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Now we Know! Immigration Program – Excellent!



Now we know! When a discussion turns to illegal immigrants the next question is: “Why don’t they just do it legally?” After our day-long gathering at the College on Friday, April 8th we now know the answer! It costs a lot of money and there are many, time-consuming waits. We learned some immigrants who are waiting to come in the country legally have been waiting for over 10 years!

Sisters Ellen Lamberjack and Andrea Inkrott are part of the Sisters of St. Francis in Tiffin, but the two make their home in Archbold and work daily in behalf of families seeking citizenship. After they presented the basic channels to citizenship, they explained the hurdles and posted the costs. We were shocked!

When Sylvia Titgemeyer, an immigration attorney came to the podium, she explained the immigration issue from the corporate side. The Napoleon native now practicing in St. Louis, made it clear that again, costs are significant and the problems are complex.



Sylvia Titgemeyer, Attorney

After lunch Ed Yoder of Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold opened an afternoon of heart-felt stories. Ed and his family were active in their church’s efforts to resettle several immigrant families over the last several decades. With that effort came stories of struggle and triumph. He made one thing clear: the experience has positively impacted their entire family to this day.

Tears were shed as the 50 participants listened intently to the story of Fauzia, a young immigrant mother here from Pakistan. Fauzia and her family left their lovely home in Pakistan and arrived in our area with nothing. She feared for her life and the lives of her young family. As a Christian, she was raised to believe women could get an education and make a difference. She tried. The price she paid was to flee her home and resettle here in the States. Her hope is to make a long-distance difference by fund-raising and building awareness of the fears and limitations of those she left behind.

Our classroom was full and we left with a much greater understanding of the complexities of the immigration issues.



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Milwaukee®

A CITY THAT WON OUR HEARTS!

The late-April trip to Milwaukee is one we'll be talking about for a long time to come. We didn't go with a full bus, maybe because some of you were thinking - "Milwaukee? What's in Milwaukee?" We who made the trip would say, "Lots!"

We got started on the right foot with our first two stops Sunday. We stopped for brunch at Linton's Enchanted Gardens near Elkhart, Indiana. Most of us had never seen a garden store quite like that one much less had had brunch with the plants and birds in a glassed-in greenhouse. And just two hours up the road in St. John, Indiana we stopped at the Passion of the Christ for a leg-stretcher that was breath-taking. Sparked



Great brunch stop, Linton's Enchanted Gardens, Elkhart, IN

by his desire to make a difference, a local entrepreneur acted on an idea to tell the "old, old story." He brought in over 60 semi loads of boulders to create the newest exhibit, a speaking Moses giving the commandments on Mt. Sinai. The site has been famous for its stations of the cross featuring life-sized bronze sculptures of Holy Week for some time. We were glad we made the stop and we still arrived right on time for our sampler platters of German food at the famous Mader House in Milwaukee.



Astounding life-sized sculptures at Passion of Christ, St. John, IN

In each city we Lifelong Learners visit, your coordinator shops months in advance for a receptive in the city, someone who makes a living hosting out-of-town guests who arrive on busses. We've had some wonderful receptives over the years, but nothing could top our good fortune in Milwaukee with a receptive who did her own guiding. Kay of Milwaukee's KBC Tours had our visit so well-planned that we could enjoy every

stop because she had us prepared. Her attention to detail and our curiosity made us the perfect match. We stood on the warning track on the Milwaukee Brewer's new stadium before we went to lunch at Miss Katie's Diner where President Clinton and German Chancellor Kohl have been and posters in the diner made it clear that both Donald and Hillary had been there campaigning this spring! (continued on page 3)

We learned a lot about the brewing industry in the city and even visited the Captain Frederick Pabst Mansion and the Historic Pabst Brewery. We shared a great experience on our noon-time river cruise before enjoying a view of the city from the top floor of one of Milwaukee's most historic hotel, The Pfister. Just when we thought it couldn't get much better, we finished our dinners and settled in for a show, *Sirens of Song* in the Stackner Cabaret Theater downtown.



We awarded our luncheon cruise very high marks!

Our Wednesday in Madison was highlighted by a visit to the Circus Museum in Baraboo, the winter home of the Ringling Circus. We could gawk at leisure at the dozens and dozens of hand-carved, brightly-painted circus wagons that used to house the performers and the animals in the majestic circus parades. We never reached an agreement on our thoughts of Frank Lloyd Wright's

Unitarian Meeting House, but we had plenty of time to discuss that tour in our historic farm house meal at Quivey's Grove.

We couldn't leave the diverse city without a visit to their Freshwater Studies Institute right on the lake, a breathtaking visit to the Basilica of St. Josaphat and lunch at a neighborhood family-run Polish restaurant. Knowing we don't like to come home to an empty refrigerator we finished with the soup and salad bar at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park in Angola.



Our Milwaukee travelers with "The Fonz" of Happy Days fame front and center

Join us as we cross the State Line September 19 and 20

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On Monday and Tuesday, September 19 and 20 we will be heading north to the Ann Arbor, Lansing, Jackson, Chelsea, Michigan area. It will be a good opportunity to get away without a long bus ride.

Included in the overnight adventure is a tour of the now-shuttered Jackson Prison, the Jiffy Mix plant in Chelsea, a look at "the Big House" at the University of Michigan, lunch at a winery and another meal in a restored railroad car. And, did I mention our Tuesday meal at the Common Grill in Chelsea before we head on home? We have a hotel with a pool if you'd like to indulge, and we'll have a step-on guide to point out highlights of both Ann Arbor and Lansing.



