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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

A letter from the President . . .

Can you believe this incredible fall? Our year so far is just as fab, with the Fall Expo starting off with a bang. We had a wonderful response to our contest, and much to her surprise, Tauby Shimkin won the Houlihan's gift certificate. The Board agreed with all the positive feedback that it was one of the most fun sign ups that we've had, so next year you can expect more of the same. The 2009 Fall Expo will be at the I Hotel again on Thursday, September 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now for a fabulous time!

Our Fall Tour to Chicago was a sold-out event, with lots of good food, shopping, and friends. Look inside for photos, and be inspired to join us on our next spectacular tour--an architectural boat tour of downtown Chicago--on April 25. Save the date!

More great dates are in December. We are participating in the Illini Union Bazaar on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3 & 4 to raise money for scholarships. Please consider volunteering to help sell tiles and create interest in membership. I'm looking forward to seeing you there and working with you! More details inside. . . .

Then, the next week will bring our Holiday Tea at Judith and Stanley Ikenberry's home on Thursday, December 11. As the U of I's former President and "First Lady," the Ikenberrys continue to support TIC and our Scholarship Fund. Maybe you were able to buy some of Judy's note cards before they sold out? All proceeds from those donated cards went to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you, Judy! And thank you for agreeing to host our Holiday Tea! Our theme this year is "Around the World." And we need you to make it possible! Inside you'll see all kinds of ways that you can help.

Our Murder Mystery on Friday, February 6 will start off our new year with a literal bang. Frenchy's, the hottest new speakeasy of the 1920's, was the clear winner at the Expo. Come with your dance shoes on because the Charleston is all the rage! Will Al Capone be there?

By now, you may have noticed a change or two in our schedule. Some have asked about a Fall Luncheon. Unfortunately, time constraints--and our lack of a 1st VP--did not allow for a Fall Luncheon this year. We also have decoupled mailing of the Membership Directory from the November Newsletter. But never fear! It is coming, just later this month. Everyone will get a paper directory, including those with e-newsletters.

As always, my e-mail boxes and phone lines are open, so drop me a line or give me a jingle. And thank you for all of your support and encouragement! I'm truly enjoying my year!

Sincerely, Susan





The Illinois Club
Cordially Invites You to Our

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 11th
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Stan & Judy Ikenberry's Home
104 Meadow Drive
Urbana, Illinois

Members Only; \$15 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by December 6th

Sharing can be home baked.
Sharing can be store bought.
It matters naught!
It is the thought.
Let's celebrate the diversity
At our fabulous University!
Around the world we will go
With Stan & Judy's all aglow.
Hands joined together
Let's all help one another.



The Illinois Club Holiday Party: A Scholarship Fund Raising Event



Stan and Judy have most graciously accepted our request to open their home this holiday season to The Illinois Club for our annual Holiday Party.

You must be a member to come and we will be happy to accept new members. This is a scholarship fund raising event and the price will be \$15. We are soliciting donations of food and drink to lower the cost of the event. **All funds left over after expenses will be**

placed into the Scholarship Fund.

When we began planning this festive event, we thought it might be fun if people brought food that was meaningful to them in some way. This year, we'd like to celebrate our diverse University and Club by going "**Around the World**" with our Holiday Party. Let's share with each other special holiday food that is a tradition in our families or countries of origin.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring a homemade food that is special to your family for the Party. If you would also like to share the recipe of your homemade donations they can be shared on the Club website so the holidays can stay with us even longer. If you don't bake or cook, you could donate tea, crackers, cheeses, wine or fruit that celebrate your background. Maybe you have a musical gift to share or some time to help organize the event. We will celebrate any gift that you might have, including monetary if you don't have time to shop but would like to contribute.

Let's extend some helping hands this holiday season by showing that we care about one another and that we are all connected in some way. Susan Haney is coordinating details of this event if you have any questions, or want to know how to help. You can contact her at 356-2464 or susanhaney1@gmail.com.

Reservation Form for Holiday Party

Members' Names _____ Phone _____

This is a members only event _____ Email _____

Holiday Party Tickets (\$15 per member) _____

I Would Like to Include Additional Money _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make Checks Payable to: The Illinois Club

Reservation and Refund Deadline: Saturday December 6th

Mail to: Sandy Camargo, 202 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Urbana, IL 61801

scamargo@illinois.edu 217- 344-0023

Interest Group News



The Illinois Club Golf Group, including Joanita Dirikolu (chairperson), Jody Endres, Bryan Endres and Helen Zhang (not pictured) enjoyed perfect weather at its inaugural event this Fall.

