

The Illinois Club

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Scholarship Brunch

March 5, 2016, 10 – 12:30 pm
Hawthorn Suites

Spring Luncheon

May 5, 2016, 11:30 – 1:30 pm
Hawthorn Suites

Spring Tour

May 18, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Co-sponsored by Tours and
the Newcomers Group
Japan House

Next Newsletter Deadline

March 14, 2016

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A Letter From the President...



As I write this, my thoughts go to friends and family who have been affected by Winter Storm Jonas. I hope that everyone in your lives have made it through this trying time. (I have a whimsical theory that these winter storms have become more virulent since the Weather Channel decided to give them names.)

In this issue of the Club Newsletter, you will find a sign-up sheet for the Scholarship Brunch. To save you the trouble of extracting it and printing it out, we will be sending out a special mailing in about a week that will include the sign-up sheet.

This Brunch is my favorite event of the year. As a faculty member of the UI English Department, it pleases me so much to help young people realize their goals. The Brunch is an opportunity to meet some very remarkable young people who not only study at UI, but also share their talents with the community and plan to continue to do so after they leave us. I encourage you to join us at the Brunch, to meet the scholarship winners and their families. Non-members are welcome, so please consider inviting a friend.

Bringing friends to events like the Scholarship Brunch, to Tours, and to interest-group meetings is, by far, the best way to recruit new members to the Illinois Club. If even half of us did that, we could substantially increase the Club's membership, so please help us in that effort by inviting friends to Club activities. If you attend an interest group, consider asking a friend to join you. Remember that guests are welcome to sample our interest groups without having to join the Club. Increasing our membership is essential to the Club's continuing vitality.

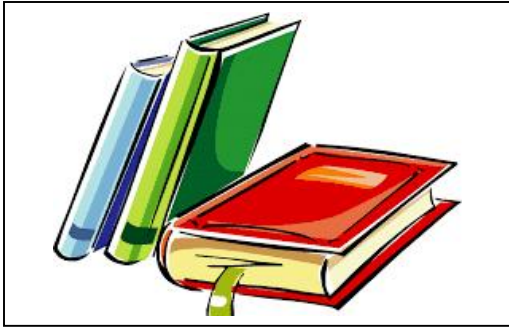
Speaking of friends: If you are friends with someone who doesn't regularly use email or the internet, please be kind enough to share our digital communications with them. We want all our members to keep up with Club activities. Thanks.

Remember, too, that you are always invited to contribute to our newsletter. If you've gone on a special trip that you'd like to tell us about, consider sending a brief report, with photos if you have them, to communications@theillinoisclub.org. If you've got some news to share, good or bad, you're welcome to share it on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Illinois-Club-120675798118/>. We value the chance to get to know our members better.

Please contact me if you have any other ideas about how to improve our Club.

Best wishes,
Sandy Camargo
president@theillinoisclub.org





You are cordially invited to The Illinois Club
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
BRUNCH

Saturday, March 5, 2016, 10 am–1 pm
The Savoy Room (located near the front door of the hotel),
Hawthorn Suites
 101 Trade Center Drive, Champaign

Meet our amazing scholarship winners.
Hear their inspiring stories.

Before February 26: Members - \$18.00; Guests – \$23.00
 (\$19.00 and \$24.00 on PayPal)

February 27–29: Members & Guests - \$23.00 (\$24.00 on PayPal)

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

Contact: reservations@theillinoisclub.org

Discount & Refund Deadline: February 26

PayPal (adds \$1 to each ticket):

http://theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal/

Online Form:

http://www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event_reg/2016_Scholarship_Brunch.pdf

- Sliced Fresh Fruit
- Assorted Coffee Cakes
- Broccoli and Cheese Quiche
- Bacon and Sausage Links
- Lyonnais Potatoes
- Garden Salad with choice of 2 dressings
- Marinated Vegetable Salad
- Caprese Salad
- Roasted Chicken Pesto Cream Sauce
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Wild Rice with Dried Cranberries and Dried Pecans
- Roasted Cod Medallions and Crab Meat with Béarnaise Sauce
- Croissants
- Freshly Brewed Coffee, Regular and Decaf
- Regular and Herbal Teas

