



Going far and away for summer vacay

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Chicago's corporate chieftains are leaving the city's heat behind, searching out ocean waves, a taste of European history or close-up looks at wild animals.

Chris Kennedy is just back from a sailing trip to Greece, where he spent so much time in the sunshine his hair is bleached.

John Rowe has returned from Berlin, where he spent five days soaking up "architecture, rebirth and the dread of history."

And Leslie Hindman is taking her godchildren to Madrid, then renting a villa outside Venice before meeting up with her friend, business consultant and arts philanthropist Debbie Bricker. They'll attend a gala at the Musée D'Orsay in Paris. (Ms. Hindman is on the board of American Friends of the Musée.)

"I love summer," the auction house owner says. "There aren't as many auctions, so it gives me time to relax."

World Business Chicago CEO Michael Sacks and his wife, Cari, traveled to Tanzania for a safari with a group composed primarily of friends from his alma mater, Niles West High School. It's no coincidence that a few of them, Mr. Sacks included, also marked their 50th birthdays.

Trisha Rooney Alden, CEO of records-management company R4 Services LLC, and her husband, Dr. Kris Alden, shepherded friends to Ireland, where they stayed at Ballyfin, the luxury castle-turned-hotel owned by Molex Inc. Co-chairman Fred Krehbiel. Along for the trip were technology venture capitalist J.B. Pritzker and wife M.K., Chicago Cultural Affairs adviser Nora Daley and her hedge-fund executive husband, Sean Conroy, Corporate Cleaning Services Inc. CEO Neal Zucker and Terminal Gateway LLC spa owner Marko Iglendza, Johnson Publishing Co. LLC's Desiree Rogers and Linda Johnson Rice and philanthropist Liam Krehbiel and his attorney wife, Karen.

Ireland also is a draw for Colleen Kramer, president of Evergreen Supply Co. She'll head there with her husband and teen daughters after spending two weeks in London to watch the Olympics.

Jeffrey Klein, president and CEO of the Global FoodBanking Network, goes for active vacations. He and his wife just returned from hiking in Zion and Bryce national parks in Utah.

"Most of our hiking has been outside of the U.S., so we thought seeing the beauty of our national parks was overdue," he says.

And Scott Swanson, president and CEO of Charter One and RBS Citizens banks in Illinois and Michigan, is just back from a fishing trip with his father and son on a small lake in northern Manitoba, Canada.

"It was great to have three generations together," says Mr. Swanson, who chairs the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. Of course there was a fish tale. "At one point we thought our lines were snagged on rocks, but it turned out to be a big northern pike on the end of the lines," he says.