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To: NAARVA Central Region Members

Enclosed is your 2012 NAARVA-Central Region Rally registration packet. The rally is scheduled for June 3 thru June 10, 2012 at the Amana Colonies RV Park & Event Center in Amana, Iowa. The enclosed information describes some of the exciting activities/events awaiting you at this rally.

The theme for this year's rally is having a "New Adventure At a Rustic Village in Amana." This theme was selected because of the rich and interesting history of the Amana colonies. The seven (7) colonies have many sites that are on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Do you like to shop? If you are an antique lover, wine connoisseur or someone who simply enjoys browsing through shops filled with exquisitely hand crafted and unique items, you will find shopping in the Amanas a delightful experience. Nearly 60 different specialty stores are dotted throughout the villages.... unique Christmas shops, needlework and quilt shops, many quality antique shops, heirloom furniture and clock shops. You can find beautiful handcrafted ironwork and baskets, unique woolens from Iowa's only woolen mill, all in galleries and shops filled with treasures created by artisans dedicated to the tradition of quality.

Now, don't confuse "AM" in Amana with the Amish community. The people who live in the Amana Colonies do share a common religion, but they have fully adopted the modern conveniences of today. You will have several opportunities during the rally to find out more about their history and beliefs and other interesting aspects of the colonies. However, you will not find any discount stores or chain restaurants in any of the colonies.

We look forward to seeing you in Amana!

Carolyn J. Buford
Central Region Director

on behalf of the

2012 Central Region Rally Team

2012 CENTRAL REGION RALLY GENERAL INFORMATION

Please retain these rally information pages for your future reference

This information is being sent to you to help make the registration process fairly simple and as informative as possible. You may duplicate the Registration Form prior to completing it and share with other families. It can also be downloaded from the Central Region webpage on the NAARVA website at WWW.NAARVA.COM.

All registrations postmarked after May 21, 2012, will be charged a late fee of \$25.00. Do not mail any registration after May 21, 2012. The deadline to receive mail-in registration is May 25, 2012. On-site gate registrations will be charged an additional \$35.00 fee above and beyond the regular registration fee with cash being the acceptable method of payment.

Acceptable forms of payment: Payment must be made in full by check or money order. Do not send cash. All returned checks will be assessed a fee of \$30.00 and a \$15.00 administrative fee above and beyond the registration fee. Payment after May 25, 2012 must be paid in full by money order or cashier check.

Parking: RV's will be parked from Sunday, June 3rd to Wednesday, June 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Those arriving after 6:00 p.m. will have to park in the area west of the RV office which does not have any hookups. The parking team will park you after 8:00 a.m. the next morning. Please do not attempt to park yourself. Chapters and groups that want to park together must send in their registration forms in the same envelope. For the informal groups that want to park together please assign your group a unique name (i.e. Traveling Wonders, etc.) on your registration form.

Campsites: One hundred and forty (140) full hook-up sites of which 102 have 50-amp electricity have been reserved for the rally. Once the 140 campsites are filled, people will be assigned to electric and water only sites.

Buildings: All buildings within the complex are air conditioned.

Handicap Parking: People who request handicap parking will be assigned a site as close as possible to the buildings being used for the rally. These sites have full hook-ups and a size dimension of at least 20' X 70'. Please send a copy of your doctor's certificate or a copy of both sides of your rear view mirror handicap placard with your registration form. There are sites that are closer to where the majority of activities will be held but they DO NOT have a sewer connection. So, if you would like one of these sites please check the appropriate box on your registration form.

Extra Night Parking: If you wish to stay after Sunday, June 10th, please designate this on your registration form. The rate for the extra day(s) parking is \$22.50 per day.

Planned Events

All Stars NAARVA “Spotlight” Talent Show: Here’s your chance to perform before family, friends and NAARVA members on Wednesday, June 6th starting at 7:30 p.m. This talent show is open to any age to showcase a colorful array of talents including, but not limited to, solo or duo musicians, impressionists, jugglers, ventriloquists, magicians, dancers, stand-up comics, solo singers, and those with unusual and unique fun talents. We are seeking 1 or 2 groups/acts from each club to participate in the “Spotlight.” Your participation will make this a successful event.

Auction: Each chapter/group is asked to furnish two (2) gift items valued at \$15 or more. Items are to be gift bagged or wrapped in newspaper. Individuals may also donate items. Bring your gifts to the Morton Building Saturday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. *Remember that if your gift item does not appear to be worth \$15.00, then the person winning the auction for this gift has a right to ask for a refund.*

Bean Bag Baseball Tournament: Each chapter or group will be asked to participate as a team in this tournament which will take place on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each team will need to have a minimum of 5 people. Please let your Chapter President or group leader know whether or not you wish to be part of the team. Until then, get your “pitching arm” warmed up.

