third base side. This stadium is very user friendly and also a great place to take your grandkids! Eat at the park "on your own!" Bring your glove, you might catch a ball! There will be fireworks after the game and we plan to stay and watch the display! Dress for the weather!

### **Grandparent – Grandkid Trip – Toledo Zoo**

Date: Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$62.00 per person

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: 1/2 full!

All are welcome!

How about spending a day at the Toledo Zoo? This trip is designed as a Grandparent / Grandkid Trip! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation and the zoo admission. You are welcome to bring a lunch or purchase food at the zoo's concessions. There is an aquarium which is also included in your admission as well as many live shows at scheduled times. We will depart at 4:00 p.m. and should return about 6:00 p.m. in Clio. Dress for the weather.

### **Bay City Fireworks**

**New!**

Date: Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$32.00 per person

Departure: 5:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Due to many requests, I will be offering this opportunity to go see the Bay City Fireworks on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The bus will drop us at the park and be able to park nearby. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, wear your patriotic colors and plan to celebrate Independence Day with friends! You are welcome to bring a light lunch/snacks/water/pop or purchase snacks from vendors in the park. What a great way to enjoy this 36 minute fireworks display without having to drive through heavy traffic.

### **"Life Could Be A Dream" – Turkeyville**

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017

Cost: \$72.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full!

This trip to Turkeyville will include the turkey dinner, transportation, the show and an Actor Talk Back!

SH-Boom! Take another trip to Springfield and meet Denny and the Dreamers; a doo-wop singing group preparing to enter the Big Whopper Radio contest to realize their dreams of making it to the big time! Trouble comes in the form of Lois, who arrives to put some polish on the boys. Denny falls in love, Wally falls in line, Eugene falls apart, and along comes handsome heartthrob Skip to send the whole situation spinning. The '60's hits say it all: "Fools Fall in Love," "Tears on My Pillow," "Runaround Sue," "Earth Angel," "Stay," "Unchained Melody," "Lonely Teardrops," and "The Glory of Love." Life Could Be A Dream will leave you laughing, singing, and cheering, let's hear it for the boys!

### **Lancaster Pennsylvania - Jonah**

Date: Mon – Thurs, July 10 – 13, 2017

Cost: \$560.00.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Seats available!

In 2017, the Sight & Sound Theatre will be featuring a return of the production of "Jonah"! This is a repeat of a few years ago, but several people have indicated they would like to see it. They weren't able to go the last time. The Dutch Apple Theatre will be doing Peter Pan.

This trip will include motorcoach transportation, 3 nights lodging, 2 show productions, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, a visit to the Chalk Artist, and a visit to Hershey for a tour and chocolate! The Lancaster Trip this past summer was a lot of fun and the Chalk Artist was enjoyed by everyone... something new and different. A \$60.00 deposit will reserve your seat. Remainder due June 5<sup>th</sup>!

### **Interested in New York City?**

**Please note...** If you are on the Wait List for this trip to NYC, you have an opportunity to register for the new additional trip scheduled in August! See New York City # 2! Also, since trip # 1 is a very packed full bus, if you'd like to switch to the August, trip that is possible! If you prefer to remain on the Wait List for this trip, we can do that as well!

### **New York City # 1**

Date: July 16 – 22, 2017

Cost: \$1699.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Sold out! Wait List started! Check out Trip # 2!

This trip is full! There are seats available on Trip #2. If you'd like to switch, please let us know!

This exciting trip will provide an opportunity to visit New York City and includes 6 nights lodging and two breakfasts. We will stay 4 nights at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and Broadway in New York City! We will have easy access to many attractions and theatres. The trip includes visits to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, an all-day guided sightseeing tour, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the Flight 93 Memorial and more! There will be an optional opportunity for the World Yacht Dinner Cruise and a couple of Broadway Shows. Many meals are "on your own" because it is more cost effective to offer this trip that way. There are many restaurants and deli's within walking distance of our hotel. Final payment will be due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### **Broadway Shows for our New York City Trip!**

Many of you have called asking about Broadway Shows and about getting tickets... In order to determine which shows the majority of people are interested in seeing, I have mailed a survey to those going on the trip.

### **Mud Hens & Tony Packos – Klinger Connection**

Date: Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$52.00 per person

Departure: 2:00 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

Status: Seats Available!

