

The Illinois Club

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

A Letter from the President...

Ah, glorious summer! I hope this finds you doing as well as the Club is, which is fabtably! We've been quite productive, all geared towards making this year one of our best ever. We are truly excited about it.

So what do we have in store for you? Thanks to Lilian, our newsletter now has a table of contents, so you can go right to what interests you most, and you can see at a glance what we have. No more searching!

For the year ahead, we have a great array of plain old fashioned fun. Briefly (if there is such a thing for me ☺), here's what's on tap:

- Contest for \$50 gift certificate to Milo's
- More wonderful food and great friends at the Fall Expo
- Fabulous Holiday Party at the President's House with Leah Miller, a young incredibly talented cellist
- Hilarious fun and prizes at the Murder Mystery Dinner
- Goose pimple moments at the Scholarship Awards Brunch
- Terrific Spring Luncheon, perhaps with Gov. Jim Edgar
- Gorgeous new note cards from Stan and Judy Ikenberry
- Campus Tours of new buildings or building improvements

As you can see, we have been busy! A few finishing details remain, but right now it appears that all events will cost the same or be much less expensive than last year. Everything should be completed by the Expo.

Events this summer have also kept us busy, including the Big 10 Conference, Market at the Square, and Judy's new note cards and watercolor exhibition, all of which are inside. Our combined endowment funds will probably increase by an amazing \$10,000 this summer!

The only slightly tart cherry of the summer is that we have increased couples dues by \$5 this year, after much analysis. It seemed that those paying individual rates were carrying a disproportionate amount of the Club, so we hope this brings a better, fairer balance. To see how favorably our rates compare to other Big 10 Clubs, please look inside.

For your convenience, PayPal will be set up soon for paying dues. E-TIC news will alert you when it's ready. And for members paying dues 40 years or longer, we plan on honoring you in a variety of ways this year, so please make sure we know who you are. We'll also be trying to find something that will appeal mainly to the men in our Club, although not necessarily all 25% of you! If you'd like to be a consultant for this, please let me know. My message box is always open...

Sincerely, Susan



2009-2010 Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Interest Group Chair Meeting	August 19, Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Susan Haney's
Board Meeting	August 26, Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Susan Haney's
Fall Expo	September 17, Thurs.	4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Chancellor Room, I Hotel
Fall Campus Tour	TBA	TBA	TBA
Newcomers Welcome	October 17, Sat.	7:00 p.m.	Jody & Bryan Endres'
Board Meeting	October 21, Wed.	7:00 p.m.	
Holiday Party	December 10, Thurs.	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	President's House
Board Meeting	January 27, Wed.	7:00 p.m.	
Murder Mystery Dinner	TBA	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	TBA
Scholarship Awards Brunch	March 6, Sat.	10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lincoln Room, I Hotel
Board Meeting	March 17, Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Susan Haney's
Spring Campus Tour	TBA	TBA	TBA
Spring Luncheon	April	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	TBA
New Board/Retiring Board Meeting	May 19, Wed.	6:30 p.m.	

Sneak Preview of Events

Our Club meetings and events are shaping up very nicely, with the exceptionally talented **Leah Miller** (an Ikenberry scholarship finalist) playing the cello for us at the **Holiday Party** at the President's House. Not only is she talented, she is also generous. She plans to give back by starting her own scholarship fund. Next up will be the highly entertaining **Murder Mystery Dinner** which will feature prizes and madcap antics. You can help choose your favorite scenario by participating in the poll on page 4. Then we will be amazed by our winners at the inspirational **Scholarship Awards Brunch** in March. And finally, the **Spring Luncheon**, signaling the end of our year, will honor our long-time members, as well as possibly feature former **Governor Jim Edgar**. **Stay tuned!**

Fall Expo

When: Thursday, September 17, 4:30- 6:30 p.m., Chancellor Room, I Hotel

Benefits of attending the Fall Expo:

- * Signing up for your favorite interest groups
- * Learning about groups new to you
- * Registering for the latest campus tour
- * Enjoying the company of your friends
- * Meeting and making new friends
- * Feasting your eyes on some great food, then eating it
- * Seeing the new Judy Ikenberry note cards, then buying some
- * Finding out if you won the \$50 gift certificate to Milo's: See page 8 for more details on how to win!



Fall Campus Tour

We are still ironing out the details, but we hope to have a campus tour of either the new Business Instructional Facility (a new green building) or the new Memorial Stadium renovations some time this fall. We will have the date and time by the time of the Fall Expo, so stop by the Tours table and get registered. Either one should be fascinating and fun! For more details contact Carol DeVoss at 918-1384 or devoss@illinois.edu.

