

The Classics Courier

Summer 2023

As the green hues of summer fade to the cozy embrace of autumn and the aroma of pumpkin spice fills the air, we are excited to share a brand-new selection of unforgettable trips and welcoming socials for our Classics friends. Take a look inside to see what we have in store.

Whether you are a seasoned Classics member or new to our club, there is something for everyone to participate in - just ask one of our newer members, Julie Fulk! After the loss of her husband a few years ago, Julie made a few changes in her life. She joined a golf league, moved to a new house in Sycamore, and decided to take a trip to New York with the Classics after having been invited by a friend who was already a member.

"I really enjoyed it," she said. "There's things I want to see and do, and I would feel safe and happy going with a larger group, rather than going by myself since my friends can't always go on trips with me. I loved going to New York! When we got back home, I needed to rest because we did so much in those four days. I was able to see everything there that was on my bucket list. The tour guides we had were great, and they were able to give us so much more information than we would have had if we just saw the site."

This year, Julie went on the Glacier National Park / Canadian Rockies trip and the Niagara Falls trip with Classics. "Those places were both on my bucket list, too!" she said. "Glacier National Park was just amazing. I don't think you could see everything in three days, but we gave it a shot. We rode in old-fashioned "jammer" cars, which were called that because the drivers were always jamming the brakes. Walking on the glacier was amazing, and the sights were something else. I felt like I was just sitting there with my mouth open, taking it all in. There was something beautiful around every corner.

"I also had always wanted to see Niagara Falls, and it did not disappoint. But there were also so many side trips to go on, besides just seeing the falls. I tried ice wine for the first time, which is when the grapes are frozen naturally in the first freeze of the season. They are picked right away and squeezed down, but since they are frozen, there isn't as much juice. So the wine is very expensive, because it takes more grapes to make them, but it is unique and delicious.

"Just recently I also went on the trip to Iceland, and it was so exciting. One more for the bucket list!"

When asked what her favorite parts of the trips were, Julie replied, "It is hard to pick one place over the other, since they are so different, so I would say the friendships that you make on the journey with the other members. We have so much fun on these trips, especially on the glacier trip. If you are thinking of going, and you don't have anyone to go with, give it a shot. You will definitely meet other people that will make the trip fun."

Thank you to Julie for speaking with us! 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)

Trip Preview in Kaneville!

Saturday, November 25th, Kaneville Branch

Activity Level 1 - Join us at 6:00 P.M. for a preview of our upcoming trips and socials with our new friends in Kaneville! We will be serving light refreshments. Please RSVP by November 23rd. **FREE!**

New Orleans Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 9th, HearthStone Center

Activity Level 1 - Mark your calendars for the grandest Classics holiday party of the year! Join us as we celebrate the festive season with cherished friends and joyful laughter. Indulge in a scrumptious New Orleans-style brunch provided by Lincoln Inn, with items such as a french toast casserole, biscuits and gravy, quiches, baked ham, andouille sausage casserole, and more! The event will kick off with doors opening at 10:30 A.M., and brunch will begin at 11:00 A.M. In addition, renowned jazz group the Mardra and Reggie Thomas Ensemble will provide background music while we eat, then begin a performance of holiday standards around noon. Reggie Thomas is the coordinator of the internationally recognized Northern Illinois University School of Music's Jazz Studies program. Mardra Thomas is a true jazz vocalist, whose sultry voice can be heard in numerous recordings, theatres, concert halls, and premier clubs. Payment is due at the time of registration. Please RSVP by November 25th. Members and Guests: \$30.00

Soup Samplings!

Tuesday, January 16th, Somonauk Branch

Thursday, January 18th, HearthStone Center

Activity Level 1 - We're thrilled to carry on the tradition of indulging in a delectable array of hearty and flavorful soups at two locations! At noon each day, we invite you to join us for a delightful soup-tasting experience, where we'll savor the various delightful soups you bring. For those who prefer not to bring soup, please consider bringing a few sandwiches to complement our taste-testing extravaganza. To complete our feast, we'll provide a tempting assortment of desserts and beverages. In addition, we will have a surprise guest speaker join us! Doors open at 11:30 A.M. Please RSVP for either date by January 10, 2024. **FREE!**

Treehouse Pie Company

Wednesday, February 7th, Leland Branch

Wednesday, February 21st, Kaneville Branch

Activity Level 1 - Following the tremendous interest we received last year, we're excited to announce that we've scheduled this event once again! This time, we will have two locations for your convenience. Join us for a delightful session with Christy Sharp, who will demonstrate her meticulously prepared pie dough and guide you through the process. This is an ideal opportunity to inquire about anything and everything related to pie-making. To enhance the experience, we'll provide a selection of light appetizers and beverages for your enjoyment. Come, indulge in the art of pie-making and satisfy your curiosity about crafting the perfect pie dough! Doors open for both locations at 1:30 P.M., and the demonstrations will begin at 2:00 P.M. Please RSVP by February 1st, 2024. Members and Guests: \$20.00

