

Fall Expo

September 8, 4-6 p.m.

Fall Tour

October 9

Springfield Architecture

Holiday Party

December 11, 4-6 p.m.

Scholarship Brunch

Early March TBA

Spring Luncheon

Early May TBA

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

A Letter from the President...



Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to another academic year with The Illinois Club! I am happy to be your new President and will do everything I can to make sure our club events run smoothly. Our first event will be the Expo,

our traditional meet-and-greet with Interest Group sign-up at no cost to members. It will be on **Monday, September 8, from 4 to 6 pm**, at the Hilton Garden Inn (the same place we were last year). The second event, our Holiday Party, will be at the President's House on **Thursday, December 11, 4-6 pm**. I thank our meeting manager, Anne Anderson, for setting up these events for us.

We are still without a Vice President, which means we also have no President lined up for next year. Please consider taking on this important job to assure continuity and keep our club running. Neither job is difficult because we have such an outstanding Board working behind the scenes. If you are interested in the position, contact me at president@theillinoisclub.org. I would be happy to describe the positions to you either by email or by telephone.

Sincerely,

Sarah Wisseman

president@theillinoisclub.org





Fall Expo

Monday, September 8
4:00 – 6:00 pm
Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center
Illini Ballroom
1501 South Neil Street, Champaign

Benefits of attending the Fall Expo:

- * **Signing** up for your favorite interest groups
- * **Learning** about groups new to you
- * **Registering** for the latest campus & bus tours
- * **Enjoying** the company of your friends
- * **Meeting** and making new friends
- * **Nibbling** on some great food and drink
- * **Viewing and buying** the Judy Ikenberry note cards and prints
- * **Discovering** new Club and Newcomer events for this year



Sarah Wisseman, President

217-637-3194

president@theillinoisclub.org

Once again, we have some exciting programs for this year! Our kickoff event is the Fall Expo at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign (near the intersection of Neil Street and Kirby Avenue). All are invited to attend, converse with old friends, meet new friends, sign up for your favorite groups, munch on some goodies, and find out what's happening with tours, events, Newcomers, and scholarships.

Save the date: Our **Holiday Party** this year will return to the President's house, **December 11, 4 - 6 pm**. Join us for scrumptious food and drink. Check the November Newsletter for details.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas for other programs or if you've heard a great speaker, please contact me. I welcome any suggestions you might have. And I hope to see you at the Expo!

Come and bring a friend!

Newcomers Group 2014 – 2015

Kathy Marshak, Newcomers Co-Chair
217-398-5967

Pat Davis, Newcomers Co-Chair
newcomers@theillinoisclub.org

217-344-2075

Are you new to the Illinois Club? We have a program within our organization whose goal is to help you feel welcome, whether you are new to both the Club and the Champaign-Urbana community and the University of Illinois, or just new to the Club. We organize several events each semester, in addition to working with current members to mentor all new Club members who wish to participate. This might involve a brief call or email every now and then, asking how you're doing, or going together to a general meeting or interest group session that you will both attend. We want to help everyone feel more connected to the overall organization. Please contact us throughout the year.

Kathy (and Steve) Marshak & Pat (and Bob) Davis, Newcomer Chairs

Here is a preview of activities for the coming year. Please always let us know whether you are planning to join us so we can plan properly. RSVP to newcomers@theillinoisclub.org to let us know of your interest.

Newcomers 2014 – 2015 Schedule

Thursday, September 4, 5:00-7:00 pm: Wine & cheese get-together at the home of Kathy and Steve Marshak (702 Hamilton Dr., Champaign).

Tuesday, September 30, 11:30 am-1:00 pm: Lunch at a local restaurant to be determined. Enjoy lunch and conversation, and make new friends.

October, date to be determined: University of Illinois Pollinarium, near the intersection of Windsor Road and Lincoln Avenue. This is a science center devoted to pollinators and pollination. Come for a guided tour to find out more about bees and the role of this research facility in their survival. More details to follow. Children are welcome.

<http://www.life.illinois.edu/pollinarium/page6.html>

February, date to be determined: Station Theatre, 223 N. Broadway Ave., Urbana. Attend a locally-produced play, followed by dessert and conversation. <http://stationtheatre.com>

Tuesday, April 22, 2015, 10:00-11:30 am: Tour and tasting at Prairie Fruits Farm, 4410 N. Lincoln Ave., Champaign. Tour the garden and orchard; meet and greet with the goats and kids; tour the dairy and view the cheeserie.

