

Emerald Club News

The Emerald Club News is a monthly publication for members of the Central Bank Emerald Club. If you are interested in joining, please contact one of our Emerald Club Directors via phone, e-mail, or stop by one of our local offices.

Newsletter for September 2015

It seems that with the blink of an eye, summer has flown by! The first day of autumn is September 23. Let's hope we have a nice, long fall to enjoy.

The Emerald Club has been busy! The trip to the Loess Hills in June was lots of fun. There is a picture from the trip below, and more on the back page. In June and July, we enjoyed seeing many of you at our picnics! Storm Lake and Cherokee enjoyed after dinner performances by "American Pie." Sioux City played Bingo, and Spirit Lake enjoyed the piano playing and sing along with Glenn Henriksen.

Coming up this month is our trip to the Reiman Gardens in Ames, and a ride on the Boone Railroad. This should be a very fun fall day! See page two for more details on this trip.

NEW events coming up are "Lunch & Learns" hosted by Central Bank Insurance; see the article below. Our Harvest Banquets are coming up in October, and in November is a fun new overnight trip to Minneapolis to see two great shows. Read all the details inside this newsletter, then give us a call to sign-up!

Memories Made in the Loess Hills

It was a wonderful adventure on June 24! Our first stop was at the Lavender Farm in Missouri Valley, where we learned all about Lavender. We enjoyed delicious bars and lemonade, and had time to shop the unique assortment of Lavendar items.

Next was the beautiful Castle Unicorn where we enjoyed lunch and a tour. There were Knights in Armor in almost every room! The picture below was taken at Castle Unicorn.

Honey Creek Creamery was our next stop. We met friendly goats at this Century Farm, and sampled a variety of goat cheese and learned how the cheese is made. Some of us even milked a goat!

Our final stop was Sawmill Hollow, the first aronia berry farm in North America! We sampled their lemonade, specialty sauces and delicious aronia bread pudding before departing for home. It was a great day!



Central Insurance Lunch & Learns

Discussion topics will consist of:
Medicare Open Enrollment;
Long Term Care - Preserving
Your Assets; and
Final Expense Life Insurance

The lunch and meetings are free to all Emerald Club members, but please make sure to call your Emerald Club Director in advance to sign up so we can make the proper reservations!



Thursday, Sept. 10, at 11:00 AM in Storm Lake at Pizza Ranch, 517 W Milwaukee Avenue. Please RSVP by 9/8/15.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 11:00 AM in Cherokee at Family Table, 745 N 2nd Street. Please RSVP by 9/10/15.

Thursday, Sept. 17, at 11:00 AM in Spirit Lake at Pizza Ranch, 2003 18th Street. Please RSVP by 9/10/15.

Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 11:00 AM in Sioux City at Pizza Ranch, 3116 Floyd Boulevard. Please RSVP by 9/16/15.



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Employee of the Month, Jenny Carlson



This month I'd like you to meet Jenny Carlson, a teller at the downtown Storm Lake office. Jenny has been employed at Central Bank for nearly two years.

Hinton, Iowa is where Jenny grew up. She attended Iowa State University, and finished up at Buena Vista University with a bachelor's degree. Jenny is a huge Cyclone fan, and closely follows the ISU football and basketball teams.

Jenny lives in Alta and has two children; Caitlyn is 8 and will be in third grade, and Dusty is 6 and will be in Kindergarten. The family also has a furry member....a dog named Cy who is a Shih tzu - Lhasa Apso mix.

Going to Okoboji is one of Jenny's favorite things to do with her family. They enjoy boating, jet skiing, kayaking and everything else having to do with the lake! Jenny also likes to tee off with friends and family at the golf course.

Jenny's family spent a week at Disney World in Florida this year, and wonderful memories were made! Highlights included a safari ride at Animal Kingdom; a ride called "Splash Mountain" at Disney World; and seeing the dolphin show and touching the sting rays at Sea World.

The next time you come into the lobby in Storm Lake, you'll probably see Jenny with a big smile, eager to wait on you!

~by Stacy Meyer

Upcoming Emerald Club Activities

September 10, 2015 (Thursday)

Central Insurance Lunch & Learn at Pizza Ranch in Storm Lake, 11:00

September 15, 2015 (Tuesday) **Reiman Gardens & Boone Railroad for SIOUX CITY Passengers**

Depart Sioux City and drive to the Reiman Gardens and Butterfly Wing in Ames. Enjoy a guided tour, followed by free time for shopping and browsing, and an included lunch.

Next, it's time to board the Boone & Scenic Valley Train. After the ride, visit the James H. Andrews Railroad Museum. The cost for this fun day trip is \$122 per person. Call to sign-up today!

September 16, 2015 (Wednesday)

Central Insurance Lunch & Learn at Family Table in Cherokee, 11:00

September 17, 2015 (Thursday)

Central Insurance Lunch & Learn at Pizza Ranch in Spirit Lake, 11:00

September 20-28, 2015 **New York State of Mind**

Final departure letters have been sent and we have an excited group ready to go!

September 23, 2015 (Wednesday)

Central Insurance Lunch & Learn at Pizza Ranch in Sioux City, 11:00

September 30, 2015 (Wednesday) **Reiman Gardens & Boone Railroad (for Spirit Lake, Cherokee and Storm Lake Passengers)**

Our first stop will be at Reiman Gardens and Butterfly Wing. We will have a guided tour, followed by free time for shopping and browsing, and then a delicious included lunch.

