



# NEWS FROM DARCY'S DESK

September - October 2026

In June, the Classic 55 Club set off on an unforgettable trip to the lovely state of Michigan. We kicked things off by checking out the stunning Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, chilling by the lake in Traverse City, and soaking up a fun afternoon in Glen Arbor.

The best part of our trip was definitely our three-night stay on Mackinac Island! The island was bursting with blooming lilacs, putting on quite the show. Our stay at the Island House Hotel was amazing, with awesome views of the Round Island Passage Lighthouse, cozy porch rocking chairs, and easy access to shops & restaurants.

On the island, we toured Fort Mackinac and spent an afternoon at The Grand Hotel, after The Grand lunch buffet. We wrapped up our journey with visits to the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, The Henry Ford Museum, and Greenfield Village.

The laughter, new friendships, and beautiful sights made traveling with the Classic 55 Club truly special. A big thank you to 'Are We There Yet?', LLC' for organizing such a fantastic tour, and to friends—both new and old—for the unforgettable memories on the Mackinac Island Escape. What a blast!

—Darcy Fausz

## NEWSLETTERS - EMAIL & PAPER

Printed newsletters are mailed on the first day of odd-numbered months. If not received by the 7th, request a copy at a local banking center or view online. An email version is sent in even months with updates, and new trips may be announced via email before the next print issue. Check the website for the latest information.

## MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS!

Our Classic 55 Club activities and trips are a benefit of being a First National Bank of Waterloo customer with a Classic 55 Club Checking account. Therefore, you must be a Classic 55 Club account holder or a guest of a customer to take part in our activities. Our multi-day tours must have at least one Classic 55 Club member on each reservation.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment is required to hold your reservation. Check, cash, or a debit from an FNB account are accepted. Checks should be made payable to FNBWaterloo with the trip name in the memo. Payments are accepted at any of our 16 banking centers.

## WHAT IS A SNEAKER RATING?

**Activity "Sneaker" Rating:** Please review the rating for each trip and contact Darcy with any concerns. Everyone must be able to board the motorcoach without help. Walking sticks, canes, or walkers are welcome, we request those having walking or balance issues to please travel with a companion.

## CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

**Cancellations & Refunds:** If you need to cancel your reservation, please contact Darcy as soon as possible, so your space can be filled from the waiting list. We encourage you to find someone to take your reservation as there isn't always a waiting list to pull from. If no replacement is found, refunds depend on the amount the tour company returns. Items such as show tickets, meals, and prepaid activities are usually non-refundable.

## MOTORCOACH SEATING

Seating is open on a first-come basis. Travelers with mobility or medical needs may request reserved seats near the front. Boarding begins 15 minutes before departure. **In Waterloo, please wait for the bank representative to invite you to board.**

Find all things Classic 55 Club at  
[www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/](http://www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/)

## CLASSIC 55 CLUB COORDINATOR

Darcy Fausz our Classic 55 Club Coordinator is based out of our Main Banking Center in Waterloo. She can be reached by email at [dfausz@fnbwaterloo.bank](mailto:dfausz@fnbwaterloo.bank) or by her direct phone number 618.504.2363. To keep up to date on all things Classic 55 Club visit our webpage at [www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/](http://www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/) where all of our current trips and events are listed along with online registration links. Darcy escorts all of our tours and can frequently be out of the bank, feel free to call prior to stopping by to ensure she is available.



# DAY TRIPS

Pricing includes listed tours, activities, luxury motorcoach, meal with non alcoholic drinks, dessert & all gratuities for meals, guides & driver unless otherwise noted. Help us reduce plastic waste by bringing a refillable water bottle. To participate, you must have a Classic 55 Club checking account or traveling as guest of a member.

