

THE Club Newsletter

April 2012

Dear Club Members,



Spring is here! My mother always provided our home with a clean, fresh smell of spring when I was growing up. She would dismantle the house, washing blinds and curtains, and scrubbing woodwork and walls with disinfectant and bleach. Those days are gone, but I do still feel like “cleaning house” in the spring because of all the new growth and freshness outside.

With this in mind, THE National Bank would like to provide you with a FREE Financial Review with our expert, Todd Larsen, AVP of Trust and Investments. Check out the dates in May to set up your review. I think the scheduled dates will fill quickly so don't wait. This is a great way to “clean house” financially and emotionally (by putting your mind at ease). Todd will assist you with many questions you may have about your financial stability, income, and present and future needs. This free service is available to Club Members only.

Our trip to sunny Costa Rica was grand! We had the most perfect weather the entire time we traveled through this beautiful country. We visited a coffee plantation and delighted in eating the chocolate-covered coffee beans. You would be surprised to know what it takes to have a cup of coffee every morning. Our oldest member to zip line was 85 years young. She loved the experience and would do it again in a minute! Everyone raved about the zip line experience. A good lesson for me was, you're never too old to do the things you really want to do. We hiked through the rainforest capturing howler monkeys and parrots on camera. We journeyed to the top of an active volcano and the day was so clear we could see inside the rim. For breakfast we enjoyed beans and rice, for lunch we enjoyed beans and rice, and for dinner we enjoyed rice and beans. Our guide, Alex was one of the best guides I've ever traveled with. He made our experience something we'll never forget.

I've decided to extend the promotional drawing for our Club Members. We are now offering a \$250.00 gift certificate (instead of the Relaxing in Wisconsin trip), which can be used on any Club trips. A Club Member who refers a new client to the bank and becomes a member of THE Club will be placed in a drawing for the \$250.00 gift certificate. This drawing will be held at the November 28 Club breakfast. At the May 30 Club breakfast we will still be drawing a name from the “fish bowl” for the winner of the FREE day trip this summer. This summer day trip drawing is for new members that have become part of THE Club this year. It's a small token of our appreciation, thanking you for your business and for referring a friend. Please enjoy Barb's story about her life and family. She's a wonderful person to know!

Best wishes for a healthy and happy spring!

Mary K. Long
THE Club Director



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THE Club Member Corner



Barbara Lawrence

I was born June 30, 1936, no lie, that's the truth. And the event took place right here in Elgin at the old Sherman Hospital.

I was the last child born to our family, and they all breathed a sigh of relief that I was the last of 7 kids. The next oldest to me, my brother Barney, was 8 years older than I was. I really busted his balloon when I was born because he had 8 years of cuddling from everyone and then I stole his spotlight. Poor guy. He loved me anyway, at least after he got over that trauma. My oldest sibling, Myrtle was 18 years older than I. Mom used to say Myrtle should have had me, not Mom. Mom was 40 and Dad was 48. I always thought it was my grandparents going to PTA and teacher conferences. My other siblings are Violet, Verlin (Bud), Al and Helen.

I went to Garfield School and to EHS on Chicago St. It was on to ECC and guess who I met there. Bob had graduated ECC to go to U of L Pharmacy School in Chicago but came back to see his buddies. He says he picked me up there in a card game of pinochle. That was not true but don't ask him, as he will refute that! He just found I was a pretty good player and asked me out! I was a lab tech at Sherman Hospital at the time and we decided to marry 2 years later. I got a job at Presbyterian St Luke's Hospital in the bio-chem lab as we needed to live in Chicago.

We had 4 great kids, Kathie, Scott, Patty, and Tom. Unfortunately, we lost Patty at age 9 and Scott at age 43. I stayed home to raise them until the youngest was in Jr Hi. I worked part time at the Open Door Clinic. I decided to get my RN and went back to ECC, and graduated again, at age 49 in 1985 and went to work at Delnor Hospital and worked in surgery.

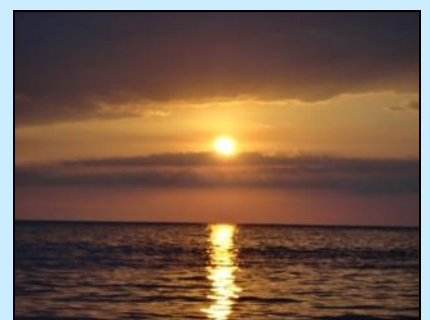
I volunteered at the Well Child Clinic as a lab tech in the early 70's, our church which is an important part of our life, helped at Herbie's Friends, scouts, past president of our townhome association at Hickory Ridge in Elgin, Living Well Cancer Resource Center in Geneva, American Cancer Society Reach for Recovery program and am on the Patient Centered Care Committee at Sherman Hospital. Helping people whenever I can with their life challenges is important to me.

