



Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



DINING OUT

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Chesapeake
SEAFOOD HOUSE

3045 E Clear Lake Ave

Dinner at 5:30

Reservations are required by

Noon on Monday, Nov. 28, 2022

Don Broughton

Dining Out Chairman

Brought617@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING!!

Mark your calendar and plan to celebrate this Christmas Season at the

CLUB'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10th | Sangamo Club

227 East Adams Street | 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Chef Kerrick is planning a delicious wide assortment of hors d'oeuvres for our dining pleasure. Drinks will be available at the cash bar and Jon Roth with Music Source will provide music for dancing.

Although formal dress is not required, we encourage our beautiful ladies to wear dressy party attire and our handsome gentlemen to wear a sport coat or suit, or perhaps even that tuxedo that's been hanging unused in the closet.

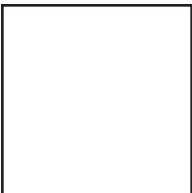
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Save the Date

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Schnucks at Montvale

10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Dining Out **HAPPY HOUR**

Fire & Ale - Sherman January 19, 2023

January 5, 2023

"ICELAND - Land of Fire and Ice"

March 17-25, 2023

Nancy Chesley - 217-415-0656
nmchesley@comcast.net

Pat Chesley - 217-210-1920
patchesley@gmail.com

Enchanting Peru Tour

October 5-16, 2023

DiAnn Trapp - 217-415-8055
diannaroo@gmail.com

Patty Staab - 217-836-4406
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December Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date
Kit Sponsler	2	Cathy Mellendorf	16
Linda Hammer	2	Gloria Lamb	16
Pamela Tisckos	3	Gary Telford	17
Gary Philo	4	Nancy Short	19
Joan Gardner	4	Kristi Sitki	20
Roger Schnelten	5	Colleen Pinto	20
Helen Leanard	5	Gail Frank	20
Larry Michaud	6	Rick Millard	21
Tom Hafel	8	John Mellendorf	21
Carol Maggio	9	Tammy J. Sidener	21
Jim Disney	10	Mary Petrilli	21
Barry J. Erlandson	10	Timothy Shrake	22
Paul Robertson	11	John Norris	23
Tim Phillips	11	Mary Reed	23
Wanda Lee Hartman	11	Debi Barr-Holquist	24
Gloria McPherson	12	Mark A. McQuality	24
Barbara Carney	12	Patti Bassett	25
Jenifer J. Malson	12	Joseph O'Beirne	25
Charlie Hubbard	12	Sandra Ransdell	27
Rosemary Bellaire	13	Sandy Colborn	27
Tina Biderman	15	Marie L Wheeler	30
Lynda Bennett	15	Dan Ewald	31
Jack Hook	15	Joyce Metz	31
Marcia A. Strow	16		



DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dining Out Chesapeake Seafood House	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 SSTC Christmas Party
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Schnucks-Montvale
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30	31

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a grand Holiday Season are coming your way from the Executive Board of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. These people do a lot work and planning to make our club function. They put in a lot of time, working often behind the scenes as well as cleaning up afterwards, before moving on to the next activity. I hope you will support their efforts by encouraging them, and not just with appreciative words, but also by asking them if you can help them in any way. They give of their time and effort—please give of your cooperation and gratitude. We hope you have peace and joy in this special time, with lots of gifts that you truly wanted, and with tummies full of hot chocolate and peppermint cookies.

Richard Bergt
President



Front Row: Mary Schackmann (*VP Membership*), Debi Barr-Holquist (*VP Tour Trips*), Theresa Watkin (*Treasurer*), Amy Dodd (*Newsletter Chair*), Judy Nesbitt (*Publicity/Happy Hour*).

Center Row: Ruth Kopec (*Secretary*), Joyce Ludwig (*VP Activities*), Jan Freeman (*Executive Vice-President*).

Back Row: Ed Huntley (*Community Service Chair*), Richard Bergt (*President*), Rich Jachino (*VP Ski Trips*), Gary Kindred (*Sports Program Chair and S.K.I. Representative*).

Not Pictured: Wendy Schluter (*VP Day Trips*), Lois Bloechle (*Webmaster*), Don Broughton (*Dining-Out Chair*), Carol Sue Johnson (*Finance Chair*).