This trip includes the bus and game ticket. Klinger, from the M\*A\*S\*H series loved the Toledo Mud Hens and Tony Packos' Hungarian hot dog sauce. We eat at Tony Packos' (on your own), see a Mud Hens game and watch M\*A\*S\*H episodes on the way home. The Mud Hens are the farm team for the Detroit Tigers. They will be playing the Pawtucket Red Sox an affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. This annual tradition is always a sellout!

### **Kings Brass**

Date: Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Departure: 4:00 p.m. @ Clio K-mart

Status: ½ full!

We have seen this group in Branson and once when they were in Michigan! Each time the folks on the bus rated this as their favorite show! These men all play brass instruments and they perform at churches throughout the country for the majority of the year. They will be in Shelby Township at the Shelby Bible Church. We will stop for dinner prior to the show. (on your own).

The cost includes the motorcoach transportation and a "Love Offering" to help the church cover the cost of bringing this group to the area!

### **Tall Ship Appledore Cruise**

Date: Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$90.00 per person

Departure: 11:00 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: over 1/2 full!

This trip will include motorcoach, lunch and an afternoon sailing on the Appledore, complete with historical narration. Here is your chance for an up close and personal experience on a Tall Ship! You can even help with the sails or just watch as we sail out the Saginaw River to the Bay!

### **Hockey the Musical**

**New!**

Date: Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$90.00 per person

Departure: 1:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Do you like hockey? Do you like musicals? Do you like Mitch Albom's writings? How about we put them all together for an evening of fun at the City Theatre in Detroit? "I'm really thrilled about bringing the quirky, lovable elements of hockey into a comic musical," said Mitch Albom. "It's an underdog show for an underdog sport. The laughs and heart that the story is able to dig out, thanks to how much we all love hockey, has made for perhaps the most enjoyable creation I've ever attempted." The musical, which takes place in a mythical hockey rink and combines original compositions with popular classics, will be directed by Peter Albom and choreographed by Gabe Nesser. Several of the original songs include "Put On Skates," "Kill Baseball," "Oh, Octopus, My Octopus," "God is a Canuck" and "When You're A Wing." Familiar melodies will include everything from 50's and 60's rock and roll to "Toot, Toot, Tootsie Goodbye." The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, great seats at the theatre and dinner at Traffic Jam & Snug.

### **Young Americans**

Date: Tuesday / Wednesday, August 1 – 2, 2017

Cost: \$260.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Seats Available!

This trip features the dinner theater of the Young Americans – a group of college age students who spend their summer entertaining and serving at Boyne Highlands. The show is always new and very dynamic.

The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, 1 night lodging at the Charlevoix AmericInn and breakfast, the dinner theater and more! Deadline to reserve is June 30, 2017. Please let me know your choice of entrée of beef, chicken or fish for the dinner theatre.

Single occupancy \$325.00; Triple occupancy \$240.00

### **New York City # 2**

**Same trip as #1!**

Date: Sun – Sat, August 6 – 12, 2017

Cost: \$1699.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Seats Available!

This exciting trip will provide an opportunity to visit New York City and includes 6 nights lodging and two breakfasts. We will stay 4 nights at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and Broadway in New York City! The trip includes visits to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, an all-day guided sightseeing tour, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the Flight 93 Memorial and more! There will be an optional opportunity for the World Yacht Dinner Cruise and a couple of Broadway Shows. Many meals are "on your own" because it is more cost effective to offer this trip that way. Restaurants are in walking distance of our hotel. Final payment will be due June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### **Port Huron – Cruise on the River**

Date: Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$92.00 per person

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: ½ full

This trip will include a tour of the Ice Museum, a luncheon and a cruise on the Black River on the Huron Lady II. This will be a relaxing afternoon and you will learn a lot about the area. The Ice Museum is full of artifacts as well as the history of harvesting ice and milk delivery. There is also a large doll collection. It is not a large museum and there are places to sit.

### **Stratford, Ontario**

Date: Tuesday – Wednesday, August 22 – 23, 2017

Cost: \$340.00 per person double occupancy

Status: ½ full!

We will see the musicals, “HMS Pinafore” and “Guys and Dolls”. This trip will include 1 night’s lodging, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner, and main floor seats for both shows.

**A passport or enhanced driver’s license is required for this trip.** There will be some time in Stratford to explore the shops. A \$100.00 deposit will reserve your seat and the balance is due by July 20, 2016. Cancellation Protection is available for \$30.00 per person and is due with your deposit. \$420.00 – single

This trip is usually a lot of fun!