As you might have noticed, our day trips and tours tend to fill up quickly. We've been focusing on ways to provide the best service for our customers. One approach is to ensure that our Classic 55 Club checking account holders receive priority when making reservations. Moving forward, we kindly ask that reservations be made by the Classic 55 Club member for both themselves and their guests. Additionally, we are working to add more tickets and/or motorcoaches whenever possible to accommodate more travelers, as we did for our Neil Diamond performance and the Rockies to Red Rocks Tour.

## Just Announced

### *Mercy Holiday Celebration at Powell Symphony Hall*

12/18/2026, Morning Performance  
Waterloo VFW - 8:45 AM | 4:15 PM  
Columbia Schnucks - 9:00 AM | 4:00 PM  
\$144

**(1-2 Sneakers)** Experience the magic of the holidays as Broadway star Norm Lewis joins the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra for its annual seasonal celebration. Blending the timeless and traditional with contemporary classics, this festive concert features the SLSO and the St. Louis Symphony Chorus in a program filled with warmth—from cozy fireside ballads to poignant carols and the joyful sound of sleigh bells, with perhaps even enjoy a visit from Santa Claus.

There's nowhere quite like Powell Hall during the holidays!

Pricing includes motorcoach transportation, luncheon buffet & open bar after the show at The Lodge at Grant's Trail, Orchestra 2 seating at 10:30 AM performance, & all gratuities.

**Maximum 50 tickets available due to the size of our lunch venue.**

*Feel free to dress in your holiday finest for this fun holiday event.*

Online registration <https://fnbwaterloo.app.do/mercyholidayshow> or by calling or emailing Darcy.

## WAITLIST AVAILABLE

### *The Neil Diamond Musical "A Beautiful Noise"*

11/13/2026  
Waterloo 4:15 PM/11:00 PM | Columbia 4:45 PM/10:45 PM  
\$179

**(1 Sneaker)** Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, A BEAUTIFUL NOISE is the uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart-busting, show-stopping American rock icon. With 120 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like "America," "Forever in Blue Jeans," and "Sweet Caroline," an induction into the Songwriters and Rock and Roll Halls of Fame, a Grammy® Lifetime Achievement Award, and sold-out concerts around the world that made him bigger than Elvis, Neil Diamond's story was made to shine on Broadway—and head out on the road across America.

Before we enjoy the show a group dining experience in a private area with a show-themed buffet menu prepared by award-winning chefs. Pricing includes motorcoach transportation, buffet lunch, Orchestra 2 seating, & all gratuities.

**Additional tickets and motorcoach added for the maximum of 80 attendees.**

Register here >> <https://fnbwaterloo.app.do/neildiamondfox> or contact Darcy 618-504-2363.

Announced July 2026

## WAITLIST AVAILABLE

### *Come From Away at Stages*

10/07/2026  
\$169

Waterloo 1015 AM/445 PM | Columbia 1030 AM/430 PM

**(1 Sneaker)** Come from Away is a musical based on the events in the Newfoundland town Gander during the week following the September 11 attacks, when 38 planes, carrying approximately 7,000 passengers, were ordered to land unexpectedly at Gander International Airport. Price includes: Motorcoach Transportation, lunch at Twisted Tree Restaurant, ticket for the production of Come from Away, gratuity to driver. Waitlist available. Please select your lunch entree: 8oz Classic Burger, Avocado Chicken Melt, Prime Rib Melt, or Chopped Salad. All meals come with starter of Pear Tree Onion Rings and a side of French Fries (except chopped salad), soft drink or iced tea, and dessert.

**Maximum 36 travelers due to size of our lunch venue.**

Announced May 2026

## Current Motorcoach Pick Up Locations

(Unless otherwise noted)

**Waterloo VFW** (406 Veterans Drive) - please park on the west side of the building. Do not block the dumpster.

**Columbia Schnuck's Market Place** (1000 Columbia Center) between the Post Office & Schnucks.



# MULTI-DAY TOURS

Please refer to the brochure for all details & inclusions of our tours. View all brochures at [www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/](http://www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/), or contact Darcy for other delivery options or questions. Reservations are secured with submission of necessary documents and the deposit. You must have a Classic 55 Club checking account or traveling within the same room as a member. Documents can be submitted at any of our 16 banking centers.

