

The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2020 – 2021

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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.

Due to COVID-19 some interest groups are meeting remotely on Zoom and others are not meeting currently. Feel free to contact other group coordinators for information about future meeting plans.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

2nd Wednesday – 1:15 PM

Marie Tompkins

antiques@theillinoisclub.org

Members and invited speakers present programs on personal collections and house tours with a special tour in May.

CAMPUS LUNCH

Every other Wednesday(Fall) – 12:00PM

Sandy Camargo

campuslunch@theillinoisclub.org

Are you on campus during the day working or studying? Come and join us for lunch. RSVP to this email address by noon on Wednesdays.

CINEMA

1st Monday – 7:30 PM

Sandy Camargo

cinema@theillinoisclub.org

Each meeting we will watch a film on DVD and then discuss it. Films will be chosen from a “menu” selected by the group chair, a member of UI’s film-studies faculty. Films will include a range of genres, periods, and origins.

CHINESE MAH JONGG

1st Wednesday – 9:30 AM & 3rd Tuesday – 1:00 PM

Pat Davis

mahjong@theillinoisclub.org

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

COSMOPOLITAN

2nd Thursday – 7:30 PM

Ann Campbell, Karan Keith

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.

CU4DINNER

3rd Thursday – 6:30 PM (days and times may vary)

Vicki Moery, Laurie Jacob

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.

GAMES

Dates and Times TBA

Kristine Chalifoux

games@theillinoisclub.org

This new group will get together to play board games, card games, or whatever else the members decide. Sign up if interested and everyone will be contacted to see what day and time works for the majority of the group. The plan is to play familiar games and learn new ones, so everyone is welcome regardless of skill or knowledge. We’ll all learn together.

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HIKING

Ann Campbell, Bob Davis

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.

3rd Sunday – 1:00 PM

hiking@theillinoisclub.org

ITALIAN

Pat Cardenas, Judy Gordon

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

1st & 3rd Wednesday – 1:30 PM

italian@theillinoisclub.org

KNIT 'N' THINGS

Lori Choquette, Antje Kolodziej

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.

1st & 3rd Monday – 1:15 PM

knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org

MEET ME AT THE MATINEE

Kathy Valdès

Join with others who enjoy an afternoon out at a matinee including movies and performances. We will meet at the venue and, if the hour is not too late, meet after the performance for refreshments and conversation. Members are responsible for purchasing their own tickets.

Dates and Times TBA

matinee@theillinoisclub.org

SPANISH

Patricia Gropp, Michael Palencia-Roth

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.

2nd & 4th Tuesday – 7:00 PM

spanish@theillinoisclub.org

SUPPER CLUB

Shirley Splittstoesser

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.

Dates and Times TBA

supper@theillinoisclub.org

READS

Kathy Valdès

If your ears perk up when you hear this conversation starting question, “What have you read lately?” then this group will be of interest to you. Come meet with other book lovers at The Illinois Club to discuss what you and others have been reading. The group offers a great place to discover new authors and titles and to revisit old favorites. There is no required reading but be warned, your want-to-read list may grow.

1st Thursday – 3:00 PM

reads@theillinoisclub.org

WALK AND TALK

Annette Buckmaster, Ann Campbell

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

Mondays – 4:00 pm & Fridays – 9:30 AM

walktalk@theillinoisclub.org

WINE LOVERS

Sommelier position available

Explore the world of wine through tastings, talks by local experts, and possibly some wine dinners. Singles and couples are welcome. Meetings are held in members' homes or tasting venues once a month on weekends. Everyone brings a wine of a specified type or region and a sweet or savory hors d'oeuvre.

Dates and Times TBA

wine lovers@theillinoisclub.org