Calk Walk: Each chapter is asked to furnish three cakes or sealed baked goods. Bring your items to the Morton Building on Thursday from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Be sure to stay to enjoy the cake walk which starts at 1:30 p.m.

Card Bingo: Come enjoy this exciting and fast paced game on Monday night. There will be a \$.25 fee collected for each game.

Central Region Steakout: This is the planned meal for Saturday night from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. which will include grilled steak or chicken, baked potato, salad and bread. Volunteers are needed to help with initial food preparation and the grilling of the steak and chicken. Do remember to bring your favorite beverage, eating utensils and, of course, your appetite. *(Please designate your entrée preference(s) on the first page of the registration form.)*

Exer-Dancing: Let’s officially begin the rally on Wednesday afternoon with a little low impact exercise combined with the “original” electric slide dancing.

Gospel Reception: The Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church Tabernacle Choir from Cedar Rapids will be performing. Come out and hear their wonderful voices. We will also have other activities presented on Sunday night to start off your adventure in Amana, Iowa.

Great Amana Ticket Hunt: Visit the various merchants in Amana and win a gift if your ticket is posted.

Horseshoe Tournament: This is a newly introduced event for the region which is scheduled to take place on Friday, June 8th. Please designate on the second page of the registration form if you wish to participate in this event.

Iowa Pancake Breakfast: On Thursday morning, come enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with your friends and family. The breakfast will include not only pancakes, but also sausage and coffee.

NAARVA Marketplace: This flea market event will take place for several hours on Saturday, June 9th. So, start gathering the items you want to offer for sale. Both new and gently used items are acceptable.

Red Hat Tea: Here is an opportunity to enjoy yourself, strut your colors and partake of delicious food and stimulating conversation. This event will be held on Friday, June 8th in the Morton Building.

Region Feast: The theme of this year's region feast is "A Feast of Celebrations." Each chapter/group in the Central Region will be asked to be responsible for preparing a meal on Thursday, June 7th at 5:30 p.m., which represents food from a selected holiday/celebration for 20 to 25 people. Each rally attendee will be given meal tickets to select meals provided by the various Central Region chapters/groups. Nicole Griffin will be contacting the club Presidents and group leaders with additional information.

Optional Events

African American Museum of Iowa: African American Museum of Iowa is a museum in Cedar Rapids, IA that's dedicated in preserving, publicizing, and educating the public on the African American heritage and culture of Iowa. The museum's history began when the heritage of African Americans in Iowa was in danger of being lost without major efforts to preserve it. In 1994, a small group from Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Cedar Rapids began the project in celebration of Black History Month. They have year round programs like education programs, special events, women's conference, children's oral history, and more. They also have exhibits that are permanent, changing, virtual, and more.

We will car caravan eighteen (18) miles to Cedar Rapids to visit this museum on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Amana Walking Winery Tour: Take a walking tour of the Amana Village and learn about the Colonies' wine making history on Monday, June 4th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This tour also includes a 22-minute video detailing the history of the Seven Amana Colonies and a brief tour of the museum. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Authentic Amana Colony Dinner: An all-you-can-eat dinner consisting of three (3) entrées, multiple side dishes, a desert and drink. The entrées that have been selected are Amana Ham, chicken and Swiss steak. This dinner will be held at Ronneberg restaurant on Friday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. Seating is limited to 50 people and the cost of the meal is \$20 for adults which include taxes and tip.

Casino Trip: For those of you who want to try your luck at a local casino, a shuttle will pick you up on Monday, June 4th for a visit to the Riverside Casino. The cost of the shuttle will be \$10.00 for which you will receive \$10.00 back in free slot play, a \$5.00 certificate lunch buffet plus your transportation to and from the casino. Persons with a birthday in June will also receive a free gift and a tee shirt. In order to get your player's card in advance, please designate the name of the person(s) who will be taking this trip and their date of birth. If you don't wish to provide a birth date then you may have to stand in line at the casino to receive your player's card.

Clock Making Class: The class is scheduled for Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and will give everyone a chance to work with one of the craftsman from the Amana Furniture Company and have some fun building a clock. There is no woodworking skills required as all the parts will be provided and ready for you to sand, fit, assemble and provide a light finish. What a unique and great gift for that special someone in your life.

