

## The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2018 – 2019

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*Participation in The Illinois Club (TIC) Interest Groups is open only to TIC members. As a paid-up member you may join or visit any Interest Group at any time. For activities involving couples, please join the club via the couples membership. Non-members may try an Interest Group two times before joining and continuing in that Interest Group.*

**ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 1:15 PM (starts Oct. 10)

*Marie Tompkins, Rita Weisiger, Beth Olmstead*

[antiques@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:antiques@theillinoisclub.org)

Members and invited speakers present programs on personal collections and house tours with a special tour in May.

**CAMPUS LUNCH**

Noon every other Wednesday (Fall) & Thursday (Spring)

*Sandy Camargo*

[campuslunch@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:campuslunch@theillinoisclub.org)

Are you on campus during the day working or studying? Come and join us for lunch. RSVP to this email address by noon on Wednesdays.

**CINEMA**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday – 7:30 PM

*Sandy Camargo*

[cinema@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:cinema@theillinoisclub.org)

Each meeting we will watch a film on DVD and then discuss it. Films will be chosen from a “menu” selected by the group chair, a member of UI’s film-studies faculty. Films will include a range of genres, periods, and origins.

**COSMOPOLITAN**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 7:30 PM (starts Oct. 11)

*Ann Campbell, Karan Keith*

[cosmopolitan@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:cosmopolitan@theillinoisclub.org)

Our dual aim is to help members from other countries feel welcome during their stay here and to provide programs of interest to both foreign and American members who enjoy learning about other cultures. Join us for informal programs, conversation, and refreshments.

**CU4DINNER**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 6:30 PM (times may vary)

*Linda Lopez*

[CU4dinner@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:CU4dinner@theillinoisclub.org)

A chance to sample Champaign-Urbana restaurants ranging from casual to fine dining and to get to know good friends as well as good food.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE, AFTERNOON**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – Noon (meets all year)

*Kay Small*

[afternoonbridge@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:afternoonbridge@theillinoisclub.org)

All meetings are at Windsor of Savoy. Pre-arranged partnering is not done. You may play regularly or be a substitute.

**FRENCH**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – 1:30 PM (meets all year)

*Vera Waisvisz*

[french@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:french@theillinoisclub.org)

Members of this group read, converse, and once a year, wine and dine in French. Come to the first meeting prepared to greet old friends and meet new ones.

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP AT KRANNERT UNCORKED**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 5:00-6:30 PM

*Nancy McGlathery*

[krannert@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:krannert@theillinoisclub.org)

Meet at Intermezzo Café.

**HIKING**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1:00 PM (starts Sept. 16)

*Ann Campbell, Bob Davis*

[hiking@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:hiking@theillinoisclub.org)

Come and enjoy the various beautiful parks around our area. You can meet wonderful people, see beautiful scenery and get some exercise, all at the same time. Hike the woods of Central Illinois.

## The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2018 – 2019 (continued)

- ITALIAN** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – 1:30 PM (starts Sept. 19)  
*Pat Cardenas, Judy Gordon* [italian@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:italian@theillinoisclub.org)  
 Join us for some great Italian conversation and reading on many topics, as well as fun while we celebrate all things Italian.
- KNIT 'N' THINGS** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – 1:15 PM (starts Sept. 17)  
*Wilma O'Brien, Antje Kolodziej* [knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org)  
 Beginners as well as experts who enjoy any type of handwork are welcome. We exchange patterns, information about supplies, shops, instructions, and shortcuts. Please join us for a pleasant and relaxing afternoon.
- LET'S DO LUNCH** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday – 11:30 AM  
*Dorothea Smith, Shirley Judy* [letsdolunch@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:letsdolunch@theillinoisclub.org)  
 Members meet monthly for lunch at different local area restaurants. Spouses and guests are welcome.
- MAHJONG** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – 9:30 AM & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 1:00 PM (meets all year)  
*Celia Gates* [mahjong@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:mahjong@theillinoisclub.org)  
 If you want to learn, now is your opportunity. Or, if you know how to play, come join us for fun!
- MEET ME AT THE MATINEE** Friday or Sunday afternoons – time varies  
*Kathy Valdes* [matinee@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:matinee@theillinoisclub.org)  
 Join with others who enjoy an afternoon out at a matinee including movies and performances. We will meet at the venue and, if the hour is not too late, meet after the performance for refreshments and conversation. Members are responsible for purchasing their own tickets.
- NEWCOMERS:** Times vary  
*Linda Lopez, Sharon Grogan* [newcomers@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:newcomers@theillinoisclub.org)  
 New to town? Or new to The Illinois Club? Join us and meet other people just like you. Events are planned to explore campus, Champaign and the surrounding area as well as to socialize.
- SATURDAY MORNING TEA** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday - 10:00 AM – Noon (starts Sept. 8)  
*Christina Myers* [tea@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:tea@theillinoisclub.org)  
 An opportunity for international discussion and casual conversation and a way to share your culture and make friends. TIC members can help mentor international students and visiting scholars through conversation.
- SPANISH** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – 7:30 PM (starts Sept. 10)  
*Juliana Arazi Coombs & Dewayne Coombs* [spanish@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:spanish@theillinoisclub.org)  
 Members with at least a basic knowledge of Spanish meet for conversation and to discuss literature, travel, history, and current events related to the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.
- SUPERSTAR READS** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – 3:00 PM (Sept. 6 – May 2)  
*Kathy Valdes* [reads@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:reads@theillinoisclub.org)  
 Sites like GoodReads and Amazon with their 5-star rating systems are a great resource for finding a good book. Books with ratings of 4 or more stars sound promising, but often the best recommendations come from other readers. This is an opportunity to get together with other readers to talk about your favorites and theirs.
- SUPPER CLUB** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Evening (starts Sept. 15)  
*Shirley Splittstoesser* [supper@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:supper@theillinoisclub.org)  
 Couples and singles gather once a month for a potluck dinner. In September, December, and May, the whole group meets together. The other months the group is divided among several homes.
- WALK AND TALK** Monday 4:00 pm & Fridays at 9:30 AM (starts Sept. 7)  
*Annette Buckmaster, Ann Campbell* [walktalk@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:walktalk@theillinoisclub.org)  
 Casual walking group; locations around town, often ending with a trip to a coffee shop.
- WINE LOVERS** Dates and Times TBA  
*Peggy & Chris Huson, Rhonda Fallon* [wine lovers@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:wine lovers@theillinoisclub.org)  
 Explore the world of wine through tastings, talks by local experts, and possibly some wine dinners. Singles and couples are welcome. Meetings in members' homes or tasting venue. Once a month on weekends. Everyone brings a wine of a specified type or region and a sweet or savory hors d'oeuvre.