

January 21 – Pere Marquette and the Eagles – (1 sneaker). Spend the day exploring the Great River Road, beginning with the Melvin Price Dam, a gigantic structure critical for navigation on the Mississippi. Our planned stop to Eagle watch is made easy by telescopes at the Audubon Center but eagles will also be visible on this scenic byway on our way. Lunch is an all-you-can-eat fried chicken dinner at this beautiful lodge. As we travel back, a stop at the Great Rivers Center will complete the day. Your fee includes: deluxe motor coach, driver's tip, lunch with tip, and the services of Linda Koenig. Leave Waterloo at 8:30 a.m., Columbia at 8:50 a.m. Return to Columbia at 4:00 p.m., Waterloo at 4:20 p.m. Cost is \$77, due by December 17.

January 25 – "Summers" The Donna Summers Musical at the Fabulous Fox – (1 sneaker). Join us as we travel back in time to the 70's disco era featuring music from the "Queen of Disco: Donna Summers". With a score featuring more than 20 of Summer's classic hits, this electric experience is a moving tribute to the voice of a generation. Tour includes deluxe motor coach, lunch at the Fox, orchestra seat for the show, gratuity to the driver and all arrangements. Leave Waterloo at 11:00 a.m., Columbia at 11:20 a.m. Return to Columbia at 4:45 p.m., Waterloo at 5:05 p.m. Cost is \$144, due on December 2.

February 13 – Mid-Winter Dinner at Gallaghers – This will be our third year to enjoy an all-you-can-eat chicken dinner at the ever popular Gallagher's restaurant in downtown Waterloo. This is a great opportunity to get out, shake off those mid-winter blues, and enjoy a night out with your significant other or your circle of friends. Don't forget - your first drink is "on us". Door opens at 6:00 p.m. Cost \$20, due on January 28.

February 25 – St Louis Blues Hockey Game (1 sneaker). This is a *first-time event* for our group as we check out the *2019 Stanley Cup winning: St. Louis Blues*. Our boys in Blue will take on the Chicago Blackhawks at the Enterprise Center (Seats in Section 333, Row F-J). This is your chance to see a "live" Blues game with all your friends. Trip includes your game ticket and deluxe motor coach with driver tip. Leave Waterloo at 5:30 p.m., Columbia 5:50 p.m. Return to Columbia at 11:00 p.m., Waterloo 11:20 p.m. Cost is \$91, due on January 9.

March 5 – Kosher Konnection – (2 sneaker). Learn more about what happened to six million Jews and five million other civilians at the hands of the Nazis during WWII. We begin our day with a visit to the St. Louis Holocaust Museum with Linda Koenig, our guide. Next we see a film of Jerry Koenig talking about his experiences as a holocaust survivor. For lunch, we visit Kohn's Deli and the Kosher Meat Market. Lunch is a traditional kosher lunch of Matzo ball soup, knish and choice of corned beef, pastrami, turkey, or roast beef sandwich. After lunch, we tour Temple Israel and our last stop to see the smallest Jewish Cemetery in the U.S. - Ohave Shalom, where only Holocaust survivors are buried and the inspiring monument to the victims. Tour cost includes deluxe motor coach, driver gratuity, lunch and the services of Linda Koenig. Leave Waterloo at 8:00 a.m., Columbia 8:20 a.m. Return to Columbia at 4:30 p.m., Waterloo 4:50 p.m. Cost is \$80, due February 5.

March 25 – Predator vs. Prey (2 sneakers). Enjoy a private two-hour guided tour of the Endangered Wolf Center. This tour is tailored to what you most want to see and learn, with insights gathered over four decades of working with and for wolves and other wild canids. Included in this tour is an inside look at three additional endangered species: African painted dogs, maned wolves, and the swift foxes. Lunch will be a wonderful buffet at the Holiday Inn Express Six Flags. Our last stop will be a guided tour of the World Bird Sanctuary. Your cost includes deluxe motor coach, buffet lunch, all attractions and gratuities including to our driver and

our private tour guide. <u>This tour is limited to 29 travelers!</u> Leave Waterloo at 8:45 a.m., Columbia at 9:05 a.m. Return to Columbia at 4:45 p.m., Waterloo 5:05 p.m. Cost is \$109, due February 17.

