

The Illinois Club

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Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 2, 2013
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Urbana Country Club

Big Ten Conference

June 7 - 9
I Hotel, Champaign

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

A Letter from the President...



Greetings!

What a wonderful year I have had as President! The Board has been an incredibly hard-working group of people that made my year great. It has been an honor to serve you in this capacity. I look forward to being a part of the club for many years to come. The Governing Board slate was approved for next year. We are

only missing a Vice President. Please consider volunteering.

In February we visited the Buzard Pipe Organ Builders and had dinner at Destihl Restaurant. It was a fascinating tour and we learned about the history of Champaign.

This year's Scholarship Awards Brunch was, as always, our most inspiring event. Our winners are an amazing group of people that make you look forward to what our future holds. Liberal Arts and Sciences' Dean Ruth Watkins, our guest speaker, gave an outstanding talk.

Everyone enjoyed the Newcomers' event in March – a tour of the University of Illinois Plant Conservatory and dinner at the Spice Box.

Our Spring Luncheon is May 2nd at the Urbana Country Club. Please join us, and hear the talk on *Making Sense of Climate Changes* by Eric Snodgrass. You can meet your new Governing Board and say thanks to the retiring Board. The Spring Luncheon will also be an excellent opportunity to renew for next year.

The Big Ten Conference at the I Hotel is almost here. This should be an exciting time. It is June 7-9 and I hope everyone will be able to participate in this conference. We are still looking for volunteers to help with food and drink, bag stuffers, Big Ten Hosts, Hospitality Room, Breakout Sessions, Tours, and Transportation. Please contact bigten@theillinoisclub.org.

Sincerely,
Alma

president@theillinoisclub.org

**Thank you
Sarah Wisseman!**

**Vice President
for
2013 – 14**





Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 2, 2013

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Urbana Country Club

100 East Country Club Rd.

Urbana, IL 61802

Eric Snodgrass, Director

Making Sense of Climate Change

Our speaker will be Eric Snodgrass, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Illinois. He will talk about basic climate change science and reveal climate projection over the next 100 years. He will also present results of the survey of several thousand students at the University of Illinois on their opinion about climate change.

A buffet luncheon will be served featuring:

- Tuscan Salad: roasted tomatoes, asparagus, basil, fresh mozzarella, and sherry vinaigrette
- Caesar Salad
- Rosemary Chicken
- Pumpkin Seed Encrusted Tilapia
- Penne Pasta with Pesto Sauce
- Roasted Fresh Vegetables
- Bread and Butter
- Coffee, Tea, and Water

Before April 21: Members - \$21.00; Guests - \$24.00 (\$22.00 and \$25.00 on Pay Pal)

April 21-28: Members - \$24.00; Guests - \$26.00 (\$25.00 and \$27.00 on Pay Pal)

Mail to: Marcy Joncich; 705 W. Illinois St.; Urbana, IL 61801

Contact: reservations@theillinoisclub.org Discount & Refund Deadline April 20

PayPal (adds \$1 to each ticket): http://theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal/

Online Form: http://www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event_reg/2013_Spring_Luncheon.pdf

RESERVATION FORM for SPRING LUNCHEON

Members _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ #Member Tickets _____ @ \$21.00 ea.

Guests _____ #Guest Tickets _____ @ \$24.00 ea.

Before April 21 member tickets are \$21 and guest tickets are \$24.

From April 21-28 member tickets are \$24 and guest tickets are \$26. Total \$_____

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

Discount and Refund Deadline: **April 20, 2012**

Final Registration Deadline: **April 28, 2012**

Mail to: Marcy Joncich; 705 W. Illinois St.; Urbana, IL 61801

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Big Ten Conference June 7 - 9 at I Hotel

Cultivating Winning Strategies, June 7 – 9, our Big Ten conference, is less than 2 months away now! Within the next few weeks you will be receiving a Big Ten-only newsletter full of opportunities for you to sign up and come to the various events. We have the opportunity to host this conference just once every 28 years, so now is our time to shine and show what a great club we are!

