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Newsletter

Dear Friends:

March 20, 2024

Fireside shows are now available for booking. In particular, "Beautiful," "Nunsense," "Matilda, The Musical" and "Rocky, The Musical." See the dates inside this newsletter. If you haven't been to Fireside, you're in for a real treat. The shows are fantastic, the food is good, and the shopping is great! Won't you join us?

There is also a terrific show and musical comedy "Chaps" on Sunday, April 28th at the Barn in Goodfield, IL. It's a story about BBC Radio in 1944. Radio employees scramble to present an authentic country show when America's favorite singing cowboy, Tex Riley, fails to show.

The Mystery Trip has been announced. It's June 11-14, 2024 and is packed with good food and fun. You'll be dancing in your shoes!

On Tuesday, June 18, 2024 there is another presentation at **3:00 p.m.** on the Wonders of Alaska. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, (*the J Bar*) located at 4215 Elmore Avenue in Davenport, Iowa. The trip is **February 27 – March 6, 2025**. We fly to Anchorage and attend the Fur Rendezvous Festival, a guided tour of Anchorage and the William Jack Hernandez Fish Hatchery, the GCI Snow Sculpture Competition, Aurora Ice Museum and we search for the Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights, and much more. See inside for more details.

I am going to Shipshewana again. See inside for details. We'll go to some of the usual haunts and the Elegant Tea Room. You will have \$20 to spend on food or merchandise on the Essenhause Inn property.

There are new trips to Apples and More, 1-Day Mystery Trip, 1-Day Shopping Trip, and Branson for 5 days and 4 nights in early December. A brochure is available now on this trip.

If you're not on our mailing list, give us your name and address or email address and check out our website at your convenience.

My wish for you is to have good health and prosperity. God bless you and your families and God Bless America. I'm looking forward to seeing you again.

--Jill Kirkpatrick

Thursday, April 4-10, 2024

The Total Eclipse of the Sun and the Hatfields and the McCoys in the Kentucky Area

We start out from Davenport on this 6-night adventure including the Van Lear Coal Museum, (with Miners Lunch), Loretta Lynn's home place, live entertainment at Webb's Country Store, (Moon Pies and RC Cola), dinner and entertainment at the Lodge, morning elk tour with a naturalist, touring and lunch, dinner and Kentucky Opry Show, stargazing with smore's and an astronomer, the May Methodist Church with organ music, Country Music Highway Museum, East Kentucky Science Center and Planetarium, Middle Creek Battlefield, the May House, pontoon boat ride, and the Eclipse Day with major entertainment and the Eclipse goodie bag as well as activities, moonshine evening with dinner, moonshine tasting, and moonshine demo and entertainment, Kentucky dinner with inspirational speaker, back stretch breakfast at Churchill Downs, and a tour of the Kentucky Derby Museum. Included are 15 meals and we need 30 people to run this tour. A payment of \$50 per person holds your spot. Price is \$1,899 dbl, \$2,199 sgl. **Final payment due Friday, February 16, 2024.**

Sunday, April 28, 2024

“Chaps” at the Barn III in Goodfield, IL

A hilarious, crowd-pleasing cowboy musical comedy! In 1944, the quirky, frazzled employees of BBC radio scramble to present an authentic Country show when America's favorite singing cowboy, Tex Riley, fails to show. Come out to the perfect setting for this show—a BARN in a CORNFIELD - and enjoy classic songs by Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Bob Nolan, Johnny Mercer, Frank Loesser, Dickie Wells, Tex Owens, Cliff Friend, Rex Allen Jr. & more! Leave at 9:30 a.m., back at 6:00 p.m. Price is \$119. **Payment due Friday, April 12, 2024.**

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Beautiful – The Carole King Musical at The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI

Before she was hit-maker Carole King – she was Carole Klein, a spunky, young songwriter from Brooklyn with a unique voice. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trailblazing success with Tapestry, BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical takes you back to where it all began. Featuring such unforgettable classics as “You’ve Got a Friend,” “One Fine Day,” “Take Good Care of My Baby,” “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feeling,” and “Natural Woman,” this Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical phenomenon is filled with the songs you remember and a story you’ll never forget. Lunch will be spinach salad with spinach leaves, baby kale, Argula, and frisée lettuce, hard-boiled egg, cucumber coins, and grape tomatoes topped with a house-made sweet and sour dressing, Jones Cherrywood Smoked Bacon Chips, and French-fried buttermilk onion strings, grilled hanger steak, known as “The Butcher’s Filet,” marinated in red ale and brown sugar then charred to perfection on the grill and carved for each plate, and Georgia pecan pie garnished with whipped cream for dessert. Leave at 7:00 a.m., back at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$154. **Payment due Tuesday, April 2, 2024.**

