

Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

Holiday Party

December 11, 4 - 6 pm
President's House

Scholarship Brunch

March 7, 2014, 10 am

Spring Tour

April 17, 2015

Sousa Archives and Center
for American Music

Spring Luncheon

May 9, 2014, 11:30 am

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A Letter From the President...



Hello to all new and returning members!

We have had some great activities this fall so far, beginning with a well-attended Fall Expo. The room was full of people signing up for Interest Groups, greeting old friends and new, and consuming delicious munchies. Thanks to Anne Anderson, Carl Altstetter, and all the Interest Group chairs for making this event run so smoothly. We have a new interest group

(Painting) and several other long-standing groups have revived due to new people stepping forward to run them. These groups are wonderful for promoting friendships, and I thank all the folks who keep these groups going.

Our next event is the **Holiday Party on Thursday, December 11, 4-6 pm**. You will find detailed information inside. We are privileged to return to the President's House this year. Please keep in mind that the yummy snacks are just that: snacks, not dinner. We want everyone to enjoy the party and the beautiful setting.

I want to thank all the current Board members for their hard work and generosity to keep the Club running and to remind all of you that the time is approaching to choose officers for 2015-2016. Please consider whether you might serve in one of the Board roles next year. We especially need a President and a Vice-President to lead us, plus an Assistant Scholarship Chair. If you choose to join the Board, you will have lots of support from experienced members.

I wish you all the joys of the coming holiday season.
Sincerely,

Sarah Wisseman, President
president@theillinoisclub.org



You are invited to *The Illinois Club*
HOLIDAY RECEPTION



*President's House, University of Illinois
711 West Florida Avenue, Urbana, IL
Thursday, December 11, 2014, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

President and Mrs. Easter are graciously hosting our Holiday Reception.

*Come join us for holiday fellowship with friends.
Meet our University President, Bob Easter, and his wife, Cheryl,
and admire their beautiful historic home.
Light refreshments will be served.*

*Parking with attendants will be provided on the west grass lot.
Handicapped parking will be available in the circle drive.*

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, December 4, 2014
Refund Deadline: Monday, December 1, 2014
Members \$10, Guests \$15.00* each

**The President's House is no longer able to subsidize as they used to due to stricter budgeting constraints. This fee covers food, drink, servers, coat check, and parking attendants.*

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

Contact: hospitality@theillinoisclub.org

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

Online Form: http://www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event_reg/2014HolidayParty.pdf

Reservation Form for Holiday Party

Name _____

Phone _____

Please print names for Name Tags

#Member Tickets ___ @ \$10 ea.

#Guest Tickets ___ @ \$15 ea.

Total \$ _____

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

Reservation Deadline: **December 4, 2014**

Mail to: Marcy Joncich 217-384-5544
705 W. Illinois St.
Urbana, IL 61801



Interest Groups

Participating in interest groups is a great way to meet people. It is not too late to visit and hopefully join one that appeals to you. Here are some photos of some groups. See the fun you missed! For more information see a description of each group in the August 2014 newsletter. If you misplaced your copy, look on the website www.theillinoisclub.org and click on "INTEREST GROUPS."



The Annual **Wine Lovers** Halloween Party attracted assorted characters to sample blood red wine and some whites. A sample of those who attended were Rich Martin (Margaret) and strange partner with his hand on her knee! Panama Jack (Steve M), Fortune Teller (Kathy Marshak), Spiderman (Steve Long), a couple of ghouls (Nancy and Harold Diamond), Rhinestone Cowboys (Randy and Sheila Ott), Flapper (Ann Long), a pumpkin (Jim P), and a sea queen (Cinda). Thanks to all who participated.

The name of the newest interest group in TIC is **CU4Dinner**. We thank Martin Camargo for his 'tell all' title --the group stays in Champaign Urbana! We meet for Dinner. Our first adventure was to Timpone's. Some members of the group continued on to Krannert's Opening Night Events. The second adventure was to Escobar's. Once again, the group was well attended. When you join this group and get on the e-mail list, you get the name of the restaurant on the 2nd Monday, reply yea or nay by Wednesday 5 p.m.; go to the CU4Dinner link; add your choice of 3 restaurants in the C-U area that you like and 3 that you would like to try. What could be easier than having a restaurant selected, reservations made, and you simply show up at 6:30 on the 2nd Friday of the month? Join the fun!

Hiking



Hiking group enjoys the outdoors on the third Sunday of every month.

Interest Group Contacts and Schedules

Complete descriptions of interest groups:

[http://theillinoisclub.org/documents/igroups/Current Interest Group Descr.pdf](http://theillinoisclub.org/documents/igroups/Current%20Interest%20Group%20Descr.pdf)

The Illinois Club Interest Group Monthly Calendar 2014 - 2015

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Week		Painters Day Trips		Mahjong 9:30 AM	Italian 2:00 PM	Let's Do Lunch 11:30 AM	
		Knit'n'Things 1:15 PM					
		Cinema 7:00 PM					
2nd Week		Bridge 12:30 PM	French 1:00 PM	Antiques 1:15 PM	Cosmopolitan 7:30 PM	C-U 4 Dinner Evening	
		German 1:30 PM	Korean 5:00 PM				
		Spanish 7:30 PM					
3rd Week	Hiking 1:00 PM	Knit'n'Things 1:15 PM	Mahjong 1:00 PM	Painters 12 NOON	Italian 2:00 PM		Supper Club Evening
		Evening Lit. 7:30 PM			Krannert 5:30 PM		
4th Week		Writers 1:30 PM	French 1:30 PM			Drive & Dine Evening	
		Spanish 7:30 PM	Korean 5:00 PM				
				Campus Lunch every other Wed. @ noon			

Groups with variable meetings: Cordially Yours, Newcomers & Wine Lovers.