Hobbies: bridge, book club, coffee with friends, lunch with grade school friends and of course travel, particularly with The Club, flowers, going to museums, love checking out our daughter Kathie's website, www.littlebitfarm.net as she has a farm along with a full time job. Tom and his wife Helen blessed us with two beautiful granddaughters too. They've been such fun. I still need to make out my bucket list. You all are a great bunch to be with. We're so fortunate.

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Calendar of Events - Call Mary to RSVP (847) 429-9203

The Browns ~ Christian Concert

Tuesday, April 17th
Member: \$71 • Guest: \$81

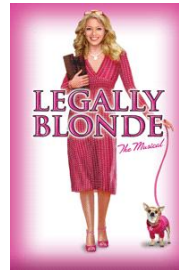


It's truly a family affair when The Browns hit the stage and deliver the powerful message of the gospel through word and song. They have been touring for ten years and received the prestigious honors of Top 10 Mixed Group of the Year for two years running and Top Horizon Group of the year for three years before that.


From singing over 30 shows at the Americana Theatre in Branson to Dollywood Stages and on board Royal Caribbean and Carnival cruise ships this award winning family will inspire you with their harmony and talent. 

Legally Blonde ~ The Musical

Wednesday, May 16th
Member: \$95 • Guest: \$105





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. 

Casino Days

April 25th & 26th
Member \$113 double occupancy
\$154 single occupancy
Guest add \$15

It's your lucky day! The Isle of Capri and Rhythm City Casino will make you see green on this 2 day trip to the Quad Cities. Your package includes:

4 meals, 1 night hotel accommodations, \$20 free slot play, baggage handling, motor coach transportation, and tip for the driver. It's less than \$47 a day with slot play!  to 



Free Financial Planning

May 22nd, 23rd or 24th

THE Club will be sponsoring a series of personal financial planning sessions for Club Members. Todd Larsen with our Trust and Investment Department will be in Elgin to work on your personal investment plan. The Planning will consist of two meetings.






In the first meeting Todd will work with you to help set and understand your goals. The goals will be designed to help you understand your short term and long term need for income. Once you have a clear picture of what you need your investments to do, it will be easier to make it happen. In the first meeting you will also need to prepare copies of investments statements, monthly income, and how much you need to run your household, monthly or annually. The more information you give Todd the more accurate the plan. In the second meeting he will go over your financial goals and make sure they line up with your income needs. Each appointment will last approximately 1 hour. The meetings will be held in the conference room on May 22, 23 and 24. To reserve a date and time, contact Mary Long at 847-429-9203. The second meetings will be set with each individual based on their schedule. You need to be a member of THE Club to take advantage of this Free Financial planning review. These meeting times will fill quickly so don't wait, call today!

American Made Mystery Trip

Tuesday, May 1st through
Friday, May 4th, 2012
Member: \$488 double • \$593 single
Guest add \$35



This 4 day mystery trip will be a hoot at an unbelievable price! 8 meals, 10 attractions, 3 nights accommodations, transportation, tips for everyone, fun, surprises, and good old down home American cookin'!

Clue #2: It's silver, shaped like a bullet and full of style.   



AARP Safe Driving Course

May 9 & 10 (both days) from 9 am to 1 pm
AARP Members \$12 • Non-AARP Members \$14

This course will tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge and you will learn defensive driving techniques. Upon completion of the course, you may qualify for an auto insurance discount given by your insurance company.



THE Club Breakfast

Wednesday, May 30th
Please note the new location:
Hickory Stick, 875 Sportsway, Elgin
Member \$7 • Guest \$14





Time: Doors open at 8:15 am
 Buffet Breakfast starts at 9:00 am
Note: this is not an all you can eat buffet
 Entertainment: Brent and his silly friends!
 Guest Speakers: .. Extended Trips for 2013
 Door Prizes: YES
 Winner of the Summer day trip will be drawn.

