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## Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

### A letter from the President . . .

Beautiful, warm, and sunny April greetings! It makes me think of Market at the Square, which is just around the corner. This will probably be the last year that we sell tiles at the Urbana Farmers' Market. We are always looking for volunteers for our booth—a great opportunity to meet people and recruit new members. Let Sandi or Ted know if can help out!

On another beautiful day this past month, we feted our scholarship award winners. What a special morning! Their presentations were by turns heartwarming, funny, inspirational, and heartrending. Read about them inside, as well as a thank you note from one of our winners. Craig's note captures the vitality, wholesomeness, intelligence, grace, and compassion of this group. This is why I love being on the Scholarship Committee.

For the curious, the constitutional amendment did pass at the Brunch, so I will be your President again next year. Thank you! We are continuing to update the Constitution, which means more amendments will be up for a vote at the Spring Luncheon. Details inside.

Also of note for our Spring Luncheon is world-renowned geologist and microbiologist Dr. Bruce Fouke. His research projects in the hot springs of Yellowstone and in the coral reefs of the Netherlands Antilles have lead to better predictive models for how reef ecosystems respond to global warming, and improved analysis of new microbial life on the early earth and other planets. Dr. Fouke's presentations are always filled with excitement and dynamism. A must-see!

And speaking of next year's events. . .mark your calendars for the Fall Expo and Holiday Party! We're endeavoring to get PayPal up and running for easy sign-up! Look for additional photos and recipes posted on the website soon from the Fall Tour, Holiday Party, Frenchy's Murder Mystery, and Cosmopolitan Iron Chef Challenge!

My door is always open for suggestions for how we can make our Club even better! We have much to look forward to next year! I hope to see you at the Market!

Sincerely, Susan

## Calendar of Events

- 5.2.09 Spring Tour, Chicago, 7 a.m.
- 5.7.09 Spring Luncheon, Champaign C.C., 11:30-1:30 p.m.
- 5.18.09 Joint Board Meeting, Vivian Larson's Home
- 9.17.09 Fall Expo, I-Hotel, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- 12.10.09 Holiday Party, President's Home, 6-7:30 p.m.



# Proposed Constitutional Amendments

## Amendment Results

### from the Scholarship Awards Brunch

The amendment to Article IV (Governing Board), Section 2.C (Term) was passed at the Scholarship Brunch. The quorum standard of 20 votes was met, and a total of 36 members cast their ballots. 31 voted in favor of the amendment. Susan Haney is now eligible to serve, and will serve, for another year. In addition, others can continue to serve on the Board for more years.

## New Proposed Amendments

The Board makes the following recommendations:

**Quorums:** The Board proposes changing how many Governing Board members are required for a quorum. Because of work commitments, Board Members often have difficulty attending meetings. The proposed amendment will enable TIC to continue to recruit the best qualified board members, yet have the ability to make decisions at Board meetings. Those Board Members that cannot attend have the opportunity to read the meeting minutes and ask questions/comment.

**Composition of the Scholarship Committee:** Because we now receive over 75 applications each year, we need to add more members to the Scholarship Committee to read applications, conduct interviews, and publicize scholarship winners. The Board also wants to emphasize that scholarship committee members are part of the Governing Board.

**Composition of the Program Committee:** The Constitution currently lists the Program Committee as only the first vice president and the meeting manager. The Hospitality Chair (HC) is not listed, although he/she is one of the most vital parts of putting on our programs. Reservations go to the HC. After a program is set, the HC keeps track of all the information that forms the basis for subsequent decisions. The HC transfers collected payments to the Treasurer. The Board therefore recommends that the Hospitality Chair be part of the Program Committee.

**Dues Delinquency:** The proposed amendment moves up the date when dues are regarded as delinquent. Currently dues are delinquent on December 1. By moving the date to October 1, the Board is better able to base budget decisions on real, versus projected, budget information. In addition, the Directory editors will be able to publish the Directory in the Fall.