Newcomers News and Events

The Newcomers Group Welcomes You!

Are you new to the University or Community? Join us this fall for events where new and old friends come together for great conversation, fabulous food, and answers to all your questions about life in Champaign-Urbana. As in past years, we will have an informational table at the University's fall Resource Fair and at the Fall Expo in September.

While the Newcomers Group will continue the tradition of Illinois Club football tailgating this fall (lot 42: the grass lot SE of Memorial Stadium), we would like to add a monthly newcomers' wine and

cheese event. We need volunteer hosts to make this happen! We would love to make events more child-friendly, and your ideas are welcome! To sign-up to host a wine and cheese event, please contact Jody Endres at jody.endres@comcast.net or 217-344-7255. The months available include October and November, and January through May 2010.

New membership is so important to the vitality, diversity and longevity of The Illinois Club. Please consider getting involved! Please contact Jody Endres at jody.endres@comcast.net or Bryan Endres at bendres@illinois.edu for more information.



Wine and Cheese Newcomers Welcome

Saturday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m.

To RSVP contact Jody Endres at jody.endres@comcast.net
or Bryan Endres at bendres@illinois.edu



Calling All Men!

Are you interested in a men-only interest group? What would that look like to you? Would it be based on zymurgy (the art of brewing beer or wine); wood working; home improvement projects where you pick the next victim's, er we mean person's, house and you trade skills; fishing or some other sport; exercising; or maybe meeting for breakfast or lunch? We'd like to hear from you! Please contact Susan Haney at susanhaney1@gmail.com or 356-2464. Thank you! We'd like to make your Club experience even better.

Spotlight on the Super Club

The old saying, "The good Lord willing and the creek don't rise" took on new meaning for Supper Club members attending their May meeting. They met at Barbara and John Scott's cabin on the Kaskaskia River near Arcola. The flooded river, which had breached its banks and flowed at the edge of the

Scott's property added a bit of drama to the gathering (see the muddy waters in the picture background). Barbara and John provided appetizers, ham and turkey, and a variety of beverages. Guests brought a dish to pass; the weather cooperated; and members had a great time.



Walter Splittstoesser, Supper Club member on left, talks with guests from Finland, Eija and Tapio Rantala at the May Supper Club picnic beside the flooded, muddy Kaskaskia River in the background.

Murder Mystery Poll

The Mystery Dinner Theater will be in February and we would like to know if you have any preference for the following scenarios. Please contact Mary Jo Thomsen at joroselady@yahoo.com or 469-7278 with your vote!

How to Slay a Castaway

Ahoy Matey! A captain, a bumbling first mate, five passengers, and a three hour tour. Tonight, you are an honored guest at a "Welcome Home" Celebration for the former crew and passengers of the SS Guppy, recently returned to civilization after being marooned on a desert island for 10 years. But there is a little dissension....

The Illinois Hillbillies

Jud Clumpett has struck it rich!! His mud farm in Rainfall, Kansas has yielded a vein of the purest silica sand ever discovered. Computer giant company Chips Ahoy has already given Jud \$3 million earnest money for his piddly farm, with the anticipation of \$2 billion more to come. Jud loaded up the kinfolk and headed for Chicago but due to a wrong turn ended up in Champaign. There Busey Bank President Gordon Clydesdale and his secretary, Miss Jane Harriday, knew an opportunity when they saw one...

The Irish Setter Wake

Paddy O'Sullivan was one of the wealthiest and most respected citizens of Champaign-even if he did tend to drool a bit, chase the occasional can and scratch inappropriate places in public. But what do you expect from a pure-bred Irish Setter. Paddy was the sole inheritor of the family fortune of James O'Sullivan, following his tragic death two months ago. Tonight, now that Paddy O'Sullivan is also gone (to the big kennel in the sky in this case), you are invited to attend the public wake service for Paddy and pay your respects. As an added bonus, the family attorney, James Herriot, will be reading a provisional will and testament left by James to dispose of the estate after Paddy's death. Who will benefit????

Judy Ikenberry's Watercolor Exhibition

Judy Ikenberry has an exhibition of her watercolor paintings going on now at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center. You may remember some of her beautiful landscapes from the Holiday Party last year at the Ikenberrys'. The Altgeld Hall painting (in progress at the time of the party) is now complete and part of the show. The show also includes the other two original paintings that our new note cards are based upon, so you can see them all in person. The exhibition will be up from July 2 – December 9.