The Marsh



Friday, June 8th

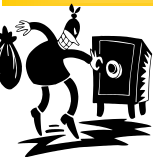
Member: \$72.00 • Guest: \$82.00

You are invited on a narrated one hour boat tour on the Horicon Marsh. Horicon Marsh is the largest fresh water cattail marsh in the United States. It's the home of more than 290 kinds of birds which have been sighted over the years. A 15 minute video presentation will provide you with some history of the marsh. Lunch will be provided at Ginger's Hideaway. Please make your menu selection of ham or roast beef when you make your reservation. After lunch we visit the Wisconsin Natural Educational Center and Liz will provide a 1 1/2 hour presentation about the ecology, wildlife, and history of the area. You'll have time to visit the viewing area and the gift shop.  to 

Things Burglars Will Not Tell You Seminar

Tuesday, June 12th at 10 am

Member: Free • Guest: \$5



Elderly Service Officer, Cherie Aschenbrenner of the Elgin Police Department and Lt. Kevin Williams of the Kane County Sheriff's Office will present "Things Burglars Don't Tell You". This presentation covers what convicted criminals have advised about things they look for to commit crimes against us!



Guest price will be donated to TRIAD. TRIAD is an organization that: 1) increases awareness of crimes against senior citizens; 2) emphasizes the criminal aspect of abuse, neglect and exploitation of senior citizens; 3) improves communication and understanding between seniors, law enforcement and community; 4) sponsors programs for seniors to help reduce fear of crimes and educates seniors about preventative measures they can take to protect themselves.

Bishop Hill

Thursday, June 14th

Member: \$62 • Guest: \$72

In 1846, a group of Swedish immigrants seeking religious freedom left their native land under the guidance of their charismatic spiritual leader, Erik Jansson. The site for their new utopia, called Bishop Hill, was described to them as a "land of plenty, brimming with milk and honey," and they struggled to make it so. Today Bishop Hill is a quiet country village where the charm and character of the original colony has survived the test of time. We'll have a guided tour of Bishop Hill, lunch at P.L. Johnson's with a choice of Swedish meatballs served over homemade noodles or cabbage roll of lean ground beef and rice wrapped in a tender cabbage leaf topped with a creamy tomato sauce. After lunch you'll have time to explore the colony village and browse in the unique bakery & shops.

Trip includes: Guided tour, video presentation, lunch at P.L. Johnson's, motor coach transportation and tip for the driver and step-on-guide.  to 



Hiding Out Around Lake Michigan

June 24-29, 2012



Member \$1,126 double occupancy
\$1,420 single occupancy
Guest add \$50

We travel by motor coach to the glistening waters and majestic scenery around the shores of Lake Michigan. We enter cherry growing country as we spend our first night in Grand Traverse Bay with a special dinner prepared just for you at Mission Table Restaurant. The Traverse City area is in the heart of the wine country and cherry tree orchards so we will stop and enjoy both. We tour the Music House Museum and travel north to Petoskey for a two night stay. We take a drive in the woods to visit a National Shrine which attracts millions of visitors around the world. The Cross In The Woods, which is 55 foot high, is viewed from the outdoor chapel and the indoor sanctuary. Browse the religious doll museum and then head to Mackinaw City to board the ferry for Mackinac Island. We will be greeted by horse drawn carriages that will take us on an Island carriage tour. A noon buffet lunch at the famous Grand hotel will be provided. Back in Petoskey we will visit the historic downtown area for shopping and dinner on your own.

The next day we travel to the Upper Peninsula enjoying scenic views of Hiawatha National Forest and visiting Whitefish Point Light Station. This station is the oldest active lighthouse on Lake Superior. We visit Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and Tahquamenon Falls State Park. We enjoy a "pastie" lunch at a scenic paradise. The next day we make our way through the Upper Peninsula to Pictured Rocks National Seashore Boat for a narrated sightseeing tour. The Pictured Rocks are only visible from the water; viewing yellow and red sandstone bluffs, cascading waterfalls, and fabulous forests. We find our home for the night in Sturgeon Bay, WI and experience an authentic Door County Fish Boil Dinner at one of the area supper clubs.



Temples & Treasures

Thursday, July 12th

Member: \$70 • Guest: \$80



Our first tour is at the Sri Venkateswara Swami Temple in Aurora. The artistic statues and distinctive architecture of this Hindu temple will amaze you. You'll enjoy a guided tour by Sadsivan. He will explain religious customs and services and answer any questions you may have. We




will enjoy lunch in the Naperville area. After lunch, we travel to the Naper Settlement. Come and play history detective and examine some of the more curious and unusual items in the settlement's collections. Tour the collections and care storage facility and talk with museum's curators. Learn about the questions that curators ask when examining historical artifacts to gain insight about the people from the past who owned and used them. Discover first hand how you can preserve your family's treasures, adding to the cultural heritage of our nation.



