

From Darcy's desk-

Happy New Year to our Classic 55 Club members and guests!

2021 was a year of challenges and change. As predicted in my January 2021 newsletter, we were traveling again by mid year, April to be exact and we ended up traveling on 14 day trips, 2 motorcoach trips and 1 trip by airplane. Although we didn't travel to every destination that we had planned, our club still kept **VERY** busy. I can't say that 2022 will be without issues, but we are more prepared for anything it throws at us—the last two years have taught us to expect the unexpected. We have planned some great trips, shows and events for the next 12 months and I hope you will be able to join us for a few. *Thank you for your continued support and kind words and I look forward to making many memories with you and your guests.*

"Let the troubles of the past year be left behind as we look forward to a new year filled with love and fresh opportunities"

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Trip Updates and Recaps

Safety Protocols—As of January 1, 2022, we will require all travelers to provide proof of vaccination OR a negative COVID 19 test given with in 72 hours of the travel date. This is for all trips including day trips. You can send me a copy of your vaccination card & I will add this information to my records. If you do not submit a copy, you will be required to show your card prior to boarding the motorcoach. We will keep monitoring the situation & keep you apprised of any changes to our protocol.

Travel Costs—As you all may be experiencing increased costs in your own household, the travel industry is also feeling the same pinch. We have been notified that costs for motor coaches will be increasing in 2022 & we all know food costs have also been on the rise, which impacts restaurants and other venues. In addition to the rise in the cost of goods, the travel industry is also being hit with restaurants and hotels being short staffed. Be aware that we are doing our best to provide tours as reasonably priced as we can and as they are promoted but sometimes a situation occurs that is out of our control & a substitution to a meal or venue may need to be made. Thank you for your patience & understanding. Entrée Choices—If entrées are listed in the trip description, please provide your choice(s) when making your reservation. Canadian Rockies by Rail 2022 — This trip has sold out! Stand by reservations are available. Contact Darcy for information.

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Electronic copies of our newsletter and trip brochures available at www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club

Reservation Deadlines—Reservation deadlines have been added to the trip detail because if a trip has not reached the minimum number of travelers two weeks prior to the event, we will need to cancel. In most cases, payment is due at the time of reservations and can be made by check, cash or debiting a FNB account.

<u>Cancellations and Refund Process</u>— We ask that you contact us as soon as you know you need to cancel your reservation. The stand by list will be utilized to fill any cancellations. If we cannot fill your spot with a replacement, we will try & offer a full refund, but know sometimes there are costs associated with the trips that cannot be recouped. Therefore, we may only to be able to refund a portion of your payment. *We will always try to provide a full refund.*

FNB & Club News

<u>Our Annual Dinner Dance Is BACK!</u> — Watch for details in the March Newsletter!

<u>Join Our Team!</u> - FNB has several full and part time employment opportunities available including positions in our banking centers, loan and operations departments. Check it out HERE >> https://www.fnbwaterloo.bank/about/employment/



UPCOMING DAY TRIPS WATERLOO & COLUMBIA PICK UPS TRIP DATE PICK UP/DROP OFF LOCATION(S) & TIMES COST/PERSON St. Louis Blues vs Calgary Flames 1/27/2022 Waterloo 5:30 PM/11:20 PM | Columbia 5:45 PM/11:00 PM \$92

(2 sneaker) - LET'S GO BLUES! We are heading to the Enterprise Center in downtown St. Louis to watch The St. Louis Blues take the ice against the Calgary Flames. Our motorcoach will pick you up in Waterloo or Columbia & drop you off right at the entrance. No parking or traffic hassle! A clear bag meeting the NHL bag policy is included with the ticket price, along with motorcoach & driver gratuity. Bags will be available for pick up at your nearest banking center no later than January 21, 2022. _Seats are located in Section 302. All guests ages 12 & older will be required to show a photo ID & proof of full COVID-19 vaccination OR a negative COVID-19 PCR or antigen test to attend all ticketed events held at Enterprise Center. ONLY 15 TICKETS REMAIN.

