

THE PRIME TIMES



PRIME TIME PLUS

August 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 18 – Praise Beer and Cheese Day Trip - Registrations closed!
- 23 – Medicare Webinar

OCTOBER

- 8-19 – Canada & New England Cruise
- 23 & 24 – Ice Age Trail Hikes

NOVEMBER

- 7 – Scandinavia Tour Slideshow

- 9 – Try Scuba Lessons

DECEMBER

- 4-7 – Mystery Tour - *Spots still open!*
- 11 & 12 – Holiday Show: Christmas Carol

FEBRUARY 2025

- 13-24 – Kenya Safari
- 22 - March 5 – Kenya Safari - **Trip Added!**

- 23 – Madison Symphony: Stars Wars: A New Hope

JUNE 2025

- May 28 - June 9 – Panoramic Scandinavia Tour

SEPT. - OCT. 2025

- 30-7 – Colorado Rails and Rockies

For inquires about extended tours, please contact Prime Time Plus at (608) 767-4752.

TRY SCUBA DIVING WITH BREEZE WAY BUBBLES

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., or 2:30 p.m.
Cambridge Community Pool – 802 W. Water Street, Cambridge, WI 53523



Breezeway Bubbles Scuba is a family owned and operated Scuba Diving business located in Verona, WI. Don and Cassandra Johnson took over Breezeway Bubbles Scuba over 15 years

ago from its founders, the late Barb and Terry Spennetta. The Spennettas taught scuba diving and organized trips around the world for 15 years prior to Don and Cassandra acquiring the business. Don and Cassandra Johnson were independent scuba instructors for Fontana Sports for several years prior to meeting the Spennettas. Don and Cassandra's love and passion for scuba diving, conservation and travel pushed them to take this already established business to new heights. They are forever grateful for the opportunity they were given by the Spennetta family.

Breezeway Bubbles Scuba offers Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) certified Scuba Diving courses from beginner to professional. They take pride in assisting the new, and even the most nervous students, through any

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CHRISTMAS CAROL: A LIVE RADIO PLAY

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 or Thursday, December 12, 2024
Oil Lamp Theatre in Glenview, Illinois

You've never experienced Charles Dickens's holiday classic quite like this. Join us as the Oil Lamp Theatre in Glenview, Illinois presents this holiday classic. Charles Dickens' classic comes to life as a live 1940s radio broadcast, complete with vintage commercial breaks! A handful of actors bring dozens of characters



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul Hoffmann – President



Fellow Prime Time Plus Club Members:

As you may have heard, our Prime Time Plus Club (PTPC) has some big changes coming soon. The biggest change is that after almost 28 years managing our club (and nearly 44 years with our bank), our Club Director, Lois Boehnen, is retiring this fall. I don't think the reality of Lois's

upcoming retirement has completely sunk in with any of us yet since she has been such a fixture at our bank for so many years. We're excited for Lois to have more time to spend with her husband and family, especially her five grandchildren. Please join me in congratulating Lois on her incredible career in banking. We wish her all the best and we are excited that she is still going to join us on the Canada and New England Cruise and African Safari.

We've made a couple of other changes to ensure we continue with the amazing Prime Time program that Lois built. First, Katie Magyera will become our new Club Director. Many of you have met Katie, as she has been our Associate Club Director since last October. Lois has trained her well (it's hard to imagine how you transfer 28 years of knowledge though) and Katie already has a couple of trips under her belt.

We've also hired a new Associate Club Director, Jenny Gutzmer, to help Katie with all things PTPC. Jenny has been with our bank for just over four years and is excited to be part of our PTPC and meet our club members. You can learn more about her on page 7.

I know Katie has a lot of ideas for how we can build on Lois's efforts and continue to enhance and expand our PTPC member only offerings. Stay tuned for more information on what Katie and Jenny have planned and as always, thank you for your continued support of Lake Ridge Bank and our Prime Time Plus Club.

– Paul Hoffmann, President

DIRECTOR'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Lois Boehnen – Prime Time Plus Club Director



Dear Prime Time Plus Club Members,

This will be my final newsletter as Prime Time Plus Club Director. I retired in August after so many amazing years with Prime Time Plus, and I've been reflecting on some unforgettable moments.

Remember when we used belts to keep the bus door shut in Arizona so the air conditioning would work? Or the time we sped along the highway in jammer cars with the roofs down, wind in our hair? And who could forget the hilarious San Francisco streetcar ride or the wave that drenched us in Hawaii?

There were also the April Fool's pranks, the challenges with delayed flights and lost luggage, and the amusing loose screws in Niagara Falls. Despite these adventures, we've shared so many "wow" moments:

the Maid of the Mist, the Golden Gate Bridge, the green fields of Ireland, and many, many more.