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, drinks and appetizers. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening! Payment is due upon registration. RSVP by March 20th. Members and Guests: \$25.00

Day Trips

***Jersey Boys* at Fireside Theatre**

Thursday, February 22nd

Activity Level 2 - Experience the magic of *Jersey Boys*, winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical, as it unravels the captivating tale behind Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons' music. Savor a delicious lunch before the matinee, which will set the stage for an afternoon filled with entertainment and nostalgia. Your price covers transportation, the enthralling show, a delectable lunch, and tips and gratuities. Full payment is due upon registration. Members: \$170.00 • Guests: \$187.00

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, Charles Gates Dawes House, and Frances Willard Home. 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 and Frances Wilard Home are two 19th Century historic house museums that have to be seen to be believed. The price covers transportation, admission, a delightful lunch, and all gratuities. Full payment is due upon registration. Members: \$175.00 • Guests: \$190.00

Extended Trips

Southern Hospitality and Space Center in Huntsville & Birmingham, Alabama

February 25th - March 1st, 2024

Activity Level 6 - Step aboard our comfortable motorcoach and join us for an extraordinary 5-night, 6-day expedition to Alabama! Throughout our journey, we will explore their unique attractions:

- Indulge in Southern hospitality and delightful cuisine at Paula Deen's Family Kitchen in Nashville, Tennessee, setting the stage for a flavorsome adventure.
- Venture into the realm of space exploration and innovation at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, where the marvels of space travel come to life.
- Pay tribute to sports legends and immerse yourself in the history of athletics at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.
- Uncover the charm of the Arlington Antebellum, a historical site that transports you back in time, offering a glimpse into the past.
- Rev up your excitement as we visit the Barber Motorsports Museum in Birmingham, where the beauty of motorcycles and motorsports takes center stage, among other captivating sights.
- Delve into history at the President James K. Polk Home and other enriching sites, offering a glimpse into the life and times of this significant figure.
- Plus much, much more!

Members Double Occupancy: \$2,465.00

Guests Double Occupancy: \$2,700.00

Single Room: \$2,895.00

Ensure your spot by making the payment at the time of registration. Travel insurance, though not included, is available for purchase. Please RSVP by January 5th, 2024, to secure your reservation.

Extended Trips, continued

Covered Bridges of Madison County and Winterset, Iowa May 15th & 16th, 2024

Activity Level 6 - Join us on a journey to beautiful Winterset, IA! Upon our arrival, our guide will join us for an engaging two-hour covered bridge tour. Following our exploration of the charming covered bridges, we'll continue our adventure with a visit to the John Wayne Birth Place and Museum. In the evening, a delightful farm-to-table dinner awaits us at Henry Wallace Farm. Our overnight stay will be at a well-appointed hotel in Winterset. After a delicious breakfast, we'll set out to visit the Iowa Quilt Museum and immerse ourselves in the delightful offerings of the award-winning Winterset Retail District. Full payment is due upon registration. Members: \$480.00 • Guests: \$528.00

Croatia Land and Cruise June 11th - 22nd, 2024

Activity Level 6 - Join Resource Bank for an unforgettable journey on this exclusive trip to Biljana's homeland, Croatia! Immerse yourself in the beauty of Croatia and the enchanting Adriatic coast, a region brimming with ancient cities, medieval architecture, picturesque rolling hills, and breathtaking coastal scenery. Experience a 7-day cruise aboard a deluxe category small yacht, allowing you to truly soak in the splendor of this coastal paradise. For further information and to secure your spot, contact Classics or visit us to pick up a brochure.

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

Activity Level 6 - Christmas in Quebec City and Montreal transforms these cities into enchanting wonderlands, adorned with a dazzling array of lights, breathtaking decorations, and joyful holiday music. For further details, please reach out to Classics to request a brochure and inquire about prices.

Classics Calendar

Nov. 25 : Trip Previews, Kaneville
Dec. 9 : New Orleans Holiday Party, HearthStone
Jan. 16 : Soup Sampling, Somonauk
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Feb. 7 : Treehouse Pie Company, Leland
Feb. 21 : Treehouse Pie Company, Kaneville
Feb. 22 : Jersey Boys, Fireside
Feb. 25 - Mar. 1 : Hunstville, AL
Mar. 27 : Step Back in Time, Evanston
Apr. 13 : Ladies Night Out, HearthStone
May 15-16 : Covered Bridges, Madison County, IA
June 11-22 : Land & Cruise, Croatia
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!

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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