Just *one* of the great things about the exhibition is that if you decide you just can't live without one of Judy's paintings, you might be able to purchase it! Approximately half of the paintings are for sale, with six of those being sold already.

The extra bonus (besides knowing the painter) is that your money will go into the Judith Life Ikenberry Scholarship Fund. Each painting's value has been determined by Judy's painting instructor to ensure that they are fairly priced. And after you've been to the show, why don't you drop Judy a line or two to let her know how you enjoyed her first-ever solo exhibition?

To launch this exhibition, the Ikenberrys hosted a wonderful party for family and friends. Luckily, the Club is considered a friend, and we were invited to sell the note cards. Between donations and card sales, we were able to add almost \$600 to our Scholarship Funds. Thank you Stan and Judy! And thank you Marcy Joncich, Pat Thiessen, and Jane and Wally Myers for doing a great job with sales.

Interest Groups 2009 – 2010

Cathy Williams, 3rd Vice President
687-4079, nitzwilli@aol.com

Jenny Kokini, Asst. 3rd Vice President
609-462-1673, jkokini@illinois.edu

Antiques and Collectibles	2 nd Wednesday – 1:15 PM	Chair must be found to continue.
Book Exchange	No scheduled meetings	Roxanne Frey, 333-5685, frey@illinois.edu
Bridge	2 nd Monday – 12:30 PM	Shirley Walker, 352-7428
Campus Lunch Group	Every other Wednesday at noon	Patricia Simpson, plblum@illinois.edu
Cinema	2 nd Monday – 7:00 PM	Sandy Camargo, 344-0023, scamargo@illinois.edu
Cordially Yours	Dates and times TBA	Susan Haney, 356-2464, SusanHaney1@gmail.com
Cosmopolitan	2 nd Thursday – 7:30 PM	Judith Robinson, 367-8884, robinso22@gmail.com & Sarah Gertner, 398-1285 (interim chairs)
French	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays – 1:30 PM	Cathy Williams, 687-4079, nitzwilli@aol.com
German	2 nd Monday – 1:30 PM	Anna Merritt, 344-4573, amerritt@illinois.edu
Golf	Dates and Time TBA	Joanita Dirikolu, joanitamaison@hotmail.com
Hiking	3 rd Sunday	Ann Campbell, 352-1487 anncampbell51@gmail.com & Peri Ceperley, 359-9333, peri@ceperley.com
Knit 'n' Things	1 st & 3 rd Mondays – 1:15 PM	Lori Choquette, 367-3144, choquette5@comcast.net
Let's Do Lunch	2 nd Friday – 11:30 AM	Joan Bazzetta, 353-8322, richardb88@msn.com
Literature Afternoon	4 th Wednesday – 1:00 PM	Jean Creswell, 359-1877, jcreswel@illinois.edu
Literature Evening	3 rd Monday – 7:30 PM	Jenifer Cartwright, 352-2803, jencart7@yahoo.com & Roxanne Frey, 333-5685, frey@illinois.edu
Spanish	2 nd & 4 th Mondays – 7:30 PM	Carl Jockusch, 328-2543, cjockusc@illinois.edu
Supper Club	3 rd Saturday Evening	Shirley Splittstoesser, 367-3330, splitts@life.illinois.edu & Mary Ruth Getz, 356-5767, m-getz@illinois.edu
Wine Lovers	Dates and Times TBA	Margaret Martin, 344-1759, margaretha.martin@comcast.net
Writers Not Anonymous	4 th Monday – 2:30 PM	Susan Haney, 356-2464, SusanHaney1@gmail.com

New Chairs Needed: Antiques and Cosmopolitan!

We are still missing new Chairs for these popular interest groups. If we can't find someone(s) to head them, then they will have to fold this year. We may be willing to put out sign up sheets at the Fall Expo, but if no one steps up that day, then we will regretfully inform everyone that those interest groups won't be meeting this year. We appreciate those of you who do step up! Thank you in advance.

Description of Interest Groups: 2009-2010

One of the most rewarding aspects of participating in The Illinois Club is belonging to the various Interest Groups. In these informal social gatherings, members meet to explore common interests. As a paid member you may join or visit any Interest Group at any time during the year. Please join with our couples' membership for activities involving couples. Register with the groups of your choice at the Fall Expo on Thursday, September 17th. If you cannot attend, please mail in your membership dues and contact the Interest Group Chair(s) of your choice.

