

## 2021-2022 Events

### Fall Opening Party

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 PM  
Alice Campbell Alumni Center

### Fall 2021 Tour

December 9<sup>th</sup>, Time TBA  
Siebel Center for Design

### Holiday Party

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Siebel Center for Design

### Spring 2022 Tour

To be announced

### Scholarship Brunch

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Details to be announced

### Spring Happy Hour

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 PM  
Details to be announced

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*Celebrating over 100 Years at Illinois*

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

*Alice Campbell Alumni Center*

601 S. Lincoln Ave.

Urbana, IL 61801

Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

from 5:00 - 7:00 PM



Come socialize with old friends and meet new ones  
as we kick off the Club year.

Meet the Interest Group Coordinators and learn about their plans.  
Guests are welcome.

Invite your friends and encourage them to join the Club.  
Refreshments will be provided.

The wearing of face masks will be required when you are not seated  
and enjoying the food and beverages.

### **PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS FREE EVENT?**

Please let us know by September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
by emailing [reservations@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:reservations@theillinoisclub.org)

Have questions?

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



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### From The Illinois Club President:

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*Donna Offenbecker*

president@theillinoisclub.org



# The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2021 – 2022

**Ann Long**  
Interest Groups Chair

**Sally and Steve Zahos**  
Assistant Interest Group Chairs

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

*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 groups are meeting remotely on Zoom while others are meeting outside (or inside if vaccinated), or a combination of these, or not at all. We are following Illinois guidance. 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 Ann or Sally at [interestgroups@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:interestgroups@theillinoisclub.org).*

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 1:15 PM  
*Beth Felts Olmsted, Sue Settle* [antiques@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:antiques@theillinoisclub.org)  
Members and invited speakers present programs on personal collections and house tours with a special tour in May.

**CAMPUS LUNCH** **COORDINATOR NEEDED**  
*TBD* [campuslunch@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:campuslunch@theillinoisclub.org)  
Are you on campus during the day working or studying? Come and join us for lunch.

**CHILL OUT WITH WINE** Dates & Times TBA  
*Ann & Steve Long* [chilloutwithwine@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:chilloutwithwine@theillinoisclub.org)  
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 – 1:00 PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 1:00 PM  
*Pat Davis* [mahjongg@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:mahjongg@theillinoisclub.org)  
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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 7:30 PM  
*Ann Campbell, Karan Keith* [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 programs of interest to both foreign and American members who enjoy learning about other cultures. Join us for informal programs, conversation, and refreshments.

**CU4DINNER** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 6:00 PM (dates & times may vary)  
*Linda Lopez* [CU4dinner@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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** 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* [hiking@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:hiking@theillinoisclub.org)  
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.

## The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2021 – 2022 Continued

### 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.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 1:30 PM

[italian@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays – 1:15 PM

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

### MEET ME AT THE MATINEE

*Kathy Valdés*

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.

Typically, weekday afternoons – time varies

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

### READS

*Kathy Valdés*

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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 3:00 PM

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

### SPANISH

*Carl Jockusch*

Meetings of this group are normally held in the homes of members. They begin with a presentation in Spanish, usually about the history, literature, or culture of Spanish-speaking countries. This is followed by informal conversation in Spanish and enjoyment of refreshments. The group is also considering having some meetings which feature an excursion or a restaurant meal together.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7:00 PM

[spanish@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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 & Times TBA

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

### WALK & 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](mailto:walktalk@theillinoisclub.org)

### WINES IN DEPTH

*Peggy & Chris Huson*

This group will meet about once a month in hosts' homes. We will limit the group to 20 people per meeting, with preference given to people who sign up to host during the year with early access to the invitations. The focus will be on learning about a specific varietal, region, terroir, etc. each month. Each couple (or single person) will bring a bottle of wine and information about it to match that month's focus. The hosts will supply glasses and a palette cleanser. Please join us as we broaden our knowledge of wine!

Dates & Times TBA

[winesindepth@theillinois.club.org](mailto:winesindepth@theillinois.club.org)

### Not sure if you are a member?

Check your mailing label for “**Current Member**” or “**Membership Expired**” above your name. You may also contact Judith or Kathleen at [membership@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:membership@theillinoisclub.org) if you think you are current and your mailing label disagrees with you. And please **RSVP** for the Opening Party. If we need to move it outside or cancel it because of COVID, we would love to let you know. Make sure you check your email before heading out to the Opening Party!

## The Illinois Club Interest Group Monthly Calendar 2021-2022

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week</b>		<b>Knit'n'Things</b> 1:15 PM		<b>Chinese Mah Jongg</b> 9:30 AM	<b>Reads</b> 3:00 PM	<b>Walk &amp; Talk</b> 9:30 AM	
		<b>Walk &amp; Talk</b> 4:00 PM		<b>Italian</b> 1:30 PM			
		<b>Cinema</b> 7:30 PM					
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week</b>		<b>Games</b> 7:00 PM		<b>Antiques &amp; Collectibles</b> 1:15 PM	<b>Cosmopolitan</b> 7:30 PM	<b>Walk &amp; Talk</b> 9:30 AM	<b>Chinese Mah Jongg</b> 1:00 PM
		<b>Walk &amp; Talk</b> 4:00 PM	<b>Spanish</b> 7:00 PM				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week</b>	<b>Hiking</b> 1:00 PM	<b>Knit'n'Things</b> 1:15 PM	<b>Chinese Mah Jongg</b> 1:00 PM	<b>Italian</b> 1:30 PM	<b>CU4Dinner</b> Evening	<b>Walk &amp; Talk</b> 9:30 AM	
		<b>Walk &amp; Talk</b> 4:00 PM					
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week</b>		<b>Walk &amp; Talk</b> 4:00 PM				<b>Walk &amp; Talk</b> 9:30 AM	
<b>Varies</b>	Groups with variable meetings: <b>Chill out with Wine    Meet Me at the Matinee    Supper Club    Wines in Depth</b>						

## Newcomers to the Club

### Welcome to The Illinois Club!

The past year has been less than ideal. We had to adapt to new ways of coming together in friendship. And we did it! 2021-2022 promises life beyond the Zoom screen. Most of our interest groups continued to meet with caution throughout the year and many now are meeting in person. A special focus this year will be on celebrating our Newcomers.