### **Labor Day Bridge Walk**

Date: Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$52.00 per person

Departure: 3:00 a.m. from Clio K-mart

Status: Seats available!

Walk the Mackinac Bridge with thousands of other people on Labor Day. Avoid the hassle of driving and waiting in lines to take a bus across the bridge. Your payment will reserve your seat. We will stop for a bathroom break on the way and breakfast will be included at the rest area. We’ll cross the bridge and you will walk south to Mackinaw City and then have time to shop, have a good meal, and we’ll meet at 2:00p.m. and head south to Clio. We arrive home about 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

### **Do I need to send a deposit?**

A deposit assures your seat on a trip. When you call to put your name on a trip list, that lets me know how many people are interested. Your deposit (or full payment) assures you of a seat. Sometimes there are more names on the interest list than there are actual seats available. When the maximum number of seats with money deposited are full, the rest becomes the wait list. The bottom line is... if you really want to go, you should put down a deposit.

### **Where do the trips depart?**

Day trips leave from the Clio Kmart. We park at the Kmart end closest to I-75.

Overnight trips leave from the PNC Bank in the center of Clio. It is on the corner of Vienna and Mill Street (same as Clio Rd) 107 E Vienna St. The local Police keep an eye on the cars.

If there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> pick-up location it will be listed in the trip information. Sometimes a trip is requested by a local Senior Center or a Church group and then a stop is made at their location if there are at least 16 participants.

### **Holocaust Memorial Museum**

**NEW!**

Date: Monday, September 11, 2017

Cost: \$74.00 per person

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

We will visit the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

“The Holocaust is a history not only of evil, although the evil is undeniable, but also of great courage, strength and righteousness. The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus has been teaching about the Holocaust and its legacy for more than 25 years, and its building, exhibits and programs have been receiving international accolades and heartfelt thanks from our millions of visitors. The Wall Street Journal, in a front-page article about our museum said in reference to the provocative nature of our building that our museum ‘may be the most provocative museum of them all.’ We are pleased that the architecture of this historic museum stirs the public consciousness of the unprecedented horrific crime of the Holocaust. Knowledge of the past is essential in order to avoid its repetition. ‘The visit to the Holocaust Center changed our lives’ is the most prevalent reaction following a visit to the HMC.

Witnessing the horrors perpetrated by the most educated society in Europe brings the rude awakening that education, including religious education, is no barrier against hatred and violence. The education that one absorbs in the HMC veers one towards constructive social consciousness. By highlighting and disseminating knowledge of the acts of the righteous and their constructive consequences, the HMC serves as a powerful antidote and countervailing force to the hatred and evil forces of destruction. The most effective way of combating hatred and evil is to strengthen, enhance, and enlarge the legion of the righteous.”

This trip will include the motorcoach, museum admission, tour, a visit with a holocaust survivor and lunch. This year we plan to revisit the museum again after lunch to explore more on your own.

### **Tiger Day Game**

**New!**

Date: Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$78.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Chicago White Sox for this day game. We have tickets along the third base side. We’ll have lunch at the ballpark on your own. The cost includes transportation and the game ticket. Dress for the weather. Sunblock is always a good idea for these summer games! I highly recommend a hat.

### **Overnight Trips**

Rooming lists for overnight trips need to be sent in a month prior to the trip. I cannot hold rooms if I do not have payment as the hotels will charge me for them. If I release the rooms, it may not be possible to get them back even if there is room on the bus. Special requests for a room need to be submitted with the room list. I cannot make handicap accessible rooms appear at the hotel upon check-in. If you need a room with a walk-in shower, grab bars in the bathroom, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, near elevator... let me know in advance. One issue we’ve had a few times lately is that hotels make a room “handicap accessible” by removing a bed to give a wheelchair more space to maneuver around. I need to know which is a higher priority... two beds OR handicap accessible.

### **Country Living Fair**

Date: September 15-16, 2017

Cost: \$225.00 per person double occupancy

Departure 6:00 a.m. from Clio PNC Bank

Status: About ½ full!

This trip will take us to Columbus, Ohio for one of the four Country Living Fairs held around the United States. These Fairs are offered in conjunction with the Country Living Magazine. It promises great shopping, antique appraisals, seminars and demonstrations, delicious food, and a chance to meet the Editors! There will be over 200 booths of antiques, artisans, and specialty foods. They also offer a full schedule of cooking and crafting demos, home décor presentations and much more!

