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Newsletter

Dear Friends:

August 5, 2024

Those shows remaining at The Fireside Dinner Theatre this year are "Matilda, The Musical," "Rocky, The Musical," and "Miracle on 34th Street." The 2025 season shows are "Elvis," "West Side Story," "Murder on the Orient Express," "The Church Basement Ladies," "The Little Mermaid," "Oklahoma" and "A Wonderful Life."

There is still time to see "Some Like it Hot," at the Cadillac Theatre in downtown Chicago. Winner of 4 Tony Awards, including Best Choreography and Best Costumes, and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Album. Set in Chicago when Prohibition has everyone thirsty for a little excitement. It is the story of two musicians forced to flee the Windy City after witnessing a mob hit.

At the Barn in Goodfield, IL, "As Long as We Both Shall Live." She meets a man who can keep up with her, marrying him with his disapproving mother, as well as her favorite over-the-top wedding planner, Raul. But when Raul is poisoned at the rehearsal dinner things get complicated. Another show at the Barn is "A Christmas Tradition" -- where did all these traditions come from and what made them stay? We'll explore the silliest, most sacred and sentimental traditions of the past and present through song, dance, and skits.

Start the season at the Barn with "Alone Together." Mom and Dad have spent the last 30 years raising three active sons. How they looked forward to the peace, the quiet, and the privacy of an empty nest. In April "Nunsense A-Men!" is about five misfit nuns who are trying to put on a variety show to raise the money to bury the sisters who were poisoned by the convent cook.

There are several trips to Apples and More, 1-Day Mystery Trip, 1-Day Shopping Trip, and Branson for 5 days/4 nights in early December.

The Great Plains Adventure is a bus trip to all sorts of museums, and attractions to be held in October of 2025. See the last item on the newsletter for details.

If you're not on our mailing list, give us your name and address or email address and check out our website at your convenience.

My wish for you is to have good health and prosperity. God bless you and your families and God Bless America. I'm looking forward to seeing you again.

--Jill Kirkpatrick

Thursday, August 8, 2024

“Matilda, The Musical” at The Fireside Dinner Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, WI

Two seats remaining. The Tony Award-winning Roald Dahl’s “Matilda, the Musical” is a captivating masterpiece packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs. Matilda tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a sharp mind, a vivid imagination, and psychokinetic powers dares to take a stand to change her story with miraculous results. The menu includes their Signature Salad. The entrée is roast pork tenderloin. Dessert is a Pecan Turtle Ball Sundae. Leave at 7:00 a.m. back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$154.

Tuesday, August 20-23, 2024

Shipshewana, Northern Indiana

Call if we can fit you in. It is a beautiful property with time to enjoy the amenities. Either spend time at the flea market or the popcorn shop, Front Porch, and Yoder’s Department Store. There’s time at the Davis Mercantile, Katie’s Noodles, the famous Haystack dinner in an Amish home, E & S Foods, Eash Sales Variety Store, and Yoder’s Meat and Cheese. You will be given a \$20 gift card to spend at Essenhaus Inn any way you want - food or merchandise. We’ll also visit Teaberry’s Wood Products, Rise N’ Roll Bakery, and Ben’s Pretzels where you can make your own pretzel. Then we will stop at Linton’s Enchanted Gardens on the way home. The highlight of the tour is lunch at the Elegant Tea House. Call for a brochure. Leave at 6:00 a.m., back at around 8:00 p.m. Price is \$739. dbl., \$999. sgl. **Payment is due now.**

Thursday, October 3, 2024

“Rocky, the Musical” at The Fireside Dinner Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, WI

Forget about the boxing. Forget about the fight. “Rocky the Musical” is at its heart a sweet love story. Entering the ring is a hard-hitting yet tender musical adaptation! Rocky Balboa is a small-time Philadelphia boxer who is chosen to take on the reigning heavyweight champion, Apollo Creed, when the undefeated fighter’s opponent is injured. As he diligently trains for the fight, Rocky begins a relationship with Adrian, a wallflower who is tired of being pushed around by her brother. As their love grows, Rocky and Adrian each find their inner strength and bring out the best in each other. Lunch is roasted sweet corn chowder with Jones cherrywood smoked bacon, stuffed supreme cut chicken breast stuffed with spinach and a blend of Ricotta and Mozzarella cheeses, topped with savory chicken au jus with scalloped potatoes and roasted carrots with parsnips. Dessert is homemade apple pie with streusel topping. Leave at 7:00 a.m. back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$154. **Payment due Tuesday, September 3, 2024.**