At Jackson we'll take a journey through 179 years of Michigan corrections. They've promised seating throughout as we hear stories of wardens, guards, notorious scoundrels, corruption, punishments, escapes and riots throughout our 2 ½ hour tour.

After we leave Jackson we'll be in Lansing in just 45 minutes. There we'll enjoy the Michigan State Museum, a collection of diversity. The second floor filled with restored autos highlights the automotive backbone of the state and another area will bring us face to face with the mining industry so vital to the state's economy.

Just to be clear we won't tour the entire U. of M. stadium, but arrangements are being made to get inside the stadium for a look. We also will not tour the capitol building in Lansing, but we will go by. (It just happens that we've had so many stadium tours lately, and capitol buildings as well, we thought this time we'd put more emphasis on some different things!)

We'll cross the line into Michigan for only \$340. per person based on two per room. Of course that includes everything: meals, tips, admissions, transportation and your room!

Make a call or two and plan to join us for the Fall Overnight to Jackson, Ann Arbor, and Lansing area. See the registration sheet included in this newsletter or go online to Northwest State Community College Lifelong Learning.



ONLY \$340
per person based on
double occupancy
Includes **EVERYTHING**



Then & Now

One Day Seminar

Friday, October 21, 2016

Come join us on campus at Northwest State and let's spend a day taking a look at now and then. We're still lining up the presenters for each of the four sessions, but topics we're considering discussing are the changes in farming, education, medicine, and politics.

We'll setup an extra table so if you have something of long ago to share in one of these four topics; we'd invite you to bring it for display for the day.

Not so many years ago an 80-acre farm was the norm. Today, that's part of history as giant planters and harvesters roll across the hundreds of acres under cultivation. We'll even include a lesson on animals and the cost of some of that equipment we see going down our county's roads.



In the 60's parents could help their children with the math homework. Today, it's an entirely new approach and most parents (and grandparents!) are left scratching their heads. And oh, what about the cursive writing controversy? In many schools the making of the loops that began pupils on the road to cursive writing has been completely eliminated.

In the medical world when babies were born years ago, hospitalized Moms had a week to recoup. Not today. Those Moms and their newborns are often at a community event in just a few days. What has made the many changes in health care?



With a major election only a few weeks after our gathering, maybe we'll even look at the enormous changes on the campaign trail and the dollars now spent to get the voters' attention.

Save the day and as plans develop you'll find the details on the College web site, your e-mail or the area newspapers. As always we'll plan on registration and social time from 8:30 to 9:00 and then plan to start the program promptly at 9. To help the food service folks, be sure to make your reservation by Monday, October 17. See the registration form with this newsletter or go on-line and type in Northwest State Center for Lifelong Learning.





Our inside look at the Milwaukee Brewers new ball park.

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At the Harley Davidson Museum, we had the opportunity to “try on” some bikes. Joyce Erven had her eye on this mighty machine.



“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty.

Anyone who keeps learning stays young.”

—Henry Ford

YOU’LL FIT RIGHT IN

This is YOUR Center for Lifelong Learning. Your input is valuable. Both the Michigan trip and the Pittsburgh trip and highlights were suggestions from within our group. Others of you have suggested some other day trips and some longer trips with historical significance. We want to continue to gather ideas to make the Center a group you enjoy and one that makes you want to invite others to join in.

We are always looking for new names for our mailing list. Anyone over 55 who is curious about life’s diversity is probably a good candidate for the programming. Positive, thoughtful people help make the group welcoming. The group is extremely helpful to one another, interested in one another and flexible. Whether traveling or attending an event as a single or with a partner, it won’t take long to feel at home.

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CLASSIFIED: Because of the inspiration of the life-sized sculptures on the Stations of the Cross that we enjoyed on our group trip to Milwaukee, your Center’s coordinator Cecily has personally reserved a bus for Thursday, September 8th and will take anyone who wants to go on a one-day trip to the impressive Passion of Christ, exhibit. Fee of \$100 covers bus, brunch in Elkhart and evening soup and salad bar at Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park, and all tips. Call Cecily at 419.267.5502 if interested in the Thursday excursion leaving from Archbold at 8 a.m. and returning about 8:30 p.m. (Note: This is not a Northwest State Community College sponsored event)

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View photos of past events and get information on upcoming events at: Northwest State Community College Center for Lifelong Learning.



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2. Click on “Community” at the top of the page in the tan banner
3. Click on the tab on the right that say “Lifelong Learning”



Datebook for Lifelong Learners

Friday, July 15 - Final Day for registration for Michigan Trip (if there is still room). Our receptive notes that no individual refunds will be issued within 30 days of travel date

Monday, September 19, 2016—8:45 a.m. Bus leaves East Entrance Northwest State Community College for Michigan Get-Away

Monday, October 17, 2016—Be sure you’re registered for Friday’s seminar at Northwest State

Friday, October 21, 2016—One-day *Then & Now* Gathering at Northwest State (East Entrance)

Before the end of December 2016 – Initial \$300 deposit for Spring Trip to Pittsburgh due to the College

March 1, 2017 - Final Payment of \$425 for the April Pittsburgh trip due to the College

Monday, April 3, 2017 – Final day to register for next Friday’s Seminar at Northwest State

Friday, April 7, 2017—Spring one-day Seminar at Northwest State(details coming this fall)

Thursday, April 13, 2017—Orientation for Spring Trip to Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. at the College

April 23-26, 2017—Spring Trip to Pittsburgh