Contacts

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cinema@theillinoisclub.org

cordiallyyours@theillinoisclub.org

cosmopolitan@theillinoisclub.org

cu4dinner@theillinoisclub.org

diners@theillinoisclub.org

eveninglit@theillinoisclub.org

french@theillinoisclub.org

german@theillinoisclub.org

hiking@theillinoisclub.org

italian@theillinoisclub.org

knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org

korean@theillinoisclub.org

krannert@theillinoisclub.org

letsdouch@theillinoisclub.org

mahjong@theillinoisclub.org

newcomers@theillinoisclub.org

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spanish@theillinoisclub.org

supper@theillinoisclub.org

winelovers@theillinoisclub.org

writers@theillinoisclub.org

Newcomers

Welcome to all our new members! Please remember that whether you are new to the community or just to the Club, we always want you to feel welcome. Thanks to our wonderful mentors, long-standing members who have agreed to be contacts for the newest Club members.

NEWCOMER EVENTS FOR 2015

Sunday, January 25, 2015, 5:30 pm: Potluck Dinner

Linda and Len Lopez have kindly offered their home at 2102 Meadowlark Court, Urbana, for a potluck gathering of Newcomers and Mentors. We hope you will join us for warm conversation and good food on a winter's night. Table settings and beverages will be provided. Because we hope to coordinate the categories of food for the evening, when you respond please let us know what you plan to bring--so be thinking of a couple of your favorite potluck dishes. Please reply by Saturday, January 24th at the latest so Len and Linda can arrange enough seating. Be sure to put this date on your calendars now so you can join us for this special night. Whole families are welcome.

Sunday, February 22, 2015, 6:00 and 8:00 pm: Evening of Dinner Theater

We start at 6:00 pm with dinner at Silvercreek, 402 N. Race St., in Urbana. We then move down the train tracks to a community theater gem, the Station Theatre, 223 N. Broadway, for an 8:00 pm show of musical *Floyd Collins*. If you can join us for both, that's wonderful, or attend only one event. Please RSVP to reneemullen1@comcast.net by Wed. Feb. 11 to advise if you can join us for only *Floyd Collins*, for both the musical and dinner beforehand, or just for dinner at Silvercreek, and also note how many of you will be attending. Tickets for *Floyd Collins* will be discounted to \$9 each if we have enough people, and the theater has limited seats, so we need to confirm the number in advance. We'll also need to reserve sufficient space at Silvercreek.



Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 10 am - 12 noon: Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery, 4410 N. Lincoln Ave., Champaign.



Tour this award-winning farm and dairy facility, meet the goats, and taste their delicious cheese and gelato. Whole families are welcome. Watch for more details.

Kathy (and Steve) Marshak & Pat (and Bob) Davis
Newcomer Coordinators
newcomers@theillinoisclub.org

The Illinois Club Spring 2015 Tour

American Music and the Great War:
*A World War I Retrospective at the Sousa Archives
and Center for American Music*

Friday, April 17, 2015

The University of Illinois is commemorating the 100th anniversary of World War I with several events and exhibits in a cross-campus initiative. As part of this initiative, the Sousa Archives and Center for American Music will be hosting exhibits that display how music supported the war effort. On our tour we will visit the archives and will conclude with a World War I themed cocktail hour at Houlihan's featuring two traditional World War I cocktails: the Sidecar and the French 75.

Itinerary details, and a signup form, can be found on the [Tours webpage](#).



Holiday Note Cards

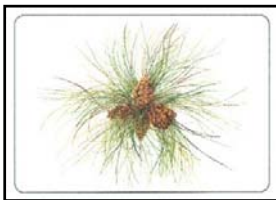
We have 5 beautiful holiday note cards available for those special notes you would like to write to friends and family over this holiday season. You can help support scholarships while simultaneously spreading Judy Ikenberry's art throughout the world! Contact Susan Haney at 217-356-2464 or sales@theillinoisclub.org to get your set of 6 for \$15, or single cards for \$3. For other cards or giclée prints, go to our website theillinoisclub.org/sales.php for more details.



Christmas Traveler



Poinsettia



Pine Cones



Amaryllis



Anticipation



From our treasurer, Pat Thiessen

Scholarship donations are wonderful--many thanks to all. **If you wish an acknowledgement letter from the University of Illinois Foundation showing your tax deductible contribution--**you must write a check independent of your membership dues. Consider a donation before the end of the tax year! Coming soon – donate online with PayPal.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is being convened to identify board members for 2015-16.

Please consider taking on one of the important board roles to keep the Illinois Club going strong.

Email List

We send out a weekly email summarizing club events. If you are not receiving these informative pieces, please email list@theillinoisclub.org with “Add me to TIC email list” in subject line

Next Board Meeting
Monday, January 26th, 7 pm
Sarah Wisseman’s Home

The Illinois Club Events for 2014 – 2015

Holiday Party	Thurs., Dec. 11, 4 - 6 PM	President’s House (p. 2)
Scholarship Awards Brunch	Sat., Mar. 7, 2015; 10 AM – 12:30 PM	TBD
Spring Tour	Fri. April 17, 2015, 4 PM – 6:30 PM	Sousa Archives
Spring Luncheon	Thurs., May 14, 2015; 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	TBD



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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 Chair 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 Mike Haney

**February Newsletter
 Submissions Deadline
 Jan. 12, 2015**

