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The President's Message

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SURE's Move to Keystone Commons was completed without incident in July. Our new address is 641 Braddock Avenue, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112. We were able to retain the same office phone number—412-256-2680. As many of you know, earlier in the year, we moved the Financial Roundtable and the Advisory Council meeting that follows it to the Comfort Inn at the Penn Hills exit of the Parkway East (I-376). With that, we have closed out our residence at the old Westinghouse Churchill Site.

Succession Planning: SURE's leadership is aging, and ill health is beginning to befall several of us. We are badly in need of assistance in the areas of Secretary, Treasurer, Database Administrator and Communications Director. If you are willing to provide help in any of these areas or know someone who can, please contact me and let's discuss it. Planning ahead is an absolute must if we are to remain strong.

The grandkids are back in school, and all the summer outings are over until next year. As the days rapidly shorten and become crisper, perhaps it's time to make plans for a new and different Volunteer Activity. As you know, SURE features a very broad range of volunteer opportunities and each one is very rewarding in its own way. The current list is printed on page 13. Go ahead—pick one out and call the coordinator.

Some time ago, I came across a newspaper article entitled "Why you should lend a hand" by Carolyn Falk of Pittsburgh Cares. The following is an excerpt.

Everyone knows someone who talks about an inner urge or need to give something back to his or her community. Many times this urge manifests itself in community work, public service or any of a variety of volunteer efforts. Unfortunately, and more often than not, the urge to give back meets up against an even stronger force—the excuse.

- I'm just too busy.
- I donate money to charitable organizations.
- I need to spend more time with my family.
- It's a waste of time anyway

These are some of the more common excuses I hear. And although at one time or another it can be said that each is valid, no one can consciously use any of them to permanently stay out of the volunteer ranks. After all, who among us—if we honestly look at our schedules—doesn't have a spare hour or two once, twice or a handful of times a year?

Volunteerism isn't about one group, or one event with a handful of dignitaries. It's about working together to improve our community, and through that learning more about ourselves and our neighbors.

To which I can only add "Most important, it's about the wonderful feeling you get from the experience of helping others."

"There are many wonderful things that will never be done if you don't do them". - Charles D. Gill

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Matching gifts will be disbursed on a first come-first served basis. Donations not matched due to insufficient funds will be served in the following quarter.

Matching funds will be available at the rate of **\$2,500** per quarter.

Spotlight Award for September 2012

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Joe and Anne Parrillo are the SURE Spotlight Awardees for September. They were two of the very first members of SURE and helped set up some of the programs. They participated in SURE's Administration, Financial Roundtable, Hospital Volunteers, and Internal Revenue Service projects. Together, they have accumulated over 8,200 hours of volunteer service.

Joe served four years in the U.S. Navy, then he and his wife traveled around the country looking for a job. The last place they visited was Pittsburgh. All they had was about \$100 of Joe's mustering-out pay left and a red Volkswagen. Joe accepted a job with Westinghouse and was assigned to the nuclear submarine program at Westinghouse EMD in Cheswick,. Originally they planned to stay for a year and move on since they felt the area was "Too Smokey!!!" Like many, they stayed 37 years, had three children and found that Pittsburgh was a great place to raise a family.

One cold January day, 13 years ago, with 8 inches of snow on the ground they decided to chase their dream to go south and have a vineyard. The nearest southern wine country was in the Charlottesville, Virginia area. They moved to Charlottesville in June of 1998, rented for a year and then bought a lot and built a home. They planted two rows of vines in the backyard and started to grow grapes that were good for producing wine. Whenever they were able to keep the deer away and the mold from forming on the plants, the harvest yields enough grapes to make eight cases of good wine.

While waiting for the vines to mature, Joe started playing golf six to seven days a week year round. Anne told him, "You're getting old too quickly; your body cannot take that much golf. You are going to have to do something else one or two days a week." Together, they went to the local University of Virginia Hospital, the largest hospital

outside of the DC area. Joe started to volunteer by delivering flowers and mail to the patients. Anne was trained as a volunteer in the UVA hospital gift shop. Joe later shifted to the Family Waiting Lounge where patients come to report and be taken up for surgery. On most days there are approximately 90 surgeries. He also keeps track of the family members to keep them in contact with the surgeon and nurses. They volunteer at the hospital two or three days a week. Both said, "We really enjoy the people contact and the good chance to put them at ease,"



Maury

Anne

Joe

Nick

Once a month, they work with a half dozen men and women from a church group to make dinner for the homeless at the local Salvation Army shelter for over 100 people. In addition, they volunteer at their church once a month to set up coffee and doughnuts after one of the Sunday church services.