Welcome New Members

Linda and William Castor | Karen Siddens | Jamie Stout

UPCOMING DAY TRIPS

**THE HISTORY & RITUALS
OF AFTERNOON TEA**

December 1, 2022

**CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS
IN ST. CHARLES**

December 3, 2022

CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

February 15, 2023

Please direct any questions to Wendy Schluter, VP for Day Trips
vpdaytrips@springfieldskiclub.org

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Plans are in the works for our Club to continue its long-standing tradition of having members participate in Holiday Season bell ringing with the Salvation Army at the Schnucks - Montvale.

Our date is Saturday, December 17, with two-hour shifts running from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., followed by a one-hour shift from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Rick Griminger via email at rgriminger@comcast.net, text or call (217) 652-4363 to schedule your shift.

There will be a sign identifying the bell ringers as members of the SS&TC and we hope to have each of the individual members wear a SS&TC ID tag.

44th Annual Oktoberfest

We had another large crowd for the 44th Annual Oktoberfest. The big question is always, "How many people were there?" I don't count heads, but this year we managed to make our way through 120 brats, 100 burgers, 20 pounds of fish, and gobs of great side dishes.



Special thanks to Mike and Michelle Royer for frying the delicious fish, and to my son-in-

law, Andrew Lansdale, for manning the grill. Chuck Costello brewed and handled the dispensing of a lot of beer: Reisch Gold Top, Chuck's own Oktoberfest, Amber Bock, Erdinger Dunkel, and later more Gold Top and hard cider. Again, Larry Richardson gave away plenty of his homemade wine.

I credit Jon Michael Roth for the large Bike Club turn out, many of whom were first timers to the event. Thanks go out to him and to his ride co-leaders, Kathryn Hanlon and Alicia Bibb. And I'm grateful for the support and advertising by the Ski Club and for my tolerant neighbors, several of whom joined us this year.

We had a new and well-received addition to our afternoon entertainment at the 44th, local musician Curt Smith. Curt was the one-man opening band for our much-beloved Antone DeRocchi and Jim Wiker, who wowed us until 10 p.m.

I believe Mark Books would have approved of this year's bonfire and I hope he, George Carver, and Larry Huelsman were smiling down on the event.

Year after year and party after party, I am humbled by the support I receive to make the day a success. I feel fortunate to be able to welcome so many friends and cousins to this annual celebration, which began modestly enough as a 4th birthday party for my daughter in 1978. This year I was particularly proud to see my 6-foot-tall grandson running around in my orange Oktoberfest sweatshirt. It looks a heck of a lot better on him.

Plans are already underway for the 45th. See you in 2023!

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB ENCHANTING PERU TOUR

WHEN: October 5-16, 2023

TRIP LEADERS:

DiAnn Trapp (diannaroo@gmail.com) or 217-415-8055

Patty Staab (patstaab@comcast.net) or 217-836-4406

PRICE:

Air & Land: \$3,850/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare is finalized

Single Supplement: \$450 (four singles available)

Land Only: \$2,760

Maximum number of participants is 28.

Due to the high elevation, travel in the Peruvian highlands may cause some passengers to experience the temporary effects of altitude sickness. If you have any concerns about traveling to higher than your accustomed elevation, please consult your healthcare provider.



TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip air transportation between St. Louis and Lima (fare is estimated and subject to change)
- Airport transfers in Peru for those flying with the group
- Two in-country flights for **ALL** travelers (including Land-Only travelers): Lima to Cuzco and Arequipa to Lima
- Government taxes, fees and airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change



- Twenty-eight passenger bus transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking guide
- Three full-day tours and five half/partial day tours
- Breakfast daily, five included lunches and three included dinners
- Welcome and farewell dinners – both in Lima but at different venues
- Gratuity for guide and bus driver while in Peru (not for optional tours)

Machu Picchu • Gratuity for hotel porter

- Gratuities for serving staff at provided meals

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due 9/24/2022 – \$1,000 due at sign up
- 2nd Payment due 11/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 3rd Payment due 12/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 4th Payment due 1/6/2023 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single

The final payment (including land only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airfare or from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

PASSPORTS AND VACCINATION CARDS:

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel. ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD SHOWING DATES FOR VACCINES AND BOOSTERS.