Everything is Greek, Except the Indians

Thursday, July 26th
Member: \$64 • Guest: \$74

We are invited to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in East Moline, IL. We'll enjoy a unique and inspiring look at the Greek culture and customs. A Greek guide will provide a tour of the Church with religious displays and explanations. You'll receive a name tag with your name in Greek, and enjoy a lunch of plated gyros meal or Athena Greek Style (macaroni with meat sauce). We'll dance to the Greek music. We'll make a set of worry beads which will be explained as we craft the beads.

After our visit with our Greek friends we travel to Rock Island for a self guided tour of the John Hauberg Indian Museum. You'll see the replicas of the Sauk winter and summer houses, along with dioramas with life-size figures that depict the activities of the Sauk and Meskwaki people.  to  

Cubs vs. Pirates Game

Wednesday, August 1st
Member, grandchild, guest: \$63






Take me out to the ballgame. Take me out to the crowd . . .

We have great seats at the ball park! This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your grandchild, adult child or friend to watch a Cubs

game at Wrigley Field. Come join us for the aroma of pop corn and sounds of victory for the Cubs!

I have to tell you a secret. Every Cubs game I've ever attended, the Cubs have won! Now, let's see what happens on August 1 with the Pirates.

This price includes: Terrace Reserved Infield seating, \$10 Cub Dollars (toward lunch, beverages or Cubs Stuff), motor coach transportation, and tip for the coach driver.  to  





Cruisin' the Rock

Tuesday, August 21st
Member: \$69.00 • Guest: \$79.00

Our first adventure is a 2 hour narrated boat tour on the Illinois River, viewing the rock formations and wildlife along the river. Lunch will be at the Starved Rock Lodge with a special menu just for you.



Our guide, John will meet us after lunch for a guided walking tour to search out canyons, vegetation and animal life. This walking tour is slow pace, with stops along the way. It's approximately a 1 mile walk on the trails. If you choose to forgo the walking tour, a video history of Starved Rock and museum is located in the visitor's center and is a nice way to spend an hour. Or you can stay at the lodge and enjoy relaxing on a bench and watching the birds with a cool beverage. Whatever you choose to do, it will be a great day to enjoy nature.

Price includes: 2 hour boat tour, lunch, guided nature tour, deluxe motor coach transportation, tip for driver, tip for guide 1 mile trail (optional)  to   

THE Club Breakfast

Wednesday, August 29th
Member: \$7 • Guest: \$14

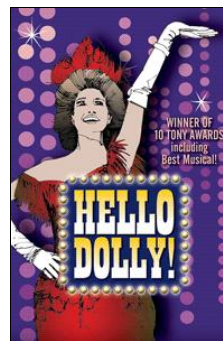
Location:.....Hickory Stick
Time:Doors open at 8:15 am
Buffet Breakfast starts at 9:00 am.
Entertainment:.....Yes
Guest Speaker:Yes
Door prizes:.....Yes

Come join the fun!




Hello Dolly ~ The Musical

Thursday, September 6th
Member: \$95 • Guest: \$105



America's favorite matchmaker is at it again. Meddling, tampering, wheedling and maneuvering; bringing laughter and music with her wherever she goes. Call on Dolly and the first lady of musical comedy will come complete with a carpetbag full of good intentions, clever schemes, hilarious mishaps and some of Broadway's best-loved songs such as "Before the Parade Passes By," "Ribbons Down My Back," "It Only Takes A Moment" and of course the unforgettable "Hello Dolly." Winner of 10 Tony Awards including Best Musical, HELLO

DOLLY features gorgeous period costumes, high-stepping dances, and delightful twists and turns. Once you meet the irrepressible Dolly you'll hope along with all of us that "Dolly will never go away again." Join us for this fabulous performance at The Fireside theater. 


Murder on the High Seas

Tuesday, September 11th
Member: \$104 • Guest: \$114

It's a murder mystery on the Fox River! This private cruise and murder mystery is provided just for THE Club. You will participate in the mystery. We'll look for clues throughout the boat and the end results will reveal "Who did it". Wear your sailing attire, such as, hats, sunglasses, shorts, etc. and help make the trip memorable. It's going to be a great time cruising the high seas and enjoying the day.



As we travel down the Fox River, we'll enjoy a delicious buffet of southern pan fried chicken, potato salad, hot baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and butter, cake and ice cream with beverage. Come join the fun!

