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Here it is! Our first issue of the ToaD Newsletter! We don't want this to be loaded with deals and promotions; we are hoping to make this informative and fun. While I say that, I do recognize that there are things that you want to be informed about. With most cruise lines or properties, there are sales all the time. With Disney though, we don't see these as often so we do like to bring this to your attention when they are available.

This week was a busy Disney week! We are now able to start booking vacation packages for 2013 dates. The available dates go through late November, 2013 right now and all dates will be available by mid-August. This is because we can only book 499 days in advance. Also this week, Disney added a fall Free Dining promotion. This is available on select dates at select resorts between September 30, 2012 and December 13, 2012. You must check in during a valid date to have your entire stay qualify for the free dining. Minimum requirements apply so ask your agent for details.

This month, I wanted to give you some background on Travel On A Dream and introduce you to our agents. As always, we don't want to fill up your inbox with junk mail so if you no longer want to receive a copy of our newsletter, just email us at info@TravelOnADream.com and we will remove you from the list.

My name is Tracy and I am the owner and agent of Travel On A Dream, located in DeForest, Wisconsin. I started this company as a way to provide top-notch service to clients traveling anywhere. I previously worked as a travel agent for an online company selling exclusively Disney vacations. I found that I had to say "no" too often to my clients because what they

were looking for was not a Disney destination. While Disney is a big part of what we do, we also handle other cruise lines and vacation destinations. There are so many travel agencies and agents out there, we decided from the start that we would be different. Anybody can book a vacation. It doesn't take a lot of skill to do that, given the right tools and the right information. But that right information is what makes certain agencies stand out. We will never assume that we know what's best for you before getting to know you. We also will not push our preferences on you. Your vacation isn't about us, it's about you. We pride ourselves on offering the best service to you each and every time.

I started cruising in 2002 and since then have been on more than 25 sailings on five different cruise lines (soon to be six!). I never thought I would be a salesperson and certainly never dreamed of being a travel agent. I worked in data entry and as a secretary for a number of years and then ended up in the legal department at an insurance company. From there I went to a few private law firms, working for more than 13 years as a legal secretary and paralegal. One day, someone suggested that I would be good at organizing groups and planning events on cruises and would I be interested in working for them. It was an interesting thought and I started to consider it. Since this wasn't something I would do full time, I would also work as a travel agent for the company. I decided to give it a shot and within three months, left the law firm behind and began working full time as an agent. I started my agency with just two other agents and slowly expanded to where we are today with eight agents including myself.

Now for a bit about my agents!



From sea to shining sea and the mountains to the desert, that is where I love to travel!

With that you can probably tell that traveling is one of my passions, so when the opportunity arose for me to assist others with planning their dream vacations and become a travel agent, it was an opportunity I could not pass up. Although I am a successful real estate agent in a vacation/recreations area here in Wisconsin and have been for 15+ years, this journey would be similar yet a bit of a new experience. I was ready...bring it on! After all, I have been matching clients' property wants and needs for years and now I can do the same for my travel clients and assist them in matching their travel wants and needs to the perfect vacation for them!

Before becoming a travel agent, I did a lot of traveling myself. That is one reason I knew I would enjoy being a travel agent. Unfortunately, I did not always use a travel agent and did enjoy the planning process. That proved to give me some insight on what people do go through when planning vacations. I will say that after the first time of using a travel agent I thought "why did I not do this sooner". I finally had someone to give me options based on what I was looking for in my travel and someone to answer all my questions. Now that I have been in the travel industry for some time, I have become that person for others! What a great thing! I take great care in every vacation I help plan. Even though I don't get to stow away in my clients suitcases, I do get to experience the vacation through their eyes and what makes being a travel agent so rewarding to me.

Whether you are looking to plan a quick get-a-way or a lengthy vacation, a land stay or some time on the seas, a get together with friends, a honeymoon or just a good ol' family vacation, I am happy to help! Please contact me at deb@travelonadream.com today!



My name is Rhonda, and I've been interested in travel for as long as I can remember! I grew up in Minnesota, and our yearly family vacation was always up to the North Shore on Lake Superior for 2 weeks, so even though I loved it up there, I never got to travel anyplace else. But, I used to read about different places, and dream of the time when I could see them personally.

My grandfather took me on my first trip, away from Minnesota. We went to South Padre Island, in Texas, for two weeks when I was 13. I was so amazed by the flight, and looking "down" at the clouds from up there! I still have the pictures of the clouds from up above! I had a wonderful time in the Gulf of Mexico, and always wanted to go back.

My husband, Scott, and I had our first vacation to Disney World, when our son, Andy, was five. We were immediately hooked!! After that, we drove down to Disney World every February, and camped at Fort Wilderness for 2 weeks. We would also fly down for weekends, whenever we would get the chance. Our son is 29 now and married with 2 kids, and he still comes with us on our Disney trips, whenever he can! We are having a great time, showing our grandkids the Happiest Place on Earth!

We live in Florida now, and I've been working in the travel industry for almost 9 years. I'm a Disney specialist, and am also certified as an ACC (Accredited Cruise Counselor) from the Cruise Lines International Association. I have been trained and certified by most of the large cruise lines and hotel chains.

