WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

QUITE OFTEN I AM ASKED QUESTIONS THAT BEGIN WITH THIS COMMON PHRASE, "ARE YOU PLANNING A BUS TRIP TO...? THERE ARE SEVERAL POPULAR DESTINATIONS THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN. BRANSON, THE DELLS, THE ARK ENCOUNTER AND CREATION MUSEUM, THE NATIONAL QUARTET CONVENTION AND MACKINAC ISLAND,

PLANNING A TRIP REQUIRES MAKING THE PLANS WELL IN ADVANCE. I HAVE TO SECURE A MOTOR COACH, HOTEL ROOMS, EVENT TICKETS, DINNER RESERVATIONS, ETC.

WITH THE ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE OF LONGTIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PEGGY WENTLAND IN JUNE I WAS HESITANT TO TAKE ON ANY OTHER TRIP S THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, PEGGY'S REPLACEMENT, JAYNE PETERSON, HAS SHOWN SHE IS MORE THAN UP FOR THE TASK OF KEEPING TRACK OF ALL OF THE RESERVATIONS. AND SO I PUT TOGETHER THE BUS TRIP TO THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL QUARTET CONVENTION IN PIGEON FORGE TN. THAT TAKES PLACE THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. AS OF RIGHT NOW, THE BUS IS NOW HALF FULL. WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS FOR 20 MORE PEOPLE.

MANY HAVE ASKED ABOUT MACKINAC ISLAND. RECENTLY I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO GET THROUGH TO THE NEW SALES DIRECTOR AT THE GRAND HOTEL. I STILL HAVE A FEW T'S TO CROSS AND I'S TO DOT BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE OFFERING A TRIP TO MACKINAC ISLAND AND THE GRAND HOTEL THIS YEAR. THE DATES ARE OCTOBER 16 -18. FINAL COSTS ARE STILL BE WORKED OUT BUT IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GOING WITH US, CONTACT US TO BE PUT ON THE LIST. WE CAN TAKE 48 PEOPLE WITH US.

I HAVE ALSO BEGUN WORKING ON NEXT YEAR'S BUS SCHEDULE. I'M PLANNING ON PUTTING TOGETHER TRIPS TO BRANSON IN MARCH, THE DELLS IN MAY, THE CREATION MUSEUM AND ARK ENCOUNTER IN JUNE, THE NQC IN SEPTEMBER AND MACKINAC ISLAND IN OCTOBER.

ALSO THIS YEAR IS OUR 55^{TH} ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. IT WILL FEATURE THE MUSIC OF LEGACY FIVE. TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR THIS EVENT THAT TAKES PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 23. IN ADDITION I AM WORKING ON A DECEMBER CONCERT. IT'S TOO EARLY TO ANNOUNCE WHO WILL BE COMING. STAY TUNED. OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WRVM.ORG FOR THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. IF ANY OF THIS INTERESTS YOU, LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.