Looking back Joe commented "We loved Pittsburgh and I had a wonderful rewarding career working with the great people at Westinghouse."

SURE salutes this devoted couple who have volunteered so much of their time in helping other people. A donation of \$100 will be made in their name to UPMC's Mercy Hospital.

SURE Welcomes.....

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I am pleased to announce the election of Karen Hanks who becomes SURE's Secretary, and a member of the Board of Directors effective immediately. As Secretary, Karen will be responsible for recording and distributing the minutes of the Board and Advisory Council meetings, as well as preparation and retention of all of SURE's official filings, documents and correspondence. I look forward to working with Karen again; SURE members may remember that she was responsible for editing the SURE Newsletter for a five year period about a decade ago. I'm sure all will join me in welcoming Karen to the Board, and wish her well in this new position.

Bob Plummer retains the position of SURE Treasurer, and will continue to be responsible for SURE's financial affairs, which he has managed so diligently and faithfully since being elected to that post in 1999.

Mold

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Are you getting sick from mold? Many people do, but many are unaware of what is causing the illness. The condition is often undetected because it masquerades as allergy or cold-like symptoms such as sniffles, itchy and watery eyes, scratchy throat and sneezing. Mold has been linked to ailments ranging from sinus infections to brain damage. The most common reactions resemble allergies, although infants, elders and those with weakened immune systems may suffer more severe effects.

Because mold needs moisture to grow, mold problems usually indicate a moisture problem. Depending on the location of a home—near a swamp, a creek, a river, in a valley or on a perched water table—wet ground may not have adequate drainage. Or a home internally, may have vapor barriers that may be trapping moisture inside. Water leakage into the basement is usually where evidence is found. By pulling up a portion of

basement carpeting, there may be rusting or mold colonies on the backing and sub-flooring or vinyl, on wall studs, dry wall or a leaky wall. Visible and smellable mold are clear enough to indicate the problem. Two of the most common household molds are aspergillus and penicillium. Professional mold testing is very expensive, but there are kits available that you can use to do the testing in the home. It is wise to compare the indoor with the outdoor readings to determine if the indoor is abnormally high.

Some owners have had to seal off the basement from the rest of the house and disconnect the furnace which can spread spores throughout. Carpeting may have to be removed, windows opened, to allow things to dry out and sump pumps and dehumidifiers used to keep the humidity level below 60%. Outdoor drains need to be repaired, French drains may need to be installed and ground must be sloped away from the house. Windows and door frames should be sealed and flashing around the chimney is needed to prevent rain damage.

Mold can make you sick in different ways. In addition to the allergic symptoms mentioned, touching the mold may cause itchy skin or rash and can aggravate asthma and other respiratory problems. Their toxins can cause headache, nausea, difficulty breathing and low energy. Mold dust in grains or buildings can cause flu-like symptoms resulting in toxic dust syndrome or hemorrhage of the lung tissue. When infection takes hold, it can cause fungal pneumonia including aspergillous and histoplasmosis.

To clean up a residence requires a lot of effort. Often duct work needs to be cleaned. Items that show mold or were close to visible growth should be bagged and removed. Some things may be cleaned while others may have to be discarded. All surfaces should be washed with one part bleach to five parts water solution, taking measures to assure adequate ventilation. Contaminated dry wall, baseboards and building material should be replaced. Rubber gloves, goggles and protective clothing should be worn for the clean-up. And finally, all surfaces should be wiped and vacuumed with a HEPA vacuum to remove spores. Local professionals are available to do clean-up but are often booked well in advance. To locate certified

mold remediators, look in the yellow pages or contact the Indoor Air Quality Association.