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Apples and More

This year’s trip features some different venues in mid-Illinois. Enjoy lunch and continue on with the orchard of over thirteen varieties of apples, baked goods, a store full of candles, gifts, décor and more with fall produce of pumpkins, gourds, and a snack before heading home. Please bring a cooler for all your goodies! Leave at 8:00 a.m. back at 5:30 p.m. Price is \$99. It includes bus, lunch, and snacks. **Payment due Monday, October 7, 2024.**

Friday, October 18, 2024

One-Day Mystery Trip

Both men and women will enjoy this trip. You can have either a ham and Swiss cheese sandwich, a turkey and Cheddar cheese sandwich, or a garden salad of Romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers & Cheddar cheese and choice of dressing. Leave at 6:00 a.m., back at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$115. and includes bus, lunch, and afternoon sweets. **Payment due Tuesday, October 1, 2024. If you signed up and didn’t give your food choice, call me.**

Thursday, October 24, 2024

“1964” at The Fireside Dinner Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, WI

Sold out. Call if you would like to be put on the wait list. The Fireside’s Band Shows are among the most popular shows that the Fireside Theatre has ever presented. Now, to commemorate The Fireside’s 60th Anniversary, we bring you a brand-new Band Show called “1964.” The Fireside first opened its doors 60 years ago in May of 1964 and to celebrate that milestone we bring you the music of that magical year – from Rock and Roll to country to jazz and Broadway. “1964” features the music of such great artists as the Beatles, The Four Seasons, The Supremes, The Beach Boys, Roy Orbison, Jim Reeves, Johnny Cash, Louis Armstrong and many, many more. “1964” features Steve Watts and the Fireside Band with special guests – Fireside favorites Norrell Moore and Cary Von Murray. There will only be six performances of this one-of-a-kind revue. Leave at 7:00 a.m., back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$154. Includes the bus, show and Celebration Buffet. **Payment due Friday, September 13, 2024.**

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

“Some Like it Hot” at the Cadillac Theatre in Downtown Chicago

Winner of 4 Tony Awards, including Best Choreography and Best Costumes, and the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album is a super-sized, all-out-song-and dance spectacular. Entertainment Weekly calls “Some Like it Hot” “A booze-soaked, boisterous good time from start to finish, boasting infectious music.” Set in Chicago when Prohibition has everyone thirsty for a little excitement. “It is the story of two musicians forced to flee the Windy City after witnessing a mob hit. With gangsters hot on their heels, they catch a cross-county train for the life-chasing, life-changing trip of a lifetime. Some Like it Hot won more theater awards than any show this season. It is a tap dancing, razzle-dazzling embrace of everything you love about musical theater. **Note it is a 1:00 pm performance.** Leave at 7:00 a.m. and back about 8:15 p.m. Price is \$189 per person and includes bus and show. A \$50 non-refundable deposit holds your space if received within 2 weeks of reserving. **Payment due Monday, August 26, 2024.**

Sunday, November 3, 2024

“As Long as we Both Shall Live” at the Barn III in Goodfield, IL

Quirky genius Addison has finally met a man who can keep up with her, the wealthy and charming Jamie Wilcox. But marrying Jamie means wrangling with his disapproving mother, as well as her favorite over-the-top wedding planner, Raul. When Raul is poisoned at the rehearsal dinner, tensions between the bride and her mother-in-law-to-be go from heated to full-on inferno when Mrs. Wilcox points to Addison as the killer. Can Addison solve the case before sashaying down the aisle, or is she in for a honeymoon behind bars? Leave at 9:30 a.m., back at 6:00 p.m. Price is \$119, includes show, bus and meal. **Payment due Wednesday, October 2, 2024.**

Monday, November 11, 2024

One-Day Shopping Trip, Des Moines area

After our morning stop with treats, we’ll spend some time at the Valley Junction shops including Yarn Junction, Isabel Bloom, Heart of Iowa, the Quilt Block, At the Heart of Quilting, a wine shop, Creative Sweets, several lovely women’s boutiques and antique stores. Then it’s a brief stop at the Container Store for their wonderful stocking stuffers & more. The afternoon finds us at Jordan Creek in West Des Moines with over 180 stores and restaurants like Apple, Brighton, Coldwater Creek, Coach, Pottery Barn, Scheels, Dillard’s, Von Maur, and many more. On the way home we’ll even make a short stop at the 40 Outlets of Des Moines in Altoona offering outlets stores for Vera Bradley, Nike, Skechers, Bath & Body Works and Under Armour. Leave at 6:45 a.m., back at 8:30 p.m. Price is \$77. **Payment due Wednesday, November 6, 2024.**