RESERVATION FORM FOR SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH

Members _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ #Member Tickets @ \$18.00

Guests _____ #Guest Tickets @ 23.00

Please add \$5 to each reservation after February 26 Total \$ _____

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

Discount and refund deadline: February 26, 2016

Final registration deadline: February 29, 2016

Mail to: Marcy Joncich reservations@theillinoisclub.org

705 W. Illinois St, Urbana IL 61801

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.”



Cosmopolitan Group

Originally, the Cosmopolitan group was formed to help members from other countries feel welcome during their time in Champaign-Urbana. In addition the group is treated to programs given by our traveling members. Last year, we had programs ranging from the Highlands of Scotland to Myanmar. This year we've learned about member's adventures in Iceland, Cinque Terre and the English Scottish border. We meet at 7:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month from September through May in members' homes. There are two assistant hostesses each month who provide light snacks, sometimes from the evening's featured country. In December and May we usually take a break from travels and have a holiday cookie exchange, along with tales of our favorite holiday memories, and finish the year with a potluck dinner.

Visitors, newcomers and anyone interested in travel and learning about other cultures, please join us for an evening of laughter, friendship and vicarious travel.

We have three exciting programs still to come.

- February-Copenhagen and Oslo
- March-Yorkshire and the Lake District
- April-Finland and NW Scotland.

For information or questions, please email Carrol or Ann at

cosmopolitan@theillinoisclub.org

New Groups in 2015-16

This year we have added two new interest groups, Walk and Talk and Women's Sports.

Members of the new Walk and Talk group started walking in the lovely fall weather. They have since braved the weather and continued to walk this winter, stopping for a bracing cup of coffee afterwards. It will be ice tea weather before we know it—earmuffs will be exchanged for sun hats—and the group will be enjoying the lovely spring weather.

The Women's Sports group has been to soccer, volleyball, and basketball games as well as a swim meet. They look forward to seeing a gymnastics meet and a softball game in the spring.

For questions about our new groups, contact:

walktalk@theillinoisclub.org

womenssports@theillinoisclub.org

Watch for announcements about these and other interest groups in future newsletters and emails.





WINE LOVERS GROUP CELEBRATE RABBIE BURNS

On January 30th, fifty-two folks gathered at the home of Jane and Wally Myers for the 9th Wine lovers' Burns Supper to celebrate the birthday of the poet Robert Burns. As usual, guests arrived to the sound of bagpipes and enjoyed the wonderful appetizers prepared by Jane: Scottish salmon and Angus beef. The piper piped us through to the dining room for the traditional Burns Supper of soup, haggis, neeps, mashed potatoes, and trifle followed by oatcakes, cheese, and coffee. As is traditional, throughout the meal we had poetry recitations, songs, and toasts, including of course "the immortal memory" toast to Rabbin Burns. In the Immortal Memory toast this year, Roy Campbell brought in Abraham Lincoln who quoted Burns' poetry, illustrating the beloved poet's timeless and wide ranging impact on ordinary people all over the world.



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
revised 11/10/15

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diners@theillinoisclub.org
french@theillinoisclub.org
german@theillinoisclub.org
hiking@theillinoisclub.org
italian@theillinoisclub.org
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letsdouch@theillinoisclub.org
literature@theillinoisclub.org
mahjong@theillinoisclub.org
newcomers@theillinoisclub.org
spanish@theillinoisclub.org
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walktalk@theillinoisclub.org
winelovers@theillinoisclub.org
womenssports@theillinoisclub.org
writers@theillinoisclub.org

