

The Illinois Club

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**Spring Luncheon
Hawthorn Suites
May 5, 11:30-1:00**

**Tours and Newcomers
Japan House
May 19, 1:30-3:00**

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A Letter From the President...



LASTS

This letter is my last newsletter greeting to you as your President. I've enjoyed my term very much and must confess to having mixed feelings about its coming to an end. I am happy that I still have a few more opportunities to chat with you via our weekly e-news announcements.

I've enjoyed the opportunities that I've had this year to meet more of the Club's wonderful members. If you would like to see what the Club has accomplished during this year, I encourage you to go to our website, click on "Board," and scroll down to the links that will allow you to read the minutes of our meetings.

Another "last": This year, we moved from four printed newsletters to one printed one and three digital editions. However, this digital edition of our newsletter will be the last one. Here are the reasons for this decision. While print limited the size of our newsletters, digital newsletters could be (and were) expanded exponentially. There are three consequences to increasing size. First, the task of putting these newsletters together became more complicated than you might imagine. Second, by the time that all the work that needed to be done was done, the "news" in the newsletter was no longer timely. Third, it became difficult to mount these larger newsletters on our website.

As a result, the Club Communications team, with the approval of the Board, have determined that we would be better served to rely for our news on our weekly e-news bulletins, occasional Special Messages from the President, and our Facebook page, supplemented by quarterly mailings with reservation forms for events, membership renewal forms, and other messages. Photographs and interest-group posts will be found on our Facebook page, as will announcements and information about events. These various options will allow us to get the news to you quickly, when you need to see it. To ensure that this new system doesn't leave anyone out, I urge any of you who know people who don't regularly use email to share our electronic communications with them, and perhaps to introduce them to our Facebook page.

I may have mentioned that the first thing I did when I came to the University of Illinois was to join the Illinois Club, and I want to thank you all for supporting the Club and me.

All the best to you all,
Sandy Camargo
president@theillinoisclub.org



SPRING LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to *The Illinois Club*

~Spring Luncheon~

Thursday, May 5, 2016, 11:30-1:30

Grand Prairie, Hawthorn Suites

101 Trade Center Drive, Champaign

Our special guest, Dr. Janice N. Harrington, acclaimed poet, children's author and professor in the Department of English at UIUC, will give a talk entitled *How Stories Find Us*. For more on Dr. Harrington, go to her homepage at <http://www.janiceharrington.com/>.



Sandwich and Salad Buffet

Roasted Turkey Breast, Sliced Roast Beef, Virginia Ham, Swiss and Provolone, Salami, Cheddar Cheeses, Leaf Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Onions, Pickle Spears, Mustard and Mayonnaise, Kaiser and Onion Rolls, Croissants and Wheat Buns.

Fresh Fruit Bowl, Mixed Garden Green Salad with Assorted Dressings, Amish Potato Salad, and Pasta Salad

Plus Corn Chowder and Assorted Cookies and Dessert Bars, Hot Coffees, Ice Tea and Water.

Early Registration: April 24, 2016: Members - \$15; Guests – \$18 (\$16 and \$19 on PayPal)

Late Registration: April 25-27, 2016: Members & Guests - \$20 (\$21 on PayPal)

Refund Deadline: April 24, 2016

To pay online with pay pal, use this form: http://theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal/

Online form: http://www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event_reg/2016_Spring_Luncheon.pdf

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MAIL RESERVATION FORM FOR SPRING LUNCHEON	
Phone _____	E-mail _____
Member Name _____	Early Tickets _____ \$15
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Make Checks payable to: The Illinois Club	
Mail to: Marcy Joncich hospitality@theillinoisclub.org	
705 W. Illinois St, Urbana IL 61801	
Urbana, IL 61801	

Tours

JAPAN HOUSE TOUR AND TEA CEREMONY

(co-sponsored with the Newcomers group)

Thursday, May 19, 1:30 -3:00 pm (note change in date) - Japan House, 2000 S. Lincoln Ave. in Urbana. Participate in the traditional arts and aesthetics of Japanese culture as we visit the Japan House at the University of Illinois campus. At this unique facility we will stroll through the beautiful Zen gardens and at 2 pm have a tour of the house as well as experience a tea ceremony held in an authentic tearoom. Bring a pair of white socks to wear inside Japan House. There is a maximum of only 20 spots, and a minimum of 10, do not delay in sending in your reservation. An \$8 reservation fee covers the expense of the tour and tea ceremony. The Japan house is located south of Kirby Ave on the east side of Lincoln Avenue. Metered Parking is on the north lot or on Lincoln Avenue.



