



Where has this year gone? It is flying by so quickly. My mother always told me that life is like a roll of toilet paper—the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes! She is so right!

If you have stayed with us during the past 10 years, I am sure you have had a chance to meet Ruth Groff—she more than likely either checked you in or helped you in some way during your stay. Well, we are pleased to announce that Miss Ruthie is now our Groups Coordinator, and we couldn't be happier! So when you decide to book your rally with us, Ruthie will be the one to assist you in all of your planning and setting up the details. Although the group position is new to her, she is an old hand with us and the Branson shows and attractions, and she is already doing a super job for us. We are booking rallies for 2012, so be sure to give us a call soon to get the dates you want. We are in the process of putting together the 2012 Rally Planners now, and will be happy to send you one if you would like.

I know the economic times have hurt everyone, and in this vein ABC has chosen to not raise our prices for 2012, even though our costs have risen substantially. We hope this will help you decide to take a Branson trip next year. Branson is still one of the most affordable places to go, and of course our family values (God, Family and Country are still alive and well here!) are needed now more than ever.

Some newsworthy events you might want to consider for 2012:

--April 26, 27 and 28, the Branson Veterans Task Force will host the "Hand in Hand" celebration for Purple Heart recipients.

--The Cats Pajamas, a 5-man vocal band will be moving to the Andy Williams Theater. If you have not seen this show, please try to include it in your Branson itinerary—it is absolutely awesome!

--We are so proud of our Haygood family! Their show just keeps getting better and better. For 2012, they will be at the RFD Theater, and promoting their new television show, in addition to performing here in Branson!

--And don't forget that Christmas season starts in Branson on November first. In addition to Santas and Sugar Plums, we all celebrate the birth of our Lord and

Savior Jesus Christ. The entire town turns into one giant postcard of Christmas lights, music, and activities. So why not experience the true Christmas Spirit in Branson!

The most frequently asked question here at ABC is “what is the best show in town.” Well, we have over a hundred shows, and they are ALL good. So it depends on whom you ask, and what mood they may be in today. So I asked our staff, and this is the information I got today:

*Sue*—Dixie Stampede Christmas Show. The live nativity is awesome, and my beautiful daughter-in-law is one of the trick riders in the show.

*Jim*—Bill Haley’s Original Comets. Dickie will be 88 in 2012 and still going strong—a true inspiration!

*Butch*—Clay Cooper Show. They have the best music and most variety. It is a “feel good” show.

*Ruth*—Hamner-Barber Variety, because of the family entertainment, fun, and Veteran’s salute.

*Dennis*—Legends in Concert. I can see them repeatedly because of the change in characters, but they always have my favorite, the Blues Brothers.

*Linda*—Tony Roi, because he is the closest Elvis impersonator I have ever seen!

*Stacie*—Haygoods because they are so energetic!

*Lynie*—For a morning show, Red Skelton Tribute of course. My evening show favorite is the Rankin Brothers.

*Tim*—Three Redneck Tenors for the music and comedy.

*Becky*—Liverpool Legends because it reminds me of being at a Beatles concert when I was younger.

*Doug*—Texas Tenors because they are very classy, talented, and I love the way they sing!

So...there you have it! And if you ask us tomorrow, our choices will probably be different.

Have a blessed Christmas and New Years, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Sue & Jim Alkire