NEWCOMERS

Here we are in 2016 already and plans have been made for a variety of fun experiences for the Newcomers. Remember that you are considered a Newcomer to The Illinois Club for 3 years after you first join the group. Please put these dates on your personal calendars. Watch for the weekly news from our President or special emails as an event draws near. For questions email newcomers@theillinoisclub.org or call Pat Davis at 344-2075 or Renée Mullen at 607-0811

UPCOMING NEWCOMER EVENTS

Thursday, February 18 from 10 to 11:30 am

Eastern Illinois Food Bank Tour, 2405 North Shore Drive, Urbana

These are the folks who have put the food in food pantry and the soup in soup kitchen for the past 30 years and who bring hope to the one in five people in our area who struggle with hunger each day. Learn about programs such as the School Pantry, Backpacks for Kids, the Senior Grocery Program, and the Foodmobile. Check out their website at eifoodbank.org for more information.

Your "Ticket" is one or more cans of one of the following: 1. Canned meats 2. Canned complete meals (ravioli, Spaghettios, etc.) 3. Canned beans and other vegetables 4. Canned fruit 5. Boxed meals 6. Peanut butter OR 7. a monetary donation made out to EIFB. Please RSVP to Pat at newcomers@theillinoisclub.org or call 217-344-2075 by February 12.



Eastern Illinois
Food bank

Thursday, April 7 6:15 – 7:45 pm

WILL Tour and Live Taping, 300 N. Goodwin (corner of Goodwin and Clark)

Ever wanted to tour a radio and television station? Then join us for this tour and talk about WILL Illinois Public Media Station and view a live taping of the show "Mid American Gardener" hosted by Diane Noland. We will meet at the station at 6:00 pm Free parking is available right next to Campbell Hall.

Please notify Pat at newcomers@theillinoisclub.org or call 217-344-2075 of your interest by April 1.

Wednesday, May 18 from 1 to 3:00 pm

Japan House Visit, 2000 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana

(cosponsored by both Newcomers and Tours)

Participate in the traditional arts and aesthetics of Japanese culture as we visit Japan House at the University of Illinois campus; experience a tea ceremony; stroll thru the beautiful zen gardens; and watch a flower arranging demonstration known as Ikebana. Please bring a pair of socks to wear inside the house. Maximum number of participants is 20. Watch future club communications for cost and deadline to register. Questions? Please email tours@theillinoisclub.org or call 217-344-2075.

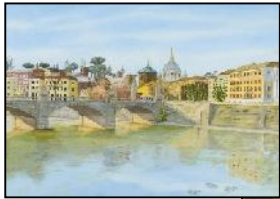
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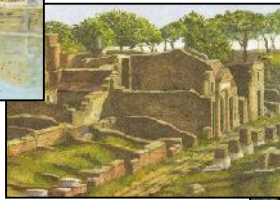
We feel very fortunate that Judy Ikenberry has shared a new note card with us based upon her painting of a national park in the Netherlands. Entitled *Wind Farm*, it beautifully depicts the iconic Dutch windmills. Many other note cards based upon Judy's travels to Russia, Scotland, England, France and Italy are also available for sale. If local color is more to your liking, we have those as well. And let's not forget all those holiday cards too... Each set of six cards is \$15 and all cards are blank inside. You also

have the option of choosing which 6 cards you want in your set. And if you want more in a set, each additional card is \$2.50. Individual cards are \$3 each. Our note cards are pictured below. To order, contact Susan Haney at sales@theillinoisclub.org or at 217-356-2464.

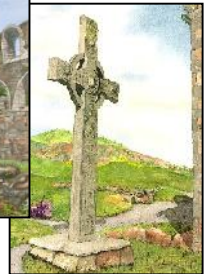
Many of the note cards are also available as prints in various sizes with prices ranging from \$75 to \$125, including a new print entitled *Red Barn*. If you would like to see the prints, several of them are on display and for sale at International Galleries in Lincoln Square. **Almost all larger prints can be purchased in smaller versions for \$75.** These make really great gifts, especially the smaller version of *Hallene Gateway*, which is framed in orange and blue. It's perfect for a presentation, going-away or graduation gift. After-tax proceeds go to support our scholarships. For additional print and note card details go to: www.theillinoisclub.org/sales.php.