We will arrive to spend most of the day at the Fair on Friday. The trip includes the Fair admission for two days, dinner, 1 night's lodging and the motorcoach transportation. On Saturday, we will arrive at the Fair as it opens and plan to depart about 3:00 p.m. We will make a supper stop on the way home (on your own) and arrive back in Clio approximately 8:30 p.m.

This trip involves walking the grounds – wear comfortable walking shoes and a hat is advisable! This sounds like it will be a fun trip especially for those who are interested in the Country Living Magazine, crafts, home décor, or just browsing through craft and food vendors. A \$50.00 deposit will confirm your reservation and the remainder is due by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

\$280.00 – single occupancy,

\$205.00 – triple

### **Ring of Fire – Johnny Cash – Turkeyville**

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Cost: \$72.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: 1/3 full!

This trip to Turkeyville will include the turkey dinner, transportation, the show and an Actor Talk Back!

More than two dozen Johnny Cash hits including "I Walk the Line," "A Boy Named Sue," "Folsom Blues" and the title tune will be performed by the all professional cast. Taking audiences on an inspired musical journey that promises to be a foot-stomping crowd-pleasing salute to an American Legend! From the iconic songbook of Johnny Cash comes this musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and home and family.

### **Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont**

Date: October 3 – 12, 2017

Cost: \$2389.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Sold Out! Wait list started!

This trip includes 9 nights lodging, 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners. We will stay 2 nights each in Indian Head Resort in Lincoln, NH; the Bar Harbor Regency in Bar Harbor, Maine; Boothbay Harbor Inn in Boothbay, Maine; and 2 nights in the Finger Lakes Region. Many unique opportunities include Boothbay Harbor Cruise, the Mt Washington Cog Rail, Acadia National Park, New York Wine and Culinary Center, Belhurst Castle, Finger Lake Cruise and more! Trip flyers are available! A \$100.00 deposit will reserve your seat! Final payment will be due by August 15, 2017. Cancellation Protection is available for \$95.00 and should be sent with your deposit.

Single rate: \$3399.00;

Triple rate: \$2189.00 per person

This trip is offered with Shoreline Tours!

### **Mackinac Island and Grand Hotel 2017**

#### **Grand Experience Celebrates 50 Years!**

Date: October 23 – 26, 2017 Monday – Thursday

Cost: \$750.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Very few seats available!

A deposit of \$200 per person is due to assure your seat and final payment is due by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

This trip includes 3 nights at the Grand Hotel, motorcoach to and from Mackinac City, ferry boat to and from the island, carriage ride around the island, high tea, many other activities and classes and entertainment, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, and lots more. It is like a 'land cruise' with many included activities like fudgie bingo, movies, contests, a cocktail reception and more. This year's trip will also include 2 Grand Buffet Luncheons and lots of sales since it is the end of the month.

This trip offered in cooperation with MRPA (Michigan Recreation and Parks Association).

### **Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree - Turkeyville**

Date: Friday, November, 10, 2017

Cost: \$72.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats Available!

This trip to Turkeyville will include the turkey dinner, transportation, the show and an Actor Talk Back!

The mistletoe is hung, the tree is decorated and the party is planned. It is Christmas time and everything doesn't always go as planned. Traditional Christmas dinner is what everyone is expecting, but not what they are going to get. But, when this family gets together it's always a party. Plenty of singing and dancing plus holiday hoopla. Songs to include: "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "Sleigh Bells," "Holly Jolly Christmas" and many more.

### **Christmas in Branson**

Dates: Sun – Sat, November 12 – 18, 2017

Cost: \$980.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Over ½ full!

We will be heading to Branson for the Christmas shows. We will see 9 shows. It will include 6 nights lodging, 6 breakfasts and 6 dinners. Shows will include: Texas Tenors; Hughes Brothers; The Duttons; The Bretts; All Hands On Deck; Baldknobbers Jamboree; Clay Cooper's Country Express; Maxine's Christmas Carol and Showboat Branson Belle. Branson will be dressed in Christmas lights and we will also tour the area and have some shopping time in Historic Downtown Branson.

The nights in route to and from Branson will be at the Shrine of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

Branson is the one place I've found that has God, Family and Country as the three top priorities throughout the entire community. It is always an uplifting experience for me to be there!

