

SEPTEMBER 2023

GALENA, DUBUQUE & RIVERBOAT TWILIGHT

The American Spirit Club enjoyed a four-day tour near the Mississippi River, including Galena and Dubuque. Our tour began with a step on guide in the riverfront city of Galena, where we learned a lot about the history and the charming architecture. The first evening we enjoyed a delicious meal at the DeSota House Hotel which boasts many notable guests such as Presidents Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant.

The next day we toured the Belvedere Mansion and the Grant House, home of our 18th president, Ulysses S. Grant. After our tours of these historical homes, we changed gears and visited the West Street Sculpture Park. The Spirit Club members had the afternoon to themselves to have lunch, time to shop downtown or take a walk up the many steps to Prospect Street or to Grant Park. After an enjoyable afternoon we took a scenic ride to the Fergedaboudit Winery for wine tasting and dinner. It looks like a crazy name, but it became the group's motto for the rest of the tour. "Just sit back, relax & forget about it." In other words, let go of your worries & enjoy life.

On Thursday we enjoyed a cruise on the Riverboat Twilight from Dubuque to Guttenberg on the mighty Mississippi River. We enjoyed the historical narration, great scenery, wildlife, delicious meals and entertainment. It was a very relaxing experience.

Our last day was spent in Dubuque. We toured St Luke's United Methodist Church, which was the first church organized in the state of Iowa in 1834. After enjoying the beauty of the church, we gathered up the courage to ride up and down the Fenelon Place Elevator. The entire tour was a lot of fun and the weather was perfect.



"The Spirit of Us"

September feels like the last burst of summer. Though not yet crisp, the air hints at the cooler weather. We turn over a new leaf, say goodbye to the leisurely summer days and we slowly pull warmer layers out of our closets and watch the leaves turn from green to a golden hue.

The Spirit Club has some exciting trips planned for this fall and we are hoping for some beautiful colors and weather. Please take a peek at the information about our Christmas outing and let me know if you would like to begin your holiday season with a night of sensational Christmas music. The tours for 2024 have been well received and we still have room for you. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the tours listed in this newsletter.

American Bank and American State Bank will be hosting a few tailgates again this year. Please join us before the games for a delicious meal. The proceeds benefit the schools.

By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer.

- Helen Hunt Jackson

- Loreen Marra, Spirit Club Coordinator

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2023 SPIRIT CLUB TRIPS

Fall Mystery Tour | Wednesday, October 11 or Thursday, October 12

Join us for our Fall Mystery Tour on Wednesday, October 11 or Thursday, October 12, for a fun day of surprises. Fall is a beautiful time of the year for an adventure with friends!

Both days are full but you can call to put your name on the waitlists.

Cost: \$125 | Deposit: \$25

Branson & Kansas City # 1 | November 6-10 (Monday – Friday)

Branson & Kansas City # 2 | November 13-17 (Monday – Friday)

The Spirit Club tour to Branson & Kansas City is always very popular, so we have planned two tours this year. Our first tour will be November 6-10 and the second will be November 13-17. The entertainment line-up will include The Presley's Country Jubilee, Hughes Brothers, Daniel O'Donnell, Haygoods Christmas, Dogwood Canyon Tour, Texas Tenors, and Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theatre. On Thursday, we will travel to Kansas City to attend "Always a Bridesmaid" at the New Theatre & Restaurant. This amazing tour includes 8 shows, 9 meals, 4 nights lodging, gratuities, and motor coach transportation. *Both trips are full but you can call to put your name on the waitlists.*

Cost: \$1075 Per Person/DBL \$1250/Single | Deposit Per Person: \$100

Christmas Outing | Friday, December 1

Our Christmas outing will be at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center the evening of Friday, December 1. We will enjoy the Al Opland Singers who have been a local tradition and have called the Pipestone Performing Arts Center home for many years. This talented group performs a mixture of sacred and secular Christmas music. We will have dinner before the performance.

Cost: \$125 | Deposit: \$25

2024 SPIRIT CLUB TOURS

All-Inclusive Punta Cana | February 24 – March 2, 2024

Join the Spirit Club for an amazing 8-day winter getaway to the resort town of Punta Cana in the region of the Dominican Republic. Enjoy the beachfront location at the all-inclusive Hotel Riu Palace Macao – a paradise of palm trees, turquoise water, and white sandy beaches. Ideal for rest and relaxation, but offering fun and exciting activities for every traveler. This resort is perfect for a unique getaway filled with gourmet dining, lavish marinas, decadent spas and sensational watersports and night fun and entertainment. Pick up a brochure at your local branch, find it on our website or contact Loreen Marra if you have any questions.

Jr Suite Superior \$3,095 per person/DBL | Deposit: \$250

Suite \$3,290 per person/DBL | Deposit: \$250



A Total Solar Eclipse Mystery Tour | April 5-10, 2024

I'M IN THE DARK! A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE MYSTERY TOUR We're heading somewhere interesting on this five-night mystery tour to an out-of-state locale! We're keeping you in the dark except to say we will be in the dark during a total solar eclipse! As for the rest of the itinerary, "it's that one place with the one thing in that one town!" At departure you'll receive a clue on what direction we are heading and maybe even the state (if we're feeling generous). Clues will be given along the way to keep you guessing. Just expect the unexpected and get ready to open your eyes to amazing experiences and destinations you might otherwise have overlooked! Contact Loreen for a brochure, pick one up at your local branch or find the brochure on our website.

Cost: \$1,599 Per Person/DBL \$1,955/Single | Deposit per person: \$250



Introducing The Best of the Emerald Isle | July 4-14, 2024

If you have dreamt about the magical journey to Ireland, this is YOUR time to experience the Best of the Emerald Isle! Every day brings another exciting encounter, whether you are sipping fine whiskey at Old Jameson Distillery, kissing the famous Blarney Stone, standing on the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, taking a "hawk walk" with an Ashford Castle falconer, or browsing the vast Trinity College Library. We will introduce you to local artisans, cultural cuisine, and rich traditions at every turn. Craftsman will showcase their talents, Irish shepherds will demonstrate their sheep dogs' herding skills, and history will come to life on a traditional jaunting cart ride through Killarney's National Park. Stay two amazing nights in a luxurious Irish castle and be our guest at a very special farewell experience that is sure to make this a trip of a lifetime and a journey you will never forget! Experience the Best of the Emerald Isle with round-trip airfare, nine nights' accommodations, sixteen meals, admissions to attractions listed in itinerary, taxes, and gratuities, as well as a professional tour manager.

Contact Loreen for a brochure, pick one up at your local branch or find the brochure on our website.

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