Shades of Italy: Tiber Morning, Ostia Antica, Tuscany, Bellagio



English Garden 2, Nunnery, Celtic Cross



Orange Café & Shelter



Lord of Chatsworth & Comte de Burgundy



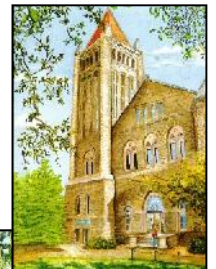
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Hallene Gateway & Altgeld Hall



TOURS

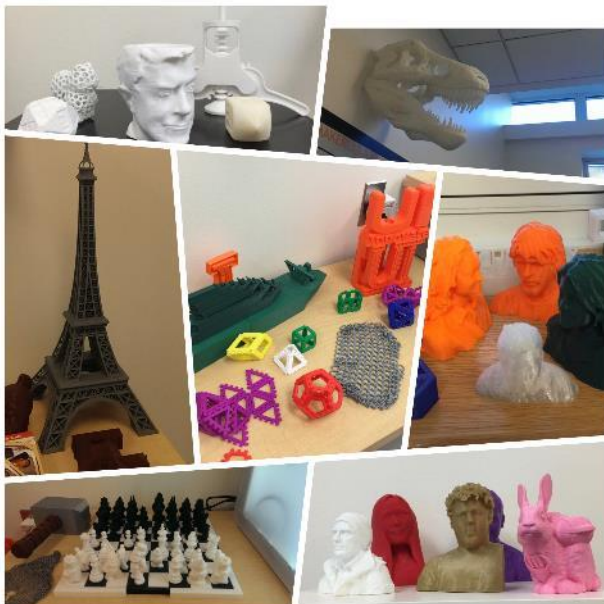
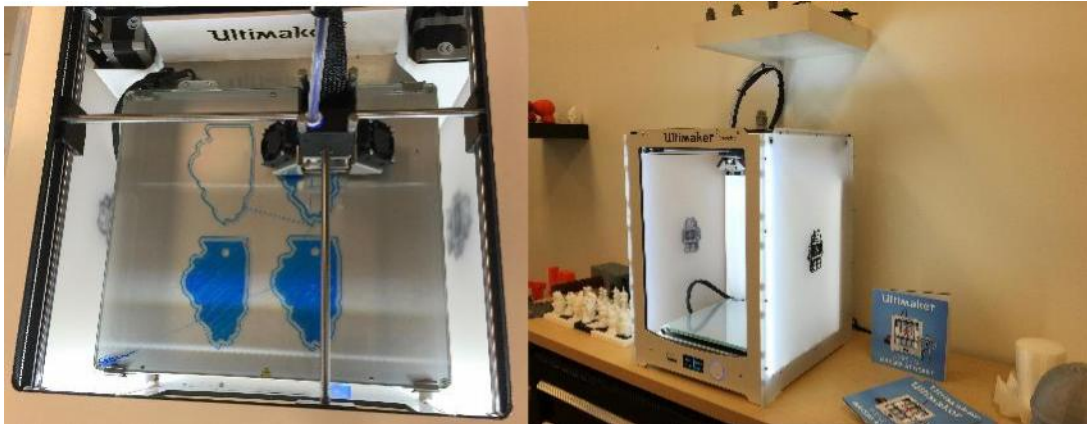
UPCOMING TOURS

Tours is pleased to join with the Newcomers for a visit to the Japan House on May 18. See the complete description of this tour under Newcomers on page 4 of this newsletter or see more on our website at <http://theillinoisclub.org/tours.php>.

