

The Classics Courier

Spring 2024

After an extremely icy and snow-filled winter, we are all looking forward to getting some sunshine and to watch our gardens bloom! Not only will our flowers be blossoming this coming spring, but so will our friendships here in the Classics. With a fresh selection of exciting trips and socials, you will get the opportunity to make some great memories with new and old friends. Take a look inside to see where your next adventure awaits.

We had a chance to sit down and speak with two of our Classics members, Anna and Abed Zantiot. Both retired, Anna worked for the Sycamore School District, and Abed was a mechanical engineer. They first became interested in the Classics when they got word of their neighbor going on one of our trips to Spain and Portugal. That autumn was the first fall season Anna had been retired, so she figured that it would be a great way to celebrate, and their adventure began!

They had such a fantastic time on the Spain/Portugal trip that they decided to keep the ball rolling in the following years with many other Classics trips. Last year, Anna and Abed attended the Pacific Coastal Getaway, the Glacier/Banff National Park trip, and the once in a lifetime trip to Iceland.

Between amazing waterfalls, grazing Icelandic horses, and stunning geysers, Abed had a lot of great things to say about their trip: "Iceland was so much fun...so different. We went to Black Diamond Beach where there were little black lava pebbles mixed with tiny clear pieces of the glaciers that washed up on shore, that were considered the diamonds. I also enjoyed walking between two tectonic plates. On one side was the Euro-Asian plate, and on the other side was the North American plate. It was like being on two continents at the same time!"

When asked what she liked about the Classics, Anna explained, "When I was a teacher, I didn't have summers off, as I was continuing my education. I'm not really an outgoing person, so the Classics has allowed me to make friends that I didn't have before.

"The people we met on our first trip, we still see traveling other times. We have a lot in common because we are all from the same area and have become good friends. That is the joy of traveling with the Classics; the trips offer a little bit for everybody, which is what's really nice about it," said Anna.

We are thrilled that Anna and Abed have cherished their time with the Classics, enough so that they have already booked this year's trips with us to Croatia, England/Scotland, and Montreal! If you have any questions about any of the trips or socials in the pages within, please give me a call at (815) 748-1647.

Biljana Jovanovic
Classics Advisor

Entertaining Events in the Community Rooms

(*HearthStone Center is located at 625 Bethany Road, DeKalb, IL 60115)

2025 Trip Preview Presentation for Japan, Eastern Germany, and Italy (Rome/Amalfi)

Wednesday, March 20th
10:00 A.M. at Hearthstone*
2:00 P.M. at Genoa
Friday, March 22nd
10:00 A.M. at Leland

Activity Level 1 - Join us for a presentation about the upcoming extended trips for 2025. We have multiple locations for your convenience! Take the opportunity to sign up for the unforgettable and exciting ventures we have planned! RSVP by March 19th.

Bingo!

Tuesday, March 26th, Kaneville Branch

Activity Level 1 - Join us for an afternoon full of fun games and laughter! There will be prizes galore, so bring your friends (Classics or not)! Desserts will be provided by The Purple Store. Doors open at 1:30 P.M., and the event will start at 2:00 P.M. Payment is due upon registration. RSVP by March 21st. Members and Guests: \$10.00

Ladies Night Out!

Saturday, April 13th, HearthStone Center

Activity Level 1 - Ladies, we're thrilled to announce the return of our highly anticipated and much-enjoyed event! Get ready for an exclusive evening of indulgence, relaxation, and joyful moments crafted just for you. Join us for an unforgettable experience featuring a fabulous fashion show, and discover both familiar and new vendors, offering an abundance of shopping delights. We will enjoy live music with our favorite two-man band Driftaway, with drinks and appetizers. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening! Payment is due upon registration. RSVP by April 1st. Members and Guests: \$25.00

DeKalb Area Community Gardens

Wednesday, May 8th, Genoa Branch

Activity Level 1 - Connect with some friends and learn all about DeKalb County Community Gardens and how they help our local communities. After our delicious lunch provided by River's Mexican Cantina and Grill, a representative from the DeKalb County Community Gardens will speak on areas in which the organization reaches out to regarding food security, such as the Genoa Area Community Food Hub. They will also discuss their Grow Mobile pantry distribution center, the Walnut Grove Vocational Farm, and how elementary students can become participants in learning how food is grown at their school gardens. Last but not least, there will be a lovely selection of beautiful flowers for purchase to give you a jump start on your summer gardening, provided by the organization. RSVP by May 1st. Members \$15.00 • Guests: \$16.00

Day Trips

Take a Step Back in Time, Evanston

Wednesday, March 27th

Activity Level 2 - Explore the richness of art and history in Evanston by visiting esteemed landmarks and museums like The Halim Time & Glass Museum, The Charles Gates Dawes House, and more! The Halim Time and Glass Museum boasts a private collection of hundreds of historic mechanical timepieces and clocks, along with nearly 100 exquisite stained-glass windows, offering a mesmerizing journey through time and craftsmanship. The Charles Gates Dawes House is a 19th Century historic house museum that has to be seen to be believed. The price covers transportation, admission, a delightful lunch, and all gratuities. Full payment is due upon registration. Please call for availability. Members: \$175.00 • Guests: \$190.00

Cubs vs. Brewers at Miller Park, Milwaukee

Sunday, June 30th

Activity Level 4 - Please call for availability.