## Text of the Proposed Amendments

### ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

#### Section 2. QUORUM

The members in attendance at a meeting shall constitute a quorum provided that the number in attendance is not less than five percent of the membership. A quorum at a board meeting is one third of all Governing Board members.

### ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

#### Section 6. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee shall consist of the scholarship chair, assistant chair, and as many others as is deemed necessary, to be appointed by the president. The president of the Club may be a member of this committee. It shall review all applications and select recipients. It shall submit award winner information to all relevant colleges and departments for publication or publicity.

#### Section 8. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

This committee shall consist of the first vice president, the meeting manager, and hospitality. It shall arrange the programs and the locations of the meetings for the Club year, and all necessary activities for the meetings.

### ARTICLE X. DUES

The Governing Board shall determine the amount of the annual dues. Dues are pay-able as of the fall meeting and delinquent as of October 1st. Members are welcome throughout the year; however, dues are not prorated.

# 2009 Spring Luncheon



Thursday, May 7, 2009  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Champaign Country Club  
1211 South Prospect Ave., Champaign

## *Microbial Life on Planet Earth: Coral Reefs, Hot Springs, Meteors and Aqueducts*

Bruce W. Fouke, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
in Geology, Microbiology, and the  
Institute for Genomic Biology

Professor Fouke studies complex interactions between planet Earth and the many forms of life that inhabit it. His ongoing work includes analyses of: (1) the bacteriology of coral disease; (2) microbe-mineral interactions in hot springs; (3) the last flow of water in Roman aqueducts; and, (4) meteor cratering associated with the demise of the dinosaurs. Professor Fouke received his Ph.D. from the State University of New York, Stony Brook, and completed postdoctoral research appointments at the Free University of Amsterdam, the University of California Berkeley, and NASA Ames Research Center prior to arriving at Illinois. His work has been highlighted in National Geographic Magazine as well as on National Public Radio. He currently serves on science panels at the National Science Foundation and NASA.

### *Menu*

Mixed Baby Green Salad  
Choice of: Baked Boston Scrod, Orange Glazed Chicken, or Pasta Primavera  
With Chef's Accompaniment of Vegetables and Potato, Rice or Pasta  
Sorbet Trio  
Coffee, Hot and Iced Tea, Cash Bar  
\$28 for Members, \$33 for Guests

### **Reservation Form**

**Members Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrée Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Pasta) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fish) \_\_\_\_\_ (Chicken)

**Guests Names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrée Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Pasta) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fish) \_\_\_\_\_ (Chicken)

**Make checks payable to:** The Illinois Club

**Reservation and Refund Deadline:** April 30

**Mail to:** Sandy Camargo, 202 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Urbana, IL 61801

**E-mail:** scamargo@illinois.edu, **Phone:** 217-344-0023

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

# 2009 Scholarship Brunch

Each year The Illinois Club provides generous scholarship awards to University of Illinois juniors on the basis of scholastic achievement, community service, and life experience. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Stephanie Price, reviewed approximately 75 applications, and personally interviewed 16 students. The Club presented eight awards at the March Scholarship Brunch held at the University of Illinois ACES Library. In addition to the delicious brunch, scholarship recipients greatly inspired members with their accounts of obstacles overcome, dedication to the underserved, and future aspirations.

The Club extends its heartfelt thanks to the Scholarship Committee for its time and commitment to furthering scholarship at the University of Illinois, and to Susan Haney, Stephanie Price, Mike Haney, Nancy Uchtmann and Sandy Camargo for their help with setting up the event.



*Jovanny Varela and Nancy Ikenberry.*

## Judith Life Ikenberry Fine and Applied Arts Award

Jovanny Varela, Fine and Applied Arts (Painting)

Mr. Varela seeks to change the world through his paintings, several of which were on display at the awards ceremony. Photos of some of those paintings and others can be found on our website. Jovanny left the Art Institute to study here at Illinois, where he felt he would get a better education. He credits his mother with having more faith in him than he does himself, and being a muse for him.



