

#### **Spring Campus Tour of ARC**

Thursday, April 21 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **Spring Luncheon**

Thursday, May 5 11:30a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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# Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

#### A Letter from the President...

Spring is nearly here, and I'm sure everyone is busy planning their garden. The Spring Luncheon is coming up and it promises to be very interesting. The drawing for the Motawi raffle tile takes place at the Spring Luncheon. A new board will be stepping up to the plate also, and I'm sure they will do a good job in the coming year. And remember, if you renew your dues on time, you are eligible to win a \$50 gift certificate.

Last year the Club learned that we were required to pay sales taxes on the items being sold to support the Scholarship Fund. The board decided the tax money should come out of the gross sales receipts. In the process of looking at this as well as our tax exempt status (we are a 501 (c)(7) organization) and the regulations concerning that status, we also learned that a certain percentage of our income must come from our members. It appeared at first glance that the income from the scholarship sales may have been reaching a point where they might be generating more income from non members than what we were allowed to earn. To determine if we were in compliance with Federal Tax Regulations, we hired a consulting firm that specializes in Non Profit Organizations to determine if it may have been necessary to change our tax status.

After reviewing the consultant's report, the board decided a change of tax status was not required, as we were compliant with the Tax Regulations. We must be careful, however, when we host the Big 10 Conference in two years, as this may strain those regulations. Also changing our tax status might have meant changing the purpose of the club, and the board was not interested in doing that at this time. If you have any questions about this process, please contact me.

I have enjoyed my year as President and hope to remain an active member for many years to come. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Thomsen, President

president@theillinoisclub.org

# **Spring Luncheon**

Kennedy's Restaurant 2560 S. Stone Creek Blvd., Urbana

Tom Overbye, Guest Speaker Renewable Energy and the Smart Grid

Thursday, May 5, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.





## Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

## Kennedy's Restaurant at Stone Creek

Hogan & Palmer Rooms 2560 Stone Creek Blvd., Urbana 61802



### "Can We Have Our Cake and Eat It Too: Renewable Energy, Efficiency, Economics and the Smart Grid"

#### **Tom Overbye**

Fox Family Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Please let Celia Gates, Hospitality, know your plans by Wednesday, April 27. This is a firm deadline. No late reservations will be accepted.

#### Choice of:

Grilled Atlantic Salmon with Stir Fry Vegetables & Penne Pasta Grilled Chicken Breast, Tomato, Basil, Asiago Cheese with Penne Pasta Linguine with Pine Nuts, Spinach, Portobello Mushrooms, Tomato, Basil & Asiago Cheese

House Salad & Dressing, Rolls & Butter, Sorbet, Coffee & Ice Tea

#### \$18 for Members & \$23 for Guests \$19 for Members & \$24 for Guests on PayPal

#### Website for PavPal:

http://www.theillinoisclub.org/pay\_pal/2011\_Spring\_Luncheon.php

Reservation & Refund Deadline: Wednesday, April 27

Please Make Checks Payable to: The Illinois Club

Mail to: Celia Gates, 5 Della Ct., Savoy, IL 61874 Phone: (217) 355-0414

# **Reservation Form for Spring Luncheon**

Thursday May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 11:30 a.m.		
Member 1	Member 2	
Entrée 1: Salmon Chicken Vegetarian	Entrée 2: Salmon Chicken Vegetarian	
Guest 1	Guest 2	
Entrée 1: Salmon Chicken Vegetarian	Entrée 2: Salmon Chicken Vegetarian	
Total Enclosed:	Cost: \$18 Member, \$23 Guest	
Make checks payable to: <b>The Illinois Club</b> Reservation and Refund Deadline: <b>Wednesday, April 27</b> <sup>th</sup>		
Mail to: Celia Gates, 5 Della Ct., Savoy	, IL 61874 Phone: (217) 355-0414	

### The Illinois Club Tours 2010 – 2011

Sandy Beak, 217-344-6856

tours@theillinoisclub.org

Sheila Ott, 217-356-7896

Activities & Recreation Center Lobby 201 East Peabody Drive, Champaign

Thursday, April 21 at 1:30 PM

Become acquainted with one of our newest campus facilities with a student-led tour of the new Activities and Recreation Center (ARC). This will include various areas, gyms, and workout facilities. Metered parking is available west of the building at the corner of First and Peabody. *Bring your quarters!* Following the hourlong tour, refreshments will be available for purchase at the café. To be included in the tour, please e-mail tours@theillinoisclub.org with subject ARC Tour, or call Sheila at 217-356-7896.

