

UWRA COACH TOUR PROGRAM 2012 – by TERRY WELDON

Our 2012 season of Coach Tours is about to begin! Please join us for one, or all of our trips and get caught up on the news from all of your UW friends!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012 TOYOTA PLANT, NEW UW BUILDINGS

NOTE: At the time of publication, this trip is fully booked. If, however, you are interested in taking part, you may have your name added to the waiting list by registering with Rediña, as described below.

Our new season of day-tripping starts right here, close to home! Many changes have taken place on the UW campus in recent years and we have been invited to explore two of our newest buildings.

Our morning of touring begins at Engineering 6, the new home of Chemical Engineering, where we will be treated to a guided, first-hand view of the sparkling, new facilities. A coffee break and rest period will follow in the E6 faculty and staff lounge.

Our bus will then transfer us to the new Environment 3 building, where we will learn of their many current projects and observe their marvelous, new surroundings. **NOTE:** In order to keep the amount of walking to a minimum during our campus tours, we will be using our bus for transport as often as possible.

In late morning, we will take to the road for the short trip to Kitchener's Mandarin Restaurant. Here, Mandarin's famous buffet lunch awaits us.

After lunch, we will drive to the Toyota manufacturing plant, which is located just around the corner. Upon arriving, we will transfer to a motorized tram for our one-hour plant tour. We will see the fascinating process of how an automobile is constructed, from start to finish! Toyota Cambridge has received many awards over the years for outstanding quality in their manufactured products!

COST: \$45.00 dollars for UWRA members, including spouses and guests; \$50.00 dollars for non-members. Price includes transportation by school bus, coffee break, lunch, all guided tours, all taxes and gratuities.

BUS DEPARTURE TIME AND LOCATION: 8:30am, UW parking lot X (behind Optometry). Free parking for UWRA cars has been arranged with UW Parking Services. Please arrive at least ten minutes prior to departure time to obtain your free parking permit. Returning to UW at approximately 3:45pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012 THEATRE ORANGEVILLE – "MENOPOSITIVE"

Join us for a fun-filled day at the theatre, as we travel to Theatre Orangeville to enjoy a performance of Menopositive! – The Musical!

"Is it hot in here, or is it just me?" It's hot all right and getting hotter! J.J. McColl's Menopositive! – The Musical, will crank up the heat in this hilarious musical comedy that tells the story of four 50ish women who come together to stage a review for their 35th high school reunion. What unfolds is a rollicking and riveting explosion of music, revelations and gut-splitting humour about "the change"!

Our day begins as we board our coach for a pleasant drive to the pretty town of Orangeville. Upon arrival there, a local guide will join us to conduct a tour of Orangeville's famous tree sculptures, a series of 43 carvings created by artisans from around our province.

Then a delicious lunch will be served at the historic Greystones Inn, one of Orangeville's oldest buildings, dating back to 1860. The premises are said to be haunted by the ghost of Red Feather, an Indian maiden, who took her own life there.

After lunch, it's a short stroll to the theatre and our afternoon's entertainment. NOTE: Because we must pay in full for our theatre tickets by April 23, 2012, we cannot offer refunds after that date.

COST: \$90.00 dollars for members, including spouses and guests; \$95.00 dollars for non-members. Price includes motor coach, tree sculptures, lunch, theatre admission, all taxes and gratuities.

COACH DEPARTURE TIME AND LOCATION: 9:00am, UW parking lot X (behind Optometry). Free parking for UWRA cars has been arranged with UW Parking Services. Please arrive at least ten minutes prior to departure time to obtain your free parking permit. Returning to UW at approximately 6:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012

SHAW FESTIVAL – RAGTIME

The feature attraction at this year's Shaw Festival is the compelling musical – "Ragtime". In this powerful, musical portrait, an era of innovation and unrest is set to the rhythms of ragtime. A sweeping saga of turn-of-the-century America, seen through the eyes of three families – the suburbanites of New Rochelle, the African-American community in Harlem and the Eastern-European immigrants of the Lower East Side. The story is based on E.L. Doctorow's kaleidoscopic, ground-breaking novel set to a Tony Award-winning score.

Our morning departure, via motor coach, will take us to Niagara-on-the-Lake, arriving in time for lunch at the Old Winery Restaurant, where we will be served a delicious meal with an Italian flare. Our coach will have full access to the restaurant, allowing drop-off and pick-up at the door.

In early afternoon, we will be taken to the Festival Theatre for the afternoon performance.

COST: \$120.00 dollars for members, including spouses and guests; \$125.00 dollars for non-members. Price includes motor coach, lunch, theatre admission, all taxes and gratuities.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012

GRAND VILLAGES SOUTH

The Grand River watershed is rich with history and its towns and villages contain many stories just waiting to be told. Come with us, as Warren Stauch of Shunpiking Tours, guides us down the Grand to its mouth at Lake Erie.

We begin our excursion in Blair and follow the east bank of the Grand through Glen Morris, Paris, Onondaga and York. At noon, we will enjoy a hot, roast beef dinner, capably served up by the ladies of the Cayuga Royal Canadian Legion. Then, we continue on to Dunnville and Port Maitland, where the Grand flows into Lake Erie. Warren will provide us with a running commentary as we travel.

Our return journey runs along the west bank of the Grand, through Mount Healey and the Six Nations Reserve, to Brantford.

COST: \$62.00 dollars for members, including spouses and guests; \$67.00 for non-members. Price includes motor coach, lunch, services of Warren Stauch, all taxes and gratuities.

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CANCELLATION POLICY

Because we must pay our suppliers for numbers reserved in advance, we regret that we cannot offer refunds for cancellations made within seven days of the trip departure date, unless otherwise stated in the trip description. We do maintain a waiting list when applicable and if a replacement can be found within a reasonable time, a refund may then be made. If you find on the morning of departure that you must cancel, please call Terry Weldon at (519) 744-3246, at least one hour before departure time to avoid delaying the group. Thank you.

RESERVATIONS

For reservations and information, contact Rediña Caracaz, B-435 Bairstow Cr., Waterloo, ON, N2K 2H7. Email preferred: rcaracaz@sympatico.ca. Phone: (519) 885-6719. Please make cheques payable to: UW Retirees' Association and mail to Rediña's address shown above. For further information, contact Terry Weldon at: email: terryweldon@rogers.com . Phone: (519) 744-3246.

WEB SITE

Please note that all trip details can be found on our Association's web site at: <http://retirees.uwaterloo.ca>. Click on "Social Events & Tours" and then on "for more information....".