April 22 – Visit Washington Missouri (2 sneakers). All aboard for this Amtrak train trip from downtown St Louis to Washington, MO. Once we arrive we visit the Iron Spike Model Train Museum. Lunch at Hawthorne Inn then onto the Washington Historical Society Museum Society to see and hear the history of Washington, MO. You will see the city's history from corn cob pipes to World Wars I and II items. Price includes: deluxe motor coach, lunch, attractions, Amtrak ticket, gratuities to bus driver and private tour guide. Leave Waterloo at 7:30 a.m., Columbia at 7:50 a.m. Return to Columbia at 5:00 p.m., Waterloo at 5:20 p.m. Cost is \$109 due, February 20.

April 30 – Mark your calendars for the Classic 55 Club Dinner/ Dance (more information to follow).

May 5 – Touchstones to our Past (2-3 sneakers). This tour will visit four beautiful St Louis cemeteries: Bellefontaine, Calvary, New Mount Sinai, and the Jefferson Barracks National Military Cemetery. We will visit some of the most famous gravesites in the area, including those of William Clark, Adolphus Busch, William Tecumseh Sherman, Tennessee Williams, and Dred Scott. Some of the largest family mausoleums and over 150,000 service persons will round out our tour. Lunch will be serviced at the Bissell Mansion. Your price includes: deluxe motor coach, driver tip, lunch, all other gratuities, and the services of Linda Koenig. Leave Waterloo at 8:30 a.m., Columbia at 8:50 a.m. Return to Columbia at 4:00 p.m., Waterloo at 4:20 p.m. Cost is \$83, due April 7.

June 11 – The Chorus Line at Stages (1 sneaker). Come enjoy a wonderful lunch at the Twisted Tree and on to Stages (Robert G Reim auditorium) to see "A Chorus Line". Centered on seventeen Broadway dancers auditioning for spots on **a chorus line**, the musical is set on the bare stage of a Broadway theatre during an audition for a musical. Based on real Broadway dancers' stories, as told to fellow dancer and choreographer Michael Bennett, *A Chorus Line* is funny, heartbreaking, and refreshingly honest. Tour includes deluxe motor coach, driver tip, lunch at the Twisted Tree with tip, and a ticket for the performance. Leave Waterloo at 10:45 a.m., Columbia 11:05 a.m. Return to Columbia at 5:00 p.m., Waterloo at 5:20 p.m. Cost is \$144, due March 2.

June 18 – St Louis Cardinals vs. the Colorado Rockies at Busch Stadium (stay tuned for more information).

July 5- July 13 – Canadian Rockies by Rail – You don't want to miss this first-class bucket list trip so call today for more information.

September 16 – Hannibal, Missouri (2-3 sneakers). We are heading to Mark Twain country where we will tour the Mark Twain District with actual buildings that inspired many famous scenes in Samuel Clemens' most well-known novels. Visit the Mark Twain Boyhood home, the Huckleberry Finn House, and the Clemens Justice of the Peace Office, and more. We dine at the Mark Twain Family Restaurant to include a complete fried chicken dinner. Next, we take a tour of Hannibal aboard a replica trolley taking in the many sites of the area such as Riverview Park, Molly Brown's birthplace, Sawyer's Creek, and the Mark Twain Cave. We saved the best for last, a visit to the grand and elegant Rockcliffe Mansion which was celebrated as one of the finest river mansions in America. Your cost includes: deluxe motor coach, driver gratuity, lunch, admissions and the services of Linda Koenig. Leave Waterloo at 7:30 a.m., Columbia at 7:50 a.m. Return to Columbia at 6:00 p.m., Waterloo at 6:20 p.m. Cost is \$125, due August 12.