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ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: Members and invited speakers present programs on personal collections, house tours, special tours, etc. This very large group often holds an auction to benefit the Women's Club Scholarship Fund.

2nd Wednesday – 1:15 PM

Chair must be found to continue.

BOOK EXCHANGE: Each member buys a new fiction book that is rotated among members in groups of seven to nine people. At the end of seven months each person will have read a variety of new books. No scheduled meetings

Roxanne Frey, 333-5685, frey@illinois.edu



BRIDGE: The bridge groups are always popular. They meet in members' homes or a designated facility. Pre-arranged partnering is not done. You may play regularly or be a substitute.

2nd Monday – 12:30 PM

Shirley Walker, 352-7428

CAMPUS LUNCH GROUP: Are you on campus during the day working or studying? Come and join us for lunch. Meet us in the Illini Union Ballroom.

Every other Wednesday at noon

Patricia Simpson, plblum@illinois.edu



CINEMA: Let's talk about movies! Depending on the interests of the group, we can view or discuss current popular films, classic films, and/or foreign films.

2nd Monday – 7:00 PM

Sandy Camargo, 344-0023, scamargo@illinois.edu

CORDIALLY YOURS: A friendly group, where we get together once a month to go some place or to stay in. With drinks and foods of all kinds thrown in, of course! Come, relax, have fine conversation and fun times.

Dates and times TBA

Susan Haney, 356-2464, susanhaney1@gmail.com



COSMOPOLITAN: 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.

2nd Thursday – 7:30 PM

Chair must be found to continue.

FRENCH: 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. The group meets twice a month.

2nd & 4th Thursdays – 1:30 PM

Cathy Williams, 687-4079, nitzwilli@aol.com



GERMAN: This group welcomes anyone who would enjoy an afternoon of conversation in German, with updates from those recently returned from Germany and from current periodicals. Fluency is welcome, but not required.

2nd Monday – 1:30 PM

Anna Merritt, 344-4573, amerritt@illinois.edu

GOLF: Come and golf with us after work, on the weekend, and overall, when the weather is nice to enjoy the outdoors! We would like to sponsor a fundraising tournament in the future, so come and help us plan it!

Date and Times TBA

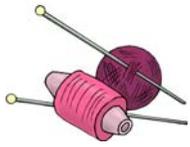
Joanita Dirikolu, joanitamaison@hotmail.com



HIKING: Come and enjoy the various parks around our area. You can meet wonderful people, see beautiful scenery and get some great exercise, all at the same time. Some of the adventures will be walks; others will be hikes.

3rd Sunday

Ann Campbell, 352-1487, anncampbell51@gmail.com
Peri Ceperley, 359-9333, peri@ceperley.com



KNIT 'N' THINGS: Beginners as well as experts who enjoy any type of handwork are welcome. We exchange patterns, information about supplies, shops, instructions, and shortcuts. Call your babysitter and join us for a pleasant and relaxing afternoon.

1st & 3rd Mondays – 1:15 PM

Lori Choquette, 367-3144, choquette5@comcast.net

LET'S DO LUNCH: Members meet monthly for lunch at different local area restaurants.

Spouses and guests are welcome.

2nd Friday – 11:30 AM

Joan Bazzetta, 352-8322, richardb88@msn.com



LITERATURE: Selections from a variety of literary forms reflect the diverse interests of the group.

Members are encouraged to read the literature and participate in the discussion that follows the presentation.

Afternoon: 4th Wednesday – 1:00 PM

Jean Creswell, 359-1877, jcreswel@illinois.edu

Evening: 3rd Monday – 7:30 PM

Jenifer Cartwright, 352-2803, jencart7@yahoo.com

Roxanne Frey, 333-5685, frey@illinois.edu

SPANISH: 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.

2nd & 4th Mondays – 7:30 PM

Carl Jockusch, 328-2543, cjockusc@illinois.edu



SUPPER CLUB: Couples and singles gather once a month for a potluck dinner. In October, December, and May the whole group meets together. The other months the group is divided among several homes.

3rd Saturday Evening

Shirley Splittstoesser, 367-3330, splitts@life.illinois.edu

Mary Ruth Getz, 356-5767, m-getz@illinois.edu

WINE LOVERS GROUP: Whether you are a wine connoisseur or someone who would like to learn more about wines, this is the special interest group for you! This group will explore the world of wine through tastings, talks by local experts, and some wine dinners. Watch the website and newsletter for more information.