Newcomer's Group Catches Illini Spirit

The Newcomers Group welcomed new members to the University community by sponsoring three revelrous Illini Football tailgates at Memorial Stadium this Fall.

Although the television schedule dictated an early rise on two occasions, all enjoyed delicious pre-game breakfasts and post-game grilling adorned in Illini Orange.

Almost 50 people joined together in the Endres' backyard for the first annual **Newcomers/Winelovers Tailgate** to celebrate the Illini victory over Michigan.

Attendees enjoyed scrumptious grilled goodies meticulously presided over by Newcomer Assistant Professor Nick Paulson of ACES, and a delicious buffet of salads and desserts.

Newcomers and members alike also have made valuable new friendships and professional connections throughout the Fall event season.

Now that cold weather has ushered in an end to the football season, we welcome your ideas for winter and spring events--including child-friendly activities. If you would like to sponsor an event, please contact Newcomers Chairs Bryan and Jody Endres (bendres@illinois.edu or jody.endres@comcast.net)

A heartfelt welcome to all newcomers to the University community and TIC!



Megan Mahoney attended the Joint Wine Lover's/Newcomers' Tailgate for Illinois v. Michigan game with her children Ryland and Bailey. Megan is hosting the Club **Parent-Child Playgroup** which meets from 5-7 pm one weeknight a month. Contact Megan at mmm1@illinois.edu for more information.

Calendar / Miscellaneous

- 12.11.08 **Holiday Party**
Judy Ikenberry's Home
104 Meadow Dr. Urbana
4 - 6 PM
- 1.26.09 **Board Meeting**
7 PM
- 2.6.09 **Murder Mystery Dinner**
Champaign Country Club
7 - 9 PM
- 3.7.09 **Scholarship Awards Brunch**
ACES Library
10:15 -12:15 PM
- 3.16.09 **Board Meeting**
7 PM
- 4.25.09 **Spring Tour:**
Chicago Architecture
- 5.7.09 **Spring Luncheon**
Champaign Country Club
11:30 - 1:30 PM
- 5.18.09 **Board Meeting**
6:30 PM

Volunteers Needed for Illini Union Bazaar

The annual Illini Union Bazaar will be held on December 3rd and 4th. We are looking for **volunteers** to sell Motawi tiles for scholarships and tickets to this year's Holiday Party. This is a great opportunity to attract new members, raise money for Club scholarships, and get some holiday shopping in all at the same time. Please contact Susan Haney if you would like to volunteer at 217-356-2464 or susanhaney1@gmail.com.

It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Club members Lisa Ainsworth and Andrew Leakey on the birth of your daughter, Fiona Leakey. Fiona was born on October 20th. She weighed 7lbs 4oz and is growing quickly.



Weekly E-mail Writer Needed

The Club is in need of a **volunteer** to spend one to two hours per week assembling information for the weekly e-mail updates. Thanks for helping us keep the information flowing.

Digital TIC Newsletter

The full newsletters archive, including the newest edition, is always available online at www.prairienet.org/theillinoisclub

To subscribe to the Digital Edition of the Newsletter, please e-mail Rachel Shekar at rknep@illinois.edu

You and Your Guest are Cordially Invited
to The Gala Grand Opening of

FRENCHY'S

Friday, February 6th at 7 pm
Champaign Country Club
1211 South Prospect Avenue, Champaign

The hottest new speakeasy of the 1920's

No admittance without this invitation.
The password at the door is Shakespeare.
There will be a bouncer to check for invitations and heaters,
so watch what you try to smuggle into Frenchy's.
WE RUN A RESPECTABLE JOINT!

A Seven Corpse Dinner Murder Mystery
Performed by The Champaign Urbana Theatre Co.
Frenchy's © M&L Murder Productions, Geneseo, IL



The plotline

Welcome to Frenchy's, the 1920's hottest new speakeasy! The owner, Claire "Frenchy" deLune, always knows who's hot and who's not. Right now, the hottest are F. Gerald Conroy and Barbara Holloway, who are starring in the latest Broadway revival of *Macbeth*. The big question is – who's hotter? You'll get differing answers from these two egomaniacs!

