

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



First Quarter 2023

## UPCOMING TRIPS



WACO ESCAPE

FIDDLER ON THE  
ROOF

SHADES OF  
IRELAND

TRAINS OF  
COLORADO

BRANSON

ADVENTURE  
DOWN UNDER

## REFLECTIONS

By Tammy Browning

As I was pondering another new year approaching, I started thinking about how differently we celebrate than we did when we were much younger. Long gone is our desire to be out late, in a crowded restaurant or bar with loud music playing, unable to have a conversation without shouting! Although, if I am perfectly honest, that ship sailed for me almost 25 years ago.

At our house we prefer things a bit more low-key. We like to share New Year's Eve with a small handful of people. That allows us to share some great conversation, good food, and of course a few drinks. If we can manage to sneak in some games, even better! Quite honestly, I want to be surrounded by laughter and jubilation!

I would not want to spend that evening quietly waiting for the new year to slide in unnoticed. I want to, quite literally, bring in the new year with a bang! Don't get me wrong, once the clock strikes midnight, I want our guests to be thinking about high-tailing it home so I can get to sleep!



### Storm Lake

**Dutch Treat Luncheon** - Someone will win a free lunch....will it be you?

Contact Stacy to sign up today!

January 26th at 11:30 at Plaza Mexico

March 17th at 11:30 at Malarky's

**Waco Travel Show** - Wednesday, January 19th at 2:00. Please RSVP to Stacy - Treats will be provided.

**Australia Travel Show** - Wednesday, January 25th at 3:00. Please RSVP to Stacy - Treats will be provided.

**Valentine's Bingo and Pizza** - February 14th & 15th

Please join us at 11:30 at Pizza Ranch in Storm Lake. Enjoy a complimentary trip through the buffet and stay to play Bingo afterwards! Please bring a \$5 gift to be used as a Bingo prize. Limit of 30 people per day. RSVP is required, so please call Stacy to reserve your spot today!

### Cherokee

**Coffee & Conversation** - Mud on Main at 2:00

Tuesday, January 17th

Tuesday, February 21st

Tuesday, March 21st

Tuesday, April 25th.

RSVP to Debbie to reserve your spot today!

**Waco Travel Show** - Wednesday, January 18th at 10:00. Please RSVP to Debbie - Treats will be provided.

**Australia Travel Show** - Wednesday, January 25th at 1:00. Please RSVP to Debbie - Treats will be provided.

**St Patty's Pizza Party** - Thursday, March 16th at 11:30. Meet at Godfathers for the buffet. Bring a \$5, unwrapped gift if you want to participate in Bingo after lunch! RSVP to Debbie!

### Sioux City

**Waco Travel Show** - Wednesday, January 18th at 2:00 at the Dakota Dunes branch. Please RSVP to Nancy - Treats will be provided.

**Coffee & Cookies** - Join Nancy at the Dakota Dunes branch at 2:00 pm for some fun social time and to enjoy coffee and cookies! RSVP to Nancy so she can be sure to have enough treats on hand!

**St. Patrick's Pizza and Bingo** - Call Nancy for details!

### Spirit Lake

**Coffee & Conversation on Wednesday's at 10:00.** Call Tammy at 712-203-2125 to RSVP and find out where we will be meeting for coffee!! January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, & April 12th!

**Waco Travel Show** - Wednesday, January 19th at 10:00. Please RSVP to Tammy - Treats will be provided.

**Hot Cocoa Bar** - Thursday, January 20th from 9:00-4:00 Join us for a full hot cocoa bar in the lobby or get cocoa to go through the drive thru!

**Australia Travel Show** - Wednesday, January 25th at 10:00. Please RSVP to Tammy- Treats will be provided.

**Valentine's Bingo and Pizza** - February 14th  
Please join us at 11:30 at Pizza Ranch in Spirit Lake. Enjoy a complimentary buffet and stay to play Bingo afterwards! Please bring a \$5 gift to be used as a Bingo prize. Limit of 30 people. RSVP is required, so please call Tammy to reserve your spot today!

### Sioux Falls & Brookings

**We will be hosting Emerald Club Open Houses in Sioux Falls and Brookings in April - details coming soon!**

## Nashville to Asheville

What a fun group of travelers we had on the Nashville to Asheville trip in December! There were many smiles, laughs, stories and even some phone technology shared amongst the travelers on this trip!

The Gaylord Opryland Resort was a bit intimidating at first as it was so huge, but we soon got our bearings and enjoyed seeing the incredible Christmas displays throughout the resort. We had the bonus of getting our steps in every day without a problem!



We rode the Delta Riverboat inside the resort and got to see The Oak Ridge Boys Christmas Show.

While in Nashville, we also saw the indoor winter wonderland called ICE, featuring the 1964 animated television special, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. This display was created with more than 2 million pounds of ice and featured more than 12 vibrant scenes!



The final stop on our journey was the beautiful Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. We had a candlelight tour that truly took our breath away. You cannot describe the opulence of this vast estate....you have to see it for yourself in order to grasp it!