Questions: contact Sheila at tours@theillinoisclub.org or call 217-398-8124. For more information about the Japan House, see <http://japanhouse.art.illinois.edu/en/visit/about/>.

Send reservations and payment of \$8 by May 9th to Sheila Krein, 803 S. Elm Blvd., Champaign, IL 61820. Checks should be made out to The Illinois Club.

Or reserve by PayPal (add \$1) at at http://www.theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal/

LINCOLN'S TRIAL AND TRIBULATIONS DINNER THEATER – 1847 MATSON SLAVE TRIAL

Mark your calendars for Sat., September 24, 2016, 6-8 pm, Oakland, IL, \$30/person, 10% discount if more than 10 sign up. Step back in time to re-live this story of bittersweet daring and historical mystery, involving one of the most divisive issues of our country's early history, slavery.

You can attend the dinner theater only, or join us before the dinner theater at other special events planned for that day. Reservations deadline is September 8. More details to follow in upcoming club communications.



For more information about the dinner theater and other events in the Oakland area, visit <http://www.matsontrial1847.org/>.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BRUNCH

This year's annual Scholarship Awards Brunch was held at the Hawthorn Suites on March 5, 2016. The stars of the event were our thirteen winners, selected from 163 applicants. At the opening of the awards ceremony, Kelsey Grotkiewicz (Voice) and Eric José Mendoza (Music Education with a Choral Concentration) sang beautifully for us. All of our winners did a superb job with their speeches. Our special guest, Dr. Roberta Johnson Killeen, graciously posed with the winners and congratulated each one of them. Speeches, as well as Kelsey's and Eric's songs, may be found at the bottom of our scholarship webpage at: www.theillinoisclub.org/scholarships.php

The Illinois Club is delighted to award \$32,600 in student scholarships for AY 2016-2017. The hard-working Scholarship Committee members included Susan Haney (Chair), Andrea Beller, Sandy Camargo, Patricia Cardenas, Mike Haney, Ann Long, Chris Lyke, Judith Robinson, and Patricia Simpson.

This year we had a special award named after our much-beloved former President and Scholarship Committee member, Peri Ceperley. The Peri Davis Ceperley Make-A-Difference Award applicants were evaluated on their international experience and focus, leadership, volunteerism, philanthropy, scholastic achievement, and financial need. We believe we found an outstanding young woman who really embodies the spirit of Peri.



Scholarship Winners: Pictured Front left to right: Lauren Zelaya, Michelle Seat, Dr. Roberta Johnson Killeen (guest), Nina Tandle, & Kahlia Halpern
Back left to right: Melanie Demma, Kelsey Grotkiewicz, Priscilla Monsivais, Shivali Patel, Stephanie Medina, Eric Mendoza, & Brittney Nadler
Absent, pictured at right: Leticia Angel (top) & Arianna Jenkins (bottom)

Read about each of our amazing scholarship winners for this year in the following "Scholarship Award Winners" section. If you missed the brunch, please make sure you go to our website to see the winners and hear their stories at www.theillinoisclub.org/scholarships.php. It has been an honor and a pleasure getting to know these exceptional young citizens, as well as the others that we interviewed and did not choose, and all those that applied.

I am grateful to have served the club in the capacity of Scholarship Chair and look forward to next year's brunch and amazing winners.

Susan Haney

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

JUDITH LIFE IKENBERRY FINE ARTS AWARD – \$3,600

KELSEY GROTKIEWICZ

Kelsey Grotkiewicz, from Orland Park, Illinois, is a sophomore majoring in Voice. She aspires to be an opera singer and, as demonstrated at the brunch, she definitely has a future in music. Bullied as a child because her voice was too loud, it was only after she discovered music and opera that she learned who she was and was able to forgive those who had been cruel to her. Now her big voice is an asset that she loves and she wants to share her gift with everyone, especially younger audiences in order to inspire a love of music and opera in them. Her future plans include getting a Master's and perhaps even a PhD.