Extended Trips

Covered Bridges of Madison County and Winterset, Iowa

May 15th & 16th, 2024

Activity Level 4 - Join the Classics for an adventure you won't want to miss in Winterset, IA! Upon our arrival, our guide will join us for an engaging two-hour covered bridge tour. Following our exploration of the beautiful, covered bridges, we'll continue our adventure with a visit to the John Wayne Birthplace and Museum. In the evening, we will enjoy a true farm-to-table dinner at the Henry Wallace Farm. After a delicious breakfast, we will set out to visit the Iowa Quilt Museum and soak up all of the delightful offerings of the award-winning Winterset Shopping District. Price includes transportation, admission to all places being visited, two lunches, one dinner, tips, and gratuities. Full payment is due upon registration. RSVP by April 15th. Members: \$480.00 • Guests: \$528.00

Croatia Land and Cruise

June 11th - 22nd, 2024

This trip is sold out, but please call to be added to the wait list.

Mystery Trip!

August 7th - 9th, 2024

Activity Level 4 - Embark on a journey filled with surprises as we invite you to join us on a 2-night, 3-day mystery trip! Our escapade will take us to a location nestled amidst the natural beauty of lakes and rivers, where hidden gems and enigmatic experiences await. Throughout our journey, you will receive a taste of what makes this region so special, with nostalgic, cultural, and historic delights. You could say you will travel through the looking glass, leaving the illusions of Illinois behind. Your package includes seamless transportation, two nights' hotel stay, admission to all attractions, five meals, and all gratuities. RSVP by June 25th. Members: \$710.00 • Guests: \$780.00

Extended Trips, continued

Motor City Music & More - Detroit!

August 13th - 16th, 2024

Activity Level 6 - Embark on an enticing 3-night, 4-day expedition to Detroit, Michigan, and discover the vibrant cultural and industrial tapestry of this iconic city. Prepare for a journey through history, music, art, and innovation as we explore the fascinating places of interest. Immerse yourself in the birthplace of Motown and witness the magic where legendary hits were created, which gave birth to a cultural revolution. Some of our other destinations will include the Polish Art Center, the Parade Company Studio, Third Man Pressing's vinyl record factory, C.A.N. Art Handworks, the Ford Rouge Factory, and many other highlights!

Members: \$1,269.00

Guests: \$1,394.00

Please contact us for a full brochure.

England and Scotland

September 15th - 24th, 2024

Activity Level 6 - Call us for details and price!

Quebec City and Montreal Christmas Markets

December 5th - 10th, 2024

This trip is sold out, but please call to be added to the wait list.

Classics Calendar

Mar. 20 : Trip Preview, Hearthstone & Genoa
Mar. 22 : Trip Preview, Leland
Mar. 26 : Bingo, Kaneville Branch
Mar. 27 : Step Back in Time, Evanston
Apr. 13 : Ladies Night Out, HearthStone
May 8 : DeKalb Community Gardens, Genoa Branch
May 15-16 : Covered Bridges, Madison County, IA
June 11-22 : Land & Cruise, Croatia
June 30 : Cubs vs. Brewers, Milwaukee
Aug. 7-9 : Mystery Trip
Aug. 13-16 : Motor City Music in Detroit
Sept. 15-24 : England and Scotland
Dec. 5-10 : Christmas in Quebec City & Montreal

Prices may be subject to change due to fuel increases.
If you have any ideas/suggestions for
future events or trips, please email us at
[Classics@ResourceBank.com!](mailto:Classics@ResourceBank.com)

Activity Levels

Activity Level 1: No stairs.

Activity Level 2: A little walking, possible stairs.

Activity Level 3: Walking, getting on & off the coach, and possible stairs.

Activity Level 4: Walking, getting on & off the coach several times and stairs.

Activity Level 5: Walking distances which might be on non-flat surfaces, getting on & off the coach multiple times, and stairs.

Activity Level 6: All of the above, including multiple flights of stairs and activities requiring a higher level of stamina.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation policy on an extended trip is outlined by the tour company as stated in their trip brochure.

If you cancel a day trip or event after the date of the final payment and if we/you can find a person to take your place we will provide you with a full refund. In the event we don't have a wait list or you can't find a replacement, you will not receive any refund.

If the trip is scheduled with another tour company, then the trip cancellation policy is outlined by the tour company as stated in their trip brochure. If the trip is scheduled by the Classics Club then the cancellation policy will be listed on the Classics Club brochure/registration form for the specific trips.

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