The *Macbeth* production is sponsored by arts patroness Stephanie Bellamy, the mayor's wife, who is sure to be in attendance also. And where these three go, Maxwell Fosdyck, society editor of *The Broadway Tattler* can't be far behind. Fosdyck will be prospecting for juicy tidbits for his gossip column. And does he have a nose for the news!

Even though Prohibition is in effect, Chief of Police Patrick O'Malley seems to look aside at the free-flowing liquor. Bouncer Harold Manly makes sure everyone stays nice and polite. If you get out of line, Harold will not so gently adjust your attitude. Sherri Larkin and Lilly Hemp, the photo girl and the hat check girl, are willing to please. They're only working here until they get their big break on Broadway, of course!

Warning: This plot takes place during the 1920s when alcohol was illegal, but cocaine was very legal and used publicly. A white powdery substance is used by the actors to resemble cocaine and is an integral plot element.

The food

assorted canapés
cheese puffs
chicken satay
spanakopita

quiche lorraine
vegetable quesadilla
stuffed mushrooms
fresh fruit tray

fresh vegetable tray
carved sirloin sandwiches
coffee, hot tea, ice tea
cash bar

Your role

Dress up in 20's garb, or not! Come as someone else, or not! At any rate, we'll have 20's music on in the background, so if you're dying to do the Charleston, you can. And make sure you know the password to get in – Shakespeare – 'cause we can't just let **anybody** in. We run a respectable joint, even if someone is going to get rubbed out! Then it will be up to you to follow the clues and solve the mystery. Those who correctly identify the killer are eligible to win theatre tickets. Prizes are also awarded to those with the best costumes.

Unlike in past years, there will be no assigned seating. Actors and participants will be free to move around and eavesdrop on any conversations. There will be seating for ease in eating, as well as high top tables for easier eavesdropping and tête-à-têtes....maybe with a murderer?

Reservation Form for Winter Murder Mystery

Members' Names _____ Phone _____

Guests' Names _____ Email _____

Total Enclosed: _____ Cost: \$42 Member, \$47 Guest

Make checks payable to: The Illinois Club
Reservation and Refund Deadline: January 30, 2009

Mail to: Sandy Camargo, 202 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Urbana, IL 61801

The Illinois Club Fall Expo

The 2008 Fall Expo at the new I Hotel was a resounding success! This annual event gave members the opportunity to learn about and sign up for interest groups, vote for activities such as the Spring Tour and Murder Mystery scenario in addition to mingling, catching up with old friends, and meeting new people. This year's event was such a success that the 2009 Fall Expo will be held at the I Hotel again.



Susan Haney & Thia Zaccaria enjoying the wonderful food



Lois Guither and Carol Peterson representing the interest groups *Knit 'N' Things* and *Antiques and Collectibles*



Dana Lamb and Victoria Wittig welcome new and old Club members to the Fall Expo



Anna Merritt (*German*), Barbara Garlick (*Dog Days*) & Cinda Pettigrew catching up on news



Ann Campbell, Kathy Marshak & Sandy Camargo having a great time

Spring Tour to Highlight Chicago Architecture



Katy Andrews, The Illinois Club new Tours Chair, thanks all who responded to the tours survey. Nearly 100 members gave their feedback and she looks forward to satisfying their needs. The poll results are:

Chicago - 30 members choosing this as their 1st choice for the Spring tour
St Louis - 2nd choice with 18 points
Springfield - 3rd choice with 6 points

The Chicago tour will be on **Saturday, April 25th** 2009, and will include an **Architectural Boat Tour**, a guided boat tour of Chicago's rivers and lakefront, followed by either of the following: **Water Tower Place**, at the pinnacle of Chicago's famed Magnificent Mile, its stunning eight-level atrium features more than 100 of your favorite stores and restaurants plus a mix of distinctive

specialty shops and boutiques. Or perhaps some culture at the **Art Institute**. Special exhibits will include Korean and Chinese ceramics, 100 of master portraitist Yousuf Karsh's iconic photographs (including Winston Churchill), and paintings, prints, and drawings by Edvard Munch.

Finally, visit **Millennium Park**. Start at the visitor's center and stroll the park, people watch, check out the Bean, and more!

We will begin with the guided boat tour, and then have the bus stop at the other destinations. You pick where to go. Lunch is on your own.