The best part of this job has been seeing your dreams come true and watching you form friendships and become family. As I close this chapter, I want to thank the bank leadership through the years for the opportunity and support. A huge thanks to the incredible associates and Advisory Board members who have been with me on this journey.

To my husband Butch, your unwavering support and laughter have meant so much. To all our Prime Time Plus Club members, thank you for the joy you've brought into our lives.

Though I will miss you all, I'm thrilled to introduce Katie Magyera as your new Prime Time Plus Club Director and Jenny Gutzmer as your Associate Director. Katie joined us in October, and Jenny, with nearly four years at Lake Ridge Bank, started in early August. I know both of them are excited to make new memories with you.

MEDICARE ESSENTIALS: A COMPLETE GUIDE TO MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES

Monday, September 23, 2024 – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Virtual Event

Together with Lake Ridge Bank Wealth Management, Prime Time Plus Club would like to invite you to an event to learn more about Medicare!



Francis Friend
Lake Ridge Financial



Alisa Allen
WPS Health Insurance



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I'm retiring early. Can I get Medicare now? I'm turning 65 and heard I have to take Medicare, but I want to keep working. Do I have to wait to change my Medicare Supplement policy? Can I switch Medicare Advantage plans anytime? Do I need a drug plan?

Join us as Francis Friend, Associate Advisor at Lake Ridge Financial, and Alisa Allen, Senior Agency Manager for Medicare Market Solutions at WPS Health Insurance, discuss Medicare and its complimentary health insurance options as well as answer your questions. This event will be presented online as a webinar. We will continue to offer in-person events, but for this time

we are inviting you to join us virtually.

Francis Friend has a background in small business and insurance with skills in Annuities, Life Insurance, Health Insurance, and Long-Term Care planning. He has been in the customer service and insurance industry since 2008. He believes insurance protection is a critical part of maintaining financial independence and always keeps each client's best interest in focus.

Alisa Allen loves to help people and feels health insurance is a great way to demonstrate that. She has spent her career educating people about health insurance, especially the insurance options around Medicare and the benefits for Wisconsinites.

*Deadline for registration is **Wednesday, September 18, 2024.** If you are interested in attending this virtual event, please indicate your interest on the included registration form. On Friday, September 20, 2024, Prime Time Plus will email everyone who registered a link they can use to attend the webinar.*

HOLIDAY MYSTERY TOUR

December 4-7, 2024

There are a few spots open on this year's Mystery Tour! But that is all we can tell you!

Package Includes: Roundtrip coach bus transportation, three nights of lodging, six meals (three breakfasts, one lunch and two dinners), all attractions, baggage handling and gratuities for the drivers and guides.

Cost: Single room per person \$1,354.00; Double room per person \$1,154.00; Triple room per person \$1,134.00. Please add \$50.00 per person for non-members. A \$200.00 deposit per person is due with your registration to hold your spot.

Optional Travel Protection Plan Costs: Please plan to add \$124.00 per person to your deposit if you would like trip insurance. This policy is through Allianz Insurance Company.

Cancellation Policy: After Friday, October 4, 2024, the tour will be 100% non-refundable unless a travel protection plan is purchased. If you wish, you can purchase travel insurance on your own or find a replacement if you are unable to go.

Full payment is due with registration to secure your spot. Deadline for registration is **Friday October 4, 2024.** To register, please complete the form included in this newsletter. All reservations are made in date and time order.



CHRISTMAS CAROL: A LIVE RADIO PLAY Continued

to the stage, as the familiar story unfolds: Three ghosts take Ebenezer Scrooge on a thrilling journey to teach him the true meaning of Christmas.

Before the show, we will enjoy a family-style feast at The Wildfire Restaurant in Glenview, Illinois with the following menu:

Appetizers: Mediterranean Chicken Skewers and Caesar Salad

Main Courses: Spit-Roasted Chicken and Mushroom-Crusted Pork Chop



Side Dishes: Red Skin Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Market Vegetables

Desserts: Triple-Layer Cake and Cheesecake with Cherry Sauce

The lunch also includes coffee, tea and soda.

Cost: \$175.00 per member, \$195.00 per non-member. Price includes tickets, lunch, round-tip transportation, and all gratuities.

Full payment is due with registration to secure your spot. Deadline for registration is

Friday, November 1st. To register, please complete the form included in this newsletter. All reservations are made in date and time order.

PANORAMIC SCANDINAVIA DENMARK, NORWAY AND SWEDEN SLIDE SHOW

Thursday, November 7, 2024. St. Francis Xavier Fellowship Hall, 2947 Thinnes St., Cross Plains, WI (located behind the church)

Light meal and registration - 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Slideshow and questions - 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Prime Time Plus Club has collaborated with Cruises and Tours Worldwide to bring you another incredible trip! We will be going to Scandinavia from May 28-June 9, 2025.

countryside, visiting historic sites like Helsingoer (Elsinore) and Kronborg Castle, famous as Hamlet's home. We will also view the Queen's summer residence, Frederiksberg Castle, and Tivoli Gardens. After our stay in Copenhagen, we will board an overnight ship to Oslo, Norway.