Mushrooms, green bread mold, wheat rust and corn smut are examples of fungi which shed buoyant airborne spores. In central agricultural regions of the country, mold spores are a more frequent cause of respiratory allergy than animal dander and rank behind house dust and pollens. The fungus species, known as *Alternaria* contributes the greatest share of airborne spores in most parts of the United States and was the cause of recurrent potato blights which affected farmers in Ireland in the 19th century and led to waves of immigration into this country.

Getting rid of mold and preventing its return is a difficult job.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

See if you can solve this puzzle by looking beyond the obvious.

Ferdy and Gerdy are going down the highway in their car and run out of gas. Ferdy remembers an exit a few miles back and says he'll go for gas. "But," he tells Gerdy "lock the doors and roll up the windows. It's a dangerous world, and there are lots of crazies out there." Gerdy says she understands and will lock the car.

Ferdy comes back an hour later with the gas. As he approaches, he sees a highway patrol car and a police officer peeking in his car. All the doors and windows are locked, but they see through the window that Gerdy has passed out and a stranger is next to her.

As Ferdy puts the key in the door and unlocks the car, the police officer knows who the stranger is, how he got in, what happened, and that no crime has been committed. What does the police officer know? Answer on page 8.

The Consumer Corner

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Don't Let Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name—Preventing I.D. Theft

According to the FBI, I.D. Theft remains the fastest growing crime in the United States and it heavily targets seniors enjoying the rewards of their lifetime of hard work and savings. When it happens, it can take years to repair and hundreds of hours of personal time and effort trying to become whole again. While we are warned about making internet and cyberspace transactions, most identities are actually pilfered the old-fashioned way...offline. Dumpster diving, stealing mail, your wallet, or garnering your personal and banking information are the most common tactics. Timely reminders of how to protect personal and financial information are always worth repeating.

Get a shredder and use it. All documents detailing your financial or tax data and account numbers and those denoting personal info should be shredded. A shredder is an inexpensive appliance that will save you from I.D. theft.

Limit the amount of personal data on your checks. When you order your next checks, use only first and middle initials with your last name. If checks are lost to a thief, he won't know how to sign your checks. Other than your address, put no extraneous information, like phone number, birth date, SS or driver's license info on checks.

Do not sign the back of your credit card. Instead write "Ask for photo I.D." or "Please See Photo I.D." This is what cashiers are supposed to ask for when you use a credit card. If it is stolen the thief will not be able to use it or will be reluctant.

Be careful with PIN numbers and passwords. Memorize them all and don't document or carry them on a paper in your wallet.

Opt out of pre-approved credit card application mailings. The legitimate phone number for doing so is 1-888-567-8688. It will stop such mailings cold. These applications are the things I.D. thieves' treasure. If you do not opt out, shred these mailings religiously.

Pay strict attention to your billing statements and their mailing cycles. If an expected bill doesn't arrive within a reasonable time, it could have been stolen. Call the company to confirm the mailing. Read and understand every line item in all

your bills to verify that you aren't charged for a service or item you didn't purchase.

Every year get your three free credit reports under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

The only valid contacts for these free reports are 1-877-322-8228 or www.annualcreditreport.com. All others who advertise *free* will be trying to sell you their service and be soliciting your credit card.

Use these reports to validate your active account list and usage and correct any errors.

If you haven't initiated the contact, do not give out any personal or financial data over the phone, the internet or through the mail. Get on the "Do Not Call List", both Federal and Pennsylvania. Call 1-888-777-3406 and also 1-888-382-1222. Once registered you can only receive calls from politicians, charities and companies with which you have active business. Any other calls would likely be fraudulent. *Do not* give your credit card or bank information to anyone over the phone who called you.

Clean out your wallet. Pare down the credit and debit cards you carry and leave your social security card at home in a secure place. Keep photo copies of all your active credit cards (front and back) in a home safe or safety deposit box in case your wallet is lost or stolen.

If you believe you are a victim of I.D. theft. The first thing to do is call your local police and file a report. Contact the fraud departments of each of the three credit bureaus (Experian, Equifax, and Trans-Union) and place a fraud alert on your files. Contact all of the companies where you may have been compromised to freeze the accounts. Remain vigilant and always watchful.