Trip includes: murder mystery package, 3-hour Fox River Cruise, buffet lunch, deluxe motor coach transportation, and tip for the driver. 

Join the fun! Call Mary to RSVP (847) 429-9203

Canada & New England Cruise

SOLD OUT
Add Your Name
to the Wait List

Thursday September 27th through Friday, October 5, 2012
Inside Cabin • Outside Cabin
Balcony Cabin • Guest add \$100
Single supplement is an additional 50%



Board your international flight to Quebec City. Explore Quebec City and it's European cobblestone streets and unique shops. Board our floating hotel and sail along the Saint Lawrence River. It's a beautiful time of the year for a relaxing, colorful journey to this part of the country. We dock

in Corner Brook on the Island of Newfoundland, choose the optional tour that's right for you. History dates to the Maritime Archaic Indians to Captain James Cook and beyond. Another port of call is Sydney on Cape Breton Island founded in 1785. You can visit the Fortress of Louisbourg. Port of calls in Halifax and Saint Johns will introduce you to a quaint fishing village, gardens, and museums. A stop at Bar Harbor, this coastal attraction has retained much of it's charm from the glory days of the 1900's when America's elite vacationed here. We dock in Boston and will enjoy a city tour, then transfer to the airport for our journey home.



Trip includes:

- Limo service from home to/from airport
- International/domestic airfare
- 22 meals
- 1 night hotel in Quebec City
- 7 nights aboard the NCL Dawn in your selected stateroom
- One cover charge (dinner) in the Italian restaurant - Impressions on NCL
- DVD of tour
- Trip cancellation/interruption insurance (for medical reasons only)
- Shipboard gratuities \$12 per person per day
- All port charges and government taxes.

Please note fuel surcharges are quoted as of April 6, 2011 and are subject to change. A valid passport is required for this trip. (Valid 6 months after date of return.)



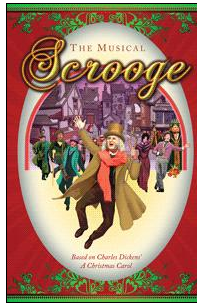
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Minimal Walking	
Moderate Walking	
Considerable Walking	
Excessive Walking	

Scrooge ~ The Musical

SOLD OUT
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Wednesday, December 5th
Member: \$95 • Guest: \$105



For two decades The Fireside Theatre has been the number one choice for Christmas entertainment for hundreds of thousands of happy theatre-goers. So who but The Fireside could present this merry, sparkling, tuneful, boisterous, big Broadway musical version of the world's most beloved Christmas story – Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL? Based on the popular musical movie starring Albert Finney, SCROOGE THE MUSICAL tells this time honored tale of redemption and love as only The Fireside can – with a beautiful and rousing musical score (including the well-known "Thank You Very Much"), breath-taking dancing, gorgeous costumes, uproarious comedy, and heart-warming drama – performed by some of the country's finest Broadway and regional performers. If you have to choose only one Christmas show this season you must come see SCROOGE THE MUSICAL at The Fireside.

2013 Extended Trips

- Western Caribbean Cruise in February
- Washington DC & Williamsburg in April
- England, Wales and Ireland in May
- The National Parks & Balloon Festival in October

Happy Retirement, Kathy!



Kathy Schroeder has been a wonderful friend and teammate, working tirelessly to make everything run smoothly for THE Club and THE Club Members. She has worked in the banking industry for 40 years. To my sadness, she has decided to retire to do the same as you, enjoy family, friends, travel, and home. I think everyone looks forward to the day they don't have a daily work schedule. She is going to take time to "smell the flowers," so to say. I wish Kathy so much happiness and best wishes, as she enjoys her retirement days. She promises to travel with us on day and extended trips. And, you will see her at a THE Club breakfast or educational seminar. Please send your good wishes to Kathy as she completes her time at THE National Bank, where she is loved and respected for her exceptional work. God bless you, Kathy!

Let's Give Back

At the May 30th THE Club Breakfast we will collect donations for Feeding Greater Elgin. Most needed items are as follows:

- Meal stuff (tuna, chili, soups, stews, macaroni & cheese, etc.)
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Apple juice (family size)
- Diapers
- Breakfast cereal
- Dried milk
- Toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue
- Cash donations are also accepted

The Feeding Greater Elgin is a new collaborative non-profit organization formed to address hunger in the greater Elgin Community. The goal is to serve hundreds of people per month by having a larger facility for food acquisition and distribution.

Thank you for your generosity!

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