Single Occupancy: \$1240.00 per person

Triple Occupancy: \$910.00 per person

Cancellation Protection is available for \$75.00 per person

### **Miscellaneous Trip Notes**

I am frequently asked about making a stop other than in Clio. There is extra cost involved in making the extra stops as well as time. I need to know before I set the price where the departure places will be, so I can determine the best price.

I try to offer a quality trip which makes it worth the drive to Clio!

### **Lancaster – The Miracle of Christmas**

Date: Mon – Thur Nov 27 – 30, 2017

Cost: \$560.00.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Seats available!

In 2017, the Sight & Sound Theatre will be featuring a return of the production of "The Miracle of Christmas". This trip will include the motorcoach transportation, 3 nights lodging, 2 show productions, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, a visit to the Chalk Artist, and a visit to Hershey for a tour and chocolate! The Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre will be showing "White Christmas!"

Since November has 5 Thursdays in 2017, we have an entire extra week of November so the trip will fit perfectly after Thanksgiving and before December starts!

### **Niagara Falls Festival of Lights and Stars**

Date: Sun – Tues, December 3 - 5, 2017

Cost: To Be Determined

This trip was a sellout last year and a good time was had by all! I am interested in your input for the shows! There will be three shows at the Meridian Centre and they include: Nathan Carter, an Irish Singer; Mickey Gilley's Texas Christmas and the third show will be Neil Sedaka. This is early information and pricing has not yet been announced. So, my questions are...

Is there interest in having me offer this again this year?

Should we include two shows? Or three?

Which shows would you be most interested in seeing?

**\*\*\* You will need a passport or an enhanced Michigan driver's license for this trip.**

### **Starbright Christmas \*\*\***

Date: Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Cost: \$115.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

We will head to Petrolia, Ontario and after a delicious lunch, enjoy an afternoon production of Starbright Christmas Celebration, a musical collection of Christmas songs, singers, dancers and choirs, at the Victoria Playhouse. There is not a lot of walking and it should be a relaxing, enjoyable day!

This trip includes the luncheon, the show tickets and the motorcoach.

There will be a light supper stop in Port Huron on the way home on your own.

**\*\*\* You will need a passport or an enhanced Michigan driver's license for this trip.**

### **San Antonio, Texas**

Date: February 2018

The details for this trip will be in the next newsletter! We will stay at the Drury Inn right on the River Walk. The plan is to offer an excursion each day and yet still give everyone a chance to enjoy time on their own to explore the River Walk, shop or visit area museums.

Hotel pricing is not available until 10 months prior to the trip. So, I am waiting in order to get the best possible plan for our group.

### **Reflections of Italy \*\*\***

Date: April 16 – 25, 2018

Cost: \$4734.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Seats Available!

We will visit several areas of Italy including Rome, Assisi, Perugia, Siena, Florence, Venice, Murano Island, and Milan. This ten day trip will include 13 breakfasts 1 lunch and 4 dinners. Insurance is also included.

A deposit of \$530.00 will reserve your seat. Final payment will be due by February 15, 2018.

Detailed flyers are available! There is a \$300.00 early bird discount for those signing up before October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**\*\*\* You will need a passport for this trip.**

### **European River Cruise – Classic Danube \*\*\***

There has been a lot of interest voiced for this trip in September of 2018. We looked at a Collette Trip called "Classic Danube." It is an 11 day trip and features a 7-day cruise on the Danube. Details for this trip will be available in a couple months!

**\*\*\* You will need a passport or for this trip.**

### **Other Trip Suggestions for 2018**

Alaska, A Taste of Wisconsin, North Dakota, Nova Scotia, Washington DC. If any of these ideas peak your interest, please let me know!

### **Trips / Ideas / Shows I am thinking about!**

As I hear people asking about various places to go, I start an interest file. Several Theatres have also started sending me information on their 2017 - 2018 Seasons. These are some ideas that are on my radar. Let me know if you may be interested so I can purchase tickets when the time comes.

### **Meadow Brook Theatre**

Shear Madness in October 2017

Tenderly – The Rosemary Clooney Story in Feb or March 2018

Burt & Me in June 2018 (Music by Burt Bacharach)

### **Fisher Theatre**

Love Never Dies – a sequel to Phantom of the Opera in October 2017

Les Miserables in March of 2018

### **Wharton Center for Performing Arts**

Lion King in July 2018

### **Macomb Center for Performing Arts**

Terry Barber in Broadway on Tour – September 2017

Wynonna – October 2017

Vienna Boys Choir – November 2017

**Yes! I am well aware that "Hamilton" will be coming to Michigan in 2018-2019! I am watching for information and will definitely get tickets!**

Thanks to all who voted Ann's Adventures as "Best in Travel 2017" in the Swartz Creek View & Flint Township View! What a surprise!



