



## Minneapolis - St. Paul, Minnesota, to Host 2009 GRA Conference

Greetings from the home of The Mall of America- the largest, fully enclosed retail and family entertainment complex in the U.S. Andersen Windows is proud to call host to the 2009 Guest Relations Association annual Conference.

From Chicago, IL, in 2006, to Denver, CO, in 2007, to Napa Valley, CA, in 2008, we're working our way back to the Midwest again to Minnesota – known as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes"!

Your co-hosts for 2009 will be:

- **Andersen Windows** in Bay Port, Minnesota
- **Cardinal Float Glass** in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- **The SPAM Museum** in Austin, Minnesota

Mark your calendar for **October 4-7**, and make plans now to attend this year's GRA Conference in Minnesota. This year we have **TEN**, - that's right! - **TEN TOURS** for you to benchmark. We have worked hard to make the 2009 conference the best and most economical as possible.

Due to the poor economic conditions we are all facing, GRA wants to do our part to help members make it to this year's conference. That's why we have **REDUCED the conference fee for members by \$100.00** below last year's price. We will also be staying at a hotel with a room rate of only \$89 per night that includes a hot breakfast. Make sure you register by June 30 to get the lowest rates.

Here's a quick peek at what's waiting for you at the GRA conference 2009:



### **Wildwood Lodge**

Elegantly appointed rooms and suites are ideal for leisure vacations and business travel to St. Paul. We have over 6,000 square feet of meeting and event space that accommodates wedding receptions, business meetings and family reunions in St. Paul. Spacious suites are perfect for

families and groups, and with luxurious Aveda spa amenities, dining at the award winning Machine Shed next door, a fitness center, and an indoor pool, the Wildwood Lodge hotel of St. Paul is the ideal choice for complete rest and relaxation.



### **Andersen Windows**

The privately owned business was founded in 1903 by Danish immigrant Hans Andersen and his family in Hudson, Wisconsin, where logs arrived via the St. Croix River. Today, Andersen Corporation is an international enterprise employing over 9,000 people at more than 20 locations with headquarters in Bayport, Minnesota, a 2.8 million-square-foot facility that covers 65 acres. Andersen annually manufactures more than six million wood windows and doors, with sales worldwide.

### Cardinal Float Glass Plant

People making glass for people – that is our guiding principle. It's what motivates us to do our jobs well. It's the reason we continue to develop superior products and services and consistently set the standard in float glass manufacturing. We at Cardinal care about you, the people who use our products to get warm, stay cool and take in the view.



### Stillwater, Minnesota

There's much to see and do in Stillwater with our picturesque Main Street and view of the St. Croix River.

When you come to visit, be sure to enjoy our fine restaurants and antique shops.

### The SPAM Museum

The museum features 16,500 square feet of SPAM artifacts, history and fun- check out vintage advertising, answer SPAM trivia, try your hand at canning SPAM product, stock up on collectibles SPAM memorabilia, and learn about all the SPAM products, even the hard-to-find varieties.



### Faribault Woolen Mills

Today Faribault produces more than half of the new wool blankets made in this country. Faribault Woolen Mills history begins in 1865 when Carl H. Klemer, a German cabinetmaker, came to Minnesota. He bought a used horse-powered machine and started custom carding wool. Business grew

and soon he also added a steam engine, spinning jennies and looms.



### **Mall of America**

Mall of America is the nation's largest retail and entertainment complex. The 4.2 million square foot complex is home to more than 520 world-class shops; Nickelodeon Universe® the nation's first Nick theme park; Underwater Adventures® Aquarium, a 1.2 million gallon walk-through aquarium; a 14-screen movie theater and more.

### **Leinenkugels**

The Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company, the seventh-oldest brewery in the USA, is the oldest business in Chippewa Falls and one of the oldest in the state. Our commitment and tradition of brewing quality products is matched only by the wants of generations of genuine beer-loving customers.



### **Tastefully Simple**

Tastefully Simple is a dynamic direct sales company based in Alexandria, Minnesota. We offer a wide selection of convenient, easy-to-prepare gourmet foods designed to help people spend less time in the kitchen and more time enjoying the rest of their lives. Our products are sold by independent Tastefully Simple consultants primarily at home taste-testing parties nationwide.



### **Creative Memories**

Creative Memories is dedicated to preserving people's stories in a way that brings them together to socialize, have fun and celebrate their memories. For more than 20 years we've earned the trust of people in nine countries by helping them express themselves through lasting keepsakes of the people, places and things they love.



**Medtronic**

Our medical technologies help make it possible for millions of people to resume everyday activities, return to work, and live better, longer. We're able to do this with the help of some very special people around the world: 38,000 dedicated employees who share a passionate purpose to improve lives.