Date and Times TBA

Margaret Martin, 344-1759, margaretha.martin@comcast.net



WRITERS NOT ANONYMOUS: A fun group that gets together once a month to share what we've written and offer each other support in our creative endeavors. Dates and times may change depending upon the needs and interests of the group.

4th Monday – 2:30 PM

Susan Haney, 356-2464, susanhaney1@gmail.com

Interest Group Chair Meeting 7:00 PM Wednesday, August 19

There will be an informal meeting for Interest Group Chairs on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Susan Haney's home, 1514 Sandpiper Lane, Champaign. If you cannot make it to this meeting, please phone Cathy Williams at 687-4079, or email her at nitzwilli@aol.com to make arrangements to pick up your new folders. Thank you!

Should you have problems finding Susan's home, her phone number is 356-2464.

Spring 2009 Luncheon

At the Spring Luncheon we voted on four Amendments to the Constitution. The results are as follows:
Members needed for a quorum: 20. Members voting: 31. Votes needed for passage: 21
ARTICLE V. MEETINGS, Section 2. QUORUM: **Passed** by a vote of 28-3.
ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES, Section 6. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: **Passed** by a vote of 31-0.
ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES, Section 8. PROGRAM COMMITTEE: **Passed** by a vote of 31-0.
ARTICLE X. DUES: **Passed** by a vote of 31-0.

Those who attended the Luncheon were treated to a superb presentation by Bruce Fouke. Although you might think that the travertine hot springs of Yellowstone Park, coral reefs in the Caribbean, ancient Roman aqueducts, the new deep well near Decatur, and proof of life on Mars have little in common, Bruce weaves all of these together into one seamless garment. Not only did he entertain us, but he also informed us at a level we could understand. All who witnessed Bruce's dynamic enthusiasm for his field left impressed and delighted that they had come. It's unfortunate that we all couldn't sit at Bruce's table for lunch, because that was definitely *the* place to be. Thank you Bruce!



Spring Luncheon with Susan and Mary Jo presenting appreciation gifts to Bruce Fouke and Board members.

Communicating with our Members

The Newsletter

The newsletter is available both in paper version and email version. You are free to change how you receive the newsletter any time during the year. Please contact Christina Myers, ckmyers@illinois.edu or Carol DeVoss, devoss@illinois.edu to change how you receive the newsletter.

Everyone will receive a paper copy in August 2009, but this will be the only paper copy you receive for the year if you have opted for email newsletters. Please feel free to pass your paper copy along to a friend and invite them to join our Club!

The List-Serv

Do you want to receive timely reminders and announcements of The Illinois Club events, like the Interest Group meetings and Tours?

If you are not on our email list serve, follow the List-Serv link from our webpage: <http://www.TheIllinoisClub.org>. It's easy and convenient for quick club communications.

Questions? Ask Ann Campbell at 352-1487 or anncampbell51@gmail.com.

Win a Gift Certificate Renewing Your Membership Early!!!

We are again having a contest for a **\$50 gift certificate**, this time to Milo's. All the lucky winner has to do is pay membership dues before September 14. The earlier you renew, rejoin, or join, the greater the odds of winning!

All memberships postmarked by **August 24**, the first day of instruction, are guaranteed *three* entries in the drawing. Should you procrastinate and forget, never fear! **All memberships** sent by **September 14** will still be entered. And remember, couples get double the opportunities! Good luck, and may the best member win...

TIC Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2009

Scholarships

- Tentative award amounts and numbers were set for AY 2010 – 2011
- New fundraising opportunity involving Judy Ikenberry's note cards
- Allowing students to apply online for scholarships
- Ted Rowland resigned as Asst. Scholarship Chair
- Marcy Joncich is the new Asst. Scholarship Chair
- Cutting back in the future the number of dates at the farmer's market
- Scholarship Contracts
- Application form & web being updated this summer
- Compilation of lists for publicity for award winners
- Tile inventory at 40

Constitutional Amendments

- E-mail voting results for amendment proposals
- Amendment results from Spring Luncheon
- Amendments being considered for next year
- New Standing Rules deferred until August meeting

Membership

- Retention issues
- Honorary Members
- Web outreach for attracting new members
- Another dues renewal drawing in September
- Final membership numbers & costs of directory
- New directory features for next year
- Post Office Box rental for receiving dues every year
- New couples rate for better parity
- Golden Member rate shelved for now