In the meantime, you can register to help with various aspects of this conference via this link (<http://vols.pt/doMmZw>), which came out in a recent week's e-TIC news. We still need volunteers in all aspects, from being a friendly voice and helpful host for one of the visiting delegations, providing food for the afternoon tea, being a tour host, or helping with the breakout sessions.

For any questions you might have, please contact a committee member (Susan Haney, Patricia Simpson, Alma Bellafiore, Peri Ceperley, Sheila Krein, Ann Long, Jane Myers, Sandi Thomas, or Mary White), or send an email to bigten@theillinoisclub.org. Thanks for all of your help, and we will be seeing you soon!



Scholarship Awards Brunch – March 3, 2013



Scholarship Award Winners for 2013 – 2014

Back row, L-R...Hayley Bostick (Haney), Hannah Bennett (Purnell), Kelley Sullivan (Purnell), Grant Blazina (MAD), Natasha Williams (MAD), Dean Ruth Watkins
Front row, L-R...Kiersten Kasey (Purnell), Sarah Huang (MAD), Sally Feng (MAD), Olatoyosi Akinrotimi (MAD), David Huettner (Ikenberry)

The annual **Scholarship Awards Brunch**, one of the highlights of The Illinois Club calendar, was held on the first Saturday in March to celebrate the finalists and their families. This year's guest speaker, **Ruth Watkins**, Harry E. Preble Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, eloquently identified many of the attributes that were displayed by the successful candidates. Eleven students, selected from over 250 applicants, inspired and awed us with their accomplishments, their passion, and their plans for the future. After the brunch, member Chuck Simpson said, "Hearing the students share their stories gave me real hope about our future. I wish every member of The Illinois Club was able to attend this event and be inspired."

Susan T. Haney Social Work Award

Winner **Hayley Bostick**, a junior from Homewood, Illinois, stood out in an exceptional field. She is the Director of Internal Philanthropy for her Alpha Phi Sorority, which raised over \$9,000 for the American Heart Association, and is a Facilitator with ACE It, facilitating critical thinking on student safety as related to drinking culture. Hayley was profoundly moved while volunteering for Childreach International USA, helping to raise over \$60,000, and assisting in the renovation of an impoverished school in Peru. These experiences have led to her goal of a future career in international social work.

Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts Award

Hailing from Downers Grove, Illinois, **David Huettner** is majoring in Painting/New Media. A multi-talented artist, David works in ballpoint pen, ink, pencil, charcoal, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil, and gold-leafing (illumination). Some of his outstanding work was on display at the brunch, and can also be seen at <http://davhuett.webs.com/>. David's passion is film, which fuses words and illustrations. He is also deeply involved with *Carry the Fire*, a Registered Student Organization to tackle human trafficking and sexual exploitation. David hopes to change the world through socially aware application of his extraordinary talents.

Isabelle Purnell Education Awards

Hannah Bennett, a Music Education major from Rocky River, Ohio, made an immediate impression with her bubbly enthusiasm. Winner of the John Phillip Sousa Outstanding Bandsman Award in 2010, she was eager to attend the U of I because of the reputation of the Marching Illini. In Hannah's own words, "... a passion is something that makes you burst with happiness inside, and for me, teaching music does just that."

Agricultural Leadership and Science Education major **Kiersten Kasey** from Ashmore, Illinois was elected to serve a one-year term as Secretary for the Illinois FFA upon graduating from Charleston High School. She visited 77 Illinois high schools and saw how agricultural education was making a difference in the lives of thousands of students. As a teacher she will be committed to helping students "find their niche."

Kelley Sullivan, a James Scholar from Wonder Lake, Illinois, majoring in Elementary Education, developed her passion for teaching as an older sister. A recipient of the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange scholarship, she spent a year at a German high school as an ambassador for the US, mastering German and tutoring both English native-speakers in German, and Germans in English. All of this was great experience for her future teaching career. Last summer she raised over \$4,000 for Childreach International USA and volunteered to help build a primary school in Tanzania.