Tuesday, June 11-14, 2024

Mystery Trip

All three nights are at the same hotel. Includes interesting things and has some great places to eat along the way. Price is \$929 dbl., \$1,049 sgl. A deposit of \$50 holds your space. A brochure is available. **Final payment is due Monday, May 6, 2024.**

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Wonders of Alaska

Join us at **3:00 p.m.** for the presentation of the trip to Wonders of Alaska on June 18, 2024 at the Holiday Inn, (*the J Bar*), 2nd Floor located at 4215 Elmore Avenue in Davenport, Iowa. The trip

is February 27-March 6, 2025. Step outside into a wonderland to discover the magic of Anchorage in winter during the Rendezvous Festival. We will experience the excitement of the Iditarod Ceremonial Start. Visit with mushers, pet the dogs, view the artistic masterpieces of the GCI Snow Sculpture Competition. You'll have an opportunity to participate in the hilarious "Running of the Reindeer," similar to Spain's Running of the Bulls. At the Ulu Factory we will see how Native Alaskans have used ulu knives for thousands of years. We'll visit Talkeetna, an authentic Alaskan town used as a model for the TV show *Northern Exposure*, for majestic views of the mighty Mount Denali as we watch for the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). We will take a flight up to Fairbanks, where we'll view amazing ice sculptures at the World Ice Art Championship before our second opportunity to view the Aurora. No visit to Fairbanks is not complete without a visit to the Yukon Quest Cabin that highlights the Yukon Quest, a challenging 1000-mile International Sled Dog Race. After gliding silently along a wooded trail on a sled powered by a team of dogs, we check into the Chena Hot Springs Resort for our third night of Aurora hunting. Soak in the thermal waters as we look out for northern lights. We will visit the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and the Anchorage Museum before our trip home. Call for reservations so we'll have enough brochures and materials. Pricing is \$4,999 dbl. and \$5,599 sgl. **Final payment due Friday, November 8, 2024.**

Thursday, June 20, 2024

"Nonsense" at The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI

Join us for a madcap revue with a hysterical anything-goes, good natured sense of fun. The Little Sisters of Hoboken are in dire financial straits. It seems they must raise enough money to bury the last four of 52 dearly departed nuns who were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia (Child of God). The five remaining sisters perform with quick paced comic flair and high-spirited singing. It's an outrageous premise for a long-running hit show that's "sinfully" hilarious and definitely habit forming! Menu includes broccoli and cauliflower salad, with red onion, dried cranberries, grated cheddar cheese, Jones Cherrywood Smoked Bacon chips, and pine nuts folded into a creamy mayo, vinaigrette and presented on a bed of kale. Lunch is Chicken Piccata, a skinless breast of chicken dipped in egg, lightly breaded, sauteed to a golden brown. Dessert is a fresh blueberry crisp, and is baked with port wine and brown sugar streusel, served warm with their homemade lemon custard. Leave at 7:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$154.00. **Payment due Wednesday, May 15, 2024.**

Wednesday, July 3-17, 2024 - 15-Day tour featuring a 12-Night Cruise, Best of Scandinavia Scandinavian Cruise

Sold out. Call to be put on the wait list. Start out by coach to O'Hare then onto Amsterdam, Netherlands. Upon arrival we have a guided tour of the City including a visit to Anne Frank's House. Afterward we take a canal cruise through the waterways of Amsterdam. Then we set sail on the Celebrity *Silhouette*. Beginning with lunch today all meals are included on the ship. Includes ports of Gdansk, Poland; Visby, Sweden; Tallin, Estonia; Stockholm, Sweden; Berlin, Germany; Copenhagen, Denmark and Rotterdam, Netherlands. Includes round-trip local transfers, round-trip air, pre-cruise package in Amsterdam, all gratuities for guides and drivers, 12-night cruise, shipboard gratuities, classic beverage package and unlimited wi-fi. Concierge Class with balcony \$6,705 dbl.; balcony \$6,395 dbl.; and inside cabins \$5,925 dbl. **Balance due March 20, 2024.** Tuesday June 18, 2024 is the pre-departure date at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 8, 2024

"Matilda, The Musical" at The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft. Atkinson, WI

Inspired by the genius of Roald Dahl, the Tony Award-winning Roald Dahl's Matilda, the musical is a captivating masterpiece packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs.

