

Seniors On The Go! Winter & Spring 2012

All trips offered in this newsletter are minimal walking unless otherwise specified!

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Happy Holidays!! Where has 2011 gone?? Thank you for your continued patronage throughout the years! I have had a great time getting to know each and every one of you! We each have so many fun stories to tell about the many wonderful trips we have taken. Be sure to read this newsletter all the way through! I have added a bunch of new trips and the ever popular "Come Lunch With Us" is back and better than ever! Be sure to sign up early!

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2012! See you on our next excursion!

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Black Pearl Sings North Shore Performing Arts Center Skokie

Join us at the North Shore Performing Arts Center for Black Pearl Sings. Highlighted by beautiful, a cappella renditions of little known American folk songs, this play tells the Depression-era story of two extraordinary women. One is a gifted singer stuck in a Texas prison. The other is a Library of Congress song collector who is determined to introduce her silky voice and steely spirit to the world. We will enjoy an early lunch before the show. #11253 Wed. Jan 18 10:30 AM-5:00 PM \$69 Res \$74 Non Res

Swan Lake Genessee Theatre

The State Ballet Theatre of Russia, from the City of Voronezh, brings the world's most beloved ballet to glorious life. This company of distinguished dancers has showcased the unparalleled art of Russian Ballet to countries throughout the world! We will enjoy dinner before the show at Fiamico Ristorante nearby. Sat. Jan 21 3:30pm - 10:30pm #11323 \$94 Res/\$99 Non Res

Moonlight & Magnolias Pheasant Run Resort

Moonlight and Magnolias.. The comedy behind one with the Wind. Prepare yourself to be locked in a room for five days with nothing to eat but bananas and peanuts as legendary producer David O. Selznick, famed screenwriter Ben Hecht and Wizard of Oz director Victor Fleming craft a troubled screenplay into one of the finest films of all time. It's the behind-the-scenes glimpse of Gone With the Wind seen through the eyes of these comical and desperate creators in 1939 Hollywood. We will enjoy dinner at Pheasant Run before the show. #11336 Thurs. Jan 26th \$72 Res/\$77 Non Res 5:00pm - 10:45pm



Capitol Steps Desperate Housemember

When a ripe 2012 Presidential election season wafts up vapors of inspiration to the discerning noses Washington D.C.'s most prolific political satirists, we are in for some US deficit-sized belly laughter! A skilled musical political parody performance like no other, the Capitol Steps make their annual appearance at the North Shore Performing Arts Center in Skokie. We will enjoy dinner before the show. #11351 Friday, Jan 27th 4pm-10:30 \$91 Res \$96 Non Res

Gypsy The Drury Lane Oakbrook

Winner of three Tony Awards, Gypsy is considered by many critics to be the greatest merican musical ever written. Gypsy is based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, a famous burlesque stripper. This show tells the story of Rose, an overbearing stage mother who is determined to break into the big time by pushing a vaudeville career onto her two daughters. We will have lunch before the show. #11254 Sun. Jan 29 11:00 AM-6:00 PM \$84.00 Res, \$89.00 Non-Res

The Doyle & Debbie Show Royal George Theatre

Doyle Mayfield, an old-guard country star with a handful of

hits back in the 70s and 80s, is reviving his career thirty years, four wives, and three Debbies later. The new Debbie, a single mother with three children, sees this lovable lothario as her last chance to make it big in Nashville but she also questions hitching her star to this loose cannon. The Doyle & Debbie show featuring all-original songs is sublime homage and parody, simultaneously idolizing and lampooning country music's tradition of iconic duos and the battle of the sexes that accompany them. Bruce Arntson and Jenny Littleton take audiences on a freewheeling joyride through a wickedly funny script and score all delivered with utmost sincerity. Dinner before the show will be included. #11349 Wed. Feb 1st 3:30pm-10:30pm \$84 Res / \$89 Non Res

Starved Rock

Bald Eagle Tour Start with a Sunday Brunch at Starved Rock Lodge. After brunch we will be mesmerized by the beautiful bald eagles at Starved Rock. Ride the trolley to the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center for eagle viewing and an educational program. Dress warmly, bring binoculars, spotting scopes, and cameras. #11255 Sun. Feb 5 8:30 AM-6:00 PM \$92 Res \$97 Non-Res