SUSAN T. HANEY SOCIAL WORK AWARD – \$3,000

KAHLIA HALPERN

Having lived for several years in Israel, **Kahlia Halpern** now lives in Deerfield, Illinois and is a junior majoring in Social Work with minors in Leadership Studies and Gender & Women's Studies. Her dream jobs are being a school social worker or working for a park district to help empower others by implementing more inclusive and accessible options. In addition to earning her Master's, she would eventually like to become a lawyer who focuses on advocacy and policy change.

STEM EDUCATION AWARD – \$3,000

NINA TANDLE

Our STEM Education winner, **Nina Tandle**, is from Clarendon Hills, Illinois. She is a junior majoring in Mathematics with a Mathematics Teaching Option and Spanish minors. Born in Paraguay, Nina has been teaching mathematics ever since her younger brother started school and struggled to understand math. Her love of math led her to tutoring in high school and helping middle school students pass their high school entrance exams. Nina's dream is to teach middle school mathematics and to inspire her students to apply their studies to everyday situations in fun and engaging ways.

ISABELLE PURNELL EDUCATION AWARDS – \$2,300 EACH

LETICIA ANGEL, MELANIE DEMMA, ERIC JOSÉ MENDOZA, AND MICHELLE SEAT

Sophomore Elementary Education major **Leticia Angel** was not able to attend the brunch because she is studying abroad in Costa Rica this semester, honing her Spanish skills. She did send a lovely thank you speech for us to read in her absence, however. Leticia hopes to get endorsements in Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language, and Spanish. She is interested in serving in the Peace Corps upon graduation as well as teaching abroad, preferably in China. She would also love to teach bilingual education in public schools in Chicago, her hometown, and inspire her students to be high achievers.

Another winner passionate about mathematics is Elementary Education major **Melanie Demma**. A junior from Orland Park, Illinois, she has a concentration in Mathematics and hopes to add endorsements in Science and Social Studies. Melanie would like to teach in middle school. She currently volunteers with Engineering Outreach Society teaching engineering and science concepts to third and fourth graders. Showing students how fun STEM subjects can be and how they can be applied to life is really rewarding to Melanie.

Born in Chicago and raised in Mexico from age eight until three years ago, **Eric José Mendoza** is a Music Education major with a Choral Concentration. A sophomore now living in Cicero, Illinois, Eric performed at Krannert earlier this year in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as Snout and was the hilarious brick wall in the final act. His singing at the brunch was fabulous. In addition to performing opera, he also would like to share his gifts teaching music, inspiring and helping others to understand that music can help them in many ways.

A junior majoring in Mathematics with a Mathematics Teaching Option minor, **Michelle Seat** is from East Lynn, Illinois. She loves math magic and does not regret switching majors from Chemical Engineering. Self-supporting and independent from her parents, Michelle's dream is teaching high school mathematics in the Champaign-Urbana area, showing her students how math can benefit their lives. Later this year she will be expanding her world by studying abroad in Alta Gracia, Argentina.

PERI DAVIS CEPERLEY MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE AWARD – \$2,300

BRITTNEY NADLER

South Elgin, Illinois is home to **Brittney Nadler**, a junior majoring in Global Studies with a minor in Spanish. Brittney is passionate about human rights and has traveled to Belgium, France, Panama, Mexico, Spain, Israel, and Jordan in pursuit of her career goals. Her original major of Journalism is helpful in her writing for *The Daily Illini*. She hopes to work for the Peace Corps in South America or Africa before joining the State Department or another organization working on issues of human trafficking, refugee camps or humanitarian aid.

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE AWARDS – \$2,300 EACH

ARIANNA JENKINS, STEPHANIE MEDINA, PRISCILLA MONSIVAIS, SHIVALI PATEL, LAUREN ZELAYA

A double major, **Arianna Jenkins**, a junior from Plano, Illinois, is studying Psychology and Political Science. She could not attend the brunch due to a previous engagement and sent a speech in her absence. Arianna is a Child Abuse Prevention Educator, Rape Crisis volunteer, and a researcher on the implementation of Power Africa, which seeks to understand the massive inequitably-spread environmental and energy sources amongst the African continent. Her future dreams are a PhD in Human Development & Family Studies that will enable her to work for a nonprofit organization focused on family development and working as a school psychologist specializing in assisting children who have been abused.