*Rachel Day, Craig Podalak, and Samantha Blum.*

## TIC Make-a-Difference Awards

*Samantha Blum, Bioengineering*

Samantha chose a career in medicine her mother's battle for ten years with ovarian cancer, which claimed her life last fall. Samantha has been actively involved in cancer awareness and fundraising campaigns, becoming one of the top fundraising students on campus. She dreams of becoming an oncologist searching for cancer cures. Samantha also spoke movingly of her mother's fortitude, grace, and optimism under difficult circumstances, impressing and inspiring us all with her composure. For her, this award was the best thing that had happened to her in a long time. It was apparent to all that her mother's grace and dignity lives on.

*Rachel Day, Molecular and Cellular Biology*

Rachel wants to pursue a career in medicine. Her mother was diagnosed with cancer several years ago as well, but is a healthy survivor. It was Rachel's experiences with her mother's hospitalizations that first inspired her to choose medicine. Of course, it didn't hurt that her mother is also a nurse. Her lighthearted and funny presentation captured her enthusiasm for all things medical-no matter how squeamish!-perfectly. She hopes to work in rural areas and teach patients how to stay healthy.

*Craig Podalak II, Architectural Studies*

Craig hopes to integrate into his designs elements that will assist those who are challenged either by age or a handicap. He spoke of his efforts to provide accessible reading materials and library space to three senior citizen facilities in his community, securing close to 7,000 books (including Braille literature), tapes, and puzzles for this project. Craig was most influenced by his grandparents, who, as they aged, became physically challenged and needed a lot of care at home. His desire to make all buildings and public areas more accessible to everyone is inspirational. Craig turned down full scholarships to many schools so that he could study architecture here.

# 2009 Scholarship Brunch (continued)

## Isabelle Purnell Education Awards



*Brianna McNinch, Joseph Matuch, Monica Pierce and Glenn Eikenberry.*

### *Brianna McNinch, Elementary Education*

As a Golden Apple Scholar, Brianna will teach in Illinois for five years in a school of academic or financial need. She believes that teaching is the most important job in the world, and that she has the responsibility to create a life-long love of learning in her students.

### *Joseph Matuch, Mathematics Teaching Option*

Like Glenn, Joe believes in a student-centered teaching style, with a focus on civic responsibility and positive interaction with others. He knows that his anthropology minor will add creativity to his classroom. As a Golden Apple Scholar, he will teach in Illinois for five years in a school of academic or financial need.

### *Glenn Eikenberry, Music Education*

Glenn feels strongly about serving his students and being a major influence in their lives. His passion to serve includes making music accessible and enjoyable to his students. Glenn and his grandfather started off the brunch by a serenade. For those of you that follow Illini Basketball, Glenn plays the trumpet solo in the departing song.

### *Monica Pierce, Elementary Education*

Monica will teach in Illinois for five years as well as part of the Illinois Future Teacher Corps. Monica's rural upbringing and diverse experiences at Illinois lead her to conclude that she wants to share her new outlook with students back home. Her teaching philosophy centers on building her students' self-esteem and instilling tolerance for others.

## *A letter to TIC from Craig Podalak:*

I was truly honored to be one of the recipients of The Illinois Club Make-A-Difference Scholarship. Your investment in my future made me realize how fortunate I am to have been recognized by your organization, which not only realizes the value of a college education, but also helps students with financial and academic challenges.

Saturday's brunch and presentation were very rewarding. It was nice to talk to the members at my table and to accept their well wishes for my continued college education. I also enjoyed listening to the inspiring stories of the other recipients.

I will continue to be an individual who makes your organization proud. Thank you again for your generous support.

With sincerest thanks,  
Craig E. Podalak

# Interest Group News

## Cosmopolitan Club: “Iron Chefs” and Globetrotting



Tam Wei and Vinita Lawler at Kyo Lee's presentation on Korea and Indonesia



Lydia Huang demonstrates how to make an Asian salad while Vinita Lawler, Tam Wei and Ann Cambell look on.



