

# The Illinois Club

<http://www.TheIllinoisClub.org>

## 2020-2021 Events

### Fall Opening Party on Zoom

September 14, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Currently all club events have been postponed or will be held virtually due to Covid-19. In person events will resume when it is safe to gather in large groups.

### Holiday Party

To be announced

### Spring 2020 Tours

To be announced

### Scholarship Awards

March 6, 2021

Details to be announced

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*Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois*



**You Don't Want to Miss This.....**

### Opening Party on Zoom

**Monday, September 14, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

**Watch your email for details on how to join the party**

Zoom App download not required. A link will be sent to you by email, just click on it and join in the fun!

**We may be physically distancing but that doesn't mean The Illinois Club is not socially active**

**Grab a refreshing beverage of your choice, log on to your computer, and join us for a "Hello and Welcome" Happy Hour**

### Why attend the Party?

- ❖ **Socialize** with old friends and meet new ones
- ❖ **Meet** Interest Group Coordinators and learn about their plans
- ❖ **Invite** friends and introduce them to the Club
- ❖ **Learn** about our scholarships

Have questions?

Contact Jane Myers at [meetingmanager@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:meetingmanager@theillinoisclub.org)



## The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2020 – 2021

**Ann Long**  
Interest Groups Chair

**Barbara Schleicher**  
Assistant Interest Groups Chair

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

**Opening Party**  
**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**  
**On Zoom**

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. Please refer to page 4 for the schedule of groups meeting on Zoom. Feel free to contact other group coordinators for information about future meeting plans.

### **ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES**

*Marie Tompkins*

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 1:15 PM

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

### **CAMPUS LUNCH**

*Sandy Camargo*

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.

Every other Wednesday(Fall) – 12:00PM

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

### **CINEMA**

*Sandy Camargo*

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Monday – 7:30 PM

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

### **CHINESE MAH JONGG**

*Pat Davis*

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

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – 9:30 AM & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 1:00 PM

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

### **COSMOPOLITAN**

*Ann Campbell, Karan Keith*

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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 7:30 PM

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

### **CU4DINNER**

*Vicki Moery, Laurie Jacob*

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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 6:30 PM (days and times may vary)

[cu4dinner@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:cu4dinner@theillinoisclub.org)

### **GAMES**

*Kristine Chalifoux*

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.

Dates and Times TBA

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

## The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2020 – 2021 (continued)

<p><b>HIKING</b>  <i>Ann Campbell, Bob Davis</i>            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.</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 1:00 PM  <a href="mailto:hiking@theillinoisclub.org">hiking@theillinoisclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>ITALIAN</b>  <i>Pat Cardenas, Judy Gordon</i>            Join us for some great Italian conversation and reading on many topics, as well as fun while we celebrate all things Italian.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – 1:30 PM  <a href="mailto:italian@theillinoisclub.org">italian@theillinoisclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>KNIT ‘N’ THINGS</b>  <i>Lori Choquette, Antje Kolodziej</i>            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.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – 1:15 PM  <a href="mailto:knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org">knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>MEET ME AT THE MATINEE</b>  <i>Kathy Valdès</i>            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.</p>	<p>Dates and Times TBA  <a href="mailto:matinee@theillinoisclub.org">matinee@theillinoisclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>SPANISH</b>  <i>Patricia Gropp, Michael Palencia-Roth</i>            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.</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 7:00 PM  <a href="mailto:spanish@theillinoisclub.org">spanish@theillinoisclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>SUPPER CLUB</b>  <i>Shirley Splittstoesser</i>            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.</p>	<p>Dates and Times TBA  <a href="mailto:supper@theillinoisclub.org">supper@theillinoisclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>READS</b>  <i>Kathy Valdès</i>            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.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – 3:00 PM  <a href="mailto:reads@theillinoisclub.org">reads@theillinoisclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>WALK AND TALK</b>  <i>Annette Buckmaster, Ann Campbell</i>            Casual walking group; locations around town, often ending with a trip to a coffee shop.</p>	<p>Mondays – 4:00 pm &amp; Fridays – 9:30 AM  <a href="mailto:walktalk@theillinoisclub.org">walktalk@theillinoisclub.org</a></p>
<p><b>WINE LOVERS</b>  <i>Sommelier position available</i>            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.</p>	<p>Dates and Times TBA  <a href="mailto:wine lovers@theillinoisclub.org">wine lovers@theillinoisclub.org</a></p>

## The Illinois Club Interest Group Monthly Calendar 2020-2021

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Week		Knit'n'Things Zoom 1:15 PM		Italian Zoom 1:30 PM	Reads Zoom 3:00 PM	Walk and Talk Zoom 9:30 AM	
		Walk and Talk Zoom 4:00 PM					
		Cinema Zoom 7:30 PM					
2nd Week		Walk and Talk Zoom 4:00 PM	Spanish Zoom 7:00 PM		Cosmopolitan Zoom 7:30 PM	Walk and Talk Zoom 9:30 AM	
3rd Week		Knit'n'Things 1:15 PM		Italian Zoom 1:30 PM		Walk and Talk Zoom 9:30 AM	
		Walk and Talk 4:00 PM					
4th Week		Walk and Talk 4:00 PM	Spanish Zoom 7:00 PM			Walk and Talk Zoom 9:30 AM	
Varies				Campus Lunch Zoom FALL Every other Wed @ Noon			
	Groups not meeting currently: Antiques, CU4Dinner, Wine Lovers, Meet Me at the Matinee, Supper Club, Chinese Mah Jongg, Games, and Hiking. Contact the Interest Group Coordinator to be updated on the group's meeting status.						