Quidam Cirque du Soleil

QUIDAM.... Cirque du Soleil's newest show takes you on a young girl's escape into a world of imagination. Young Zoé is bored; her parents, distant and apathetic, ignore her. Her life has lost all meaning. Seeking to fill the void of her existence, she slides into an imaginary world—the world of Quidam where she meets characters who encourage her to free her soul. Quidam: a nameless passer-by, a solitary figure lingering on a street corner, a person rushing past and swallowed by the crowd. It could be anyone, anybody. Someone coming or going at the heart of our anonymous society. A member of the crowd, one of the silent majority. The one who cries out, sings and dreams within us all. This is the quidam whom this show allows to speak. This is the place that beckons a place for dreaming and genuine relations where all quidams, by proclaiming their individuality, can finally emerge from anonymity. The show is at The Sears Center in near-by Hoffman Estates. Wed. Feb 8th 6:00pm - 10:30pm #11321 \$99 res/\$104 non res



Ron Hawking Swingin with the Stars

Chicago's Entertainer, Ron Hawking, will be at Prairie Center for the Arts in Schaumburg. Ron knows how to deliver a performance that truly comes from his heart. A night of iconic numbers from many great male vocalists of all time, including Bobby Darin, Ray Charles, Billy Joel, and Frankie Valli, to name a few, as Hawking seamlessly steps in and out of each personality he portrays on the stage. We will enjoy dinner. #11319 Sat. Feb 11th 4:00pm - 10:30pm \$86 res /\$91 non res

Tommy Guns Garage

We will visit Tommy Gun's Garage for dinner and a musical comedy! This roaring 20's audience-interactive revue is complete wit music, silent movies, dancing and great food! Dinner & transportation are included. Registration deadline is Feb. 1st Hurry, Tickets are limited! #11328 Thurs. Feb 16th 4:00pm- 10:00pm \$81 res / \$86 non res



Phil & Amy, Les Miserables & Phantom of the Opera

Join us at White Fence Farm to see Phil & Amy performing their new 'Les Miserables' & 'Phantom of the Opera' 25th Anniversary Review. We will enjoy White Fence Farm's famous chicken dinner before the show. Friday, Feb 17th #11332 3:30pm-10:30pm \$59 res/\$64 non res

Drowsy Chaperone The Blizzard Theatre, Elgin

This winking send up to 1920's musicals will make you want to break into spontaneous song! It all begins when a die-hard musical theatre fan puts on his favorite cast album. The Drowsy Chaperone bursts to life in his living room and the audience is lead through a tongue-in-cheek tale of a Broadway starlet trying to find and keep her true love. We will enjoy lunch before the show nearby. Trip includes lunch, ticket and round trip transportation. \$74 Res / \$79 non res Sun. Feb 19th 11:00am-6:30pm #11330

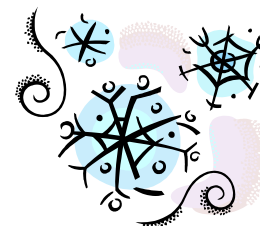
Viva Vegas Fireside Dinner Theatre

Vegas! All you have to do is say the name and you can instantly imagine the sights and sounds of the greatest entertainment capital in the world! From the swinging years of the 50's and 60's to the breathtaking spectacle of today, Las Vegas has been home to the world's greatest enter-

tainers and the most exciting shows. The Rat Pack - Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin! Elvis Presley! Liberace! Bette Midler! Celine Dion! The list of show business legends who have lit up the famous Las Vegas Strip goes on and on. The Fireside continues its cherished tradition of live band revues with a sparkling tribute to the ultimate center of music, laughter, glitz, and glamour. featuring a stunning cast of performers and The Fireside's own LIVE BAND! We will enjoy a wonderful Fireside Lunch and shopping before the show. #11256 Wed. Feb 22 8AM-6PM \$89.00 Res /\$94 non res

Clutter, The True Story of the Collyer Brothers Royal George Theatre

What exactly happened in that Fifth Avenue mansion? This darkly fascinating true story is a murder mystery about the reclusive Collyer brothers who weren't just rich, they were filthy rich. Homer Collyer is dead in his room. Homer Collyer is missing. And all of New York is shocked at what the police find inside the home of these wealthy brothers: Junk, trash, clutter - - crammed everywhere, piled up to the ceilings. What turned these old-money aristocrats into compulsively hoarding shut-ins? Who killed Homer Collyer? Where's Langley? And what does their relentless obsession reveal about their lives -- and souls? In CLUTTER: The True Story of the Collyer Brothers Who Never Threw Anything Out, playwright Mark Saltzman writes a compelling tale of these notorious brothers whose unfolding story held New Yorkers spellbound. And perhaps it's a story about us or someone close to us - how much accumulation is too much? We will enjoy lunch before the show at Sopranos. #11339 \$84 res / \$89 non res Sun. Feb 26th 11:00am - 5:30pm