### Trips At A Glance!

#### 2017

Motown the Musical	April 18, 2017	\$120.00	Fisher Theatre
Vera Bradley # 1	April 19, 2017	\$70.00	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Vera Bradley # 2	April 20, 2017	\$70.00	Fort Wayne, Indiana
British Landscapes	April 22 – May 1, 2017	\$4279.00	England, Scotland & Wales
I Love A Piano	May 4, 2017	\$70.00	Meadow Brook Theatre
Tulip Festival	May 11, 2017	\$135.00	Holland, MI
Jeanne Robertson	May 12, 2017	\$90.00	Roscommon, MI
Jimmy Osmond	May 14, 2017	\$85.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Getting Mama Married	May 16, 2017	\$72.00	Turkeyville
Ikea – Spring Shopping	May 17, 2017	\$32.00	Canton, MI
Flower Day	May 21, 2017	\$50.00	Eastern Market – Detroit
Senior Power Day	May 24, 2017	\$3.00	Crossroads Village
Nashville – Memphis	May 30 – June 4, 2017	\$1379.00	Tennessee
Daniel O'Donnell	June 2, 2017	\$125.00	Dearborn, MI
Birds & the Bees	June 8, 2017	\$110.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Spring Mystery Trip	June 12, 2017	\$110.00	??????????
Tiger Night Game	June 15, 2017	\$85.00	Comerica Park
Ernie	June 18, 2017	\$85.00	Detroit
Charity Island	June 20, 2017	\$125.00	Saginaw Bay / Lake Huron
Harvey & Jiffy Mix	June 22, 2017	\$86.00	Chelsea, MI
Loons Game	June 24, 2017	\$48.00	Midland
Toledo Zoo	June 28, 2017	\$62.00	Toledo, Ohio
Bay City Fireworks	July 1, 2017	\$32.00	Bay City
Life Could Be A Dream	July 6, 2017	\$72.00	Turkeyville
Lancaster – Jonah	July 10-13, 2017	\$560.00	Lancaster & Hershey, PA
New York City # 1	July 16 – 22, 2017	\$1699.00	New York
Mud Hens & Tony Packos	July 24, 2017	\$52.00	Toledo, Ohio
Kings Brass	July 25, 2017	\$40.00	Shelby Township, MI
Appledore Sail	July 27, 2017	\$90.00	Saginaw River, Bay City, MI
Hockey the Musical	July 29, 2017	\$90.00	Detroit
Young Americans	August 1 -2, 2017	\$260.00	Charlevoix, MI
New York City #2	August 6-12, 2017	\$1699.00	New York
Huron Lady Cruise	August 17, 2017	\$92.00	Port Huron, MI
Stratford	August 22-23, 2017	\$340.00	Ontario
Labor Day Bridge Walk	September 4, 2017	\$52.00	Mackinaw City
Holocaust Museum	September 11, 2017	\$74.00	Farmington Hills, MI
Tiger Day Game	September 14, 2017	\$78.00	Comerica Park
Country Living Fair	September 15-16, 2017	\$225.00	Columbus, Ohio
Ring Of Fire	September 19, 2017	\$72.00	Turkeyville
Maine & New Hampshire	October 3-12, 2017	\$2389.00	Maine & New Hampshire
Mackinac Island / Grand Hotel	October 23 – 26, 2017	\$750.00	Mackinac Island, MI
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree	November 10, 2017	\$72.00	Turkeyville
Christmas In Branson	Nov. 12- 18, 2017	\$980.00	Branson, Missouri
Lancaster – Miracle of Christmas	Nov. 27-30, 2017	\$560.00	Lancaster PA
Starbright Christmas	Dec. 7, 2017	\$115.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Italy	April 16-25, 2018	\$4734.00	Italy

**Please Note: Clio Cast & Crew**

I will be announcing shows at Clio Cast & Crew's Theatre 57 in my newsletters. They have been letting me hold meetings in their theatre and in exchange I will be posting information about their shows. If interested, you will need to contact them directly for tickets.

Please let them know you heard about their shows in this newsletter!

Purchase your tickets online or call the Box Office (810) 687-2588

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Longer trips may have a separate registration form, please see individual trip article to see if additional information is required.