Thursday, November 14, 2024

“Miracle on 34th Street” at The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI

Based on the beloved Christmas movie, “Miracle on 34th Street” is a big brassy Broadway musical with a heart. Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade needs a new Santa. Enter Kris Kringle – a sweet and jolly old man who claims that he is the real Santa Claus. Thus begins this funny, warm, tuneful, and inspirational musical as Kris has to prove his claim in court and teach his cynical neighbor and her daughter to believe in the goodness and love that is Christmas. This is an unforgettable musical version of a classic Christmas tale. Menu includes butternut squash soup, chicken and ribs, and Mississippi mud cake for dessert. Leave at 7:00 a.m. back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$154. **Payment due Friday, October 11, 2024.**

Monday, December 2-6, 2024

Branson, Missouri

We’ll kick off the holidays by stopping at Redmond Candy and then continuing on to Lambert’s Café, home of the “thrown rolls.” The Lights of Joy drive-through display with Whitney’s World of Crafts included. The shows are Doug Gabriel, #1 Hits of the 60’s, Yakov Smirnoff, Hot Rods & High Heels, Clay Cooper’s Country Express, Cassandre – The Voice of an Angel and the Hughes Brothers Christmas Show. Meals include Uptown Café, SS Dockside Café and Pub, Mel’s Hard Luck Diner in Branson, McFarland’s Restaurant, lunch and time on your own in historic downtown Branson complete with a visit to Dick’s Old Time 5 & 10. On our way home we’ll stop at Buc-ee’s, a new addition to our experience in Springfield, MO. A deposit of \$50 holds your space. A brochure is now available. Price is \$1,079. dbl. and \$1,299 sgl. **Payment due Thursday, October 31, 2024.**

Sunday, December 8, 2024

“A Christmas Tradition” at the Barn III in Goodfield, IL

The holidays are here again! From cookie baking to caroling, to light shows and that trusty old fruitcake – holiday traditions are an important part of celebrating the magic of the season but where did all these traditions come from and what made them stay? Come join your Barn family as we explore the silliest, most sacred and sentimental holiday traditions of the past and present through song, dance, and skits. Make a new tradition with your family, friends or co-workers and enjoy a magical night at the Barn. Leave at 9:30 a.m., back at 6:00 p.m. Price is \$119, includes the show, bus and meal. **Payment due Tuesday, October 1, 2024.**

Thursday, January 9, 2025

The Ultimate Elvis Tribute Musical, at The Fireside Dinner Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, WI

In honor of Elvis’s 90th birthday, The Fireside and Legends in Concert kick off the 2025 season with jumpsuits, black leather, swiveling hips, and leg-shaking, presenting their newest retrospective of Elvis’s life in music told through the eyes of the world’s best tribute artists and a live four-piece band. Being an Elvis tribute artist means more than just donning a jumpsuit and singing classic songs. It’s about capturing the essence of Elvis Presley, honoring his legacy, bringing joy to fans who adore the King of Rock “n” Roll, keeping his spirit alive for new generations. Whether on stage or off, these artists live and breathe Elvis’s charisma, talent, and timeless appeal. Menu includes cream of asparagus soup, garnished with asiago cheese croutons, sliced roast beef tenderloin, glazed with a red wine sauce, and also served with a salted baked potato with butter, chives, and cheese and a roasted vegetable medley. Dessert is a flourless chocolate cake topped with powdered sugar and fresh raspberries. Leave at 7:00 a.m. back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$156. **Payment due Friday, November 29, 2024.**