Budget

- Overages
- Cuts continued
- Requests/Estimates for next year due July 1

President

- Working on flowchart of positions & information flow; duty lists

Programs

- Spring Luncheon
- Ideas for 2009 – 2010

Newcomers' summer program

Interest Group Reports

Still Need Asst. 2nd VP, Publicity (General), Co-Chair, Tours

Treasurer

- Treasurer's Report
- Contingency in case UIF changes its payout percentage for award funding

Newsletter

- July/August Newsletter deadline July 1 – to printers on July 15
- Set publication dates that remain constant
- Everyone will receive a paper newsletter this summer
- Sending newsletters to lapsed members

Publicity

- Tentative ad list for next year
- Bi-weekly emails for the summer

Website

- Website migration by June 30 to GoDaddy
- PayPal update

Board Meeting Minutes and Agendas on Website, in weekly E-TIC news, and Newsletter

Board minutes online now!

In an effort to be more accountable to our members, we are now posting Board Minutes on our website, www.TheIllinoisClub.org. You can find them under the "Board" button. We will also be including a short synopsis or bullet list in the next newsletter that goes out after a Board meeting, so you can see what the Board has been doing on your behalf. Let us know how you like the new feature! The direct address of last May's Board meeting minutes is: <http://theillinoisclub.org/documents/Minutes051809.pdf>.

Biennial Big 10 Conference

Susan Haney, Mary Jo Thomsen, and Christina Myers attended the biennial Big 10 Conference from June 5-7 in Madison, Wisconsin. What a beautiful campus Wisconsin has! Approximately 1/3 of it is natural area, and it is sited on a peninsula, surrounded by Lake Mendota. Since Wisconsin is the leader among our Clubs in scholarship awards (they award \$50,000 – \$60,000 every year), the focus this year was on fundraising and on volunteer-raising.



The workshops by Wisconsin were excellent, and the presentations by each of the Clubs gave us new ideas for our very own TIC. Our presentation garnered compliments, and we were also able to sell our

note cards and tiles. We left the Conference feeling inspired, rejuvenated and eager to start our new year. In fact, we were so inspired, that you might see more than just the Susan Haney Fund being created within the next year or two as a result of the Conference. Thank you Wisconsin for doing such a wonderful job!



We did update the Conference By-laws to reflect our Club's name change. Some comments from other Clubs included the fact that when they had changed their names recently, they were not allowed to retain the word "women" in their new names. One of the Wisconsin delegates at the meeting did raise the issue that in two years, when the Conference is at Purdue, we should

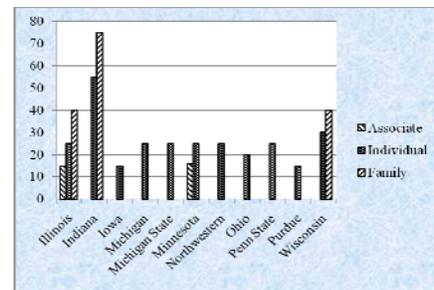


consider changing the By-laws to reflect the more inclusive nature of several of our Clubs, to more accurately reflect who we are. Certainly we would welcome this, and we look forward to starting that discussion in a year and a half, as we get ready to convene again.

Illinois' turn to host will be in 2013, and we will be starting to gear up for that this year. Any ideas you might have, please let Susan or Mary Jo know, and we will put them into our Big 10 Conference ideas hopper. And should you be so inclined, please volunteer to be on the task force for organizing this fabulous Conference. This is an equal opportunity for both men and women. Thank you!

What do you get for your dues?

- Fall Expo
- Holiday Party at the President's House
(You must be a member to attend!)
- Discount on Events
- Campus Tours
- Newsletters
- Membership Directory
- Interest Groups

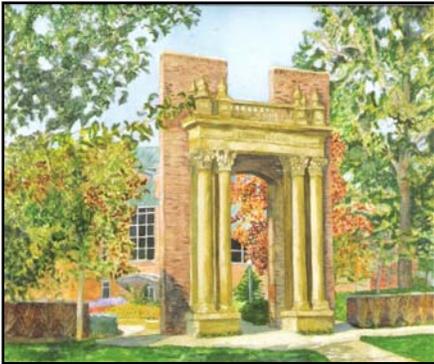


A survey of our fellow Big 10 Clubs reveals that we are very average, or at least our dues are! The range for individual dues is \$15 – \$55, with six clubs at \$25. For associate dues, the range is \$15 – \$16. And for couple or family dues it is \$40 – \$75. So, as you can see, we are comfortably middle of the road, which is not a bad place to be! In November's newsletter we will have more information on how we compare to other Big 10 clubs in other ways. And as always, if another club has a great idea, we will be happy to borrow it.