From the Desk of Bob Miller

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Your 2012 Tax return: A few important tax rules expired at the end of 2011 and may affect your return. The Alternative Minimum Tax exemptions have fallen to 2001 levels, which can push over 20 million filers onto the AMT rolls. It is expected that a 2012 AMT exemption will be passed with a slight increase over last year. Other 2011 rules that expired include the election to deduct state and

local sales taxes in lieu of state income taxes, the above-the-line tax deduction for up to \$250 of teachers' classroom supplies, and allowing people who are age 70½ and older to directly transfer up to \$100,000 tax free from their IRAs to charity. These rules most likely will be updated, but not till after the election. And that may require delaying your return to late Feb or March until the IRS reprograms and tests its computers to properly accept returns with these changes.

Self-employed: Remember IRS says you can deduct Medicare Premiums paid for all parts of Medicare for health insurance on the front page of the 1040 form. If you didn't take the deduction in prior years, you can file for a refund, but only for returns on which the three-year statute of limitations has not yet run

HealthCare 2013 Tax Increases: If younger than 65, your medical expenses must exceed 10% (instead of 7.5%) of your AGI in order to deduct them on schedule A. In 2017, this increase will apply to taxpayers of all ages. Also in 2013, taxpayers (singles with modified adjusted gross income greater than \$200,000 and married filing joint greater than \$250,000) will have 3.8% surtax on investment income.

Surtax on your home sale? This new 3.8% surtax does apply to the taxable part of home-sale profits. But when you sell your home, up to \$250,000 of the profit is tax-free if you are single and have owned and lived in the home for at least two of the five years leading up to the sale; the exclusion rises to \$500,000 for married couples filing a joint return. That part of the profit is not subject to capital-gains taxes or the new 3.8% surtax. Profit above these levels is subject to both capital gain and the surtax. The exclusion does not apply to second homes or vacation homes, so the 3.8% surtax applies to the entire profit on those sales.

Amazon on line tax collection: Amazon already collects sales taxes on purchases made by consumers in Kansas, Kentucky, New York, North Dakota and Washington—states where it has a physical presence. It will start collecting taxes in California and Pennsylvania this September.

Digging on your property? Be sure the contractor or the property owner, if he is doing the digging, calls 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 at least 3 days

before digging. And check out the information on www.palcall.org

Do-Not-Call Registry is managed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Via internet, you can register 3 of your phone numbers, including cell phones. If more than 3 phones, make a second entry. If no internet, you must call (1-888-382-1222) from each phone you want on the do not call list. Registration is permanent or until you remove it. Telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. If they do, file a complaint at www.donotcall.gov. Calls on behalf of charities, political organizations, and telephone surveyors are permitted, as are calls from companies with which you have an existing business relationship.

Grandchildren have summers jobs? If they've spent the money or are saving it for college, you can put up to \$5,000 (not more than what child earns) into a Roth for them. That counts toward your annual \$13,000 gift tax exclusion.

Expense ratio? You see it on your IRA, 401k reports; but do you know what it means? The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses ("**Expense Ratio**") is the line of the fee table in the prospectus that represents the total of all of a **mutual fund's** annual fund operating expenses, expressed as a percentage of the fund's average net assets. Looking at the expense ratio can help you make comparisons among funds. The expense ratio does not include sales loads or brokerage commissions.

No more federal paper checks! If you are not using direct deposit, starting March 1, 2013 you will get your monthly Federal payments (VA, Social Security) via a Direct Express card. 1st monthly ATM withdrawal from the card will be free, 90 cents for all others.

Traveling Abroad or 1000 miles Away? Tell your Credit card issuer of your plans, to avoid a block when using your card in significantly different locations. The block is their safety measure to protect your account from credit card suspicious activity.

Traveling outside USA? Look up emergency numbers before you leave home at www.sccfd.org/travel.html. Some countries have different emergency numbers for ambulance, fire

or police or when using a land or mobile phone. Examples: Canada: 911 (and local numbers in rural areas); Australia: 000 or 112 on mobile; Cuba: 26811; Brazil: 192 (ambulance), 193 (fire), 190 (police).

Lost items when traveling? Most home owner's policies will cover replacement cost of your lost items subject to your deductible, and some may even waive the deductible.