Sunday, January 19-31, 2025

The Panama Canal trip

The first day we'll fly to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. to start our winter fun-in-the sun vacation. After a relaxing morning, we transfer to the pier in Miami to be one of the first people to board Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pearl* for an 11-night trip around the Southern Caribbean that includes stops in Jamaica, Ocho Rios; Cartagena, Colombia; The Panama Canal; Harvest Caye, Belize; Colon, Panama; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica; and Cozumel, Mexico. The highlight will be sailing through the locks of the Panama Canal to Gatun Lake! You'll have an opportunity to take exciting shore excursions (extra fees apply) in each of the ports of call. With NCL's Freestyle Cruising you'll have the choice of dining with your group every evening in the ship's main dining room, or you set off on your own to try one of the other great restaurants. During our days at sea, you can enjoy time by the pool, in the casino, or at one of their many bars and lounges. Call for reservations. Balcony Cabins \$4,999 dbl.; Ocean View Cabins; \$4,399 dbl.; Inside Cabins \$4,099 dbl. Single pricing is available. **Final payment due Friday, September 6, 2024.**

Sunday, February 16, 2025

"Alone Together" at the Barn III in Goodfield, IL

Mom and Dad have spent the last thirty years raising three active sons. How they looked forward to the peace, the quiet, the privacy of an empty nest. After considerable comic turmoil and revelation of deep feelings, the nest is finally emptied. Peace now? Quiet? Not for long. Leave at 9:30 a.m. back at 6:00 p.m. Includes show, bus and meal. Price is \$120. **Payment due Thursday, January 16, 2025.**

Thursday, February 27-March 6, 2025

Wonders of Alaska

We will experience the excitement of the Iditarod Ceremonial Start. Visit with mushers, pet the dogs, view the artistic masterpieces of the GCI Snow Sculpture Competition. At the Ulu Factory we will see how Native Alaskans have used ulu knives for thousands of years. We'll visit Talkeetna, an authentic Alaskan town used as a model for the TV show *Northern Exposure*, for majestic views of the mighty Mount Denali as we watch for the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). We'll take a flight up to Fairbanks, where we'll view amazing ice sculptures at the World Ice Art Championship before our second opportunity to view the Aurora. No visit to Fairbanks is not complete without a visit to the Yukon Quest, a challenging 1000-mile International Sled Dog Race. After gliding silently along a wooded trail on a sled powered by a team of dogs, we check into the Chena Hot Springs Resort for our third night of Aurora hunting. Soak in the thermal waters as we look out for northern lights. We will visit the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and the Anchorage Museum before our trip home. Call for reservations so we'll have enough brochures and materials. Pricing is \$4,999 dbl. and \$5,599 sgl. **Final payment due Friday, November 8, 2024.**

Thursday, March 20, 2025

"West Side Story" at The Fireside Dinner Theatre, Ft. Adkinson, WI

In New York City, two young lovers find themselves caught between warring street gangs. Their struggle to survive in a world of hate, violence, and prejudice is one of the most innovative, heart-wrenching, and relevant musical dramas of our time. Broadway legends Arthur Laurents, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, and Jerome Robbins created a show that is ageless. Join us for this landmark musical and epic tale of love eternal. Menu is lemon chicken orzo soup, sliced pork tenderloin with a rich pork stock gravy and served with herb roasted stuffing and cinnamon apple sauce. Dessert is a tart cherry crisp under an old-fashioned cinnamon oatmeal crumb crust topped with our homemade vanilla frozen custard. Leave at 7:00 a.m. back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$156. **Payment due Wednesday, February 19, 2025.**

Sunday, April 13, 2025

“Nunsense A-Men!” at the Barn III in Goodfield, IL

Five misfit nuns from the Little Sisters of Hoboken Convent are trying to put on a variety show to raise money to bury sisters accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, filled with zany characters, outrageous costumes, and plenty of laughs. Nunsense is a heavenly musical filled with devilish comedy. Leave at 9:30 a.m. back at 6:00 p.m. Includes show, bus and meal. Price is \$120. **Payment due Wednesday, March 12, 2025.**

Monday, October 6-14, 2025

The Great Plains Adventure

A southwest bus trip to the Pony Express, a professional storm chaser throughout, Mid-American All-Indian Museum, Old Cow Town, visit the Big Well attraction, featuring the largest hand-dug well in the U.S., Twister Museum, National Weather Center, Oklahoma National Memorial, Will Rogers Memorial, Route 66 Historic Park Road, Ree and Ladd Drummon and ranch tour, Walter Conkrite Museum, Harry S. Truman Library, and much more. Leave at 6:30 a.m. back at 8:00 p.m. 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 5 dinners are included. A deposit of \$50. is required upon reservation. Brochure will be available September 3, 2024.

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