Sarah Wisseman shares photos and stories from her trip to Nova Scotia, with the help of Sarah Gertner



## Cordially Yours

A few hardy souls celebrated a beautiful spring day at the Maple Syrup Open House at the Forest Glen Preserve in Westville. The genuine Forest Glen maple syrup was yummy, and smelling the syrup boiling down was heavenly. The Andrews family found a great show and tell item during their walk through the preserve--a prize rat snake skin! Pictured: Susan Haney, Rich Gates, and Celia Gates. Not pictured: *The rat snake skin.*

## Afternoon Literature

On Wed., May 27, at Shirley Walker's home, the Afternoon Literature members will share their summer reading suggestions, and be collecting books for Books to Prisoners. This local charity fills book orders for Illinois prisoners. With each order they also send a dictionary. Preferred books are westerns, mysteries, and adventures in paperback, although prisons do not accept some books. Prisoners also appreciate hardcover nonfiction books such as "how to ..." and dictionaries. Excess books are sold at twice-yearly sales to pay for shipping costs. Anyone wanting to donate books can contact Shirley at 352-7428.

## Newcomers' Group

Join us on May 6, 2009 for the last student event of the year at the Spice Box. Adam Kredow will present "On the Grill," which will include an vegetarian entree. The full menu is not online yet--but, check back soon at <http://www.spicebox.uiuc.edu/events.php>. To reserve a spot, please email Jody at [jody.endres@comcast.net](mailto:jody.endres@comcast.net) by April 30th.

## Cinema Group

The Cinema Group is in its third season in 2008–2009. The group meets once a month at Sandy Camargo's house to view and discuss a film. Sandy picks out the films, mostly from her own collection (she teaches film studies at UI), and offers the group four films as a "menu" to choose from. The four films are thematically or cinematically related in some way. For example, last fall, just before the election, the menu featured films about the intersection of politics and entertainment. The most recent meeting corresponded to Women's History Month, and the films offered were all directed by women. However, the selection rationale is not announced in advance: members need to come to see what's on offer each month.

Do you someone new to town? Tell them that The Illinois Club is a great way to make new friends and discover the nuances of living in Champaign-Urbana! The Ott's did, and now we have a new, incoming Assistant Newsletter Chair, Lilian Barria! Welcome to Lilian and her husband, Steven Roper!

# Miscellaneous

## *Farmer's Market Volunteers Needed for Tile Sales*

TIC will be selling tiles at the Urbana Farmer's Market at Lincoln Square again this year as a fundraiser for scholarships. We are looking for a few good men and women to help. Although the project has been very successful, once the remaining tiles are sold we will not be ordering any more. We need two people for each shift: 8-10 a.m. and 10-12 p.m. Another person is in charge of setting up the booth.

Please contact Ted Rowland at 359-3110 (trowland@illinois.edu) or Sandi Thomas at 359-1161 (sandit3@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Thank you!

The dates available are:

May: 16, 30

June: 13, 27

July: 11, 25

August: 8, 22, 29

September: 5

## *Open Board Positions*

*Asst. 2nd V.P. Newcomers:* We especially need help with the Fall Expo and new hire orientation. We'd love to have someone who would be interested in organizing a child-friendly event.

*Publicity (General):* A great outlet for creativity, particularly for someone interested in expanding our publicity efforts to electronic outlets such as Facebook and Craigslist.

*Tours Co-Chair:* Helps organize and execute bi-annual bus tours, and perhaps a new tour offering of the U of I campus. We have someone willing to co-chair the position. If you have a sense of adventure, this position is for you!

## *Thank-yous for Holiday Party*

TIC would like to thank the following members for their generous contributions of food and/or time to the Holiday Party:

### **Edible Donations**

Nadja Altstetter  
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