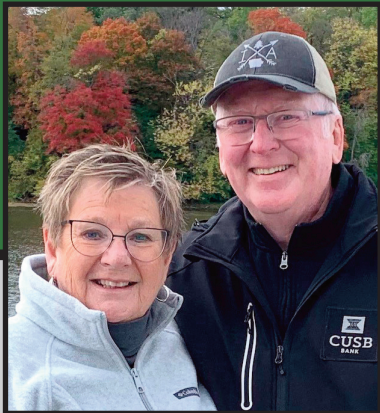


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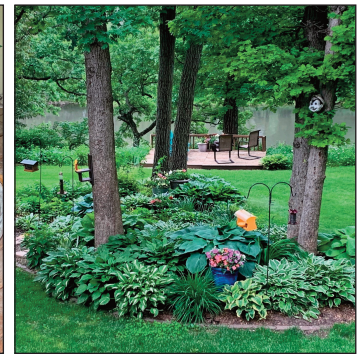
I can hardly believe that June has arrived. The VIP has had lots going on this spring and thank you for filling the bus for all our activities...plays, bingo, dinner theatre, and of course, The Ever Mysterious Mystery Trip. Our Mystery Trip to Galena was a great day and our bus driver, Jo, had us all wondering where we were going on the county backroads in Wisconsin.

I love this time of year. Our perennial gardens are overflowing with hostas and spring blooms, and we have been busy filling our flower pots and window boxes. I think we have filled ten big pots for our decks and to fill-in in the gardens...and I still have plants. I guess it is time to stop shopping, but there is always room for one more petunia or snapdragon or pansy or geranium...what can I say, I am hooked on plants. The other problem, so is my husband. Ha...Ha...so glad we like to garden together.

This newsletter is filled with new VIP adventures all the way into 2025. Don't miss the Travel Show on August 20th for our 2025 fall trip to the Smoky Mountains traveling to Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina.

August 29th we will be headed to Dubuque for a lunch at Catfish Charlie's and an afternoon floating on the Mississippi on the American Lady Yacht. Close your eyes and imagine yourself as Tom Sawyer floating down the river on a beautiful day...only in a yacht with a drink in your hand. Now that is summer in Iowa. I found out about Catfish Charlie's on IPTV - Road Trip Iowa, a brand new travel series show that features great things to do in Iowa.

On September 15th, we are off to the Orpheum Theatre in Minneapolis for 'Back to the Future: The



Musical'. Remember Michael J. Fox, the magical DeLorean time machine and Doc Brown? The play and music will literally take us back in time. Main floor seats and an Italian lunch at Bucca di Beppo, can only spell...LET'S GO!

November 16th will take us back to Chanhassen Dinner Theatre for the iconic 'White Christmas', my favorite Christmas movie. Jarry is such a good sport and has watched it over and over with me. What can I say, when the big doors open and the snow is falling, Bing is singing...I cry every single time.

If you noticed, we haven't planned anything in October. That is because Jarry and I are taking a trip to Europe to see Germany and do a cruise on the rivers of Europe. Love you all, but not taking you with us this time. But, we do have spots still available on our European Tulip River Cruise in April 2025. Look inside this newsletter for all the trip details, and call Jodi to get signed up. We love having you travel with us.

Enjoy your summer, time with family and friends, exploring all that Iowa and the Midwest have to offer. We look forward to new adventures with all of you.

See you on the road...

Ronda

Email Jodi at vipconnection@cusb.com to receive this newsletter by email instead of in your mailbox.



CRUISING AT CATFISH CHARLIE'S

Dubuque, Iowa

Thursday, August 29, 2024 | COST: \$145.00



Join us later this summer on a relaxing drive down to Dubuque, IA where we'll be eating a delicious lunch buffet (featuring Chuck Roast, Fried Chicken, and Catfish Fingers) at Catfish Charlie's Restaurant before we board their American Lady Yacht for a relaxing, narrated, 1.5 hour cruise along the Mississippi River. This is a private *Happy Hour Cruise* just for our VIP group! Included with this cruise is unlimited tap beer and soft drinks. Wine, liquor, and other beer selections will be available for purchase, and margaritas will be 2 for the price of 1.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS JULY 1!

TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are signed up for a tour and it is necessary for you to cancel, we will make every effort to provide either a partial or full refund. However, we cannot guarantee a full refund. There may be times when refunds will NOT be possible due to ticket purchases, meal number guarantees, etc.

If you must cancel, you will receive a full refund IF you find someone else to take your place on the scheduled trip.

If a tour is cancelled due to insufficient reservation numbers, you will receive a full refund. On tours where an outside agent is used, we will adhere to the written cancellation policy of the agent.

Remember standby lists are always welcome. Please call and add your name to any trips that interest you. In case of a cancellation, we will call in the order in which you signed up.

~ Assistance Required Policy ~

On CUSB Bank VIP Connection trips, it is required that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing that assistance. Neither CUSB Bank VIP Connection personnel nor its suppliers may assist with medications or physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. Travelers needing special assistance for other than personal needs must notify CUSB Bank VIP Connection at the time of booking to determine what assistance may be reasonably made available.

Guests are always welcome on our trips, but after traveling with us 3 times, they will pay a Non-Member Price adding 10% to the cost of the trip.



SUNDAY
Sept. 15, 2024

1:00 PM Matinee
at the Orpheum Theatre
Minneapolis, MN

COST: \$185.00

Lunch at Buca di Beppo
Italian Restaurant is included.

Great Scott! *'Back to the Future'*, the beloved cinematic classic, is now a Broadway musical! When Marty McFly finds himself transported back to 1955 in a time machine built by the eccentric scientist Doc Brown, he accidentally changes the course of history. Now he's in a race against time to fix the present, escape the past and send himself...back to the future! When *'Back to the Future'* hits 88 mph, it'll change musical theatre history forever. This musical is full of original music, alongside hit songs from the movie including "The Power of Love", "Johnny B. Goode", "Earth Angel" and "Back in Time".

**Deadline to sign up is
Monday, July 1st!**



Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024

1:00 PM Matinee/Lunch at
Chanhassen Dinner Theatre

COST: \$180.00

This smash Broadway musical based on the Irving Berlin film will definitely get you in the holiday mood. Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including "Blue Skies", "I Love A Piano", "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial title song, *'White Christmas'* is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages.



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HOLLAND & BELGIUM
 Springtime River Cruise
 April 1-9, 2025



Highlights of this Collette trip: 7-Night River Cruise, Amsterdam, Keukenhof Gardens, Arnhem, Middelburg, Bruges, Antwerp, and Kinderdijk Windmills.

Deadline to sign up is July 26, 2024!

See insert inside this newsletter for details.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A TRAVEL SHOW!

Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains



Sept. 4-12,
2025

TRAVEL SHOW:

**Tuesday,
August 20**

**CUSB Bank
in Cresco
at 10:00 AM
(Grange Hall)**



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Highlights: Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby Museum, Old Louisville Walking Tour, Bourbon Distillery, Lexington Horse Farms, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Asheville, and the Biltmore Estate.



Please call for reservations to this travel show by Aug. 12 so we know how many to plan for!

CHECK OUT THE INSERT INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER FOR TRIP DETAILS.