Next, it's time to board the Boone & Scenic Valley Train. After the ride, visit the James H. Andrews Railroad Museum. Please call for availability.

**October 8, 2015 (Thursday)
Harvest Banquet, Cherokee**

Come to Western Iowa Tech for a delicious dinner followed by comedian Roger Radley. The doors open at 5:30 PM, and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. This is a free event for Emerald Club members, and guests may join us for \$25. Please make sure to sign-up by October 1!

**October 21, 2015 (Wednesday)
A Step Back into the 1950's**

Join us on this one-day trip as we travel to NW Iowa! Our first stop will be at the Grand Falls Casino. Take time to look around this recently opened facility. Enjoy a wonderful lunch at Roberts Buffet. Next, step back into a replica of a 1950's Malt Shop with a beautiful collection of Juke Boxes, all in a private home! Also, see a back yard turned into a Stardust Ballroom. Then on to the beautiful Calico Skies Winery to enjoy the scenic view while tasting a variety of wines.

The cost for this very unique tour is just \$88 per person, due at sign-up.

Pick-ups will be at 7:45 AM in Storm Lake and 8:15 AM in Cherokee. Returns will be approximately 6:30 PM to Cherokee and 7:00 PM to Storm Lake. There are a few seats left, give us a call today!

**October 22, 2015 (Thursday)
Harvest Banquet, Sioux City**

Come to the Marina Inn for a delicious dinner followed by musical entertainment from the Brown Family. The doors will open at 5:30 PM, and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. This is a free event for Emerald Club members, and guests may join us for \$25. Please make sure to sign up by October 15!

**October 29, 2015 (Thursday)
Harvest Banquet, Storm Lake**

The doors at the KC Hall will open at 5:30, and dinner will begin at 6:00. Enjoy after dinner entertainment to be announced. This is a free event for Emerald Club members, and guests may join us for \$25. Please make sure to sign up by October 22!



**November 4 - 5, 2015
Highway to Heaven!**

NEW!

Don't miss the fun as we travel to the Twin Cities for a *heavenly* overnight stay and two great shows!

The first day, enjoy lunch at the local Hometown Cafe in St. James, featuring a home-cooked meal and a slice of pie. Next we stop in Mankato for a guided tour of the beautiful chapel at "Our Lady of Good Counsel" Catholic Church. See the beauty of the windows, paintings and architecture throughout. Later, check into the Country Inn and Suites, Chanhassen. Tonight we have reservations for dinner and the musical comedy "Sister Act" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater.

The next day, enjoy breakfast before departing the motel. We'll make a fun stop or two on our way to the Plymouth Playhouse. Here we will have an included lunch buffet, and then see the wonderful show "Church Basement Ladies." This show is the first in the series, where it all began ten years ago. This show will make you smile, cry and laugh outloud...it is wonderful! We will return home after the show, making a fast food stop for supper on our way. Departures:

7:30 AM Depart Central Bank, Sioux City
8:45 AM Depart K Mart, Cherokee
9:30 AM Depart Walmart, Storm Lake

10:45 AM Depart Central Bank, Spirit Lake

Approximate Returns:

7:15 PM Spirit Lake

8:30 PM Storm Lake

9:00 PM Cherokee

10:15 PM Sioux City

COST: \$275 pp for doubles

\$260 pp for triples/quads

\$325 pp for singles

A deposit of \$50 at sign-up will hold your reservation with final payments due by October 2.

**November 30 - December 5, 2015
A Country Christmas in Nashville**

Day One: Travel to Champaign, IL, for an overnight stay. Enjoy an included dinner with some special entertainment.

Day Two: Arrive in Nashville and check into the Gaylord Opryland Resort, our home for the next 3 nights. Enjoy an included dinner, and a Broadway Christmas show!

Day Three: Take a ride on a Delta River Flatboat inside the resort, enjoy the Treasures for the Holiday Craft Show and a visit to the Hall of Trees. We'll tour ICE, a world of unique, larger-than-life holiday sculptures and colorful ice carvings. Enjoy another included dinner tonight, and another great Christmas show.

Day Four: This morning we will head downtown for a guided tour of Nashville. Later, enjoy a lunch cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat. There will be some free time today for exploring Nashville on your own, or relaxing at the resort.

Day Five: Depart Nashville, and arrive at St. Charles, MO, where we will take part in an annual Christmas Traditions Celebration.

Day Six: Travel home with wonderful memories of your Christmas trip to Nashville!

The cost for this tour is \$1,439 per person for double occupancy, with \$500 due at sign-up. Final payments will be due by September 30. We have detailed itineraries available. Give us a call or stop by to pick one up!



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Pictures from the Loess Hills Trip
LEFT: This photo was taken outside of the Castle Unicorn. This is a beautiful 440 acre private estate nestled in the rolling Loess Hills, and is the site of many weddings throughout the year.
BOTTOM LEFT: We learned alot about goats at the Honey Creek Creamery, and a few of us even milked them. This old certified goat dairy is in a historic bunkhouse on a century farm.
BOTTOM RIGHT: The first stop on our tour was the Lavender Farm near Missouri Valley. Did you know that it takes two bushels of lavender to make two ounces of Lavender Oil? We enjoyed a wonderful presentation and shopped the gift store full of lavender soaps, lotions, balms, sprays, peppers, oils and more.