October 20-22 – French Lick, Indiana (2-3 sneakers). Come join us for this scenic tour of Brown County and French Lick, Indiana. **Day 1**, we tour New Harmony, IN with lunch at the famous Red Geranium. Later that day we arrive at the Abe Martin Lodge in beautiful Brown County State Park. This lodge, built in 1932 of handhewn native stone and oak timber, has gorgeous indoor and outdoor spaces and is our home for the first night. **Day 2**, we stop at the "For Bare Feet" sock factory for a fun tour, then time for lunch (on your own) and shopping in this charming village of Nashville, IN. Enjoy the scenic drive from Nashville to French Lick, then check-in at the famous French Lick Spring Hotel. This hotel was built in 1901 and is known for the "miracle waters" of its Sulphur springs. After a delicious included dinner, Linda will take the group to visit the sister West Baden Springs Hotel. Built in 1900, one has to see the size of the atrium to believe it. **Day 3**, we travel to Dale, IN for a tour of Dr. Ted's Musical Marvels, then a brief lunch stop before heading home. This tour includes: two night's hotel with luggage handling, two breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, Also, included are

fees for the motor coach, driver with tip, and the services of Linda Koenig. Double occupancy is \$619 each person; Single occupancy is \$772. A deposit of \$200 is due at sign-up and the remainder on August 13.

## Casey, Illinois trip date will be announced in the next issue. STAY TUNED!

SUNDAY, December 6 – Ambassadors of Harmony (1 sneaker). Enjoy the highly-acclaimed Ambassadors of Harmony Holiday Concert at the Touhill Performing Arts Center. The 157 member, Barbershop harmony-style group has an extensive acapella repertoire, including contemporary, Broadway, gospel, folk and light jazz. The St Charles-based ambassadors have won international competitions several times recently, and always perform to sellout audiences. After the concert, we will enjoy a buffet at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine and a drive through the "Way of Lights" to complete the evening. Your price includes deluxe motor coach, dinner, theatre ticket, tips, donations, and the services of guide Linda Koenig. Leave Waterloo at 12:30 p.m., Columbia 12:50 p.m. Return to Columbia at 8:00 p.m., Waterloo at 8:20 p.m. Cost is \$120, due September 28.

## Rules of the Road

## To give you an idea of how much walking there will be on each trip, see the sneaker system below:

- 1 Sneaker = Easy pace, mostly ramps, few or no stairs
- 2 Sneakers = Moderate pace, 1 flight of stairs, few inclines
- 3 Sneakers = Steady Pace, 1-2 flights of stairs, some inclines
- 4 Sneakers = Periods of intense pace, uneven terrain
- 5 Sneakers = Periods of strenuous pace, rough terrain conditions
- All tours begin and end at the Waterloo VFW or the Columbia Schnuck's parking lot with pick ups
- 15 minutes apart.
- All tips, meals, transportation and sites are included in price unless stated differently.
- Once you register, place all information on your personal calendar.
- Payment dates are always printed in bi-monthly newsletter.
- If you need to cancel please call and remove your name from active list.
- Partial payments may be reimbursed after payment due dates if at all possible. Sometimes there are nonrecoverable costs, such as prepaid tickets, meal guarantees, final fees paid for motor coach rentals or other trip fees that the vendors will not refund: those are <u>non-refundable costs</u>. Full payments can be refunded if cancellation is done <u>before due date</u>.
- Classic 55 Club members are allowed to invite one friend along on a trip.

Make checks payable to the Classic 55 Club. You may drop off checks at any of our banking centers or mail directly to me @ First National Bank, Attention: Teresa Minton, PO Box 507, Waterloo, IL 62298. Teresa Minton or Darcy Fausz,

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