In Oslo, we will tour the city's highlights such as Frogner Park,

historical significance. In Bergen, we will explore the city's historic sites and visit Troidhaugen, the home of composer Edvard Grieg. Our journey continues with fjord cruises and the famous Flaam Railway, leading to Sanderstoelen and eventually crossing into Sweden. In Karlstad, Sweden, we visit Gripsholm Castle before concluding our trip with a tour of

Stockholm, including the City Hall and Vasa Ship Museum.

Full details will be available during our slide show presented by Cruises and Tours Worldwide on **Thursday, November 7, 2024.**

Please note: Registration forms for this trip will be distributed at the slide show meeting.

*Please RSVP by **Friday, November 1, 2024.** To register, please complete the form included in this newsletter. All reservations are made in date and time order.*



Our Scandinavian adventure begins with an overnight flight to Copenhagen, Denmark. While there we will explore the city and North Zealand's picturesque

Holmenkollen Ski Jump, and the Fram and Kon Tiki Museums. We will drive through the scenic Norwegian landscapes to Lofthus, known for its natural beauty and

TRY SCUBA WITH BREEZE WAY BUBBLES *Continued*

of the PADI dive classes. They strive to offer a fun environment where you can find yourself immersed, not only underwater, but in a community of dive friends. ***Additionally, Breezeway Bubbles has been recognized for the large number of divers they enroll in their classes over the age of 50. In fact, they have many dive professionals that recently graduated as divemasters and instructors who have taken more than 60 rotations around the sun!***



International, regional and local trips are a specialty of Breezeway Bubbles. They plan every detail of each trip, and they have traveled throughout the world to

scuba dive. Some destinations include Bonaire, Belize, Cozumel, Palau, Egypt, Indonesia, Saba, Fiji, Hawaii, Curacao, Thailand, Philippines, Bahamas and the Cayman Islands. The memories and friendships made during these trips are some of the most treasured moments to Don and Cassandra and their team.

Most of their open water training is at Devil's Lake, Pearl Lake, and Lake Wazee. Breezeway Bubbles Scuba enjoys being a part of the local diving community. They recently relocated to Verona; their PADI 5 Star facility offers full-service retail, dive training and travel opportunities to all.

Prime Time Plus is proud to offer Breezeway Bubbles' "Try Scuba" class to our members! The "Try Scuba" program allows anyone to give Scuba Diving a try in the shallow end of a pool before they commit to the complete Open Water certification course. The "Try Scuba" class includes

a short lesson on the safety and techniques required to try diving the first time. Breezeway Bubbles will provide all the equipment for Prime Time Plus members to try it out; just bring along a towel and your swimsuit. There will be a locker room available. ***If you love the experience, Breezeway Bubbles will provide the course materials for you to start the Open Water class. You will be on your way to becoming a certified Scuba Diver!***

Our class will be on Saturday, November 9 at the Cambridge Community Pool. This pool has a large shallow area for all members to safely try scuba diving. The cost is \$40 per person, however, Breezeway Bubbles will provide you with a credit towards your Open Water class if you decide to sign up within 7 days of your Try Scuba event!

Cost: \$40.00 per member, \$45.00 per non-member.

*Full payment is due with registration to secure your spot. Deadline for registration is **Friday, October 18, 2024**. To register, please complete the form included in this newsletter. All reservations are made in date and time order.*

SECOND TRIP TO AFRICA IS OPEN

Safari in Kenya – February 22-March 5, 2025

Prime Time Plus Club has opened up a second trip to Africa, but spots are limited! Please call if you would like to learn more or register to join us!

Luxury Tented Camp Safari - Up-Close with the Big Five: Start in a five-star hotel in Nairobi, Kenya before 6-nights in luxury tented camps in Sweetwater's, Samburu, and the Maasai Mara with a final stay in Nairobi before flying home. Visits to Trust Elephant Nursey in Nairobi National Park, game drives in the Pejeta Conservancy, home to the largest population of white rhinos, and time in the Buffalo Springs Game Reserve, plus much more!

*Deadline for registration is **Monday, September 15, 2024**. All reservations will be made in date and time order.*



MADISON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT THE MOVIES

Star Wars: A New Hope

Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. – Overture Center - Madison, WI

Prime Time Plus is excited to offer a unique concert experience to our members as you enjoy the music of the Madison Symphony Orchestra in a whole new way!

