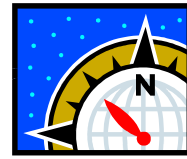


THE NAVIGATOR



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Jean Nicolet

An Event of Historical Proportions.....

In 1634, Jean Nicolet landed on the shores of Green Bay in a canoe with fellow explorers, thus commencing the exploration of Wisconsin.

In 2009, National Marriage Encounter launches from the shores of Green Bay in a "cruise ship" with hundreds of passengers, thus commencing the visitation of several ports of call and many opportunities of fun for all.



**REGISTER
TODAY**

It's been 375 years in the making,.....
.... but well worth the wait!!

Don't let this moment in history pass you by,
join us at the "Sail Away with M.E." conference.

**History Awaits:
August 6-9, 2009**

ACTIVITIES WHILE ONBOARD

Page 2 of the Navigator lists some of the keynote and workshop topics for your weekend "at sea". There are more to come! Final arrangements are being made and details will be available soon. Continue to watch the website for updates.

A sneak peak of those still in the works: "How Not to Get Run Over by Your Mechanic", Cruise Ship Dance Lessons, Ballroom Dance Lessons, Sharing Ideas with the NME National Board, Reflexology, and more.

Children & Teen program events & activities are also being finalized. Watch for details!

REGISTER EARLY, WIN BIG

The earlier you book your "passage", the better your chances are to win a free conference, or other great prizes.

The enclosed flyer outlines our early Registration Incentive program. It can also be viewed on-line at www.gbme.org.

We already have registrations from NEW FAMILIES coming to the conference for the first time.

Spread the word, bring a friend.... Our cruise ship is large enough and our crew is anxious to set sail.

ENTERTAINMENT

A magician that will amaze. A DJ that's all the craze.

RAFFLE

All donated raffle items are greatly appreciated. The raffle is popular at the conference. Home crafted & home made items are always a hit.



CRUISING PICTURES

Do you have pictures from cruises you've been on that you could share with us?

Pictures from the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, Hawaii, or Alaska.

E-mail them to sailaway@ez-net.com, put "Cruise Photos" on the RE line. Please provide an explanation/location of the picture is so it can be properly identified. (After a while, all coastlines look the same!) Thank you.

Did you miss the first issue of the *Navigator*?
Need an electronic version of the *Navigator*?

Visit our website at www.gbme.org,
click on National Conference, then
click on the Navigator issue desired.



CRUISING THROUGH THE WEEKEND: KEYNOTES AND WORKSHOPS

- Sailing TOGETHER!: A Keynote in Concert (Thursday Keynote) (Cheryl Kirking)
Your funny bone will be tickled, while your heartstrings are being tugged. A weaving of original songs, homespun humor and real life anecdotes in this uplifting "Keynote in Concert" will have you learning, laughing and tapping your toes as we are encouraged to find joy in our daily lives and in each other.
- Keeping the Marriage Exciting From This Day Forward (Friday Keynote) (Mike McKinley)
This fast-moving, entertaining and laugh-filled presentation takes a look at how relationships begin after the ceremony. Keeping couples flexible, fun-loving, and focused is a 24/7 commitment. Going beyond giving and taking of one another includes recovering from failure, forgiveness, and a belief that together "we" are even better.
- Our Promise....Enjoying One Step at a Time (Mike McKinley)
An energetic, interactive, fast-paced, humorous power conversation will look at "What Will We Do Better". Discussions will include how can we overcome boredom, how can we make our relationship more exciting and fun, and how do we correct that in our marriage.
- The Personality Puzzle: Understanding Others by Understanding Yourself (Cheryl Kirking)
This entertaining, fast-paced workshop will help you identify your own personality types and those of others in your lives-- most importantly, your spouse. You will learn how to identify and work on weaknesses and maximize strengths, and build stronger relationships through improved communication. Each participant will receive a useful personality profile. You will gain a deeper appreciation of the uniqueness and value of each personality's "puzzle piece" and our God-given gifts.
- Is Your L.A.U.G.H.-Full or L.A.U.G.H. –Empty (Dawn Schalow MS)
Laughter matters to your physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Life can be very stressful but living it doesn't have to be. Learn the five inspiring and life changing principles of L.A.U.G.H. – Full living and how to incorporate them into your life.
- The “Real” Difference Between Men and Women (Saturday Keynote) (Tom Jadin)
If you work or live with a member of the opposite sex, this lighthearted, multi-cultural training for the sexes explains it all!
- Reaching New Heights without Climbing the Walls! (Tom Jadin)
Let's face it, the best tool we have at work or at home is ourselves. This presentation takes a lighthearted, yet practical look at how we can keep that tool motivated, well, and sane!
- Working Through Marriage's Conflicts by Putting on Your “Marriage C.A.P.” (Care, Aware, and Prayer) (Justin Bangert)
This informative, yet interactive workshop will highlight the three essential ingredients that every marriage must have in order to navigate through the conflicts, trials, and tribulations which the journey of marriage brings to us all.
- 50 Ways to Save in 50 Minutes (Alan Prah)l
Is money stressing you out? Times and prices have changed! Learn simple steps you can take to stretch your money, reduce expenses, and still have a comfortable life.
- Only The Strong Survive! (Tom Jadin)
Why do some people seem to go through change, hassles, and tough times better than others? This presentation takes a look at those differences and how we can make ourselves “hardier.”
- Building a Spiritual House for Marriage (Justin Bangert)
Based on the work of pioneering marriage research expert John Gottman's *Sound Marital House Theory*, this workshop compares the critical components of a strong marriage and translates the same blueprint for incorporating essential, yet practical, ways to build a foundation for experiencing, worshipping and embracing God as the focal point of your marriage.
- Budgeting and Communication Secrets for Couples (Alan Prah)l
This workshop will feature a quick summary of some of today's financial challenges. Each spouse brings their own emotions, knowledge and financial habits to the relationship and with the many demands on our income, good communication and cooperation are essential. Sure opposites attract and that's OK! But, how to move from a gazillion dreams you can't afford to agreeing on and saving for the dreams you can afford will be addressed in some simple, automatic saving tools that work.