There is also a tasting of some of the Prairie Fruits products, including award-winning cheeses and hopefully gelato. Cost is \$8 per adult, and \$5 per child.

<http://www.prairiefruits.com>

Architectural Tour of Springfield Thursday, October 9

Featuring the Dana Thomas House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

Architectural Tour of Springfield

Join us for an architectural tour of historical buildings and homes in the old capital city of Springfield. Although not as old as the state of Illinois, Springfield was founded soon after Illinois joined the Union in 1818 and quickly became a center of government, first as the seat of Sangamon County in 1821 and then as the state capital in 1837. Many of the city's historical buildings have been restored and are open to the public for tours. We will have an opportunity to explore the grounds and interiors of these buildings and to learn more about their history with the help of local guides.

Cost/person: \$53.00 for members; \$58 for non-members (limit of 50 people). Price includes bus transportation, lunch, all entry fees and suggested donations, taxes, and tips for bus driver, restaurant staff, and tour guides.

Accessibility: A wheelchair-accessible bus is available on this date. Buildings are accessible but may require advance notice to make arrangements for special needs. Please contact Julia or Kathy if you require any assistance or accommodations for your tour.

For more information: Contact tour directors Kathy Valdes at 217-590-0311 or Julia Schmidt at 217-714-1238 or tours@theillinoisclub.org.

Make checks payable to: The Illinois Club
Signup deadline is Friday, September 26, 2014
Mail to: Kathryn Valdes
1106 S. Sunny Acres Rd., Mahomet, IL 61853.
Email: tours@theillinoisclub.org

Tour Itinerary, October 9

Morning: The bus departs from County-Market on Mattis in **Champaign at 7:30 am**. We will begin our tour in what is actually one the newest of the buildings, the Old State Capital. The current building is a 1960's reconstruction of the fifth capital building that originally stood from 1839 to 1876. The Greek-Revival style building is a National Historic Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places. Our second stop is the red brick Executive Mansion built in the Italianate style. Since 1855, the mansion has been home to Illinois governors beginning with Governor Joel A. Matteson and his family. The mansion was fully restored in 1971. The morning will conclude with a visit to the sixth and current state capital. The building of the French Renaissance style capital began in 1869 and was completed in 1889. Crowned with a silvery zinc dome, it is one of the tallest state capital buildings of its type in the nation and to this day a city statute does not allow any buildings to be built higher than the Illinois State Capital.

Lunch: Lunch will be at the historic Maldaner's Restaurant, one of the oldest restaurants on the Historic Route 66 and the oldest continually operating restaurant in Springfield. The restaurant opened in 1884 and has been in its current location since 1894. We will be treated to a buffet with several lunch options.

Afternoon: Our final stop on the tour will be the Dana-Thomas House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1902 for Susan Lawrence Dana. The prairie style house was acquired by the Illinois State Historic Preservation Agency and underwent a major restoration. This well-preserved home contains one of the largest collections of original Wright art glass and furniture. **We will return at about 5 pm**

Reservation for Name(s) _____

Phone(s) (cell preferred) _____

E-mail(s) _____

Number of member tickets _____ Cost: \$53.00 each

Number of guest tickets _____ Cost: \$58.00 each Total Enclosed _____

The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2014 – 2015

Carl Altstetter, Interest Groups Chair
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Marne Helgeson, Assistant Interest Groups
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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. For activities involving couples, please join via the couple membership. You can register with your favorite groups at the **Fall Expo on Monday, September 8th** from **4 – 6 pm** at the **Hilton Garden Inn** in the **Illini Ballroom** on the first floor. If you cannot attend, please contact the Interest Group Chair(s) of your choice. Unless otherwise noted, all telephone numbers are in the 217 area code.

Antiques and Collectibles: 2nd Wed. – 1:15 pm **NEEDS CHAIR;** antiques@theillinoisclub.org
Members and invited speakers present programs on personal collections, house tours, special tours etc.

Bridge, Afternoon: 2nd Mon. – 12:30 pm Mary Ann Espeseth 352-8845; 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 Wed. Sandy Camargo 607-2465; campuslunch@theillinoisclub.org
Are you on campus during the day working or studying? Come and join us for lunch. We meet in the Illini Union Ballroom or other on-campus cafeterias once or twice a month at noon.

