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2009 EVENTS

April

28 – Grand Geneva **Preview Party*** (RSVP by April 24)

May

4 – San Antonio Getaway **Preview Party*** (RSVP by May 1)

8 – Taste of Amish Country

12 – Wealth Preservation Seminar

June

14 – *Singing in the Rain* at Little Theater on the Square

July/August

Trust Seminar with Bob Cochran (date TBA)

31 to 2 – Grand Geneva Weekend Getaway

September/ October

28 to 2 – San Antonio Getaway

***Preview Parties**, which offer a way to learn more about the travel destination and trip details, start at 6 pm. Light refreshments will be served. These also offer a chance to pre-register for a trip, especially those with limited space available.

Reserve Early!

We need a minimum number of participants for many of our trips and events to keep them cost effective, so please make your reservation as soon as possible by calling 217.351.2870. This will help us avoid having to cancel a function.

It's thumbs up for the first Illini 55 events!

You already knew that Illini 55 was off to a great start with the Wine Tasting Event, but subsequent outings added to that success. The Covered Bridge Festival Bus Trip was a fun day filled with sightseeing, shopping and lots of eating. Thankfully, it was a beautiful 70-degree fall day and the forecasted heavy rain held off until we boarded the bus to head home.

Many of us had seen *Miracle on 34th Street* many times before, but everyone enjoyed it even more on the Virginia Theatre's big screen. Having the popcorn and soft drinks ready for snacking when the curtain rose just added to a wonderful time of socializing.

We encountered some snags with availability of the first events for 2009, but we worked through those challenges and are pleased to announce our line-up, which includes an extended trip to San Antonio in the fall.



E-mail address request

Help us keep you informed of the cancellation or addition of trips by providing your e-mail address. Please send your name and e-mail address to Karen.sharp@raymondjames.com so that we can create a list. We will not share your information with anyone else; it is purely for Illini 55 and bank purposes.

Taste of Amish Country – Friday, May 8

Sit back and enjoy the view as we drive to Central Illinois Amish Country in the Arcola area. We will stop at an Amish home where our Amish hostess will serve us a family style meal of salads, fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, rolls, jams and pie — all made from scratch. As it is the Amish belief to have a prayer before a meal, we request that you honor their values with either a moment of silence or join the group-led prayer.

After we have our fill, we will travel to downtown Arcola where you can choose to shop in Amish stores or visit the Amish Interpretive Center Museum. Your meal and transportation are covered in the trip cost, but activities in downtown Arcola are at your expense. Entrance fee for the Museum is \$3.50 for those 62 and older; \$4.50 for those under 62.

- Price per person: \$35
- Minimum number required: 10
- **Must sign up by April 28**

Wealth Preservation Seminar – Tuesday, May 12 at 10 am and 5:30 pm

Is the threat of long-term care expenses and how they could impact your wealth weighing on your mind? Have you started planning how you can transfer the bulk of your hard-earned money to your children or a worthy charity with minimal tax implications?

Did you realize there are simple estate planning tips to minimize taxes and maximize wealth? Join David Veatch with Capitas Financial, LLC on May 12 to discover steps you can take to preserve and transfer your wealth. We will offer the same seminar at 10 am and 5:30 pm for your scheduling convenience.

If any of these topics are of interest, please consider attending, and bring a friend or family member who may have these same concerns. Please reserve early as space is limited. There is no cost for attending the seminar.

Little Theater on the Square – Sunday, June 14, leaving at Noon

We'll enjoy a boxed lunch en route to the Little Theater on the Square in Sullivan to see the 2 pm showing of the musical, *Singin' in the Rain*. Set in the era of Hollywood in the late 20s, it tells the story of the wild and often wacky world of Hollywood where silent pictures are coming to an end. Don Lockwood, Kathy Seldon and Cosmo Brown take center stage in this all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza. You'll hear *Good Mornin'*, *Make 'Em Laugh*, *Fit as a Fiddle* and the title song, *Singin' in the Rain*.

- Price per person: \$50
- **Must sign up by April 30**

Grand Geneva Weekend Get Away – July 31-August 2

Grand Geneva Resort in beautiful Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, offers a relaxing experience with a newly renovated spa, many dining options, an indoor water park and kids program. Enjoy a group bonfire at the horse stables, a serene walk through the trails or a drive down a fairway on two championship golf courses, all on Grand Geneva's seemingly endless acres.

Open to grandchildren, family and friends, this trip is ideal for bonding with the grandchildren at the water park, pampering yourself with your daughters at the spa or hitting the links with friends. Transportation to Grand Geneva Resort is provided and we have negotiated a group accommodation rate. All expenses incurred at the Grand Geneva are your responsibility.

Lodging: \$199 per night

Transportation: \$65 per person

Must sign up by June 1

San Antonio Getaway – September 28 – October 2

It's easy to see why San Antonio is often referred to as the "American Venice." Sidewalk cafes, historic architecture, and a beautiful river centerpiece make this a truly remarkable city.

While in San Antonio there will be time to explore at a leisurely pace on your own. A tour guide will be on hand to assist you in choosing the right destination for you. There will also be a guided tour for our group. On day three of our trip we will visit an authentic dude ranch and enjoy a traditional Texas cowboy BBQ with entertainment. During day four we will learn to cook authentic Tex-Mex and mix the perfect margarita.

Additional details and pricing will be given at the Preview party on May 4.