Chicago Flower & Garden Show

Spring brings flowers, flowers bring gardens. Come visit Navy Pier for this years Flower & Garden Show. Wander for the day through lush, colorful gardens of fragrant beauty displayed by Chicago's top gardening supply houses. Get ideas and learn from experts. Maybe even select something special for your own garden. Lunch is not included in this trip. Wed. March 14th 9:00am - 5:00pm #11324 \$27 Res / \$32 Non Res



Murder is Easy Starlight Theatre—Rockford

The Agatha Christie jigsaw at its best, worked out like a diabolically ingenious game of Clue. Valiant hero, Brainy heroine, Kind-hearted Lord of the Manor, Apple-cheeked old lady, Sinister shopkeeper, Busty Barmaid, Smug Doctor, Grieving Widow, etc. The village of Wychwood has gossip and twinkly old maids, but there's also the sinister instinct of black magic hanging over the villagers. Something evil is afoot. Serial killings. Gay Satanists. Sinister villagers and a cat called Wonkey Pooh. We will enjoy a prime rib dinner before the show at Hoffman House in Rockford. (Fish option available) Thurs. March 22nd 3:30pm - 10:30pm #11335 \$77 Res / \$82 Non Res

Ten Chimney's Northlight Theatre

The Northlight Theatre presents.... TEN CHIMNEY'S. For decades, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne entertained the most influential artists of their time - from Noel Coward to Sydney Greenstreet - at Ten Chimneys, their legendary retreat. In this new play, a spirited onstage rehearsal sparks an offstage romantic triangle. The result is a comically revealing look at the private lives of these very public figures. We will enjoy lunch nearby before the show. Wed. March 28th 10:00am - 5:00pm #11326 \$69 Res / \$74 Non Res

Ten Chimneys Estate Tour

Unique among historic sites, Ten Chimneys offers guests a virtually barrier-free tour of an estate replete with original furnishings and overflowing with the romance of the Golden Age of Theatre. Docents share stories that interpret not only the objects and décor of the estate, but also the lives and values of its remarkable creators. When visiting, you will feel as if Broadway legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne have just stepped out for a moment . . . but will be right back to welcome you through their gracious home. The gracious main house, cottage, studio, stable, creamery and greenhouse are among the buildings on the estate grounds, with a theatre and gift shop also available. We will have lunch before the tour at a nearby restaurant. Lunch, tour and transportation are included. #11325 Wed. June 6th 8:30pm—6:00pm \$83 Res / \$88 Non Res



Cocktails With Larry Miller The Blizzard Theatre, Elgin

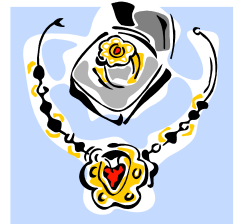
Cocktails with Larry Miller... Little League, Adultery & Other Bad Ideas. In this utterly hilarious new show, comedian Larry Miller shares his perspective on marriage, children, drinking and how each one leads to the other two. One of Hollywood's most recognizable faces, Miller has appeared in over 50 films including Pretty Woman, Waiting For Guffman and The Princess Diaries. Here he combines his comedy, acting and music talents with uproarious results. We will enjoy an early dinner before the show. Sat. April 14th #11331 3:30pm-10:30pm \$84 Res / \$89 Non Res



Jewelry Fashion & Accessory Show

Shop until your hearts content.... Join us on a trip to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Illinois to visit one of the most attended shows in the midwest! You will be able to purchase everything from jewelry (costume to fine), accessories for your home to clothes and perfume and everything in between! It's a shoppers paradise! Hope you will bring a friend or two enjoy the day!! Lunch will be on your own at the convention center or nearby restaurant.