## The Illinois Club 2020 – 2021 Board Members

### Board Members

President	Linda Lopez	president@theillinoisclub.org
Vice President	Donna Offenbecher	vicepresident@theillinoisclub.org
Newcomers Chair	Christina Meyers	newcomers@theillinoisclub.org
Interest Groups Chair	Ann Long	interestgroups@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Interest Groups Chair	Barbara Schleicher	asstinterestgroups@theillinoisclub.org
Recording Secretary	Julia Schmidt	recordingsecretary@theillinoisclub.org
Corresponding Secretary	Alice Taylor	correspondsecretary@theillinoisclub.org
Treasurer	Allan Penwell	treasurer@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Treasurer	Jenny Kim	assttreasurer@theillinoisclub.org
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Membership/Directory Chair	Judith Robinson	membership@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Membership Chair	Kathleen Weibel	asstmembership@theillinoisclub.org
Communications Chairs	Christine Lyke, Sheila Krein	communications@theillinoisclub.org
Scholarship Chair	Sandy Camargo	scholarship@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Scholarship Chair	Joyce Wright	asstscholarship@theillinoisclub.org

### Sustaining Member

Past President	Kathy Valdés	pastpresident@theillinoisclub.org
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### Appointed Positions

Historian	Mary Hodson	historian@theillinoisclub.org
Reservations Manager	Lori Choquette	reservations@theillinoisclub.org
Tours	Pat Cardenas, Marcy Joncich	tours@theillinoisclub.org
Webmaster	Mike Haney	webmaster@theillinoisclub.org
Asst. Webmaster	Ann Campbell	

## The Illinois Club Scholarships

*The Illinois Club provides financial support to worthy University of Illinois students. Last year we were able to award \$35,000 in scholarships throughout the various categories thanks to our members' generosity. For details on how to support our scholarships, please see the bottom of the membership form on the next page.*

### **Global Focus Award**

Open to any major. Applicants must have international experience or an internationally focused program of study. For example: second-language study, study abroad, internships or volunteering abroad, international career plans. Applicants must demonstrate how their internationally focused work and/or volunteer plans will make a difference in the world.

### **Humanities and Social Sciences Award**

Open to all students majoring or minoring in the Humanities or Social Sciences. Applicants must demonstrate the benefits that studying the Humanities or the Social Sciences provides to themselves and their community. Majors/minors that may apply for the Humanities and Social Sciences Award include English; Philosophy; Religion; Comparative Literature; Cinema Studies; History; Classics; Art History; Communication; Anthropology; Musicology; Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication; Human Development and Family Studies; Agricultural and Consumer Economics; all foreign languages; all ethnic studies; all Business majors and minors; and undergraduates in the I-School.

### **Science and Engineering Award**

Open to all students majoring or minoring in the STEM fields, including Psychology, Animal Sciences, Crop Sciences, and Computer Science + Crop Science. Applicants must demonstrate the benefits that studying Science, Mathematics, Technology, Engineering, or Agricultural Sciences provides to themselves and their community.

### **Isabelle Purnell Education Award**

Open to those earning a Secondary Education Certificate or College of Education majors. Applicants must demonstrate how they hope to make a difference in the classroom and in students' lives.

### **Judith Life Ikenberry Award**

Open to any major in the College of Fine and Applied Arts. Applicants must demonstrate how their art impacts their lives and the world and what they hope to accomplish with their art. The Ikenberry scholarship is generally given to a student who plans to make a living as a working/performing artist (painter, sculptor, musician, dancer, actor). If you are an applied artist (architect, urban planner, industrial designer, etc.), we encourage you to write your essay toward one of our other scholarships.

# The Illinois Club Membership Form for 2020 – 2021 Club Year: July 1 – June 30

Member 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Member 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Home Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Home Dates \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Membership 1</b></p> <p><b>Are you affiliated with the University?</b>                  Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Member 2 <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Department _____</p> <p><b>Age:</b>                  Under 40 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-69 <input type="checkbox"/> 70+ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Membership:</b> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Year Joined? _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p><b>Membership 2</b></p> <p><b>Are you affiliated with the University?</b>                  Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Member 1 <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Department _____</p> <p><b>Age:</b>                  Under 40 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-69 <input type="checkbox"/> 70+ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Membership:</b> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Year Joined? _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>
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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/](http://www.theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal/)**

**Please consider contributing to The Illinois Club Scholarship Fund**

The Illinois Club provides financial support to worthy University of Illinois students. You can donate securely online at <http://theillinoisclub.org/donations.php> OR include a contribution with a **separate check** from your dues, made payable to **University of Illinois Foundation**. Please write The Illinois Club on the memo line. Thank you for your support.

Your Choice:  \$ 50  \$100  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(Optional)** My gift is (please check one)  in honor  in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: All scholarship donations must be made by separate check to the University of Illinois Foundation.

**Combined** dues and donation checks are no longer acceptable and **will be returned** to you.

**Address Services Requested**

**Non-Profit Org  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Permit #75  
Champaign, IL**

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**Greetings from The Illinois Club President:**

2020-2021 will be a year to remember, but what do we want to remember? Yes, being at a safe distance, avoiding the VIRUS and....the next part is up to you. I would like to remember that we pulled together and kept The Illinois Club thriving. I would like to keep all outreach stretching to incorporate new ways to give that emotional hug online. I am the children's "I Think I Can Train". Then we can pull the cars/friends along, look in the mirror and say, "WE DID IT"! Check your mirror and be ready for the challenge ahead.

*Linda Lopez*

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