Cinema: 1st Mon. – 7:00 pm Sandy Camargo 607-2465; cinema@theillinoisclub.org
Each meeting we will watch a film and then discuss it. Films will be chosen by the group from a “menu” selected by the group chair or proposed by group members. Films will include a range of genres, periods, and origins.

Cordially Yours: TBA Susan Haney 356-2464; cordiallyyours@theillinoisclub.org
Throughout the year we go to lunch at Beckman for the Thursday at 12:20 concerts, and to Krannert for the free Interval concerts. In the evenings we meet in members’ homes or we go to the Spice Box at Bevier. Join us!

Cosmopolitan: 2nd Thurs. – 7:30 pm Carrol Finnigan-Bunick 359-0961; Ann Webbink 351-4062
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.

C-U 4 Dinner: 2nd Fri. Evening Linda Lopez 367-7200; Pat Thiessen 367-2877; Sandy Camargo 607-2465
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.

Drive & Dine: 4th Fri. Evening Susan Haney 356-2464; diners@theillinoisclub.org
We will adventure north, south, east, and west as we visit communities surrounding Champaign-Urbana for dinner. Cruise along with us for some great food and great company!

French: 2nd & 4th Tues. – 1:30 pm Vera Waisvisz 356-7123; 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. The group meets twice a month.

German: 2nd Mon. – 1:30 pm Ann Russell 359-8758; german@theillinoisclub.org
We welcome anyone who would enjoy an afternoon of conversation in German, with updates from those recently returned from Germany and from current periodicals. Fluency is fabulous but not required.

The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2014 – 2015

Hiking: 3rd Sun. 1:00 pm Ann Campbell 352-1487; Bob Davis 344-2075; 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 Thurs. – 2:00 pm Pat Cardenas 367-5265; italian@theillinoisclub.org
Join us for Italian conversation and reading on a variety of topics, as well as fun while we celebrate all things Italian.

Knit 'n' Things: 1st & 3rd Mon. – 1:15 pm Wilma O'Brien 359-7128; Antje Kolodziej 356-1734;
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.

Korean: 1st & 3rd Wed. – 6:00 pm Christina Myers 298-0511; korean@theillinoisclub.org
Stimulate your brain by learning a new language. You will be exercising the right and left hemispheres of your brain, as well as facilitating balanced mental functioning! Absolute beginners are welcome.

Krannert Club: 3rd Thurs. – 5:30 pm Christina Myers 298-0511; krannert@theillinoisclub.org
Come and enjoy the music or gigs, get a glass of wine or tea, or chat with friends and unwind. This group will meet once a month during the wine tasting at Krannert Uncorked. Sometimes we will go as group to a Krannert performance afterwards or to other events in the community. Krannert parking is free after 5:00.

Let's Do Lunch: 2nd Fri. – 11:30 am **NEEDS CHAIR;** letsdolunch@theillinoisclub.org
Members meet monthly for lunch at different local area restaurants. Spouses and guests are welcome.

Evening Literature: 3rd Mon. – 7:30 pm Kathleen Weibel 352-0483; Roxanne Frey 333-5685;
eveninglit@theillinoisclub.org

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.

Mahjong: 1st Wed. – 9:30 am & 3rd Tues. – 1:00 pm **NEEDS CHAIR;** mahjong@theillinoisclub.org
Know how to play mahjong? Come join us! Or, if you always wanted to learn, now is your opportunity.

Spanish: 2nd & 4th Mon. – 7:30 pm Paula Carns 355-3486; 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.

Supper Club: 3rd Sat. Evening Shirley Splittstoesser 367-3330; 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.

Wine Lovers: Dates and Times vary Ann & Steve Long 398-6639; Jenny & Joe Kokini 609-462-1673;
winelovers@theillinoisclub.org

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 possibly some wine dinners. Singles and couples are equally welcome.

Writers Not Anonymous: 4th Mon. – 1:30 pm Susan Haney 356-2464; writers@theillinoisclub.org
We are a fun group that gets together once a month to share what we've written and offer each other support in our creative endeavors. We may do some short writing exercises.

Spring Luncheon 2014

33 TIC members enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Illini Union for our annual spring luncheon in May. The scheduled speaker, Dr. Wayne Pitard, Director of the Spurlock Museum, was planning to be our featured speaker, but he was called away on a family emergency. Our own Dr. Sarah Wisseman graciously stepped in and gave us a very interesting talk about mummies: background information on mummification, mummies around the world, and recent revelations about our own mummy on the U of I campus. Sarah was also serving at her first meeting in her new role: 2014-15 President of The Illinois Club. Thank you, Sarah!