I've been fortunate to have many wonderful people as my clients, and I consider every one of them a friend. I think I'm as excited as they are, when their vacation time comes! I can't wait to hear back from them, and see their pictures, when they return home!

Even though I love to live vicariously through my clients, I have been able to travel a bit myself. My husband and I love to cruise, so we've been on many cruises to the Caribbean and Bahamas. The furthest away we've been is Ireland, when we went for our anniversary trip a couple of years ago. I'll be sharing

some of our Ireland vacation with you in an upcoming issue of this newsletter!

I have two vacations I'm dreaming of now - Alaska and Europe. I hope to do an Alaskan cruise sometime soon. And, I'm really looking forward to visiting Germany, Austria, and Norway someday.



Hello! My name is Debbie L, and I am a travel agent specializing in Disney travel. I was bitten by the Disney bug (or should I say mouse?) at age 17; my high school graduation gift was a trip to Walt

Disney World, and I was hooked ever since. In the last 14 years, I've been on close to 50 Walt Disney World vacations, and although I haven't been to Disneyland since my middle school days, a trip to California is in the works, along with my first Disney Cruise. Prior to working for Travel on a Dream, I worked for five years for another travel agency, where I booked exclusively Disney vacations.

On a personal note, I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Business, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. I am currently completing my Master's Degree in Special Education.

Although I specialize in Disney vacations, please don't hesitate to contact me for all your travel needs!



My name is Nicole. While I am fairly new to working for Travel On A Dream, planning Disney vacations is not something new to me. I started visiting Walt Disney World in 1998 and have since taken over 16 trips. I have planned numerous Disney trips

for friends and family. Disney World is my happy place. Yes, cheesy, I know, but it is where we go to just escape and relax. In the last several years we have added Disney cruises to our list of favorite vacations.

I have been married for 18 years to James, and we have two daughters. Madison is 14 and Emilie is

11. Both girls love Disney (Madi has finally come to her senses). Born and raised in Iowa, we currently live in Marion, Iowa, where James runs a grocery store. Our girls keep us very busy with their activities - mostly soccer - but enjoy spending time with our friends and family.



My name is Debbie but I go by DJ (too many Debs), born in Worcester, Massachusetts in April of 1955 and lived there until the age of

18. There were a few cities in between before I finally settled in Leominster, MA, in 1987.

That's when I met my husband George. During our 25 years together (married for 22 this Sept), we became a traveling couple. We've been to some great places like, California, Jamaica, Aruba, and even Graceland, because I'm a huge Elvis fan! George married me anyway.....For me the best place we went was Hawaii for our honeymoon. In 2015, for our 25th anniversary, we plan to return to Hawaii to enjoy Disney's newest Vacation Club resort, Aulani. Can't wait for that!

I am employed as Administrative Support for an Executive Vice President at a major commercial printing company. There are many things that interest me, like travel, shopping, dining out, reading, and dancing. I also have a creative side and like to design homemade greeting cards.

Just recently, I became part of an exciting company called Travel On A Dream. I hope to build a new, successful career as a Travel Advisor, arranging vacations and making dreams come true!





Hello, I am Erin and I would love to plan your next dream vacation. I have a passion to travel and I love all things Disney. I am lucky to have a husband and 13 year old son who share this passion.

I like to say that my love for Disney started when I was an infant and my mom decorated my room in Mickey & Minnie fabrics. I was very fortunate growing up to be able to travel around the U.S. with my parents. At 16, I traveled by myself to Europe to visit my aunt in Germany. We went everywhere and had so many great experiences. In college I spent a month in Nice, France and on the island of Corsica. I fell in love with the Mediterranean.

My first trip to the Walt Disney World Resort was in May of 2004 with my family, my father in law and sister in law. I was crazed! I had every minute planned out. It was our "one time" to go and we had to see it ALL. We returned in December of that year and have continued to go at least 2 times a year since.

In 2006 we boarded the Disney Wonder for a 4 night cruise. We made many fabulous friends and memories. We enjoyed cruising so much we next sailed on the Disney Magic for a 15 night Eastbound Panama Canal cruise in 2008 followed by a 10 night Mediterranean in 2010. By the age of 11 my son has been to the around the U.S. ~ Baja, Mexico ~ traversed the Panama Canal ~ Cartagena, Columbia ~ Aruba ~ Barcelona, Spain ~ Malta ~ Tunis, Tunisia ~ Rome & Sorrento, Italy ~ Corsica ~ Ville France, France ~ the Caribbean. He only needs to go to 2 more continents.

I am a graduate of The College of Disney Knowledge. I have my Bachelors of Fun from Carnival Cruise Line. I have completed the Expert Level at Royal Caribbean's University of WOW! I am here to help you create treasured vacation memories for you and your family. You can relax while I work out the details. I will keep you informed of the latest deals and special events, make your special dining reservations, and provide tips and tricks to make your vacation

magical. Contact me and let's start planning your next family vacation, a family reunion or a special group vacation.

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Now you know a bit more about us. We all look forward to helping you with your dream vacations, secret getaways, any of your travel needs.

Next month, we'll start with some articles about saving money for your trip, taking a first cruise and much more! We have agents visiting the new Art of Animation Resort at Walt Disney World, seeing recent updates to the new Fantasyland at Magic Kingdom and cruising the Western Caribbean on Carnival Dream in the next month so there will be lots to share!