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Several Seats Left. Action needed by Friday, March 8

Indy Trip Ready to Go!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 23, 24, 25

Many have had their seats for this trip for months and we’re hoping you will want to join us on our 3-day trip to Indianapolis.

We’re down to the wire, but if you call Lynn at 419-267-1312 she’ll take your credit card number and reserve your seat. (Or of course, if you’d rather send a check, the form is on a page in this mailing.)

Because we’re seeing a live show, “42nd Street” our cost is slightly higher than sometimes, but you who have been with us know that we like to be pampered just a bit. From the almost-new Drury Inn to the breath-taking renovations at the Art Museum, our city guide and the experience at the Dallara IndyCar factory, you’ll certainly get your money’s worth. Our Wednesday evening family-style dinner at the 1920 Victorian home will be one to remember and the stop at the Scottish Rite Cathedral which was built in 1929 with Indiana limestone, is said to be the most beautiful masonic building in the nation.

With two people per room the price is $625, for each traveler. Before the next winter blasts hits, we sure hope you’ll think spring and join us!

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Sign Up Now!

Tomorrow? Tomorrow? – Topic of Seminar # 61

Friday, May 3 – Room C200 at the College

Cookies and registration begins at 8:30. Programming promptly at 9 a.m.

Aren’t there times we all wish we had a reliable crystal ball? This one-day seminar on Friday, May 3 can’t offer that crystal ball, but the topics might open some new avenues for your thinking for your tomorrows.

We’ll hear from experts in diverse fields as we wonder, “What do I do if the care center where my loved one lives isn’t working out? Should I have selected a different facility? Or maybe you wish you could see more clearly the trends of our northwest Ohio culture. Maybe you want to squint into the crystal ball to see what appears to be the way our families will be living in the tomorrows.

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Many lifelong learners have their financial plans in place. But what about the people you love? Will the advice you received in your planning, be good advice for those who follow you? What should we all be aware of with the resources we’ve acquired and who can we trust? Finally, we’ll consider the huge impact plastics has made in our world and the impact it will have for all our tomorrows.

We have experts coming to not only talk with us but also take our questions to help us see more clearly resources to be considered for our tomorrows.

Of course in all our gatherings we try to allow plenty of social time over cookies, lunch and breaks.

Our first presenter lives in Montpelier and is employed by the State of Ohio Ombudsman program. Ombudsman isn’t a household word, but it has to do with someone stepping in to empower another to secure the brightest tomorrow possible.

After considering the value of an ombudsman we’ll hear from Dr. Susan Brown, Distinguished Professor and Chair of Sociology at Bowling Green State University. Dr. Brown will share the latest research on how marriage, divorce, and intimate partnerships are changing during the second half of life. Fewer older adults are married and more are unmarried these days. But that does not necessarily mean they are unpartnered. Increasingly, older adults are forming unions outside of marriage. These trends and their implications for individuals, their families, and society will be discussed.

After a light lunch served in the adjacent dining room, we will hear how the financial world is changing and what, if anything, we need to do to protect our assets. There is nothing to be sold here, but a rep from Engler, Garrow, Roth Financial Planners, men with roots in our neighborhoods who have made finances their career will offer us precautions as we navigate the world where we wonder who can we trust?

Before we conclude the many things we need to clarify in our crystal ball, we’ll look at the dilemma that plastics have brought to us. Everything from pill bottles to grills on cars and semi-trucks, storage bags, shopping bags and containers for foods and electronics, plastic is everywhere. And, if we don’t find a solution it will be everywhere for all our tomorrows with great detriment to our future generation and the world we are to be taking care of.

Registration is open now for the May 3rd “Tomorrow? Tomorrow?” Seminar and closes on Monday, March 30th. See the enclosed registration sheet for details.
Mental Health Workshop – Alarming!

One in five adults in the U.S. has a mental disorder in any one year. That is 43.8 million people. That’s why the national educational workshop, Mental Health First Aid USA is so important.

Our fall seminar focused on the signs and symptoms of a mental health problem. Presenters funded by the ADAMhs Board covered the very informative material in a two-day format. Although we hadn’t broken a seminar into two sessions before, the consensus was that this was a good time to do it. There is just so much to consider when we encounter friends and family members whose behaviors may suggest something isn’t quite right.

Reference books for us to keep were provided as we couldn’t possibly remember all the tips and training points presented. The one thing that was very clear: Mental Health issues need our attention and although we may not know for sure what to do, we need to do something to move the individual toward stability. One of those resources would be the Maumee Valley Guidance Center where our presenters, BJ Horner and Karen VonDeylen are both employed.