Registration deadline is Friday, October 19th. Thurs. April 19th 8:30am - 5:00pm #11317 \$18 Res / \$23 Non Res



The Convertibles White Fence Farm

We will enjoy a wonderful lunch at White Fence Farm before seeing this dynamic Doo Wop Group singing favorites from the 50's and 60's. Tues. April 24th #11257 10:30am - 5pm \$54 Res / \$59 Non Res



Starved Rock Shopping & Winery Trolley Tour

Board a Starved Rock Trolley and travel to the Illinois River Winery for a tour of the winery and learn how the grapes go from the vine to the bottle. We will also stop at their tasting room to taste some of their award winning wine. Step back on the trolley to travel to Cattails for some shopping and more wine tasting. The trolley will also stop downtown Utica for another wine tasting at the August Hill Winery. We will enjoy lunch before boarding the trolley. Thurs. April 26th 8am-5:30pm #11333 \$78 Res / \$83 Non Res



**Breaking Up Is Hard To Do
Songs of Neil Sedaka
Pheasant Run Resort**

Oh, to be young and in love in the '60s! But after poor Marge gets dumped at the altar, she decides to go on her honeymoon to the Catskills with best friend Lois in search of good times. A cruisin' adventure of colorful characters, mistaken identity, and romance! Relive the excitement of your first kiss while tappin' your toes along to rock-n-roll legend Neil Sedaka's chart-toppin' music, including 'Where the Boys Are,' 'Sweet Sixteen,' 'Calendar Girl,' and of course, 'Breaking Up Is Hard To Do. We will enjoy Pheasant Run's wonderful Sunday brunch before the show. Sun. April 29th 11:00am – 5:30pm #11337 \$84 Res / \$89 Non Res

**Title of Show
Northlight Theatre, Skokie**

Join us at the Northlight Theatre to see Title of Show. Jeff and Hunter, two struggling writers, hear about a new musical theatre festival. However, the deadline for submissions is a mere three weeks away. With nothing to lose, the pair decides to try to create something new with the help of their friends Susan, Heidi and Larry on the eighty-eights. With the cast in place, Jeff and Hunter begin a conversation about what to write about. Eventually, Jeff suggests they write about what to write about. They make a pact to write up until the festival's deadline and dream about the show changing their lives. We will enjoy lunch before the show at a nearby restaurant. Wed. May 9th 10:00am—5:00pm #11327 \$69 Res / \$74 Non Res

**Making God Laugh
Theatre at The Center**

The title, Making God Laugh, refers to a line by Woody Allen: If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. In this new comedy by Sean Grennan, you can go home again, but are you sure it's a good idea? Empty nesters, welcome home their children over family holidays spanning three decades. As the parents and grown children adapt to their new relationships, their dreams, unresolved issues, old family traditions and dubious

recipes are trotted out on Thanksgiving, New Year's and Christmas holidays. You will find that home is not only where the heart is, but also where the laughs are. We will enjoy brunch before the show. Sun. May 20th 11:30am - 6:00pm #11350 \$78 Res / \$83 Non res



**Hairspray
Drury Lane Oakbrook**

Originally a cult classic John Waters film, HAIRSPRAY was remade in 2007, starring John Travolta and Michelle Pfeiffer. The remake, which was nominated for a Golden Globe, was one of the top five highest grossing movie musicals of all time. The smash hit Broadway production of HAIRSPRAY won eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical. 'You Can't Stop the Beat' to this family-friendly musical that is piled bouffant-high with laughter, romance, and deliriously tuneful songs. Set in Baltimore in 1962, HAIRSPRAY is the story of pleasantly plump teen, Tracy Turnblad, who does whatever it takes to fulfill her lifelong dream of appearing on the popular Corny Collins Show. Can this plus-size trendsetter vanquish the program's reigning princess, win the heart of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a television show without denting her fabulous 'do? Only in HAIRSPRAY! 'Welcome to the 60s!' We will enjoy lunch before the show!! Wed. May 23rd 10:30am - 5:30pm #11329 \$61 Res / \$66 Non Res

**Legally Blond
Fireside Dinner Theatre**

Join us at Fireside Dinner Theatre to meet Elle Wood, sorority sister; beauty queen; fashionista; ATTORNEY AT LAW? Scores of folks have been enchanted by the merry misadventures of Harvard's most unlikely (and most glamorous) law student. LEGALLY BLONDE was one of the most popular movies of the last decade and The Fireside is the first professional theatre in the area to produce the hit Broadway musical.