Further details to follow. Katy Andrews,
Tours Chair 217-359-6863
mkchandrews@sbcglobal.net

2009 Illinois Club Scholarships

Every year, The Illinois Club is proud to award scholarships to University of Illinois students with good academic standing, financial need and volunteer experience.

The application deadline for the 2009 Make-A-Difference and Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts Award scholarships is December 1, 2008. For more information or to download an application form, please visit our website www.prairienet.org/theillinoisclub

This year's scholarship committee:

Stephanie Price (Scholarship Chair)

Kathleen Nagle Susan Haney

Ann Long Dana Lamb

Marcy Joncich Nancy Komlanc-Hamblin

2008 Fall Tour: Exploring Chicago Culinary Destinations

This fall, we were guided once again by Bob Rowe, Catering Czar of Classic Events Catering through a Culinary Tour of Chicago featuring food, shopping, and friends.

One of the highlights was a large Chicago produce market that displayed an array of exotic fruits and vegetables.



Tour participants, Alma Bellafiore, Susan Haney, Sheila Ott, Judy Ikenberry, Nancy Ikenberry, and Charles Jordan, enjoy the Chicago markets.

Our next stop was the exquisite Fox & Obel Market Grocery Store featuring specialty foods from around the world. We then went to Kendall College Culinary School where we were treated to a fabulous lunch and wonderful service. Afterwards, we were then free to explore the Lincoln Park neighborhood for shopping at stores such as Smith and Hawken, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Crate and Barrel.



The Fall Tour group enjoys lunch at Kendall College Culinary School.

Meet One of Our Members

Paula Watson is the Club's recording secretary; she takes minutes at Club meetings and maintains the file of minutes and meeting documents.

Paula brings much to this position from her experience as a University librarian. In her retirement, she continues her interest in libraries by researching and publishing articles on the role of women and the spread of public libraries in the U.S. (it is a little known fact that as of 1930, 80% of the libraries then in existence were founded by women). She is also passionate about Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and WILL public radio. Paula enjoys writing, gardening, reading, singing with Parkland Chorus and spending time with members of The Illinois Club.

You can meet Paula at Cosmopolitan, Hiking, and Wine-Tasting events.

Club E-mail List is Changing

After many years of wonderful service to the community, Prairienet is giving up the mailing list business at the end of the year. In Prairienet's place, the University CITES office will provide us with a "listserve". You shouldn't notice much difference except you will receive a "Welcome" message when we make the changeover. E-mails from the president, Susan Haney, will be directed to TIC@LISTSERV.ILLINOIS.EDU and be from *TIC list [TIC@LISTSERV.ILLINOIS.EDU]; on behalf of Susan Haney [susanhaney1@gmail.com]*. You may want to check your spam/junk folder and allow these communications to your inbox.

The e-mail list is an easy and a very convenient way for quick club one-way announcements. Only a few people can post messages to the list, so don't worry about being inundated with e-mail.

If you are not on our e-mail list, please go to listserv.illinois.edu/archives/tic.html and follow the instructions to join the list or email Ann Campbell with "Subscribe to TIC" (The Illinois Club) in the subject line.

Questions? Contact Ann Campbell at 352-1487 or anncampbell51@gmail.com

A Club Legend Will Be Missed

On September 10, 2008, our Club was saddened by the death of one of our longest time members, and former president, **Geraldine Reiss**. She was 92. Gerry was president of The Women's Club at The University of Illinois in 1985-86, and

remained very active; she chaired the Interest Group, "Tuesday Tea" for the last 2 years. In 2006, Gerry helped organize the very successful "Tuesday Tea" as part of our 100th Year Celebrations. The Tea Party was held at Clark-Lindsey Village on Valentine's Day, complete with hats and white gloves, bringing back memories from the origins of our Club. Gerry was an Elementary School Teacher, and took a big interest in helping students at The University of Illinois. Her love of music shaped and infused her life to the very end and lives on in both of her sons. Her gentle spirit, and caring way for others, will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Gerry was also a supporter of The Illinois Club scholarship program. In 2006, she donated at the top level for our "Decades of Giving" scholarship fundraising campaign. Donations to honor Gerry may be made to our Scholarship Fund for students who make a difference.



Gerry with former Club presidents at the 100th Anniversary Tuesday Tea Celebration in 2006. Pictured standing, from left are: Portia Cureton ('70-71), Betty Hill ('77-78) and Gerry Reiss ('85-86); seated Mildred Johnson ('69-70).

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