## Updates on the Outstanding Oregon Tour:

The Outstanding Oregon tour, which is tentatively set for July/August 2027, is currently being finalized by our tour operator. There is significant interest in this tour, and we expect to add a second departure date, similar to what we did for our Rockies to Red Rocks tour (see below).

## Tour Announcement Timeline Changes:

In the past, we have typically announced our tentative tours a year or more in advance. However, we will be adjusting our announcement schedule for future tours. Rising fuel prices and an overall increase in costs after a tour has been announced have become more frequent. To avoid requesting additional funds before the final payment, we will now be announcing tours closer to their departure dates.

**Our Rockies to Red Rocks Tour scheduled for June 1 - 8, 2027 sold out in record time.**

We were able to secure a second departure date and will be contacting the waiting list from the first tour.

We will continue to take names for a waiting list for either tour.

## Rockies to Red Rocks - 2<sup>nd</sup> Departure June 15 - 22, 2027

**5+ Activity Rating - You must be able to board a rubber river raft by sitting on the side & moving your legs over the side into the raft. You must also be able to step into a jeep for the off-road jeep tour, without assistance.**

**Featuring 2 days on the Rocky Mountaineer's Canyon Spirit!** Travel by rail through the Rocky Mountains with its majestic peaks rising nearly 7,000-feet in the sky. Raft the Colorado River where our adventure takes us from the epic vistas of red sandstone monuments and mesas into magnificent canyons. Experience the dramatic landscapes and towering sandstone formations at Monument Valley. Cruise on serene Lake Powell, and the Yavapai Lodge is a half mile from the rim of the Grand Canyon where you can stand in awe at one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Complete your western experience in America's most beautiful western town, Sedona! **Pricing includes:** Round trip local airport transfers, airfare from St. Louis, MO, 7 nights accommodations, 14 meals and one Kick-Back Reception, 2 day Signature Service on The Canyon Spirit including alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, all activities and admissions as listed in the itinerary, baggage handling (where available), all tour related taxes and gratuities, services of an FNBW escort & services of a Cruises & Tours Worldwide tour manager.

**Tour cost per person: Double Room—\$5,649, Single Room—\$6,339 and Triple Room—\$5,455**

Announced July 2026

## SNEAKER RATINGS FOR MULTI-DAY TOURS

**Activity "Sneaker" Rating for multi-day tours:** All Classic 55 Club tours are rated **5 - 5+ sneakers** unless otherwise noted. Each tour is different but during every tour you are required to handle your own luggage at the airport and some hotels where luggage handling is unavailable, get off and on the coach several times a day and tolerate long touring days. We can log 6,000 - 8,000 (or MORE) steps per day, at times the coach may need to pick up several blocks away from the drop off point and due to regulations you cannot stay on the coach during stops. Walking sticks, & canes are welcome, we do request those having walking or balance issues to please travel with a companion.

## ACTIVITY "SNEAKER" RATING SCALE

Please review the rating for each trip and contact Darcy with any concerns. Everyone must be able to board the motorcoach without help. We suggest travelers with heart, lung or breathing issues, to discuss tours with higher altitudes with your physician. Walking sticks & canes are welcome. **We request those having walking or balance issues to please travel with a companion.**

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

### Crystal Bridges

October 20 - 23, 2026  
Registration closed

### Opryland Country Christmas 2.0

December 1-4, 2026  
Final payment due 9/11/2026

### 2027 Rose Parade

December 30 - January 3, 2027  
Final payment due 9/15/2026

### Danube Delights River Cruise with Oktoberfest

September 14 - 24, 2027  
Announced September 2025

All tours listed here are currently full.  
Contact Darcy for details on being added to the waiting list.



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