

# The Classics Courier

Autumn 2024

## Get Ready for Another Unforgettable Classics Homecoming Hayride!

After an unforgettable day at the park two years ago, we're thrilled to bring back a true Classics-style outing on October 6th with our Classics Homecoming Boat Hayride at Lake Shabbona! We're excited to once again take to the water for a unique boat hayride experience.

Imagine gliding across the serene waters of Lake Shabbona, surrounded by the picturesque landscape, all from the comfort of hay bales on pontoon boats. This memorable outing is made possible by the wonderful Honiotes family, the proud owners of Pokanoka's Dockside Cafe.

They are eager to share the stunning views of the state park and create another special day for our Classics members. Join us for this exceptional event and reconnect with nature, friends, and the joyous spirit of autumn.

Plus, it wouldn't be a Classics event without delicious food! Adam Honiotes will serve up a mouthwatering feast featuring BBQ chicken quarters, smoked brisket, brats from Honiotes Farm, sweet corn, potato salad, harvest fruit salad, and more!

Lake Shabbona Park also looks beautiful while listening to amazing live music! Settle in under the open sky, savor delicious bites, and let the lively tunes of Keith Snyder and his bluegrass band sweep you away. It will be the perfect chance to relax, mingle, and enjoy some toe-tapping American roots melodies. If you have not heard a live bluegrass band before, you are in for a treat!

### Event Details:

- Date: October 6th, 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Rain Date: October 12th
- Location: Lake Shabbona
- Cost: \$45.00 for Classics Members and their guests
- Reservation Deadline: September 10th
- Capacity: This is a can't-miss event, and spots will fill up quickly! To secure your place or if you have any questions, call us at (815) 748-1647. See inside for more details. We can't wait to see you for another fantastic fall celebration!

Biljana Jovanovic  
Classics Advisor

# Entertaining Events in the Community Rooms

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

## **Fall Festival at Shabbona Lake**

**Sunday, October 6th, Lake Shabbona**

**Activity Level 2** - Please join us for a fun day at Lake Shabbona for a Fall Festival Party! The festivities will begin at 3:00 p.m. and include live music, a pontoon boat ride, and dinner. Dinner will be served by Pokanoka's Docksider Café. Don't miss the chance to get your fall photo taken there as well. Transportation is on your own, and payment is due upon registration. In case of inclement weather, the rain date will be October 12. The price includes dinner, live music, a pontoon ride, and a photo session. **RSVP by September 27th. Members & Guests: \$45.00**

## **Germany Trip Presentation With Christoph!**

**Thursday, November 14th, HearthStone**

**Activity Level 1** - Join us for a review of the upcoming Germany trip. Our good friend and travel guide Christoph will inform us of what we can look forward to on the May, 2025 excursion. The presentation will be at 4:00 P.M. **RSVP by October 15th. FREE!**

## **Classics Christmas Concert with Windy City Dueling Pianos**

**Sunday, December 15th, HearthStone**

**Activity Level 1** - Mark your calendars for the biggest Classics party of the year! Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of entertainment with the Windy City Dueling Pianos. Experience a high-energy concert featuring live music performed by two talented pianists on dual pianos. Playing off each other in the classic "dueling" style, they are sure to amaze you! Enjoy a selection of appetizers and drinks served throughout the event. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., with the show beginning at 3:00 p.m. Payment is required at the time of registration, so please **RSVP by December 5th. Members & Guests: \$60.00**

## **Soup Sampling**

**Thursday, January 16th, HearthStone**

**Wednesday, January 22nd, Somonauk**

**Activity Level 1** - We're continuing our tradition of sharing wonderful, hearty, and tasty soups! Join us at noon for a fun-filled afternoon of sampling the many delicious soups that you bring. It's always a treat to try the variety of flavors everyone has to offer. If you prefer not to bring soup, please consider bringing a few sandwiches to complement our taste-testing feast. Desserts, beverages, and table service will be provided. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. **RSVP by January 10th. FREE!**

## **Chili Cookoff!**

**Wednesday, February 5th, Kirkland**

**Wednesday, February 12th, Shabbona**

**Activity Level 1** - Do you make the most delicious chili? Or do you love making others happy by cooking and sharing your best chili? If so, please join us at one of our scheduled locations for a fun-filled chili-tasting event! It's always a real treat to sample the different chili varieties everyone brings. If you'd rather not bring chili, you can contribute by bringing a few sandwiches, cornbread, or corn chips to complement our taste-testing feast. Desserts, beverages, and table service will be provided. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. **Please RSVP by January 28, 2025. FREE!**

## Day Trips

### **Chris Kringle Market**

**Saturday, December 14th, Ottawa, IL**

**Activity Level 3** - You don't have to travel to Chicago to experience one of the season's most popular holiday activities. Held under the twinkling lights of historic downtown Ottawa, IL, the Euro-inspired Chris Kringle Market features small makers, bakers, and creators from around the world. Indulge in delicious food, savor red wine in a cozy atmosphere, and shop to your heart's content—all with ease and comfort. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride. Join us for this delightful one-day outing and make your holiday season unforgettable! The price includes transportation and the driver gratuity. **Full payment is due upon registration. RSVP by December 1st. Members: \$42 • Guests: \$44**

### ***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**

## 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! **Please call Classics for the brochure and pricing details.**

## 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.**

### **California Dreamin'**

**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

Oct. 6 : Lake Shabbona Fall Festival  
Nov. 14 : Germany Trip Presentation  
Dec. 5-10 : Christmas, Quebec City & Montreal  
Dec. 14 : Chris Kringle Market in Ottawa  
Dec. 15 : Dueling Pianos Concert at HearthStone  
Jan. 16 : Soup Sampling, HearthStone  
Jan. 22 : Soup Sampling, Somonauk  
Feb. 5 : Chili Cook-Off, Kirkland  
Feb. 12 : Chili Cook-Off, Shabbona  
Feb. 23 : *Beautiful*, Carol King musical, Drury Lane  
Mar. 13-26 : Japan (Call for availability!)  
May 4-8 : West Virginia National Parks  
May 25 - Jun. 6 : East Germany  
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!

## 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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