PAST TOURS

UI Maker Lab Tour

Members of the Illinois Club were treated to a fascinating tour to of the UI MakerLab. The MakerLab, started in 2013, is the first business school based lab featuring the possibilities of 3-D printing. This well attended tour began with a presentation by executive director Aric Rindfleisch and director Vishal Sachdev followed by a visit to the print lab. In the lab visitors were able to see some of the printers in action and were surrounded by many examples of items created using these amazing printers. It was a glimpse of the future for those who attended. The tour concluded at Biaggi's Restaurant with a delicious dinner and lively conversation.



PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work nominating board members for the 2016-17 year of The Illinois Club. Those present at the Scholarship Awards Brunch on March 5 will have an opportunity to vote on the elected positions. As outlined in our constitution, appointed members are appointed by the President. We have included all positions, elected and appointed, on the following list.

Carrol Finnigan-Bunick (Chair), Kathy Marshak, Susan Haney, and Paula Carns

Elected Positions

President..... Ann Campbell
 Vice President Julia Schmidt
 Newcomers Chair..... Renée Mullen
 Assistant Newcomers Chairs Teal Ashworth
 Interest Groups ChairCarrol Finnigan-Bunick
 Assistant Interest Groups Chair Tom Hodson
 Recording SecretaryJulie Angel
 Corresponding Secretary..... Marcy Joncich
 Treasurer Jenny Kokini
 Assistant Treasurer.....Patricia Ricketts
 Budget Chair Shirley Splittstoesser
 Meeting Manager Kathy Marshak
 Membership/Directory ChairAnn Long
 Assistant Membership Chair..... Patty Gropp

Communications Chair Kathy Valdés
 Assistant Communications Chair Sarah Wisseman
 Scholarship Chair..... Sharon Michalove
 Assistant Scholarship Co-Chairs.....Patricia Simpson,
 Chris Lyke

Sustaining Member

Past PresidentSandy Camargo

Appointed Positions

Historian..... Paula Carns
 Reservations Manager.....Marcy Joncich
 Tours Director Sheila Krein
 WebmasterMike Haney

Scholarship Brunch
 March 5, 2016 at 10 AM
 Hawthorn Suites

Next Board Meeting
 March 14, 2016 at 7 PM
 Sandy Camargo's Home

The Illinois Club Events for Winter and Spring 2016

Winter Tour	Fri., January 29, 2016, 4 PM – 5 PM	UI MakerLab
Newcomers Food Bank Tour	Thurs., Feb. 18, 2016, 10 – 11:30 AM	Eastern Illinois Food Bank
Scholarship Awards Brunch	Sat., March 5, 2016; 10 AM – 12:30 PM	Hawthorn Suites
Newcomers WILL Tour	Thurs., April 7, 2016, 6:15 – 7:45 PM	WILL Station
Spring Luncheon	Thurs., May 5, 2016; 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Hawthorn Suites
Spring Tour and Newcomers Event	Weds., May 18, 2016; 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Japan House

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The Illinois Club Board

Elected Positions

PresidentSandy Camargo
Vice President..... Paula Carns
Newcomers Chair Pat Davis
Asst. Newcomers Chair Renée Mullen
Interest Groups Chair Carl Altstetter
Asst. Interest Groups Chair Carrol Finnigan-Bunick
Recording Secretary Marguerite Maguire
Corresponding Secretary Marcy Joncich
Treasurer Jenny Kokini
Asst. Treasurer..... Open
Budget Chair..... Pat Thiessen
Meeting Manager..... Open
Membership Chair/Directory..... Ann Long
Asst. Membership Chair Alma Bellafiore
Communications Chair Ann Campbell
Asst. Communications Chair Kathy Valdés
Scholarship Chair Susan Haney
Asst. Scholarship Chair Open

Sustaining Member

Past PresidentSarah Wisseman

Appointed Positions

Historian Sandi Thomas
Reservations Manager Marcy Joncich
Tours Director Sheila Krein
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