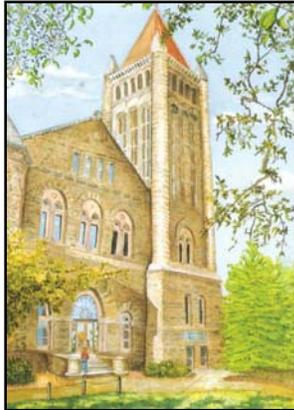
New Ikenberry Note Cards

Introducing the new Ikenberry note cards! Choose from Altgeld Hall, Hallene Gateway Plaza, an old Grain Elevator, the Trio mix of all three, or the Campus mix of Altgeld and Hallene. These make great (as well as very light, small, and unbreakable!) thank you gifts for representing Illinois and the campus when you travel. Only \$12 for a set of 6. All proceeds go to scholarships since the cards were donated to us. Help our Funds to grow while thanking someone! To order note cards, see contact information below in the tile article.

Hallene Gateway Plaza



Altgeld Hall



An Old Grain Elevator



Market at the Square Needs Volunteers!!!



Greetings from the Market! Interest is running high in our new Ikenberry note cards, and we are also getting a

few new people thinking about joining us. We need a few more volunteers to help with this. Some of the many benefits of being at the Market on Saturdays are:

- you see your friends
- fabulous junk food
- even better - fresh produce!

- some interesting yard art to ponder
- crafts galore for garnering ideas from
- always entertaining
- the stories people tell you when they buy something from you
- helping our scholarship funds to grow
- getting new members to join us

Where: Market at the Square

When: August 8, August 22,
August 29 and September 5

Contact: Marcy Joncich, joncich@illinois.edu, 384-5544 to volunteer for this very fun activity.

Scholarship Tiles – Going, Going, Gone!

We now have only blue and brown round barns left of the Motawi Tiles, and those may not last much longer. All other colors and designs are sold out. Get yours while you can, as we will not be reordering these any more, due to the prohibitive cost involved.

To order tiles or note cards, contact: Marcy Joncich at joncich@illinois.edu, 384-5544; or Sandi Thomas at sandit3@gmail.com, 359-1161; or Susan Haney at susanhaney1@gmail.com, 356-2464.



New Susan T. Haney Scholarship Fund



Mike and Susan Haney have created a new Scholarship Fund for The Illinois Club. This Fund will award scholarships to juniors and seniors in the School of Social Work.

This major was dropped

by the University in the 1990's and has recently been reinstated as a bachelor's degree program. The first junior class will be admitted to the School in 2010.

This scholarship will be the first dedicated undergraduate scholarship for Social Work. Mike and Susan hope to have it fully funded by next spring, with the first awardee being chosen in 2011. A meeting with the School to talk about this Scholarship has only cemented their feelings that this is absolutely the right thing to do, and the best place for their Scholarship.

There were many pearls dropped along the path throughout the years that were picked up and carried, not knowing they would form this beautiful necklace. Among them are:

- Gail Snowdon observing that you can tell how well a college's alumni do financially because those who are successful give their colleges scholarships, fellowships, chairs, buildings, etc. Those that don't, such as Social Work, have very few endowments. This was her only example, and it's remained in Susan's little gray cells these many, many years.
- Dorothea Smith's unabashed enthusiasm for the scholarships that she created many years ago for ACES, so that she could enjoy the giving now, rather than after she is gone. Because how would she know then?
- Judy Ikenberry's support for artists because of her belief that most of them struggle for many years to get established, if they ever do. And many of them will make very little money. Her strong desire to help committed (and potentially poor starving) artists with their studies really struck a chord.

- Some of our very own Make-A-Difference Award winners, such as Christina Kurowski, who despite growing up under very challenging and very poor circumstances in Chicago, wanted to go back to her neighborhood and help others as a social worker. What an inspiration!
- Other Big 10 Clubs, who have inspired Susan with their members' generosity, newsletters, directories, and presentations at Big 10 Conferences.
- Our Decades campaign, which encouraged us to give more than we normally would have.
- Reta Torrance, Susan's mother, who was always concerned for others and raised funds, even with her passing, for many charitable organizations. She was the organizing tour de force for her rural county's food bank for probably two decades or more. We wish we could be more specific, but Mom never trumpeted which cause she was working on. She never kept score. She just did it. Quietly and with dignity.
- Arlene Haney, Mike's mother, an inspiration in her own right. A generous supporter of many causes over the years, always striving to learn, always endeavoring to do better and to be fair. She endeared us to her forever when she requested no gifts for Christmas this past year. All she wanted was donations to food banks. What a lady!