Make-A-Difference Awards

Growing up in Nigeria, **Olatoyosi (Grace) Akinrotimi** was frustrated by the lack of health care she witnessed every day. This led to her determination to come to the University of Illinois to major in Community Health, to which end her single mother made considerable sacrifice. Grace volunteers on the pediatrics floor at Carle Hospital, is a pre-calculus tutor for minority students, and also works in Housing and Dining Services. Last summer she completed a public health practicum in Gaborone, Botswana. Her passion is to see that under-served populations receive adequate health care.

As a member of AXE, the professional chemistry fraternity, **Grant Blazina** from Naperville, Illinois, (Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering) has volunteered to teach Boy Scouts their chemistry merit badge, and to participate in Orpheum Theater open houses. Through REACT Outreach he shows kids how science can be exciting, and co-ordinates the Girl Scouts program. Grant has big ambitions for the future and already has offers to work in the sustainable energy field. We know he'll be a success!

Sally Feng, who had a dream to visit Africa and ride a giraffe, is an Integrative Biology major from Chicago. Sally has worked multiple jobs, conducted research at two fish laboratories, and is a leader with Alternative Spring Break. In this role she has assisted with a Youth and Poverty program in Mississippi, and counseled victims of human trafficking in N. Carolina, as well as volunteered at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah. Sally is well on her way to becoming an outstanding wildlife biologist dedicated to conservation.

Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering major **Chuqian (Sarah) Huang** wants "to transform bad things into good." As a member of the Haiti Clean Stove Project she has travelled to Haiti twice. This project aims to reduce the negative impact of cooking with charcoal by introducing stoves that use bio-mass as fuel. Her ambition is to become an environmental consultant advising companies how to be socially responsible using sustainable methods.

Natasha Wilkins from Springfield, Illinois, courageously continued with a full academic load towards her Public Policy major while undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She has now completed her course of treatment and is doing well. Natasha is focused on analyzing and remedying societal inequalities. To this end she has travelled to Cape Town, South Africa to study housing inequities, and has been on a mission trip to Honduras. Natasha participates in the LIFT college access mentor program, developing life and academic skills for minority and low-income students. Next steps for Natasha include going to Nigeria for a year, followed by Teach for America, and then law school. With her drive, Natasha is bound to accomplish these goals.

Victoria (Torie) Zeman from Riverside, Illinois, is majoring in Community Health with a view to becoming an Occupational Therapist. Supporting herself through college, Torie makes the time to engage in many volunteer activities, including Best Buddies, I-LEAP and I-Promise, and at Clark-Lindsey Retirement Village assisted living facility. Torie is also a personal assistant to a semi-ambulatory student and volunteers at the annual Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Without a doubt, Occupational Therapy is the perfect career choice for Torie!

Thank You Donors!

Many thanks go to the following people who have donated to the various Scholarship Funds that we administer. Thanks to you, we are able to award generous scholarships to deserving students. List is current from February 1, 2012, to February 28, 2013. Please let us know if you have been inadvertently left off our list!

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The Illinois Club Fund - \$3,830

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that will leave attendees talking about
their amazing Illinois experience!
We need volunteers for
our Big Ten Conference...

Sign up for one or more shifts and
activities at <http://vols.pt/doMmZw>

The Illinois Club Events for 2013

Spring Luncheon	Thursday, May 2, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Urbana Country Club, Urbana
Big Ten Conference @ Illinois	Friday – Sunday, June 7 – 9, 2013	I Hotel, Champaign
Newsletter Deadline	Sunday, July 15	newsletters@theillinoisclub.org
Fall Expo 2013	Monday, September 9	Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign

The Illinois Club Membership Form for 2013 – 2014
Club Year: July 1 – June 30 **Please send your payment by July 1!**

Please fill in all the information, even if it hasn't changed from the last time you renewed. Thank you!

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- Dues*:** **Individual** – \$25 **Do you prefer newsletter via:** Email
 Couple – \$40 US Mail
 Golden (50-year member) or **Associate** (Grad Students) – \$15
 Golden Couple – \$30

*Those who participate as a couple in interest groups must belong to the Club as a couple. Thank you!

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Please consider contributing to The Illinois Club Scholarship Fund

Since 1915, the Club has provided financial support to worthy University of Illinois students. I have included a contribution, as a separate check 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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