Matilda tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a sharp mind, a vivid imagination, and psychokinetic powers dares to take a stand to change her story with miraculous results. Unloved by her cruel parents and evil headmistress, she impresses her teacher with courage and cleverness in a joyous celebration of one girl's triumph over what's "not right!" The menu includes their Signature Salad of watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew, kiwi, and strawberries over fresh garden greens, sprinkled with sesame croutons and their famous Papaya Chutney Dressing. The entrée is roast pork tenderloin, slow roasted, served with herbed stuffing, rich pork gravy, and cinnamon applesauce, and for dessert Pecan Turtle Ball Sundae with homemade vanilla bean custard rolled in roasted ground pecans served on hot fudge and striped with caramel and garnished with an almond lace Wand drizzled with chocolate. Leave at 7:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$154. **Payment due Monday, July 1, 2024.**

Tuesday, August 20-23, 2024

Shipshewana, Northern Indiana

It's a beautiful property with time to enjoy the amenities. Either spend time at the flea market or the popcorn shop, Front Porch, and Yoder's Department Store. There's time at the Davis Mercantile, Katie's Noodles, the famous Haystack dinner in an Amish Home, E & S Foods, Eash Sales Variety Store, and Yoder's Meat and Cheese. You will be given a \$20 gift card to spend at Essenhaus Inn any way you want, food or merchandise. We'll also visit Teaberry's Wood Products, Rise N' Roll Bakery, and Ben's Pretzels where you can make your own pretzel. Then we will stop at Linton's Enchanted Gardens on the way home. The highlight of the tour is lunch at the Elegant Tea House. Call for a brochure. Leave at 6:00 a.m., return at around 8:00 p.m. Price is \$739. dbl., \$999. sgl. A \$25. down payment is due upon receipt of the reservation coupon. **Final payment due Thursday, July 18, 2024.**

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Rocky, the Musical at The Fireside Dinner Theatre, Ft. Atkinson, WI

Entering the ring is a hard-hitting yet tender musical adaptation! Rocky Balboa is a small-time Philadelphia boxer who is chosen to take on the reigning heavyweight champion, Apollo Creed, when the undefeated fighter's opponent is injured. As he diligently trains for the fight, Rocky begins a relationship with Adrian, a wallflower who is tired of being pushed around by her brother. As their love grows, Rocky and Adrian each find their inner strength and bring out the best in each other. Lunch is roasted sweet corn chowder with Jones cherrywood smoked bacon, stuffed supreme cut chicken breast stuffed with spinach and a blend of Ricotta and Mozzarella cheeses, topped with savory chicken au jus with scalloped potatoes and roasted carrots with parsnips. Dessert is homemade apple pie with streusel topping. Leave at 7:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. Price is \$154. **Payment due Tuesday, September 3, 2024.**

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Apples and More

This year's trip features some different venues in mid-Illinois. Enjoy lunch and continue on with the orchard of over thirteen varieties of apples, baked goods, a store full of candles, gifts, décor and more with fall produce of pumpkins, gourds, and a snack before heading home. Please bring a cooler for all your goodies! Leave at 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Price is \$99. It includes bus, lunch, and snacks. **Payment due Monday, October 7, 2024.**

Friday, October 18, 2024

One-Day Mystery Trip

Both men and women will enjoy this trip. Be prepared to give your food choice. You can have either a ham and Swiss cheese sandwich, a turkey and Cheddar cheese sandwich, or a garden salad of Romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers & Cheddar cheese and choice of dressing. Leave at 6:00 a.m., return at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$115. and includes bus, lunch, and afternoon sweets.

Payment due Tuesday, October 1.

