

The Classics Courier

Winter 2025

We have some exciting news to share in this edition of the Courier! Thanks to the growing number of new members in our Classics Club, we have been able to add two new part-time Classics Coordinators to our team! These talented individuals will be working alongside Biljana to craft unforgettable trips and fun-filled activities and socials for our members. You may have already met them recently while helping out at some of our Classics events.

Courtney Weber, originally from Northbrook, came to the DeKalb area to attend NIU and never went home. Her background is in hospitality, but for the last six years you might have met her as a teller at our Sycamore Branch. She and her husband are also motorcycle enthusiasts and have ridden to almost every state in the country. "I'm looking forward to sharing some of the wonderful places that we have visited with the Classics!" Courtney said. "The countryside is beautiful from the back of a motorcycle, but you can't beat traveling with good friends."

Nicole Patterson also came to NIU and quickly fell in love with the community. Raised in Elmwood Park, she has called Sycamore home for the past six years and has been part of the Resource Bank team for three. "I'm so excited about this new adventure!" Nicole said. "I will get to meet new clients that I have not had the opportunity to work with before. This is a dream job for me because it combines so many of the things I love, such as making new friends, entertaining, and hosting. My husband even said to me, 'You just got your hobby as a job!', and he is right. I truly enjoy coming up with new experiences and sharing them with people."

Courtney shares Nicole's enthusiasm. "I was actually going to retire, but when this opportunity came up, I couldn't resist. I love meeting and talking to people, and I'm eager to collaborate with Biljana and Nicole to bring new trips and socials for our members to enjoy."

Be sure to check inside this issue for a preview of the exciting events we have planned for the coming months. Biljana, Courtney, and Nicole look forward to seeing you there!

The Classics Team

Entertaining Events in the Community Rooms

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

Paint and Relax at Hampshire!

Friday, March 28th, Hampshire

Activity Level 1 - Do you love painting or want to explore your creative side? Join us at the Hampshire Branch for a fun and interactive canvas painting workshop! Jennifer Schneck, the talented owner of Bleu Palette in Sycamore, will guide you step-by-step as you create your very own masterpiece to take home. No experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm, and we'll provide the rest! Doors will be open at 1:30 p.m., and the event will begin at 2:00 p.m. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served! **RSVP by March 25th. Members: \$40 • Guests: \$45**

The Cat's Out of the Bag!

Come see what Classics has to offer in 2025 and enter to WIN a \$1,000

Classics Coupon!

Sunday, April 6th, HearthStone*

Activity Level 1 - We're inviting all Classics Members—and encouraging you to bring a guest or two—to this special Sunday open house! It's the perfect opportunity to introduce friends and family to all the wonderful experiences the Classics Club offers. You'll get an insider's look at upcoming plans, exciting new events, and what makes being part of the Classics so special. We are so thankful for our members - let's take the opportunity to share what Classics has to offer with your favorite people! Enjoy delicious appetizers, refreshments, and the chance to win some fantastic door prizes—including a **\$1,000 Classics travel coupon!** Don't miss this fun and informative event—we can't wait to see you and your guests there! Open House will be from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Please RSVP by April 1st. FREE!**

BINGO! at Earlville

Tuesday, April 8th, Earl Township Building

Activity Level 1 - Join us for an afternoon full of fun games and laughter! There will be prizes galore, so bring your friend (Classics or not)! Dessert and refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., and the event will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. Payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by March 28th. Members: \$12 • Guests: \$12**

Herbs, Plants, and Lunch!

Tuesday, April 29th, Kaneville Branch

Activity Level 1 - Join us at the Kaneville Branch (Gymnasium location) for a delightful hands-on planting experience. Kate Wiltse, from Wiltse's Farm, will guide you through the art of crafting the perfect planter for your porch or kitchen window. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, Kate is the perfect expert to answer all your planting questions. As a bonus, you'll have the chance to win a beautiful handcrafted herb planter and a selection of herb pots in our exciting raffle! Attendees will also be treated to delicious lunch boxes prepared by The Lincoln Inn. Don't miss this fun and educational event! Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the event begins at noon. Payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by April 25th. Members: \$20 • Guests: \$22**

Ladies Night Out!

Saturday, May 17th, HearthStone*

Activity Level 1 - Ladies, it's time to treat yourself! Our most popular event is back, and we've planned an unforgettable evening of pampering, relaxation, and fun just for you. Explore a mix of your favorite vendors and exciting new ones, with plenty of opportunities to shop to your heart's content. Sip on delicious drinks, savor tasty appetizers, enjoy a delightful fashion show, and receive the chance to win fabulous door prizes throughout the evening. Gather your friends and join us for a night filled with laughter, indulgence, and a little something special for everyone! Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the event starts at 5:00 p.m. Payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by May 10th. Members and Guests: \$25**

Day Trips

Beautiful, the Carol King Musical at Drury Lane

Sunday, February 23rd, Oak Brook

Activity Level 2 - Witness the captivating story of Carole King's meteoric rise to stardom, from humble beginnings to becoming one of the most celebrated voices in popular music. Featuring timeless melodies like "I Feel the Earth Move" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," this production weaves an emotional tapestry rich with nostalgia. *Beautiful* isn't just a musical—it's an immersive celebration of resilience, creativity, and the authentic spirit of a music legend. Price includes: Tickets, Sunday brunch, transportation, and driver tip. Full payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by January 28, 2025.** **Members: \$165 • Guests: \$175**

The Church Basement Ladies in The Last (Potluck) Supper!