### **Nancy is relocating to the Dakota Dunes branch!**

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**Waco Escape - April 18-24, 2023 - We are hosting Travel shows at several locations: January 18th in Cherokee 10:00 a.m. - Sioux City 2:00 p.m. & January 19th in Spirit Lake 10:00 a.m. - Storm Lake 2:00 p.m. Call to RSVP**

We are joining our friends from Farmers Bank for a spring trip to Waco, Texas! We will make stops in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, the home of Food Network star, Ree Drummond and her famed **Pioneer Woman Mercantile**. We will have a special opportunity to tour the **Lodge** on Drummond Ranch! We will tour the **Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum** before continuing our journey. Once in Waco, we will spend time shopping at the **Magnolia Market at the Silos** and **Spice Village!** We will enjoy some truly mouth-watering souther soul food and great hospitality with a group meal at **Sascee's**. We will explore **Homestead Heritage Village** for artisan-created, one-of-a-kind products and enjoy a "Farewell to Waco" dinner at a mystery location.

**Cost of this trip is \$1,999 per person for double occupancy, \$2,489 for single occupancy.**

**\$300 Due at registration. Final payment due Friday, March 4, 2023. There are no refunds after final payment.**

***We are hosting Travel Shows on January 18th in Cherokee at 10:00 & Sioux City at 2:00 or January 19th in Spirit Lake at 10:00 & Storm Lake at 2:00. RSVP to any Emerald Club Director to reserve your spot today!***

### **Fiddler on the Roof - May 4, 2023**

We will be heading to Sioux City's Orpheum Theater for a performance of Fiddler on the Roof. We have reserved seats near the front-center of the balcony for the show. Enjoy a stop at Palmer Candy and the MidAmerica Museum of Aviation & Transportation - home to a beautiful exhibit to remember Flight 232, in addition to several other interesting displays. We are finalizing details, including the delicious included dinner! We plan to have pick-ups in Spirit Lake, Cherokee and Storm Lake, with departure times to be announced soon. **Cost of this day-trip is \$160 per person.**

Members from other locations can meet us at one of our pickup locations or in Sioux City - please call for details and pricing!

### **Shades of Ireland - May 16-26, 2023**

From history-filled Dublin to the rolling green hills and dramatic coast, experience Ireland's charms on a journey through the Emerald Isle. Kiss the Blarney Stone at historic Blarney Castle, see Killarney from an Irish jaunting Irish car & experience the world-famous beauty of the Ring of Kerry. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration & stand in awe at the top of the stunning 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. A vibrant blend of captivating culture and stunning nature, this is the Ireland you've always imagined!

Cost of this trip is \$4,659 for double occupancy or \$5,299 for single occupancy.

### **Colorado Rails - July 15-21, 2023**

Immerse yourself in the rugged scenery of Colorado's Rocky Mountains as you explore aboard three fantastic railways! Step back in time at museums dedicated to WWII aviation and the Leadville mining days. Walk the halls of the hotel made famous in the Shining, see the world's highest suspension bridge, and wonder at the red sandstone formations in Garden of the Gods! \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot. FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE MAY 10, 2023.

Cost is \$3,469 per person for double occupancy or \$4,089 per person for single occupancy, which includes round trip flight from Omaha to Denver.

### **Branson - October 2023**

Details coming soon!

### **Adventure Down Under - Australia & New Zealand**

February 9-March 3, 2024 - Aussies & Kiwi - Oh My! Journey to the far-off lands of Australia and New Zealand to discover stunning landscapes, encounter amazing wildlife, and embrace the Aboriginal and Moori cultures! This tour has it all, from a day at Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo, another amidst the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef, a visit to the Lord of the Rings Hobbiton movie set, to a magical boat ride through caves illuminated by thousands of glowworms. Learn about the unique challenges of life in the Outback and the indigenous culture that thrives here. Ride a cableway through the rainforest canopy; cruise the icy waters of Milford Sound; meet cuddly koalas, adorable kiwis, and parading penguins. Modern wonders await as well, with an inside look at the Sydney Opera House and visits to the National Gallery of Victoria and the National Opal Collection! **Don't miss this custom-made, exclusive journey with the Emerald Club!**

**We will be hosting Travel Shows on January 25th. Spirit Lake Central Bank Board Room at 10:00 a.m. - Cherokee Central Bank Board Room at 1:00 p.m. - Storm Lake Central Bank Main at 3:00 p.m. RSVP to one of your directors to join us for one of these live presentations! We are also including a Zoom option...please call for details!!**

Full itinerary available at all Central Bank locations, or can be sent per request!

Cost of this once-in-a-lifetime adventure is \$11,760 per person for double occupancy or \$13,989 for single occupancy.

Travel Protection Insurance Available for an additional fee.

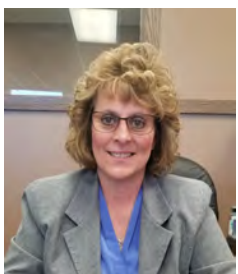
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