

# The Classics Courier

Spring 2019

Dear Classics:

As the snow drifts slowly melt in the spring sunshine, we all look forward to what the warmer temperatures of summer will bring. Plus, with the spring sunshine comes more opportunities to get out and see your friends in the Classics Club! We had a chance to speak to two of our well-traveled Classics members, Mike and Kathy Condon, about their experiences with the most recent trip to Spain, as well as other events and trips of which they have been a part. Mike and Kathy are from the Sycamore area and have been retired for a few years.

“I thought [Spain] was a wonderful trip,” Mike said. “It was well organized, and we saw so many amazing sights, and experienced different cultures. The group was just a nice size, sixteen of us, and it was just an all-around great trip.”

Kathy added, “It ended up that the group that went has stuck together! We’re actually traveling again with some of the people in that group, so it’s kind of nice. We’ve been [in the Sycamore area] a long time, but it is nice to meet other people from the community. And we just hit it off, didn’t we? We went from place to place to place to place, and we saw so much in a short amount of time. We had the culinary experience, too! Such delicious food – it was really kind of fun and crazy!”

“We have done other tours with other companies, but these [with the Classics] seem more intimate. With some of the others you have people from all over the place, and you may get to know some of them, but you don’t ever see them again. Whereas with the Classics, you’ve connected with people who live in the same area you do. The other thing I really like about these trips is there is always that little bit of spontaneity that is thrown in! Sometimes an opportunity opens up and a lot of time you have a chance of seizing that opportunity that might not have been on the original itinerary,” said Kathy.

“We also went on the trip to see the musical Hamilton,” Mike said. “We loved it! I wasn’t sure how I would like it, as it isn’t really my style of music, but it was very good!”

Kathy added, “I went back a second time to see Hamilton with my daughter. We got her tickets for her birthday. We went to the same restaurant that we went to with the Classics and she said it was one of the best birthdays I’ve ever had!”

When asked if they would recommend the Classics to others, Kathy said, “I recommend it to everybody! I went on the New Orleans trip by myself, and when I was telling my friends about it, they asked me who I went on the trip with. I told them that I was a single traveler, but I was with everybody in the Classics. It is just so comfortable; I kind of just met whoever was on the bus with me. Every step is planned out, and we don’t have to do anything except show up. You get to see so much of things that you have dreamed of, but you don’t have to look anything up or do the planning. All you have to do is RSVP, and you know that everything is included. It is just so easy to travel with the Classics.”

Thanks to Mike and Kathy for those kind words, and we hope to see you on another trip very soon!

The Classics Team

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## Entertaining Events in the Community Rooms

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

### Just For Ladies at HearthStone Center\* - Saturday, April 13, 2019

Activity Level 1 - Ladies! Do you need a night out with your friends, sisters, mother, daughters, or female co-workers? Then we have what you are looking for! We have prepared a special evening of relaxation and laughter, just for you! Models will hit the runway for an exclusive fashion show featuring the latest designs from Chico's, Kohl's, and SIS Boutique from Sycamore. Our evening will include massages, a fashion show, door prizes, shopping, drinks, appetizers, and did we mention shopping??!! **Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The event runs 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., with the fashion show starting at 6:00 p.m. RSVP and payment by April 8th. Members and Guests: \$15.00**

### Presentations for Australia/New Zealand - Thursday, April 18, 2019

Activity Level 1 - 10:00 a.m. at HearthStone Center / 3:00 p.m. at Somonauk Branch

Join us as we tell you all about the spectacular trip we will be taking to Australia and New Zealand in January 2020! Hear about taking a catamaran tour of the Great Barrier Reef, visiting the Sydney Opera House, learning about exotic and historic places and so much more! **Please call to RSVP for the HearthStone Center or the Somonauk Branch by April 15th. FREE!**

### Antique Show and Appraisal at the Hampshire Branch - Saturday, April 27, 2019

Activity Level 1 - Join us in Hampshire and bring antiques that you would like to get an appraisal for (two items maximum per household.) Show off your heritage and collectibles! Almburg Auctioneering and Appraisal from Malta, IL will be our emcee and appraiser. Assisting him will be Sandy Deutsch, owner of Pork and Beans Primitives of Maple Park. You can sell your items that day if you are interested. Bring your items to be appraised at 1:30 p.m. Appraisers will start telling us about your items around 2:15 p.m. until they are finished. Light appetizers will be served. **RSVP by April 15th. FREE!**

### BUNCO at HearthStone Center - Wednesday, May 23, 2019

Activity Level 1 - Up for a fun afternoon playing Bunco? Whether you are an avid player or just a beginner wanting to learn, come join us as we play this fun game of chance by rolling the dice to earn points and get the highest score. Whether you win or lose the round will determine which "Direction" you will go for the next round! **Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch served at Noon. RSVP and payment by May 13th. Members and Guests: \$10.00**

### Game Day at the Somonauk Branch - Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Activity Level 1 - Have a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship and game-playing at the Somonauk Branch! We will have a guest speaker from the Somonauk Fire Protection District talk to us about their File of Life program and answer any home safety questions you may have. Afterward, you can enjoy the afternoon playing a variety of games! We will provide some games, and please feel free to bring games of your choice to play too! **Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served at Noon. RSVP and payment by June 21st. Members and Guests: \$10.00**

### AARP Safe Driver Course at HearthStone Center\* - July 10 & 11, 2019

Activity Level 1 - For your convenience, we offer this two-day course annually. Attendance is required both days to receive a certificate of completion. The certificate you will receive is honored by some insurance companies for a discount on your premium. This two-day event will run from Noon to 4:30 P.M. Please provide a copy of your AARP membership card with your registration. **RSVP and payment by June 25th. AARP Member: \$15.00 • Non-Member: \$20.00**

## Day Trips

**Mystery Trip - Saturday, June 1, 2019**

Activity Level 5 - North, South, East or West, which direction we will be heading, you'll have to guess! Join us for a fun day to destination(s) unknown! **RSVP and payment by April 29th. Members: \$95.00 • Guests: \$104.00**

## Extended Trips

**Washington, D.C. - Embassy Week!**

May 2-7, 2019

Activity Level 6 - This trip deadline has passed, but we may be able to add more travelers. Please contact Classics for availability and pricing.

**Discover the South Pacific Wonders: Australia & New Zealand - January 14-28, 2020**

Activity Level 6 - Experience the trip of a lifetime as we travel to Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef, Sydney, Sydney Opera House, Christchurch, Queenstown, Arrowtown, Milford Sound, and Merina Sheep farm! We will visit Hartley's Croc Farm, the Tjapukai Aboriginal Culture Center, and ride a catamaran! Enjoy free time to explore and so much more!

***SPACE IS LIMITED!!!***

**Early bird registration discount of \$200.00 if you sign by July 16, 2019! Contact Classics for pricing and availability.**

## 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.

# CALENDAR

## APRIL

- 13 Ladies Night Out at HearthStone**
- 18 Australia/New Zealand Presentations**
- 27 Antique Show and Appraisal**

## MAY

- 2-7 Washington D.C.**
- 23 Bunco at HearthStone Center**

## JUNE

- 1 Mystery Trip**
- 26 Game Day at Somonauk Branch**

## JULY

- 10-11 AARP Safe Driver Course**
- 14-27 Ultimate Alaska**

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