This class, including a tour of the furniture company, will last 2-3 hours and is limited to 12-15 people at a cost of \$50.00. So, if you are interested in attending this class be sure to register early. The dimensions of the clock are 11" wide, 9 ¾" tall and 2 ¾" deep. There is an example of one of their "finished" clocks on the Central Region section of the NAARVA website.

Village Voyage Van Tour: Take a Village Voyage! Learn the history of the Amana Colonies while visiting each of the villages and discovering interesting things to do and see. Stop at historic sites, shops that created old world crafts and a true "Amana" home. Seating is limited to twelve (12) people per tour. You can take this 3 hour tour on either Monday or Friday.

Other Rally Information

Motorcycles and Motorized scooters: All motorized two wheeled vehicles must be insured if they will be ridden in the RV Park.

Region shirts: A form to order region shirts is available on the NAARVA website. The link to the form is located on the Central Region web page.

Vendors: Many RV and Booth vendors have been invited to participate, so be sure to visit their exhibits or booths. You can visit the Booth Vendors in the Pioneer Building within the RV Park. The RV exhibits will be located in the RV Park in close proximity to the rally campsites.

Other Rally Information

Organizational Colors – Please wear the following:

Chapter/Group Colors – Thursday, June 7th

Central Region Colors (Purple shirt) – Friday, June 8th

NAARVA Colors (Black & White) – Saturday, June 9th

Nearby Shopping

Tanger Factory Outlet - Williamsburg, Iowa (18 miles away via I-80)

Shopping Centers and Wal-Mart - Cedar Rapids or Iowa City (Both approximately 18 miles away)

New Pioneer Food Coop - 22 South Van Buren, Iowa City, Iowa or 1101 2nd Street, Coralville, Iowa

Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must adhere to the following criteria:

1. Must be requested in writing.
2. Must be postmarked no later than May 21, 2012.

Send your request to receive a refund to:

Pat Walker
NAARVA-Central Region
P.O. Box 473084
Aurora, CO 80047-3084

All approved refunds will have a \$25.00 administrative fee deducted. Any refunds after May 21, 2012 have to be approved by the Central Region Executive Board.

Rally Contacts:

Contact Information: For questions regarding the rally registration package, please contact one of the following people:

Carolyn Buford, Central Region Director
(816) 728-3351
cibuford@sbcglobal.net

or

Pat Brady, Central Region Treasurer
(502) 551-9268
pbrady7489@aol.com

Directions to the Amana Colonies RV Park:

Exit 225 on I-80 and go north on Hwy 151 for 5 miles. At the Hwy 6 intersection, turn right toward Homestead. Hwy 6 will merge with Hwy 151, ½ mile south of Homestead. Proceed on Hwy 151 for 3 miles toward Amana. At the intersection of Hwy 151 and 220, proceed straight ½ mile to C St. and turn left (west). Go ½ mile and RV Park Entrance is on the left.

The Amana Colonies RV Park & Event Center is located in the heart of Amana, conveniently off of Highway 151 - Just minutes from Cedar Rapids!



GPS Coordinates: N 41.81396 W -91.87819

2012 NAARVA-Central Region Rally

June 3rd thru 10th

Amana Colonies RV Park & Event Center

Amana, Iowa

RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

Please type or print clearly, duplicate first for additional adults or children

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

NAARVA Membership 94- _____ E-Mail _____
(If you provide an email address, rally updates will be emailed to you.)

Name of local chapter or group _____

Is this your first regional rally? Yes _____

Type of Unit: Trailer _____ 5th Wheel _____ Motor Home: Class A _____ Class B _____ Class C _____

Make of Unit _____ Model _____ Year _____ Length _____

Number of Slide-Outs _____ No. on Driver's Side _____ No. on Passenger's Side _____

Handicap parking needed? Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, please attach your current Doctor's Certificate, or a photo copy of both sides of your rear mirror Handicap placard.) Would prefer a closer water and electric only site

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____
Name Phone

Additional Adult(s) 1. _____ Name _____
2. _____ Name _____
3. _____ Name _____
4. _____ Name _____

Youth Registration: In order to plan the appropriate activities for children and youth, they must be listed below.

1. Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____
2. Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____
3. Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____
4. Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____
5. Name _____ Age _____ M _____ F _____

Central Region Steakout: Please specify below the total number of preferred entrée(s) for all rally attendees

Steak _____ Chicken _____

2012 NAARVA-Central Region Rally Fees

RALLY FEES:

June 3rd – June 10th, 2012 (Sunday to Sunday)

RV with 2 Adults	\$260	\$ _____
RV with 1 Adult	\$230	\$ _____
Each Additional Adult	# _____ X \$70 =	\$ _____
Children/Youth 6-15	# _____ X \$30 =	\$ _____
Children 5 and under	# _____ X \$10 =	\$ _____

June 6th – June 10th, 2012 (Wednesday to Sunday)

RV with 2 Adults	\$195	\$ _____
RV with 1 Adult	\$165	\$ _____
Each Additional Adult	# _____ X \$70 =	\$ _____
Children/Youth 6-15	# _____ X \$30 =	\$ _____
Children (5 and under)	# _____ X \$10 =	\$ _____

Extra days: No. of days _____ X \$22.50 = Date(s) _____ \$ _____

LATE REGISTRATION FEE:

Any registration postmarked after May 21st, add \$25.00 \$ _____

Non-NAARVA Member fee: Add \$50.00 \$ _____

Golf Cart Rental Two Passenger Cart: (Prices effective until 3-23-2012)

Sunday to Sunday \$140
Wednesday to Sunday \$80

Four Passenger Cart:

Sunday to Sunday \$245
Wednesday to Sunday \$140 \$ _____

SUB-TOTAL OF ABOVE FEES: \$ _____

Gate Registration: Add \$35.00 \$ _____

(This includes late fee plus an administrative fee.)

Optional Events:

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| 1. Red Hat Tea | # _____ X \$10.00 = | \$ _____ |
| 2. Amana Dinner (Adult) | # _____ X \$20.00 = | \$ _____ |
| (Children 5-12) | # _____ X \$9.00 = | \$ _____ |
| (Children 1-4) | # _____ X \$5.00 = | \$ _____ |
| 3. Village Voyage Van Tour | Mark which day Mon <input type="checkbox"/> or Friday <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| (Adult) | # _____ X \$15.00 = | \$ _____ |
| (Under 12) | # _____ X \$10.00 = | \$ _____ |
| 4. Walking Winery Tour | # _____ X \$5.00 = | \$ _____ |
| 5. Clock Making Class | # _____ X \$50.00 = | \$ _____ |
| 6. Casino Trip | # _____ X \$10.00 = | \$ _____ |
| a. Name _____ | DOB _____ | |
| b. Name _____ | DOB _____ | |
| 7. African American Museum of Iowa | # _____ X \$2.00 = | \$ _____ |
| 8. Horseshoe Tournament | Yes _____ No _____ | |
| 9. "Spotlight" Talent Show | Yes _____ No _____ | |

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FEES: \$ _____

CHECK No. _____

2012 NAARVA-Central Region Rally Fees

Payment information: A service charge of \$45 will be imposed for all returned checks. No cash payment will be accepted other than for onsite gate registration.

Cancellation fee: A \$25 service charge will be imposed if cancelling before May 21, 2012. No refund after May 21 without Executive Board approval.

Make Check payable to NAARVA-Central Region and mail to:

Pat Walker
NAARVA-Central Region
P.O. Box 473084
Aurora, CO 80047-3084

Amana Colonies RV Park & Event Center

The Amana Colonies RV Park is located in the heart of Iowa's historic Amana Colonies. This National Historic Landmark hosts over a million visitors each year. Featuring seven historic villages in close proximity, the area is famous for its Old World charm and hospitality. You'll find excellent restaurants, historic architecture, unique shops, and fascinating museums. The Amana Colonies RV Park & Event Center offers over 450 camp sites on 60 acres of the Iowa prairie. Located just fifteen minutes North of I-80, the park offers everything necessary for a quiet getaway or a fun event.

The RV Park has over 150 full hook-up sites, 278 water & electric sites and 48 dry and tent camping sites with optional 20-amp electricity

Campground Accommodations

- Free Wi-Fi (dial-up also available)
- Level sites; paved & gravel roads
- 4-vehicle dump station
- Modern, handicap accessible restrooms w/ showers
- Laundromat
- Liquid Propane
- Campground store
- Picnic tables on most sites
- Fire rings available
- Firewood for sale/complimentary scrap wood from the Amana Furniture Shop if available
- Pets welcome

Amana Colonies History

The Amana story is unlike any other in American history.

In turbulent eighteenth-century Germany in the midst of a religious movement called Pietism, two men, Eberhard L. Gruber and Johann F. Rock, advocated a renewal of faith. Among their beliefs, one shared by numerous Pietists, was that God could inspire individuals to speak. This gift of inspiration was the basis for a religious group that began meeting in 1714 and became known as the Community of True Inspiration. Though the Inspirationists sought to avoid conflict, they were persecuted for their beliefs. Eventually the Inspirationists found refuge in central Germany settling in several estates, including the thirteenth-century Ronneburg castle and the estates of Herrnhag, Marienborn, Arnsburg, and Engelthal.