Illinois New Faculty Orientation Resource Fair 2014

This August TIC participated in the Illinois New Faculty Orientation (INFO) Resource Fair at the I Hotel and Conference Center. Sarah Wisseman, Ann Campbell, and Susan Haney had 45 minutes to meet and greet as many new faculty and staff as they could. They made many new contacts (at least 60) as well as generated some keen interest in the Fall Expo, Newcomers, Springfield tour, and various interest groups. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the Expo and Newcomers as a result! Be sure to welcome them.



Scholarships & Sales

The Illinois Club will be awarding more than \$25,000 in scholarships this year! Please tell anyone you know who will have 60 hours of credit at the end of this fall semester about our scholarship program! In addition, they must still be an undergraduate for at least the fall semester of 2015. The awards being offered are:

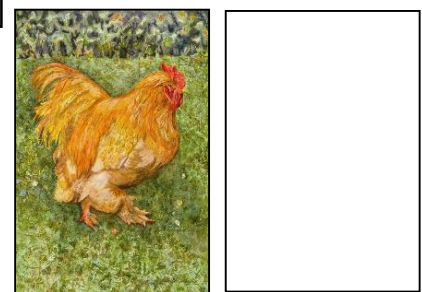
- Make-A-Difference & Isabelle Purnell Education Awards**
- Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts Award**
- Susan T. Haney Social Work Award**
- STEM Education Award**

Please see our webpage <http://theillinoisclub.org/scholarship.php> for more details, as well as to get pdf's that you can use as slides in your classroom or to print out and post to encourage students to apply. The deadline for applications is **5 p.m. November 1st.**

We still have a great selection of signed giclée prints and note cards left. Some of these have limited quantities, so don't wait too long. To order, contact Susan Haney at sales@theillinoisclub.org or at 217-356-2464. Each set of six cards is \$15 and all cards are blank inside. Individual cards may be purchased for \$3 each. Prints vary greatly in size and price. Prices range from \$75 to \$125. After-tax proceeds go to support our scholarships. For additional details go to: www.theillinoisclub.org/sales.php.

Sets of note cards:

Altgeld Hall ♦ Hallene Gateway ♦ Illinois ♦ U of I ♦ C-U Mix
 Comte de Burgundy ♦ Lord of Chatsworth ♦ Rooster Mix
 Orange Café ♦ Tiber Morning ♦ Rome & Avignon
 Holiday ♦ Foreign ♦ Your Choice
 Susan Haney: 217-356-2464 sales@theillinoisclub.org



Bits & Pieces

Club Mentors Wanted

We are now in the second year of our official Newcomer mentor program. Our goal is for every new member—whether you are new to the community or only to the Club—to feel welcome and included in the Illinois Club, especially during your first year. If you are a new member who wants contact from a current member, please get in touch with Kathy or Pat at newcomers@theillinoisclub.org.

If you are a current member who is willing to help out with making new members welcome, and you are not yet on the mentor list, please contact us also.

The Illinois Club Email List

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 e-mail list, contact Ann Campbell at mailinglist@theillinoisclub.org. It's easy and great for quick club communications.

Have you seen our online calendar?

<http://theillinoisclub.org/calendar.php>

All interest group meetings, tours, events, and deadlines are posted there. We also have meeting places, hosts, and themes listed. To add events or to make changes, please e-mail us at calendar@theillinoisclub.org and we will be happy to update it.

Facebook

Are you on Facebook? If so, search for “The Illinois Club” and become a fan to stay abreast of Club news and events. We have a group page that you can use to connect and share not just Club news, but your own or others’ good news.

To be a strong presence on Facebook, we need more fans! Be sure to send all of your news and events to Patricia Simpson, the Facebook page moderator, at facebook@theillinoisclub.org.

Interest Group Spotlight Supper Club

Supper Club met for their close-of-the-season potluck in June at Barb and John Scott’s cabin overlooking the Kaskaskia River near Arcola. Barb and John provided barbecued beef, potatoes, Amish pies and a variety of beverages. Guests brought a dish to pass; the weather cooperated; and members had a great time.



Supper Club couples and singles gather monthly from September through May or June in member homes for a potluck dinner. The January meeting is held at a restaurant. For information phone Shirley Splittstoesser 217-367-3330 or email supper@theillinoisclub.org.

