Wednesday updates:

Check out the website **eatdrinkdtsb.com**. It gives information on downtown restaurants and has a special tab for the Wine Walk on August 11 with a downloadable map. We will have a table set up Tuesday at the Meet and Greet. You can pay there(\$40 pp) and we will go downtown on Wednesday morning to get your entry bracelets and wineglass. We will deliver them to you at the games on Wednesday or to your hotel. You can sign up for the Walk online but it is a rain or shine event and it might be better to wait till Tuesday night so you can check out the forecast. They sold out in June for the Walk so we will be sure to get there early to pick up your bracelet. Each stop will provide you with three wine samples to pair with three different food samples. It is a fun evening and a chance to visit some of South Bend's downtown restaurants.

We have a list of over 40 who have expressed an interest in the private dinner Wednesday at a locally-owned Italian family restaurant. Tentative plans are for four entrees served buffet style and tables will be set with salad(really good) and breadsticks. They will have the bar open for mixed drinks, beer or wine. Fanello's is located in downtown Mishawaka not far from the hotel area. It is on the grounds of an old brewery close to the river. I would like to get a count of those that might be interested so I can let the owner know what to expect. Thanks to those that have already let me know. We will also have a sign up sheet at the Meet and Greet. I will let you know more about pricing when I have a better count of the interest. My email address is connie1222@earthlink.net.

If you are coming in early or staying late or just have a little extra time:

Notre Dame University is located on an exceptionally beautiful campus with two lakes. Although the guided tour will probably not be available, the campus is always open for self-guided walking tours. Parking is available in several places and we will provide maps of the campus at the Meet and Greet. Be sure to visit the Basilica, the Grotto, the Log Cabin and the Administration building for a view of the inside of the Golden Dome. The mural of "Touchdown Jesus" on the side of the library is visible from most places on the campus.

The National Studebaker Museum is another not-to-be missed site especially for car fans. It has three floors of historic vehicles. Adjacent to this museum is the History Museum which displays information on the famous All-American Girls Professional Baseball League on which the movie "A League of Our Own" was based. The South Bend team was one of the founding members and one lady from our area was recently honored for her part in the League.

Sorry if I get too wordy but I want you all to enjoy our Hoosier Hospitality! There is more information on these attractions and more on the CP website under 10 best reasons to attend the GNG.

Next email I will highlight Jerry and I's favorite spots for a drink and an appetizer!