One code phrase for all caring friends and family members to remember is ALGEE. That is first aid for mental health issues: **Assess** for risk of suicide or harm. **Listen** nonjudgmentally. **Give** reassurance and information. **Encourage** appropriate professional help. **Encourage** self-help and other support strategies.

If you couldn’t attend this First Aid for Mental Health Workshop, remember, they are offered periodically throughout the area, and would be eight hours very well-spent.

Lifelong Learners although usually retired, are active in community and can be a great resource for current information on current issues. Both the recent immigration seminar and this one on mental health first aid are fine examples of our quest to be informed in an ever-changing world.
Fall Trip to SE Ohio - One of the Best!

Travelers with Lifelong Learning had plenty to talk about when we returned from our September trip to the Cambridge, Ohio area. The centerpiece for the overnight adventure was The Wilds, a relatively new wild life center covering 16 square miles so that animals from around the world can roam at their leisure. We split up and boarded re-purposed school buses with their windows cut out and spent several hours riding the less-than-smooth roads throughout the preserve. (We learned the bus routes had been paved, but the animals didn’t like the smell of the asphalt or the feel under their feet, so that was all torn out leaving just dirt for the curious travelers to bounce across.)

It was a leisurely ride with stops whenever the informative and good-natured narrator spotted movement in the water or pastures. One thing we were sure of: the animals selected to live at The Wilds have the best of all worlds. They have seemingly unlimited space to roam, always a food source supplemented by the human hand, no predators to bully them and a medical team at their beck and call.

When you’re thinking about a quick summer get-away with friends or family, The Wilds whose actual location is Cumberland, Ohio should top your list. And while you’re there, we who traveled have some other ideas for you.

The stop at the John and Annie Glenn home was far more than a guided tour of a house of someone famous. Characters role playing as Glenn family members talked about the daily life of young John. We laughed at the Melmac dinnerware set on the chrome table with vinyl-covered chairs, the boxy table radio, the doilies on the end tables, and the record player. And the canned goods on the countertop brought back memories of most of our Grandma’s kitchens. It was a great stop.

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William Boyd might not be a name you know, but Hopalong Cassidy most certainly is. Hopalong was the first good guy in a black hat! He was played by William Boyd who grew up in the Cambridge area. We learned a lot about Hoppy and his career from one of his biggest fans, Laura Bates. While we ate lunch, she told of the enthusiastic fans she had collected for Hoppy over the years through newsletters and yearly gatherings. Hoppy’s image was on everything from bicycles, to chip tins, scarves, belt buckles, lunch boxes and thermos bottles. A store-front downtown was filled with all the collectables from the Hoppy era.

And always when in southeastern Ohio a working glass shop is a draw. We stopped at Moser Glass and in small groups saw the men at the furnaces melting glass and molding it or blowing it popular pieces for today’s consumer.

But probably one of the things most of us will be talking about for awhile is our lunch stop in Hebron. We always have reservations and menu selections made before our arrival, so just a few hours after leaving the College, Driver Randy pulled the big bus onto a side street and into the little circle drive in front of the modest café, Clay’s. A sign on the door boldly read “Closed for Maintenance Emergency.” Even before we closed our gaping mouths, the owner was out to greet us, assured us they were ready for us, and in we went. Their specialty, the Stromboli lived up to and surpassed its billing.

From that first stop in Hebron our heart rate accelerated and with each stop the pulse kept getting stronger. It was a great two-days away for the lifelong learners who as always, ate well and learned much.
One of the nation’s most significant sculpture and botanic experiences is only 3 hours north of us in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park includes Michigan’s largest tropical conservatory; five indoor theme gardens; outdoor gardens, nature trails and boardwalk. On the 158 acre non-profit site is the 30 acre sculpture park known internationally for the significant sculptures.

Since we’ll be arriving in the fall, we’ll be treated to a dazzling show of fall color.

This is what the web site says: *Chrysanthemums and More!* is the largest of its kind in Michigan, featuring expansive chrysanthemum displays and fall foliage. Indoors, the Seasonal Display Greenhouse features a cascading chrysanthemum-covered wall as the main focal point. Presentations of chrysanthemum spheres, large disbuds and beds of colorful planting complement this display in the nearby Victorian Greenhouse. Outdoors, expansive beds of lush chrysanthemums are arranged in large sweeps of scarlet, purple, orange and gold.

We have trams reserved so you’ll see much from the comfort of your seat. Later in the domed gardens you’ll find plenty of places to sit and relax to take in the beauty surrounding you.

The gardens were 13 years in the planning before its 1995 opening. Yes, the Meijer is the Meijer of our well-known major retailer. In 1990 The West Michigan Horticultural Society asked Fred and Lena Meijer for their support, and they embraced the concept of a major cultural attraction centering around horticulture and sculpture.