LEGALLY BLONDE tells the tale of a determined young woman who rises above everyone else's expectations and pre-judgments to her ultimate triumph over the naysayers in a show filled with bright music and dancing and laughs galore. It is a delightful and engaging musical for audiences of every age. We will enjoy lunch before the show and a little extra time for shopping. Thurs. May 31st 8:00am—6:00pm \$89 Res / \$94 Non Res #11320



**Starved Rock
Weber House and Garden Tour**

We will start out at Starved Rock Lodge for lunch before boarding a trolley to Steator, IL to visit the Weber House while there we will enjoy a wonderful tour of the house and garden. The Weber House is a storybook tudor cottage which sits on a two acre English garden of meandering paths, roses, hollyhocks and old oaks. Inside, cozy candlelit rooms reflect the 18th century. The history of the Weber House is interlaced with the rich and famous. Such as, an Academy Award winning actress who covered for F.D.R., an invisible man who forgot his walking stick, television stars who slept under the bed, a theater impresario who liked Whistler, and a major gossip columnist who wrote about them all! Ted Weber, long time Chicago radio and television personality, and creator of Weber House and Garden will introduce you to each one as you tour the house room by room. His stories of Eleanor Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Richard Nixon and many others will surprise and delight you. Monday, June 18th 8:00am—6:00pm #11334 \$83 Res / \$88 Non res

CASINO TRIPS

<u>Grand Victoria - Elgin</u> Transportation only.	Tues. Feb. 28th	9:00am - 4:00pm	#11345	\$14 res / \$19 non res
<u>Ameristar Casino - East Chicago</u> Transportation only.	Thurs. March 29th	9:00am - 5:00pm	#11346	\$24res / \$29 non res
<u>Hoseshoe Casino—Hammond</u> Transportation only	Mon. April 16th	9:00am - 5:00pm	#11347	\$24 res / \$29 non res
<u>Four Winds Casino— New Buffalo</u> Includes \$15 instant slot play, \$10 Food Credit to use at The Buffet, Willowbrook Café, Timbers Fast Food or Grab N Go and transportation.	Tues. May 15th	8:00am - 5:00pm	#11348	\$34 res / \$39 non res

BUNCO

Join us at the park district to play BUNCO! Bunco is a game of dice, played in rounds. Players take turns rolling the dice and trying to accumulate as many points as possible to win each round. At the end of the day wins/losses and Buncos are tallied with prizes awarded. Prizes include Most Buncos \$20 gift card, Most Wins \$15 gift card, Swedish \$10 gift card and Most Losses \$5 gift card. Morning snacks and coffee will be served. A fun time will be had by all!

Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7 and Jun 4 10:00am - 12:00pm #11344
\$42 Season Pass - Sign up for the full season and the June luncheon is included. Monthly at the door \$8.00 and the June luncheon will be an additional \$6.00



BRING A FRIEND OR 2!!



Come Lunch With Us.....

January 24 **Bohemian Garden— Downers Grove** -Enjoy a special family style lunch of Bohemian and Eastern European cooking!
10am-3pm #11341 \$33 Res / \$38 non res

February 13 **Chama Gaucha, Downers Grove** - A Brazilian Steakhouse features 14 different cuts of meat. Chicken, Lamb, Pork and Beef will be served to you table side to your hearts content. Along with an exquisite salad bar with over 30 items including exotic cheeses, assorted fresh vegetables, and variety types of house made salads. Also offered with the meal traditional Brazilian side dishes. 'Come Taste Southern Brazil'. Includes unlimited salad bar, meal, dessert, fountain soda, coffee & tea.
10:30am-3:30pm #11338 \$54 res/\$59 non res

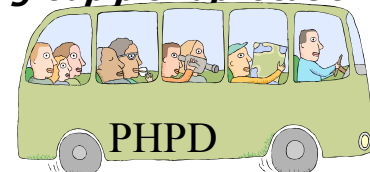
March 12 **McGonigal's Pub, Barrington** - Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day! 11am-3pm #11343 \$38 res/\$43 non res

April 11 **Costas, Oak Brook** - Experience this old world charm as we dine in the relaxed setting of Costa's. In the timeless tradition of the Mediterranean, the authentic decor transports you to a simple, more elegant place. A place where ancient artistry meets modern luxury. 10:30am—3:30pm #11342 \$38 res / \$43 non res

Door to Door Pick-up \$5.00*

Do you want to go on our trips but have no way to get to the park district? We have a simple solution! Our Door to Door Service allows us to pick you up at home before our scheduled trips. We will pick you up and drop you off at your front door within the park district boundaries. *Must be arranged and paid for 24 hours before scheduled trip.

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group pick up locations!***



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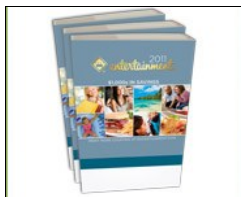


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those who are interested with the
date and time.**