Board Notices and Calendar

Do you have news about a member who might need a card?

Please let us know when a member may need a card of some kind, whether it is a sympathy, get well, or congratulations of any kind. You can send your news to Marcy Joncich, our Corresponding Secretary, at

correspondsecretary@theillinoisclub.org.

Help Wanted

Board positions open:

- Vice President
- Assistant Scholarship Chair

Please contact Sarah Wisseman if interested

president@theillinoisclub.org

Do you want to see your interest group featured in the newsletter?

If so, then please send Ann Campbell, newsletter@theillinoisclub.org, one or more photos that illustrates your groups activity (please attach as jpgs) and a short article for the November newsletter! Due to space considerations your article may be held for a later issue.

Deadline for November issue: October 12th

The Illinois Club Events for 2014 – 2015

Board Meeting	Mon., Aug. 25, 7 – 8:30 PM	Sarah Wisseman's.
Newcomers	Thurs., Sep. 4, 5 – 7 PM	Kathy Marshak's (p. 3)
Fall Expo	Mon., Sep. 8, 4 – 6 PM	Hilton Garden Inn (p.2)
Sign-up Deadline for Tour	Fri., Sep. 26	
Newcomers	Tue., Sep. 30, 11:30 AM – 1 PM	Lunch place TBA. (p. 3)
Springfield Tour	Thur., Oct. 9, 7:30 AM – 5 PM	Springfield, Illinois (p. 4)
Newsletter Deadline	Sun., Oct. 12	
Newcomers	October, TBD	UI Pollinatarium. (p. 3)
Board Meeting	Mon., Nov. 10, 7 – 8:30 PM	
Holiday Party	Thurs., Dec. 11, 4 – 6 PM	President's House.
Scholarship Awards Brunch	Date and Place TBA in March 2015	
Spring Luncheon	Date and Place TBA in May 2015	

The Illinois Club Membership Form for 2014 – 2015

Club Year: July 1 – June 30

Member 1 _____ Member 2 _____

Street _____ Phone _____

City/St/Zip _____

2nd Home Street _____

City/St/Zip _____ 2nd Home Dates _____

Membership 1	Membership 2
Are you affiliated with the University? Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Member 2 <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Are you affiliated with the University? Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Member 1 <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>
Department _____	Department _____
Age: Under 40 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-69 <input type="checkbox"/> 70+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Age: Under 40 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-69 <input type="checkbox"/> 70+ <input type="checkbox"/>
Membership: New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing <input type="checkbox"/>	Membership: New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing <input type="checkbox"/>
Year Joined? _____	Year Joined? _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

Dues*: Individual – \$25

Couple – \$40

Golden (50-year member) or Associate (Grad Students) – \$15

Golden Couple – \$30

Do you prefer newsletter via: Email

US Mail

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

Please make checks payable to: “The Illinois Club”

Mail to: Membership, The Illinois Club, P.O. Box 2782, Champaign, IL 61825

To renew (only) via PayPal: http://www.theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal/2014_membership.php

Please consider contributing to The Illinois Club Scholarship Fund

Since 1917, the Club has provided financial support to worthy University of Illinois students. 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)

(Optional) My gift is (please check one) in honor in memory of _____

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The Illinois Club Board 2014 – 2015

Elected Positions

President Sarah Wisseman
Vice President Open
Newcomers co-Chair Kathy Marshak
Newcomers co-Chair Pat Davis
Interest Groups Chair Carl Altstetter
Assistant Interest Groups Chair... Marlene Helgesen
Recording Secretary Marguerite Maguire
Corresponding Secretary Marcy Joncich
Treasurer Pat Thiessen
Assistant Treasurer Jenny Kokini
Budget Chair Linda Lopez
Meeting Manager Anne Anderson
Membership Chair/Directory Sandy Camargo
Assistant Membership Chair Ann Long
Newsletter Chairs Ann Campbell
Publicity Chair, General Carrol Finnigan-Bunick
Publicity Chair, Interest Groups Ann Campbell
Scholarship Chair Susan Haney
Assistant Scholarship Chair Open

Sustaining Member

Past President Peri Ceperley

Appointed Positions

Archivist Sandi Thomas
Reservations Manager Marcy Joncich
Tours Director Julia Schmidt & Kathy Valdes
Webmaster Birgit McCall & Mike Haney

**November Newsletter
Submissions Deadline
October 12, 2014**