Sweet St. Louis 2/10/2022 Waterloo 8:45 AM/5:30 PM | Columbia 9:00 AM/5:00 PM \$134

(2 Sneakers) - Arrive at Soulard Market the oldest market west of the Mississippi & browse all the vendor stands. Be sure to visit the spice shop, get some produce & maybe even partake in a cup of coffee or a Bloody Mary! Lunch will be enjoyed at Sweetie Pie's Upper Crust a down home soul food cafeteria style ordering restaurant as seen on Oprah's Network. Next is a Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate Factory Tour—Need we say more? We will also visit Missouri Baking Company on the Hill. You'll receive a special treat & enjoy time to shop. Lastly, we round out our day at The Fountain on Locust with some ice cream & enjoy this wonderful venue, bring your camera along for some great photo ops of the art deco in this magnificent artistic restaurant. Price includes motorcoach transportation, escort, inclusive lunch Sweetie Pie's, tour of Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate Factory, treats at Soulard Market & Missouri Bakery, dessert at The Fountain, gratuity to driver & escort. ONLY 7 SEATS REMAIN.

Mean Girls at The Fabulous Fox 2/26/2022 Waterloo 11:15 AM/5:00 PM | Columbia 11:30 AM/4:45 PM CLOSED

(2 sneakers) - Direct from Broadway, MEAN GIRLS is the hilarious hit musical from an award-winning creative team, including book writer Tina Fey ("30 Rock), Price includes orchestra seat, themed lunch at The Fox, motorcoach transportation, gratuities for driver & meal. STAND BY ONLY.

All Aboard for Washington, MO 3/10/2022

This trip has been cancelled due to a change in the Amtrak schedule.

Fulton, MO & America's National Churchill Museum	4/12/2022	Waterloo 8:30 AM/5:30 PM Columbia 8:45 AM/5:15 PM	\$116
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(2 sneakers) We will spend the day in Fulton, MO, a small town loaded with history and charm! The <u>Auto World Museum</u> is one of the Midwest's largest and most complete collections of classic cars. It was founded by Bill Backer, who owned the Backer Potato Chip Company in Fulton. His love for vintage cars knew no bounds, and by the mid-1990s, he'd collected nearly 100 vehicles. Our lunch today will be a delicious lunch buffet at **Westminster College**, many say the large dining room with its wrought-iron chandeliers and high wood-vaulted ceilings, reminds them of Hogwarts castle. Next it's off to visit **The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury** the 12th Century church, redesigned in 1677, and left in ruins by a German bomb during WW II. Rebuilt on the campus of Westminster College, it serves as a reminder of Winston Churchill's visit to the college and his prophetic "Iron Curtain" speech there. Under the church, we will visit the **America's National Churchill Museum**, which today is filled with a priceless treasury of artifacts and information relating to the life and times of Sir Winston Churchill. We will also view the sculpture celebrating the fall of the Berlin Wall, created from eight massive sections of the actual Berlin Wall. Visit **Crane's Country Store** to treat yourself to ice cream and cobbler, at this iconic Mid-Missouri stop. Price includes museum admissions, motorcoach transportation, gratuities for driver & meal and services of Linda Koenig. **RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY 3/28/2022.**



UPCOMING MULTI-DAY TRIPS

Golden Isles of Georgia

Featuring Jekyll, St. Simons & Sapelo Islands April 3—7, 2022

\$2,596/person—Double Occ. \$3,134*/person—Single Occ. \$2,438*/person—Triple & Quad Occ. *Prices updated from original newsletter

Includes, airfare, motorcoach, 9 meals & attractions, resort fees for guests that include per room/day: 2 hours bike rental, 2 Starbucks coffee vouchers & 2 beverage credit vouchers. Beach & pool towel service & Island Shuttle Service are also included. *Base trip interruption & cancellation plan. Guide services of Dea Hoover & Bank Representative Darcy Fausz.