Stephanie Medina, from Bensenville, Illinois, is a junior majoring in Human Development & Family Studies with minors in Global Studies and Social Work. Stephanie's passion is international human rights law and policy. Her dream is to become a lawyer working in a nongovernmental organization that focuses on children's rights or intimate partner violence. In her experience studying abroad in South Africa, Stephanie was able to volunteer in legal aid, education, and outreach departments where she worked with women and children on human rights, sexual abuse, domestic violence, gender, HIV/AIDS, sexuality, and gang violence issues.

A Political Science and Sociology double major with a minor in Spanish, junior **Priscilla Monsivais** is from Chicago, Illinois. Socially conscious at a young age, Priscilla founded and co-chairs Chicago Student Union, which aims to increase the number of high school students from Chicago's Little Village community who attend and graduate from Illinois. She has also interned in Washington, D.C. with the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. Her future plans include pursuing a Master's in Public Policy so that she can help develop sound and fair public education policies that will provide opportunities in low-income urban communities.

A junior with double majors in Molecular & Cellular Biology and Global Studies, **Shivali Patel** is from Urbana, Illinois. Shivali aspires to be a physician with a non-governmental organization such as Doctors Without Borders while also working on health policy with a Master's in Public Health. Her love of languages and medicine has led her to volunteer with MEDLIFE in Lima, Peru and at a nonprofit hospital in Adalaj, India. Next year she hopes to travel to Quito, Ecuador to focus on maternal health in Amazonian communities. She volunteers locally at the Crisis Nursery and with SOAR, a bilingual elementary after-school tutoring program.

Junior **Lauren Zelaya**, a Chemical Engineering major with a minor in Food Science, is from DeKalb, Illinois. Lauren's dream is to inspire women to become leaders in the field of science, which she is doing already as the Community Service Director for the Society of Women Engineers, a group of 400 UIUC women. She helps to coordinate over 20 community service events and programs. One of the events that is especially close to her heart is Relay for Life. Lauren has spent countless hours fundraising for this charity that benefits the American Cancer Society. With her campus research experience and leadership, it is clear she will make an impact providing food safety and quality to families all over the world.

SPOTLIGHT ON 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 highlights from some of our groups. See the fun you missed. For more information see a description of each group in the August 2015 newsletter. If you misplaced your copy, look on the website www.theillinoisclub.org and click on "INTEREST GROUPS."

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

The Antiques and Collectibles group came in from the cold on an icy winter day to hear a fascinating lecture about antique clocks. We learned about the basic types of clocks including the bracket, the carriage, the mantle, and the long case and were shown examples of each. The group meets monthly for a lecture or activity. This year meetings have included subjects such as musical instruments, 18th century political cartoons, the origin of the alphabet, and folk art. The group is wrapping up the year with a visit to antique shops and lunch in Saint Joseph.

About the group.

antiques@theillinoisclub.org



MAHJONG

The Mahjong group meets twice monthly on a Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning for a spirited game of Mahjong. The group breaks up into two or three tables of four for as many games as can be played in two hours, giving newbies lots of opportunity to learn the rules and more experienced players a chance to sharpen their strategies. All the while there is always a lively chatter at each table.

About the group

mahjong@theillinoisclub.org



The Illinois Club Upcoming Events for 2015 – 2016

Spring Luncheon
Spring Tour

Thurs., May 5, 2016; 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Hawthorn Suites
Thurs., May 19, 2016; 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Japan House

INTEREST GROUP SCHEDULE & CONTACTS

Complete descriptions of interest groups can be found here:

http://theillinoisclub.org/documents/igroups/Current_Interest_Group_Descr.pdf

The Illinois Club Interest Group Monthly Calendar 2015-2016

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

Groups with variable meetings: Cordially Yours, Newcomers, Walk and Talk, Wine Lovers, Women's Sports
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The Illinois Club Membership Form for 2016 – 2017

Club Year: July 1 – June 30

Member 1 _____ Member 2 _____

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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: _____

- **Please provide an email address to receive weekly and quarterly club communications.

- Dues*:** **Individual** – \$25
 Couple – \$40
 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.

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/

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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**Next Board Meeting is
Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 pm**