These beautiful pearls have finally fallen into place. Once they were aligned with Susan's desire to do something significant, memorable, and leadership-worthy of this great Club, it became very natural to honor these influences, especially those of our mothers', with a scholarship that would live on forever.

A special shout out should go to Judy Ikenberry. It was during Susan's conversations with Judy that she first thought, "Hey! We could do that! We could help someone who probably won't earn much money!" You change lives Judy. Thanks! And an even larger thanks to Mike, who goes along with most of Susan's ideas. You're a gem.

December 2008 Holiday Party Donations

How can we ever thank Stan and Judy Ikenberry enough? They have been extraordinary supporters of our scholarship program in every way possible this past year. Illinois was blessed, as were we, the minute Stan was hired to be the President. We had no way of knowing then what a tremendous impact Judy would have on our organization. Thank you, thank you, thank you for capping off 2008 in a most delicious, gracious way!



Just as words cannot adequately express how grateful we are to the Ikenberrys, they also fail us with respect to our members. Their generosity was *stunning*! All the fabulous food, drinks, cash, music, and serving of others – they all made the evening a seamless magical holiday night. In a word, unforgettable! A simple thank you isn't nearly enough, but it will have to do.



Special heartfelt thanks go to Sandi Thomas, Ann Long, Jane Myers, Vivian Larson, Cinda Pettigrew, and Mary Jo Thomsen for their superhuman efforts to help Susan Haney keep the party flowing. It wouldn't have been successful without them. Those past Presidents, Jane, and Mary Jo are really something!

Some of these lists ran in the last newsletter, but we are repeating them, so that you can see them in their entirety and appreciate the full generosity of our fabulous members. If we have inadvertently missed your name in any of the lists, we apologize profusely. Please let us know of the oversight and we will correct it.

This is for the students – our future. Thank you!

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Make-A-Difference Scholarship Fund Donations

A very belated thanks to all who donated to our Scholarship Fund in any way last year, whether through direct donation, auction donating or buying, holiday party participation, tile or note card sales, or estate gifts. We apologize for not printing these lists earlier, and promise to be more prompt with this year's contributor lists. We do truly appreciate all contributions, large or small. Together they enabled us to exceed our goal of \$100,000 in our endowment fund. Great work everyone!

Our Donors Under \$50

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Calling All History!

Vivian Larson is looking for old newsletters, pictures, etc. to put into our archives and bind into a book. This is the year that it's going to be done, so we especially need some great photos. Please share whatever you have; we would be delighted to make copies and give you back the originals.

Vivian is compiling a list of what we are lacking, and will soon be looking for items to fill in the gaps.

We'll let you know in the next newsletter and via the E-TIC News how you can specifically help. If you have some historic information about our Club, give Vivian a call, and she'll be happy to make arrangements to pick it up. Contact her at 217-367-0800 or v.larson1@comcast.net. Thank you for all your help!

Membership Form for September 1st 2009 through August 31st 2010

The purpose of our Club is to promote friendship and education through interest groups, tours, Illinois scholarship awards, and special events. Membership is open to everyone. The annual fee entitles members to attend meetings, participate in interest groups, join tours and receive the Club newsletter.

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Your email address: _____	Your email address: _____

Membership dues: Individual (\$25)
 Couple* (\$40)
 Associate (\$15)

Please indicate how you would prefer to receive The Illinois Club newsletter: Email
 US Mail

Those who participate as a couple in interest groups (such as Supper Club, Wine Lovers, etc.) must belong to the Club as a couple. Thank you!

Please make membership checks payable to: **"The Illinois Club"**
 Mail to: Membership, The Illinois Club, P.O. Box 2782, Champaign, IL 61825

Please consider contributing to The Illinois Club Scholarship Fund

Since 1917, the Club has provided financial support to worthy University of Illinois students. For the 2009-2010 Academic Year, The Illinois Club has awarded three Make-A-Difference, one Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts, and four Isabelle Purnell Education Awards, totaling \$18,000.

I have included a contribution, made payable to **UIF – The Illinois Club**, in addition to my dues:

Your Choice \$ _____ Honor Roll (\$50) Dean's List (\$100) Bronze Tablet (\$200)

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