The Madison Symphony Orchestra at the Movies presents **Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert**. Guests will enjoy the complete film while listening to the Oscar®-winning score by composer John Williams' played live by the Madison Symphony Orchestra.



Since the release of this first Star Wars movie over 45 years ago, the Star Wars saga has had a seismic impact on both cinema and culture, inspiring audiences around the world with its mythic storytelling, captivating characters, groundbreaking special effects, and iconic musical scores composed by Williams. Fans will experience the scope and grandeur of this beloved film in a live symphonic concert experience.

Lake Ridge Bank is a proud sponsor of the Madison Symphony Orchestra. We are excited to have you join us as we experience this iconic movie in a whole new way!

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Cost: \$99 per member, \$119 per non-member. Price includes round trip transportation to the Overture Center from a pick-up location, gratuities and tickets to the show. Pick-up times and locations will be confirmed after the registration deadline.

*Full payment is due with registration to secure your spot. Deadline for registration is **January 20, 2025**. To register, please complete the form included in this newsletter. All reservations are made in date and time order.*

ICE AGE TRAIL HIKE: LODI SEGMENT

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 or Thursday, October 24, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Point: Lodi High School Parking lot at 1100 Sauk Street, Lodi, WI 53555

Please join us on a guided hike of the Ice Age Trip: Lodi Segment. The route takes hikers through the charming City of Lodi, an Ice Age Trail Community. The entire segment is 2.2 miles. This hike will be an out and back (starting and ending at the same location).

Begin the hike by crossing a 150-foot-long footbridge designed to resemble a 16th-century Chinese Rainbow Bridge. The bridge connects Lodi School District buildings, now part of a newly designated Ice Age Trail Campus. Learn more about the prairie restoration efforts in the Dary Prairie just behind the middle school. Hike on the newly yellow blazed section of trail by the Lakeland Hills Country Club and see first-hand how the Ice Age Trail Alliance builds a new trail.

This hike is rated two out of three for challenge, so it is a moderate hike. The elevation for the hike is rated at a two out of five so it will be relatively flat. This hike will be led by the Lodi Chapter of Volunteers with the Ice Age Trail.



Please Note: This activity will take place outside rain or shine. We will cancel if the weather is unsafe. Participants will be walking longer

distances with uneven terrain. Please dress appropriately.

We will meet in the Lodi High School Parking lot at 1100 Sauk Street, Lodi, WI 53555. More details on the meeting spot and the event will be sent out a week prior to the hike.

Please include a \$10.00 donation for members and non-members with registration to secure your spot.

*Full payment is due with registration to secure your spot. Deadline for registration is **Friday, October 11, 2024**. To*

register, please complete the form included in this newsletter. All reservations are made in date and time order.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Katie Magyera – Prime Time Plus Club Director



Dear Prime Time Plus Club Members,

What a whirlwind this summer has been! We gathered for hikes in Pheasant Branch. Explored Iceland with two successful tours. And over 700 members joined us for the Maggie Mae concert. What a show it was!

We also welcomed Jenny to the Prime Time Plus team. A

perfect addition. And now, we wish Lois all the best as she starts her new chapter in retirement. Her impact and legacy with the Prime Time Plus Club will never be forgotten. I feel lucky every day to be part of this community. If I have not had the opportunity to meet you yet, I look forward to meeting you soon!

Now, as this newsletter launches, I hope at least one of our new events excites you! Always remember that Prime Time Plus is powered by each and every one of you! Never stop telling us where you want to go and what you want to do! Jenny and I cannot wait for all the adventures ahead!

WELCOME JENNY GUTZMER

Meet our new Prime Time Plus Club Associate Director



Hello everyone! I am Lake Ridge Bank's new Prime Time Plus Club (PTPC) Associate Director, **Jenny Gutzmer**. I certainly appreciate that I have some big shoes to fill as I join the team created by our longtime Club Director, Lois Boehnen, who is retiring this August. With nearly four years at Lake Ridge Bank working with our credit card and treasury management

clients, I am excited about the opportunity to join the PTPC team and cannot wait to get started!

When Lois announced her retirement and the Associate Director position opened, I knew it would be the dream

job for me for many reasons. I love meeting and working with people and look forward to putting my love of travel to good use as well. Having been involved in some PTPC events already, I sincerely appreciate the opportunities our club provides members to continue learning and developing friendships with other members.

On a more personal level, I grew up in Middleton and now live in Waunakee. I have three grown sons (one of which is getting married in December). In addition to traveling, I enjoy cooking and trying as many new area restaurants as I can. I also enjoy spending time outside gardening and reading a lot of books when I cannot get outside.

"I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and sharing new adventures with you."

ICELAND TRIP PHOTOS





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We hope you will stop in to see us soon at any of our Lake Ridge Bank locations!

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