

THE ILLINOIS CLUB INTEREST GROUPS

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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.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

2nd Wednesday – 1:15 pm

Beth Olmsted, Jane Myers, Marguerite McGuire

antiques@theillinoisclub.org

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

BOOK EXCHANGE

No meetings

Dorothea Smith

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Members are invited to choose a terrific fiction book that they have read and purchased, and then make it available to each member in turn, who will then pass it along to the next person in the order.

BRIDGE, AFTERNOON

2nd Monday – noon

Kay Small, Pam Hoffman

afternoonbridge@theillinoisclub.org

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

CAMPUS LUNCH

Noon every other Thursday

Sandy Camargo

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

1st Monday – 7:30 pm

Sandy Camargo

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

2nd Thursday – 7:30 pm

Ann Campbell, Ann Webbink

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

3rd Thursday –

Linda Lopez

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.

FRENCH

2nd & 4th Wednesday – 1:30 pm

Vera Waisvisz

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

1st & 3rd Thursday – 5:00-6:30 pm

Christina Meyers

krannert@theillinoisclub.org

Meet at Intermezzo Café. Special opening event: September 7 – 3:00 pm, tour Krannert Center.

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- HIKING** 3rd Sunday 1:00 pm
Ann Campbell, Bob Davis 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.
- ITALIAN** 1st & 3rd Wednesday – 1:30 pm
Pat Cardenas italian@theillinoisclub.org
Join us for some great Italian conversation and reading on a variety of topics, as well as fun while we celebrate all things Italian.
- KNIT ‘N’ THINGS** 1st & 3rd Monday – 1:15 pm
Wilma O’Brien, Antje Kolodziej 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** 1st Friday – 11:30 am
STILL NEED CO-CHAIRS letsdolunch@theillinoisclub.org
Members meet monthly for lunch at different local area restaurants. Spouses and guests are welcome.
- MAHJONG** 1st Wednesday – 9:30 am & 3rd Tuesday – 1:00 pm
Celia Gates mahjong@theillinoisclub.org
Know how to play mahjong? Come join us! Or, if you always wanted to learn, now is your opportunity.
- MEET ME AT THE MATINEE** Friday or Sunday afternoons – time varies
Kathy Valdes 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 responsible for purchasing own tickets.
- SATURDAY MORNING TEA** 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays - 9:00 – 11:00 am
Christina Myers 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** 2nd & 4th Monday – 7:30 pm
Nils Jacobsen, Irene Jacobsen 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** 1st Thursday – 3:00 pm
Kathy Valdes 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** 3rd Saturday Evening
Shirley Splittstoesser 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** Mondays at 4:00 pm and Fridays at 9:30 am
Annette Buckmaster, Ann Campbell 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
Explore the world of wine through tastings, talks by local experts, and possibly some wine dinners. Singles and couples are equally welcome. Meetings are 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.