

## The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2024– 2025

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Participation in The Illinois Club (TIC) Interest Groups is open only to TIC members. As a paid-up member you may join or visit any Interest Group at any time. For activities involving couples, please join the club via the Couples membership. Non-members may try an Interest Group two times before joining and continuing in that Interest Group.

Please contact the Interest Group Coordinators for information about their group meetings. If you would like to help coordinate a group without a leader or start a new group, contact Nancy

**CHILL OUT WITH WINE**

Dates & Times TBA

*Ann & Steve Long*

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Enjoy socializing over wine. Singles or couples are welcome. Each couple or individual to bring a bottle of wine and a sweet or savory hors d'oeuvre. Meetings will be held in members' homes once every 2 months at weekends. Everybody brings a wine of a specified type or region or to celebrate a special event.

**CHINESE MAH JONGG** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – 9:30 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – 1 PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 1 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – 1 PM

*Judith Robinson*

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Have you ever played Mah Jongg? If you want to learn, now is your opportunity. Come join us for the fun!

**CINEMA**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday – 7:30 PM

*Sandy Camargo*

[cinema@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:cinema@theillinoisclub.org)

Each meeting we will watch a film and then discuss it. Films will be chosen from a "menu" selected by the group coordinator, a retired member of UI's film-studies faculty. Films will include a range of genres, periods, and origins.

**COSMOPOLITAN**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – 7:30 PM

*Janice Sherbert, Libby Johnston*

[cosmopolitan@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:cosmopolitan@theillinoisclub.org)

Our dual aim is to help members from other countries feel welcome during their stay here and to provide informal programs, conversation, and refreshments from other cultures.

**CU4DINNER**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 6:00 PM (dates & times may vary)

*Linda Lopez*

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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

**GAMES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – 7:00 PM

*Kristine Chalifoux*

[games@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:games@theillinoisclub.org)

The games group meets monthly at various homes for a bit of socializing, light snacks and drinks, and always, a good dose of friendly competition! Games range from boards to cards, groups to individuals, depending on the night. Skill level is not required. Join us for a fun evening!

**HIKING**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 1:00 PM

*Ann Campbell, Bob Davis*

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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**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – 1:30 PM*Pat Cardenas, Nenad Marjanovic*[italian@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:italian@theillinoisclub.org)

Join us for some great Italian conversation and reading on many topics, as well as fun while we celebrate all things Italian.

**KNIT 'N' THINGS**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – 1:15 PM*Lori Choquette*[knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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.

**LET'S DO LUNCH**

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*Judith Robinson*[letsdolunch@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:letsdolunch@theillinoisclub.org)

Members meet monthly for lunch at different local area restaurants. Spouses and guests are welcome.

**NEWCOMERS**

Last Thursday – 5:30 PM

*Donna Offenbecher*[newcomers@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:newcomers@theillinoisclub.org)

Once a month, we gather at Riggs Beer Company at 1901 S High Road in Urbana for conversation and cheer. ALL members and their guests are welcome. It's a relaxed atmosphere where you can meet others, catch up with friends and learn more about the club. Look for us in the game room behind the bar.

**PICKLEBALL**

Tuesday and Thursday – 9:00 AM

*Ann Campbell, Carrol Finnigan-Bunick*[pickleball@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:pickleball@theillinoisclub.org)

All levels are welcome. We're a non-competitive welcoming bunch! Bring a pickleball paddle if you have one. We'll have balls available. We use the smartphone app TeamReach to organize the group. Come and enjoy the fun.

**SPANISH**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 7:00 PM*Patty Gropp, Claudia Reich*[spanish@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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**

Dates &amp; Times TBA

*Shirley Splittstoesser*[supper@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:supper@theillinoisclub.org)

Supper Club members take turns hosting the monthly meeting. The host arranges the location, type of meeting, time and date. Our purpose is to meet for relaxed conversation while enjoying a good meal.

**WALK & TALK**

Mondays – 4:00 pm &amp; Fridays – 9:30 AM

*Ann Campbell, Judith Robinson*[walktalk@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:walktalk@theillinoisclub.org)

Casual walking group; locations around town, often ending with a trip to a coffee shop.