Sunday, June 8th, The Fireside

Activity Level 2 - Step back in time with this heartwarming and hilarious play that takes you on a nostalgic journey through 100 years of history. It's 1979, and the day of the church's Centennial Celebration has brought past parishioners together to share hotdish, bars, and cherished memories. As the ladies work in the kitchen, their stories come alive in a series of vivid flashbacks. Meet Vivian's grandmother in 1897, watch Karin navigate her early days as a newlywed in the kitchen, and see the unforgettable moment Mavis made her boisterous entrance in 1944. While the Centennial Celebration is full of laughter and reflection, it's also a bittersweet moment for this small farm community as they face tough decisions about the future. Join us for an afternoon filled with humor, nostalgia, and delicious food—this is one gathering you won't want to miss! Price includes: Tickets, Sunday brunch, transportation, and driver tip. Full payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by May 12. Members: \$168 • Guests: \$182**

Extended Trips

Japan

March 13th - 26th, 2025

Activity Level 6 - Experience the enchantment of Japan, where tradition meets innovation in a seamless blend of ancient temples and neon-lit streets. With the bustling energy of Tokyo, a bullet train to Hiroshima, the serene beauty of Kyoto's shrines, and everything in between, Japan offers a captivating journey through vibrant cityscapes and tranquil landscapes. Let Japan mesmerize you with its unparalleled charm and leave you with memories to treasure forever. **This trip is closed, but contact us if you are interested - there may be room openings!**

West Virginia National Parks

May 4th - 8th, 2025

Activity Level 6 - Get your National Parks passport ready and join us for a scenic tour of some of the most beautiful National Parks in the United States! Our adventure begins with a visit to Indiana Dunes National Park. After an overnight stay in Columbus, OH, we will continue our journey to New River Gorge National Park in West Virginia. New River Gorge National Park, established as a National River in 1978 and redesignated as a National Park in 2021, spans over 70,000 acres along the New River. Next, we welcome you to the luxurious Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia, where we will stay for two nights. This magnificent resort offers a plethora of activities, including a tour of the Greenbrier Bunker. There are many more activities planned for this trip, so join us for this unforgettable journey through history and natural beauty! The price includes transportation, admission to all attractions, 4-night hotel stay, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners, and all gratuities. **RSVP by April 7th. Members: \$1,670.00 • Guests: \$1,795.00**

Extended Trips, continued

The History of East Germany

May 25th - June 6th, 2025

Activity Level 6 - Embark on an extraordinary 11-night journey through the history and culture of East Germany! Join one Classics' favorite guides, Christoph, as he takes you on a special journey to his motherland of East Germany. Having traveled with Christoph and Universal Travel many times before, this trip is set to be particularly memorable as he shares the rich history and culture of his homeland with us. Explore the historic cities of Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig and Potsdam. Immerse yourself in the local traditions - savor authentic meats, cheeses, and local beers, and even learn how to properly dance the Waltz! Experience history first hand with visits to the famous Meissen porcelain factory, a cruise on the Elbe River, a tour of the Berlin Wall, and much more! **Please call Classics for the brochure and price.**

Yosemite and Lake Tahoe

September 8th - 15th, 2025

Activity Level 6 - Experience the untouched beauty of the American West - Yosemite National Park, a natural paradise since time began, is a true treasure of the American West. On this unforgettable journey, discover the charm of Monterey and take in the breathtaking views along 17-Mile Drive. Marvel at the unspoiled beauty of Yosemite, then travel over the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains to the pristine waters of Lake Tahoe. Indulge in local wines in Napa Valley and savor a farm-to-table lunch, all while embracing the laid-back lifestyle of the Golden State! Plus, enjoy the option of extending your adventure with two days in San Francisco. **Please call Classics for the brochure and pricing details.**

Rome and the Italian Amalfi Coast

October 2nd - 11th, 2025

Activity Level 6 - Take in the sights of the "Eternal City" of Rome! All of the unforgettable destinations of the city, such as the Spanish Steps, the Colosseum, and the Piazza Navona will be yours to savor. Then head to the Amalfi Coast, recognized by UNESCO as an outstanding example of a Mediterranean landscape. Here, mountains dramatically plunge into the sea, creating a breathtaking scene of steep cliffs, cliffside homes, and lush woodlands. This stunning coastline is a favorite getaway for Italians, with each town exuding the quintessential Amalfi charm. As you travel along the picturesque coastal drive, you'll journey through lemon groves and hillside orchards, immersing yourself in the beauty of this remarkable region. **Please contact Classics for the brochure and pricing details.**

Classics Calendar

Mar. 13-26 : Japan (Sold Out, Wait List Available!)

Mar. 28 : Paint and Relax, Hampshire

Apr. 6 : Classics Open House, HearthStone

Apr. 8 : Bingo at the Earl Township Building

Apr. 29 : Herbs, Plants, and Lunch, Kaneville

May 4-8 : West Virginia National Parks

May 17 : Ladies Night Out, HearthStone

May 25 - Jun. 6 : East Germany

Jun. 8 : The Last Potluck Supper, The Fireside

Sept. 8-15 : Yosemite National Park

Oct. 2-11 : Rome, Italy, and the Amalfi Coast

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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