Now that you have joined The Illinois Club, what can you expect? First, you will be immediately added to our email list for the monthly electronic newsletter, so you will receive all announcements of upcoming events and interest group activities. You are also now eligible to join our exciting interest groups, and other programs as they are announced.

Newcomers, please feel free to join us at any group or event. We'd like to welcome you to The Illinois Club!

#### Newcomers Meet and Greet (Orientation Days)

**Dates:** First Thursday of the Month (9/2, 10/7, 11/4, etc.)

**Location:** Riggs Brewery, Party Porch, 1901 S. High Cross Rd., Urbana

**Time:** 5:30 – 7:00 PM

**A mask is required.**

**RSVP for Newcomers only** by the end of month before each meeting date. Email at [newcomers@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:newcomers@theillinoisclub.org) (One free drink for new members, which can include nonalcoholic beverages). Bringing in outside food is allowed, and a food truck is often available.

We are delighted that you have made the decision to join The Illinois Club, and we look forward to seeing you. Let's have fun!

Christina Myers, Newcomers Chair

August 2021

[www.theillinoisclub.org](http://www.theillinoisclub.org)

## The Illinois Club 2021 – 2022 Board Members

<b>Board Members</b>		
President	Donna Offenbecher	president@theillinoisclub.org
Vice President	(Open)	vicepresident@theillinoisclub.org
Newcomers Chair	Christina Meyers	newcomers@theillinoisclub.org
Interest Groups Chair	Ann Long	interestgroups@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Interest Groups Chairs	Sally and Steve Zahos	asstinterestgroups@theillinoisclub.org
Recording Secretary	Carl Altstetter	recordingsecretary@theillinoisclub.org
Corresponding Secretary	Alice Taylor	correspondsecretary@theillinoisclub.org
Treasurer	Bob Davis	treasurer@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Treasurer	(Open)	assttreasurer@theillinoisclub.org
Budget Chair	Kathy Valdés	budget@theillinoisclub.org
Meeting Manager	Jane Myers	meetingmanager@theillinoisclub.org
Membership/Directory Chair	Judith Robinson	membership@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Membership Chair	Kathleen Weibel	asstmembership@theillinoisclub.org
Communications Chairs	Christine Lyke and Susan Haney	communications@theillinoisclub.org
Scholarship Chair	Joyce Wright	scholarship@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Scholarship Chair	Matthew Macomber	asstscholarship@theillinoisclub.org
<b>Sustaining Member</b>		
Past President	Linda Lopez	pastpresident@theillinoisclub.org
<b>Appointed Positions</b>		
Historian	Mary Hodson	historian@theillinoisclub.org
Reservations Manager	Lori Choquette	reservations@theillinoisclub.org
Tours	Pat Cardenas and Lynn Kelly	tours@theillinoisclub.org
Webmaster	Mike Haney	webmaster@theillinoisclub.org
Asst. Webmaster	Ann Campbell	

### ***Special Notice from the President***

*The pandemic has us living in an ever changing world. Advance planning is difficult. Our Club is doing its best to keep up with the latest information. That said, we recommend you check your email before leaving for an event. We will notify you as promptly as possible of any updates to our plans.*

## 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.*

*If you are interested in joining a diverse and welcoming committee directly involved with helping U of I students, then The Illinois Club Scholarship Committee is for you. Amazingly, they have already started their work for this year and will soon be accepting applications, from September 7<sup>th</sup> – October 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in this worthwhile opportunity can contact Joyce Wright to be put on the list for next year's committee at [scholarship@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:scholarship@theillinoisclub.org).*

*Our scholarships are academically focused and aimed at undergraduates who volunteer their time in the community and who show leadership potential upon graduation. There are five award programs: Global Focus Award; Humanities and Social Science Award; Engineering and Science Award; Isabelle Purnell Education Award; and the Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts Award, which are detailed below. If you know of any student who seems well qualified for any of these awards, please encourage them to apply. The application will be on our website at [www.theillinoisclub.org/scholarship.php](http://www.theillinoisclub.org/scholarship.php).*

### **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; Social Work; 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 as well as Creative Writing majors. 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, writer, etc.). 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: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Mem1  Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home # \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Mem2  Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home # \_\_\_\_\_

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>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>Email: _____</p>
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**Please provide an email address to receive monthly Club communications.**

- Dues\*:**  Individual – \$25  
 Couple – \$40  
 Golden (member for 50+ years) or **Associate** (Grad Students) – \$15  
 Golden Couple – \$30

\*Those who participate as a couple in interest groups must join as a couple. Thank you.

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

Mail to: **Membership, The Illinois Club, P.O. Box 2782, Champaign, IL 61825**

Renewing members can use PayPal: [www.theillinoisclub.org/paypal/](http://www.theillinoisclub.org/paypal/)

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

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**Thank you for your support!**

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

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

All 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.



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