Final Social Security check: Remember, because you don't get a check for the month you die or even for the part of the last month in which you were alive, your descendants or your bank will have to return the check for the month of death.

Be careful what you throw in hotel trash cans Papers, like airline boarding pass, flight itinerary and car-rental receipts could include your driver's license number, address, name, credit card number and other personal information. Shred the papers at the hotel or take them home with you.

Safest to use ATM's attached to Banks: Police say thieves more easily install hardware that records your bank-account information and PIN number on stand-alone ATMs so they can steal from you.

"Check Engine" light on you dash board could mean a loose or faulty gas cap that needs to be tightened or replaced. The check engine light in late model cars responds to a leak in the gas evaporation circuit.

Stolen cell phone? You are responsible for calls made from that phone, regardless who finds it and uses it. To reduce risk, check your phone manual and enter a password into your phone so only you can use it.

Clearing airport security getting easier: Starting this fall, travelers 75 and older may keep their shoes and light jackets on at checkpoints. It's part of TSA's move away from a one-size-fits-all security policy to a risk-based one.

Wash sales: The IRS says a wash sale occurs when you sell losing securities and buy a "substantially" identical investment 30 days before or after. The IRS has ruled selling a holding in a taxable account and buying the same holding in an IRA is a wash sale; and having your wife (filing jointly) buy what

you sell within 30 days is also wash sale. But selling a holding like Heinz and buying Campbell's isn't a wash sale because they're different companies, even though they're in the same sector.

From the desk of Bob Miller provides general information only and does not constitute legal or financial guidance or advice

Answer: Gerdy had a baby.

Death Notices

Bridge, Chester "Chirp" L (92)

N Braddock
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 7/29/2012

Caprara, Albert "Cheech" J(90)

Monroeville
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 7/18/2012

Castin, Robert L (89)

Scottdale
Retired from Youngwood
Died 8/11/2012

Comito, Jr, Ralph J (91)

Level Green
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 8/11/2012

Cox, Merle R (88)

West Deer
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 7/9/2012

DeHuff, Jr, Philip G. (93)

Bethel Park
Retired from Gateway
Died 7/18/2012

Ferry, Sr, Harry B (93)

Murrysville
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 7/31/2012

Futral, Henry M (91)

Murrysville
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 8/10/2012

Getz, Robert C (75)

Lower Burrell
Retired from Cheswick
Died 7/4/2012

Groninger, Richard "Dick" (84)

Hobart IN
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 8/3/2012 **SURE Member**

Holbrook, Arthur P (85)

Irwin
Retired from Transportation
Died 6/27/2012

Jacobson, William W (86)

Indian Lake
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 7/7/2012

Mullan, Edward (92)

Greensburg
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 8/17/2012

Miller, George A (89)

Conneaut Lake
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 8/10/2012

Orr, Jr, W. Lawrence (86)

Ligonier
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 6/29/2012

Rogulin, Mary (Watcher) (101)

Forest Hills
Retired from East Pittsburgh
Died 8/14/2012

Roidt, R. Michael (80)

N Versailles
Retired from R&D Center
Died 8/6/2012 **SURE Member**

Ruffennach, Lois A

Mt Lebanon
Retired from Adv Energy Sys
Died 7/19/2012

Snyder, George W (87)

Monroeville
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 8/10/2012

Snyder, Jr, George W (87)

Monroeville
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 8/10/2012

Stump, William P (91)

Latrobe
Retired from Derry
Died 8/17/2012

Veronesi, Luciano (77)

Clearwater BCH
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 7/26/2012

Weir, Robert "Bob" G (85)

Jeannette
Retired from Westinghouse
Died 7/26/2012

Wigle, Charles (88)

Debary FL
Retired from Bettis Lab
Died 8/9/2012

Ed. There should be more death Notices here but an illness in the Editor ranks prevented proper search of the Trib and PPG for about a week or so.

If you know of any Death Notices we missed, please let us know, (jwskoog@aol.com). We will include in the November NL.

Please include the information listed above but at least the name and date of death.

Many thanks for your help!

Siemens Westinghouse Retirees Association

Those of you who retired from the Power Generation divisions should be aware that there is a retiree group in Orlando for you. They have a bi-monthly newsletter with periodic news of the Power Generation business, as well as retirees.