- **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only)**

Cancel by October 1, 2022 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between October 2 and November 2, 2022 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between November 3 and December 3, 2022 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after December 3, 2022 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **Airfare Cancellation** – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Tour of Colonial Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Discover Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire
- Discover the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu via the PeruRail Expedition (train and walking tour)
- Drive through the Andean Plains to pristine Lake Titicaca
- Excursion by boat to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands
- Journey to the Colca Canyon, the deepest canyon in the world
- See the exquisite shimmering architecture of the “White City” of Arequipa
- Optional Half-Day Tours with prices:
 - Day 5, Morning – Visit Ancient Cuzco Ruins - \$59/person
 - Day 5, Afternoon – Tour Cuzco “Behind the Scenes” - \$59/person

 - Day 7, Afternoon – See the Sillustani Tombs - \$49/person



Lake Titicaca

HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4* - (2 nights at beginning of trip)
- Cuzco – Jose Antonio Cuzco Hotel – 4* - (3 nights)
- Puno – Casa Andina Standard Puno – 4* - (2 nights)
- Colca – Aranwa Pueblito Encantado del Colca – 4.5* - (2 nights)
- Arequipa – Casa Andina Select Arequipa Plaza – 4.5* - (1 night)
- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4* - (1 night at end of trip)

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Travelers are encouraged to purchase “Cancel for Any Reason” insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB ICELAND – THE LAND OF ICE AND FIRE

WHEN: March 17-25, 2023

TRIP LEADERS: Nancy Chesley, nmchesley@comcast.net,
(217)415-0656

Pat Chesley, patchesley@gmail.com, (217)210-1920



PRICE:

Air & Land: \$3,400/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare and hotel prices are finalized

Single Supplement: \$680

Land Only: \$2,750/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare and hotel prices are finalized - price adjusted on the 4th payment Minimum number of participants is 26, maximum is 40.

TRIP INCLUDES:



- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
 - Round trip air transportation between Chicago and Reykjavik, Iceland (fare is estimated and subject to change)
 - Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
 - Hotels for seven nights
 - Port fees and tourist taxes
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 - Motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- Reykjavik**
- English speaking tour manager
 - Breakfast daily, three dinners
- Gratuities for all group activities
 - Entrance fees
 - Coach parking fees

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due at sign up event – \$1,000.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- 2nd Payment due 7/1/2022 – \$800.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- 3rd Payment due 9/1/2022 – \$800.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- 4th Payment due 11/1/2022 – \$800.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- **Mail or deliver 2nd-4th payments to the Chesleys at 2512 Wydown, Springfield, IL 62704**

The final payment (including land only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airfare, hotel prices or from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

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Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel. **Also submit a copy of your COVID19 vaccination card showing dates for vaccines and boosters.**

- **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only)**

Cancel by May 7, 2022 – Pay the SSTC \$25 processing fee.

Cancel between May 8 and June 20, 2022 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between June 21 and August 15, 2022 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after August 15, 2022 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

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INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:

- Follow the Golden Circle in Southern Iceland
- View Reykjavik highlights
- See Snaefellsnes Peninsula
- Hike at night to see the Northern Lights (weather permitting)
- Dip in the Blue Lagoon (Be sure to bring a bathing suit!)
- Bingvellir National Park which is a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Tour a geothermal bakery and taste warm rye bread
- View Gullfoss, a dramatic two-tiered waterfall
- Experience Geysir's bubbling mud pools and Strokkur hot spring
- Tour the Olverk Brewery with a pizza buffet provided
- See lava fields and glaciers
- And much, much more!



Blue Lagoon

NOTE: Tour activity is medium to high. It includes hiking and walking behind a waterfall or on a glacier. Plan to wear layers and bring as little as possible. **Be prepared to carry your own luggage from bus to hotel rooms, because Iceland's hospitality does not include portage!**

HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Midgardur by Center Hotels, Laugavegur, Reykjavik
- Icelandair Hotel Fludir
- Icelandair Hotel Klaustur

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