The price reflects the base trip interruption & cancellation plan. If interested in a plan with a pre-existing waiver or the optional Cancel For Any Reason benefit please contact "Are We There Yet?, LLC" for rates & information. A copy of the plan document will be provided.

Explore the Golden Isles of Georgia on this relaxing and sun-filled trip in April. The luxurious, 4-star Westin Hotel- Jekyll Island, located along the grand, unspoiled shoreline and boasts a variety of amenities will be our home for all nights of the tour. **Jekyll Island** was purchased in 1886 by a group of wealthy families as a private retreat. By 1900, The Jekyll Island Club membership included the most rich and famous families including the Rockefellers and represented over one-sixth of the world's wealth. Sapelo Island is a state-managed barrier island, the fourth largest in the chain of coastal Georgia islands between the Savannah and St. Mary's rivers. Salpelo is accessible only by passenger ferry. There we will explore the Island, enjoy lunch and experience its unique local culture and history with an insider's perspective. Our group will enjoy a private lunch at the **Reynolds Mansion**. We will journey to the nearby island of **St Simons Island**, the largest of the Golden Isles. On our guided tour we will explore Ft. Frederica where Georgia's fate was decided in 1742 when Spanish and British forces clashed on St. Simons Island. We end our day with dinner in a private home for a traditional Golden Isle meal. It is time to bid farewell to our Island vacation, but not before a stop at **Hofwyl <u>Plantation</u>**. Then we board our flight on Southwest Airlines and depart with many memories of the easy flow of island life.

Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas

May 10—13, 2022

(3 Sneakers) - Explore our neighbor to the south, the Natural State, full of hot springs, gardens & interesting & fun attractions. Enjoy two nights at Hot Spring's beautiful Hilton property, The Waters, which is in walking distance of 100 shops & restaurants & best of all, across from Hot Springs National Park. A private guided tour of the park & into the mountains will be give by a ranger that steps aboard our coach. Then enjoy a tour of Garvan Gardens, the lush botanical garden just outside of town. Also tour a bath house & maybe book bath for yourself just down the street at Quapaw Baths & Spa. A highlight of this tour will be Moss Mountain, home to PBS star P. Allen Smith. Our group will enjoy a tour & a special seasonal lunch on our visit. Once in Little Rock, we will spend time in downtown where our hotel is located. We will tour Heifer International before we enjoy dinner that evening at The Edgemont House with the owner & botanical decorating genius, Chris Olsen. We end our visit with a guided tour of the William J. Clinton Presidential Museum & Library, just up the street from our hotel, & if you have already visited the museum, there is plenty to walk around & see in downtown Little Rock.

Double Occupancy—\$1,035, Single Occupancy—\$1,356, Triple Occupancy—\$926, Quad Occupancy—\$872

Tour includes: 5 meals (3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners), luxury motorcoach transportation, hotels in BOTH downtown districts, city tour of Hot Springs, lunch at Moss Mountain – P. Allen Smith's Garden, dinner in The Edgemont House—the private home of Chris Olsen, optional dinner Show at the Bathhouse Theatre (if available), round-trip luggage handling, all gratuities to driver, guides, bellmen & wait staff. Tour Price represents cost with a trip protection. For options such as a pre-existing condition waiver or Cancel For Any Reason coverage, please provide all travelers dates of birth and request an individual quote."

SNEAKER RATING

- **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

<u>Pick Up Locations</u>—We currently have two motor coach pick up locations for day trips. <u>Waterloo VFW</u> (406 Veterans Drive) please park on the west side of the building in rocked area of the parking lot making sure not to block the dumpster. <u>Columbia Schnuck's Market Place</u> (1000 Columbia Center) between the Post Office & Schnucks. <u>Currently there is assigned seating on the motorcoach & boarding will begin 15 minutes prior to the departure time. Please do not board the motor coach until the coordinator is ready.</u>

Visit us at one of our many locations!

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North Banking Center

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