Their web site is www.SiemensWestinghouseRetirees.org or you may wish to contact their President, Pete DeRosa at petederosa@cfl.rr.com or (407) 359-1731.

Westinghouse KDKA

Ed Reis, Westinghouse Historian
Senator John Heinz History Center

Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company started radio station KDKA in the year 1920. The very first broadcast covered the results of the November 2, 1920 Harding and Cox presidential election returns.

Later, in the early 1930's, Westinghouse was using a dirigible to take a radio antennae high into the air so they could determine the best location for building a permanent KDKA radio station antennae.

Westinghouse Trivia: Westinghouse created the word "Broadcast" as they thought the term would best describe the process where radio was distributing information over a wide area; in a fashion somewhat like a farmer broadcasting seed over a newly plowed field.



Note: The Heinz History Center has a Westinghouse KDKA radio display on the second floor in the Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation exhibition. The display includes a button that when pushed allows one to hear a recording of the very first 1920 radio station KDKA broadcast.

Scandinavia & Russia Cruise

By Bettyann Finney, Trips and Tours Committee

We boarded our Quest Coach at the Westinghouse Energy Center on Friday (20th) at 8:00 a.m. for our trip to Washington Dulles Airport departing at 4:40 p.m.

Saturday we arrived at Paris DeGaulle Airport at 6:00 a.m. (Paris Time) and departed at 9:50 a.m. for Stockholm Arlanda Airport and arrived at 12:20 p.m. (Stockholm Time) ready to board our ship, Vision of the Seas. Everyone was weary—we were up for about 27 hours!!

We set sail at 5:00 p.m. after the life boat drill. Our group had the early seating for dinner at 6:00 so we hurried to get ready for our first dinner on board.

Sunday we visited Helsinki, Finland by strolling the cobblestone streets and enjoying the spectacular architecture, gardens and harbor side parks. This evening we enjoyed the Captain's Reception. By the way, our captain was a woman.

Monday we were prepared for a very full day in St. Petersburg, Russia. We toured the impressive Hermitage Museum located on Palace Square and which houses one of the world's greatest treasuries of fine and applied art with over 3 million exhibits. Other tours included Peter & Paul Fortress, the birthplace of modern St. Petersburg, St. Isaac Cathedral, the world's largest domed cathedral and Palace Square, the rallying point of the 1917 Russian Revolution. In the evening we enjoyed a Russian Folk Dance with a champagne reception during intermission. Unfortunately one person in our group fell in Russia and fractured her right hand and hurt her left leg and also received a bump on her head. She received medical attention on the ship since we did not want her seeking help in Russia. However, Beverly kept up with the rest of us—Amazing!!

Tuesday we enjoyed our day at sea getting acquainted with the ship

Wednesday we arrived in Riga, Latvia which boasts lavish beauty and timeless elegance. It is sometimes called the Paris of the Baltics. Old Town is a shoppers dream and here we found Amber jewelry, the gold of the Baltics.

This evening the "SURE" group (19 of us) had a cocktail party before dinner in the Viking Crown Lounge.

Thursday we docked at Gdansk, Poland, one of the Baltic Sea's most enchanting seaports since the Middle Ages. We were greeted with a band. We followed in the footsteps of kings and queens as we strolled Gdansk's Royal Way surrounded by 14th century architecture including churches, towers and elaborate city gates.

Friday we arrived in Visby, Sweden with its most alluring island resorts famous for soft sandy beaches and dramatic cliffs. The Visby Ring Wall constructed in the 13th century has numerous gates and towers surrounded by moats. Now a World Heritage Site, it is the best preserved city wall in Northern Europe.

We were able to see a first class show every night in the Masquerade Theatre.

Saturday we arrived in Stockholm, Sweden at 7:00 a.m. After clearing customs we arrived at Stockholm Arlanda Airport at 10:00 a.m. We departed at 1:10 p.m. for a 5:15 p.m. (Amsterdam Time) flight to Washington Dulles Airport arriving at 7:30 p.m. Our Quest Coach was waiting for us. We arrived at the Westinghouse Energy Center at 2:00 a.m.

We all agree this was a fabulous cruise. Beverly is ready to go on our next trip.







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