The original vision has turned into a top cultural destination in the Midwest region, known internationally for the quality of the art and gardens. Today the organization is operated by almost 200 full and part-time staff, more than 850 volunteers and supported by gifts from more than 27,000 member households and many donors.

You’ll need to join us for this most inspiring experience. We made our group’s reservations back in October so we’ll have the expertise of some of the best on their staff.

From the Gardens we’ll head a bit further west to Holland. There we’ll visit Windmill Island home to the 251-year-old windmill the only authentic, working Dutch windmill in the United States. And then it’ll be an adventure you may never have considered. We’re going to safely climb onto a flatbed trailer and visit the sand dunes along Lake Michigan on a Dune Schooner. We’ll enjoy a great meal together to complete our day. Wednesday’s highlight include a visit to the Kellogg Manor in Battle Creek where we’ll also have dinner before heading on home.

Total cost of this two-day adventure is $360 per person with reservations open now with a deposit of $150. See separate sheet for details.
Seminar # 62:  

Friday, October 4\textsuperscript{th} – I Had NO idea!

8:30 – 3:00 in A215 at the College.

Most lifelong learners are accustomed to what goes on here in Ohio’s fertile farmland and manufacturing communities. Many of us have called northwest Ohio our home for decades. This one-day seminar will look through the cracks and crevices of our homeland to learn of things to make us say, “I had no idea!”

Just one giant leap from the College is St. John’s Lutheran Church at the corner of State Routes 66 and 6. In that sanctuary, completed in 2006, are 8 cathedral shaped stained glass windows and 2 round windows placed 30 feet up in the peaks of the sanctuary. The creators of these masterpiece windows are church members and Henry County natives Sue Hurst and her husband Steve. It took 10 years for the couple to complete this massive project. Sue, an art teacher at Archbold High School before her recent retirement, would seem a likely match for the project. But her husband Steve, a self-employed dairy farmer? The ambitious couple made it happen and the results are stunning. They’ll be with us to tell us of their work and we’ll have plenty of time to soak in their masterful creations.

As this newsletter goes to print, we’re also working on ideas to learn of local hands that created furniture for courtrooms in the East as well as furniture found in a National Football leagues’ prestigious fan boxes. The stained glass is confirmed and the other ideas are probables. If you save the date, you can be assured that your late summer newsletter will have the full details.

Several Reminders

Remember on \textit{ALL} trips, if you must cancel, we’ll try to get your funds back, but that is out of our hands once we send the money to our receptive. Trip insurance is always a good idea.

Of course if any trip doesn’t fill, all money will be refunded.

If you want to travel with us and be guaranteed a seat in one of the three front rows of our bus, pay $15, extra per person when you register and those seats will be reserved for you. (Think of it as flying first class!)

If you get some good trip pictures and would be willing to share, your coordinator Cecily would be glad to get them and select some for our newsletter and web page. Carlan Badenhop of Wauseon, and Jeff Smucker of Archbold have shared freely for both newsletter and web site.

The café at Northwest State consistently does a really nice job for our group. They can continue that for just a bit more. They don’t need to make money on us, but everyone will be happy if we cover those costs. So the day-long seminars, with lunch will now be $12.50.

Needing Information?

Contact Coordinator Cecily Rohrs at 419-267-5502 or email her at crohrs@northweststate.edu

Or to pay a last minute fee by credit card, phone Lynn in the business office at the College 419-267-1312.

The mailing address at the College is Center for Lifelong Learning:

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Datebook for Lifelong Learners

Friday, March 8 – Final payment due for trip to Indianapolis. Mail your final payment to the College or call Lynn at 419-267-1312 for credit card.

Monday, April 15 - 7:00 pm. Indy Trip Orientation at the College. Room C200.

April 23, 24, 25 - Spring Trip to Indianapolis.


Monday, August 5 – Final payment due for fall overnight trip to Meijer Gardens/Holland

Tuesday/Wednesday September 24, 25 – Fall motor coach trip to Meijer Gardens/Holland

Monday, September 30 – Final day to register for fall Seminar # 62 “I had No Idea!”

Friday, October 4 – Fall one-day seminar. “I Had No Idea.” Room C 200. 8:30 – 3:00.

To see all the details of upcoming trips, or to register for any of the activities, remember everything is now on-line and at your fingertips.

1. Go to: www.NorthwestState.edu
2. Click on “Community” at the top of the page in the tan banner
3. Click on the tab on the right that says “Lifelong Learning”

For more information or clarification contact the Center’s Coordinator:

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