Seeking Freedom

Persecution and an economic depression in Germany forced the community to begin searching for a new home. Led by Christian Metz, they hoped to find religious freedom in America and left Germany in a systematic immigration from 1843-1848. Community members pooled their resources and purchased some 5,000 acres near Buffalo, New York where, by working cooperatively and sharing their property, the community now numbering some 1,200 people was able to carve out a relatively comfortable living. They called their community the Ebenezer Society and adopted a constitution that formalized their communal way of life.

Eventually, more farmland was needed for the growing community, so the Inspirationists looked to Iowa where attractively priced land was available. One valley on the Iowa River seemed particularly promising. Here was fertile soil, stone, wood and water enough to establish a new community.

Remaining True

In 1855 they arrived in Iowa. After an inspired testimony commanded the people to call their village, "Bleibtreu" or "remain faithful," the leaders chose the name Amana from the Song of Solomon 4:8. Amana means to remain true. Six villages were established, a mile or two apart, across a river valley tract of some 25,000 acres - Amana, East Amana, West Amana, South Amana, High Amana and Middle Amana. The village of Homestead was added in 1861, giving the Colonies access to the railroad. In 1864, the Ebenezer Society back in New York was finally liquidated and the last members from Ebenezer were able to make the move to Iowa.

The Amana Colonies would become one of America's longest-lived and largest religious communal societies.

In the seven villages, residents received a home, medical care, meals, all household necessities and schooling for their children. Property and resources were shared. Men and women were assigned jobs by their village council of brethren. No one received a wage. No one needed one.

Farming and the production of wool and calico supported the community, but village enterprises, everything from clock making to brewing, were vital, and well-crafted products became a hallmark of the Amanas. Craftsmen took special pride in their work as a testament of both their faith and their community spirit. The Amana villages became well known for their high quality goods.

The unhurried routine of life in old Amana was paced very differently than today. Amana prayer meetinghouses, located in the center of each village, built of brick or stone, have no stained glass windows, no steeple or spire, and reflect the ethos of simplicity and humility. Inspirationists attended worship services 11 times a week; their quiet worship punctuating the days.

Over 50 communal kitchens provided three meals daily to Colonists. These kitchens were operated by the women of the Colony and well supplied by the village smokehouse, bakery, ice house and dairy as well as huge gardens, orchards and vineyards maintained by the villagers.

In 1932, amidst America's Great Depression, Amana set aside its communal way of life. A ruinous farm market and changes in the rural economy contributed, but what finally propelled the change was a strong desire on the part of residents to maintain their community. By 1932, the communal way of life was seen as a barrier to achieving individual goals, so rather than leave or watch their children leave, they changed. They established the Amana Society, Inc., a profit-sharing corporation, to manage the farmland, the mills and the larger enterprises. Private enterprise was encouraged. The Amana Church was maintained.

Today the seven villages of the Amana Colonies represent an American dream come true; a thriving community founded by religious faith and community spirit. Declared a National Historic Landmark in 1965, the Amana Colonies attract hundreds of thousands of visitors annually, all of whom come to see and enjoy a place where the past is cherished and where hospitality is a way of life.

Evocative of another age, the streets of the Amana Colonies with brick, stone and clapboard homes, flower and vegetable gardens, lanterns and walkways, recall Amana yesterday. Our community today is vibrant, celebrating both its past and its future, here today for you to experience.

HISTORY

- A National Historic Landmark
- Five museums capture communal living in the Amana Colonies prior to 1932
- The villages feature hundreds of historic buildings dating back to the late 1800s and early 1900s

NATURE

- Only 2 miles from the Amana Colonies Golf Course
- Near the historic Amana Lily Lake and Kolonieweg Recreation Trail
- Adjacent to the Amana Colonies Recreational Trail, a 3.2 mile paved trail, ideal for walking or biking
- Just 4 miles from the Amana Nature Trail

SHOPPING AND DINING

- Only 1/2 mile from Amana, the largest of the seven villages of the Amana Colonies
- Over 50 unique shops
- Visit Iowa's only Woolen Mill
- Take a free tour of the Amana Furniture Shop
- Sample delicious smoked specialties at the Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse
- 8 wineries and a micro brewery
- Famous restaurants serving authentic German or American cuisine

**“New Adventure At a Rustic
Village in Amana”**

**Come join us at the Amana Colonies and enjoy
another Central Region Rally**



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