Monday, November 11, 2024

One-Day Shopping Trip, Des Moines area

After our morning stop with treats, we'll spend some time at the Valley Junction shops including Yarn Junction, Isabel Bloom, Heart of Iowa, the Quilt Block, At the Heart of Quilting, a wine shop, Creative Sweets, several lovely women's boutiques and antique stores. Then it's a brief stop at the Container Store for their wonderful stocking stuffers & more. The afternoon finds us at Jordan Creek in West Des Moines with over 180 stores and restaurants like Apple, Brighton, Coldwater Creek, Coach, Pottery Barn, Scheels, Dillard's, Von Maur, and many more. On the way home we'll even make a short stop at the 40 Outlets of Des Moines in Altoona offering outlets stores for Vera Bradley, Nike, Skechers, Bath & Body Works and Under Armour. Leave at 6:45 a.m., return at 8:30 p.m. Price is \$77. **Payment is due Wednesday, November 6, 2024.**

Monday, December 2-6, 2024

Branson, Missouri

We'll kick off the holidays by stopping at Redmond Candy and then continuing on to Lambert's Café, home of the "thrown rolls." The Lights of Joy drive-through display with Whitney's World of Crafts included. The shows are Doug Gabriel, #1 Hits of the 60's, Yakov Smirnoff, Hot Rods & High Heels, Clay Cooper's Country Express, Cassandre – The Voice of an Angel and the Hughes Brothers Christmas Show. Meals include Uptown Café, SS Dockside Café and Pub, Mel's Hard Luck Diner in Branson, McFarland's Restaurant, lunch and time on your own in historic downtown Branson complete with a visit to Dick's Old Time 5 & 10. On our way home we'll stop at Buc-ee's, a new addition to our experience in Springfield, MO. A deposit of \$50. holds your space. A brochure is now available. Price is \$1,079. dbl. and \$1,299 sgl. **Payment due**

Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Sunday, January 19-31, 2025

The Panama Canal trip

Today we'll fly to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. to start our winter fun-in-the sun vacation. After a relaxing morning, we transfer to the pier in Miami to be one of the first people to board Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pearl* for an 11-night trip around the Southern Caribbean that includes stops in Jamaica, Ocho Rios; Cartagena, Colombia; The Panama Canal; Harvest Caye, Belize; Colon, Panama; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica; and Cozumel, Mexico. The highlight will be sailing through the locks of the Panama Canal to Gatun Lake! You'll have an opportunity to take exciting shore excursions (extra fees apply) in each of the ports of call. With NCL's Freestyle Cruising you'll have the choice to dining with your group every evening in the ship's main dining room, or you set off on your own to try one of the other great restaurants. During our days at sea, you can enjoy time by the pool, in the casino, or at one of their many bars and lounges. Call for reservations. Balcony Cabins \$4,999 dbl.; Ocean View Cabins; \$4,399 dbl.; Inside Cabins \$4,099 dbl. Single pricing is available. **Final payment due Friday, September 6, 2024.**

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Miscellaneous Information

Reservations:

If you would like to make or cancel reservations or to receive a brochure, call us at Classic Travels, at (563) 332-0014. Our answering machine will take your message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Remember to speak slowly and clearly and to give your name, telephone number, and message so we can get back to you, if necessary. If you don't receive a call back within 24 hours, we're probably on a trip, and if outside the United States, will only be able to possibly respond to email messages. You will, however, receive a call back as soon as we return. Check out your newsletter or our website to see if we're traveling.

Trip Departures:

Bus arrives 15 minutes prior to departure from Northwest Bank & Trust Company, 100 E. Kimberly Road, Davenport, lower parking lot, west side of the building. Tenants and employees park in this lot and the Bank graciously allows us to use it while on trips. Please park your vehicles to the west and north, away from the building. Thank you for your cooperation.

Payment:

Trips are payable about 30 days in advance unless stated otherwise. If you need to cancel, call us as soon as possible as many dates sell out and have a wait list. For overnight trips, a reservation is confirmed only when a completed reservation form, with your down payment, is received. Checks should be made payable to Classic Travels and mailed to 3371 Eastridge Drive, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Usually, final payment dates are listed at the end of trip descriptions. To be fair, if payment is not received by the final payment date, reservations will automatically be offered to those on the wait list. No telephone call reminders will be made for final payment. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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