# Market at the Square Dates

June 4, 11, 18, 25 July 9, 16, 30 August 13, 27 September 10, 24

8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Walnut Street

Stop by and visit us at the market! Pay your dues, make a donation, find a nice gift for someone, or just shoot the breeze with us.

Maybe you'd like to help for a couple of hours at our booth — we welcome extra volunteers and it's lots of fun. Consider one or two 2-hour shifts over the summer. We have a new blue canopy and plenty of shade! If you would like to help, please contact us at:

sales@theillinoisclub.org or 217-367-8884

We are now located in between the market and the west parking lot.

## \$50 Gift Certificate

Renew your dues before July 1st, the start of The Illinois Club year, and earn a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to an area restaurant!

Look for the dues renewal form on the back page (p. 11) of this newsletter. Or now our online membership renewal form

— click Join Us on the menu—
allows you to fill out the form online, print it, and mail it to us. And you can always renew online via PayPal as well!

To make it even easier to renew your dues and enter the contest, we will have forms available at the spring luncheon and you can renew then.

# Fall Expo

Monday, September 12 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn Illini Ballroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 1501 South Neil Street, Champaign



## **Newcomers' Group 2010 – 2011**









# Kamakura Lunch & Japan House Tour

It was a glorious and sunny St. Patrick's Day as we met at Kamakura for a delicious Japanese lunch and special presentation of Japanese folk music by Maureen Murchie. Maureen, who grew up in Japan, is a classical violinist and teaches Japanese language courses at the university. She also considers Japan to be her second home, since her parents still live there, ironically enough, in the Sendai area. She gave us insights into what it was like to move there, knowing no Japanese, and to be thrown into the Japanese school system. She also updated us on what life is like in the tsunami- and earthquake-plagued Sendai area.

On that somber note, we departed for Japan House and a relaxing, peaceful cup of tea surrounded by serene gardens. The quiet dignity and solemnity of the tea ceremony never fails to calm the mind.

Japan House, one of the jewels of our university, was still decorated for Girl's Day (March 3rd), or hina-matsuri. This is a celebration of girls, where hina dolls are displayed in homes, wishing girls' healthy growth and happiness.

This was the final event for Newcomers for this year, but we look forward to more great events next year. Stephanie Price will once again be the chair, with Mary Hosier as her assistant chair. If you have any ideas about what fun events you would like Newcomers to sponsor next year, please contact Stephanie, 217-356-5036 or at:

<u>newcomersvp@theillinoisclub.org</u>.
Thank you!

Top: Lunch at Kamakura Second: Maureen Murchie & her violin Third: Girl's Day display at Japan House Bottom: Newcomers enjoying a tea ceremony

## **Scholarship Awards Brunch**







Upper: Pres. Michael Hogan Lower: Jacquelyn Pendola playing her flute

#### Scholarship Award Winners for 2011 – 2012

Front Row (1 to r): Jessica Slovak, Maura Urquiza, Jenna Nygaard, Stephanie Maldonado, Kaela Talley

Back Row (l to r): Ruth Tekeste, Thomas E. Bunyan (from 2010), President Michael Hogan, Virginia Hogan, Gary Weber, Danielle Pretet, Jacquelyn Pendola

Not Pictured: Leah Guadagnoli, Jeanine Genchanok, Bridget Hapner

Once again we experienced another outstanding Scholarship Awards Brunch! This year's winners were as inspirational as always, and we were amazed by their passion, accomplishments, ambitions, enthusiasm, gratefulness, and humility. We were also charmed by our musical Isabelle Purnell Education Award winners who serenaded us. The icing on this delicious confection was Pres. Michael Hogan, who gave us a trip down memory lane, all the way back to the beginning of our Club in 1906. He compared what the University of Illinois was like then compared to now. It was fascinating! He also thanked us for our important work of providing scholarships in these very tough times. It was a wonderful day, one filled with fantastic winners and their equally fantastic parents, as we all celebrated together.

## Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts Award

Although **Leah Guadagnoli** was absent from the awards ceremony, it was for a good cause. She is studying art abroad this semester in Italy. Her mother did bring a painting Leah had done in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when she was copying Pablo Picasso, and we were all stunned at her early talent. She is earning a double major in Painting and Art History and hopes to be an art professor. You will undoubtedly see one of her large installations soon!

## Susan T. Haney Social Work Award

**Stephanie Maldonado** is the first-ever Susan T. Haney Social Work Award winner. Her hard work, drive, enthusiasm, grace, compassion and maturity impressed us all, and we felt she would be a fantastic school social worker. Her willingness to mentor and help others truly shone through, as well as her commitment to diversity.

## **Scholarship Awards Brunch**

#### The Illinois Club Make-A-Difference Awards

**Jeanine Genchanok**, majoring in Civil Engineering, is active in Engineers Without Borders. She has worked on various projects including biosand filtration for Guatemala, a stored energy solar cooker for Mexico, and WaterCAMPWS for the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. She loves making a positive impact now.

**Bridget Hapner**, studying abroad this spring in the United Kingdom, learned early on that small amounts of time combined with effective organization can achieve results. She has participated in Alternative Spring Breaks and Illini 4000 for Cancer, amazing us by biking across the US last summer to help raise \$100,000 for cancer research. She is in Graphic Design and hopes to use her artistic skills to bring public awareness to overlooked issues or to create identities for organizations with important missions but no design budget.

**Jenna Nygaard**, born and raised locally, is a Kinesiology major who has worked two or three jobs beginning in high school to pay for college. Jenna wowed us with her financial independence and resourcefulness. She makes volunteering a priority, even when it strains the budget, such as when she has gone on trips to repair homes in Appalachia or to the Dominican Republic to work in an HIV/AIDS clinic. After earning her Masters in Science and Nursing she wants to join the Peace Corps and help even more people.

**Ruth Tekeste** hopes to use her Psychology degree to get a job in Human Resources and work her way up to Director of Corporate Giving. She is the Fundraising Chair of the Habitat for Humanity University Chapter and has led a building trip to Tennessee, as well as worked in Mississippi and Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. A member of Alpha Phi Omega, a community service fraternity, she regularly volunteers for various projects.

**Gary Weber** is an Engagement Partner in OTCR Consulting, a student-run consultancy group comprised of 40 top students from the Colleges of Engineering and Business. OTCR helps University of Illinois startups and academic units and Champaign-Urbana local businesses, non-profits, and charities solve their greatest operations and technology challenges. An Aerospace Engineering major with a minor in Business, he wants to spend two years after graduation with Teach for America. We know wherever he goes, he will be successful!

#### Isabelle Purnell Education Awards

**Jacquelyn Pendola**, an Instrumental Music Education major, created a volunteer program for University of Illinois music students to teach in the surrounding schools by offering help with band sectionals and giving free private lessons to anyone who wanted them. She's also earning a Leadership Certificate, and loves working with children. Her experience as a nanny has been extremely influential in her growing passion for teaching.

**Danielle Pretet** has an incredible enthusiasm for life and for Special Education. She lives each day to the fullest extent, maintaining a positive attitude, and thereby makes a tremendous impact on the lives of others, especially those of her students. Making even the tiniest difference in her students' lives and independence is her goal, and she strives to find new ways to help them. Her can-do attitude will make her a favorite teacher.

**Jessica Slovak** impressed us as a teacher who would make an effort to get to know her students and try to make a difference in their lives, not just through her job as an English teacher, but as a mentor that they could go to when they have problems. She is also totally self-supporting and knew from a young age that the only way she could go to college was to pay for it herself. So far she has done that without any loans. Amazing!

**Kaela Talley's** passion for education means that she never passes up an opportunity to learn. Her desire is to be someone else's inspiration and to provide young minds with the tools they will need. Even though she is a Choral Music major, she enjoys her job with America Reads/America Counts. She is also passionate about social justice, and we thought she would be an effective advocate for her students.

**Maura Urquiza** loves languages and the teaching of them so much, that she founded the Language Exchange Organization (LEO), which teaches English as a Second Language at the Newman Center. The always smiling Maura, an Elementary Education major, hopes to go on and eventually get her Ph.D., become a principal and establish her own school of languages. We know she will!

## Smaller Version of Hallene Gateway Print Available

A smaller version of the *Hallene Gateway* print is now available for sale at **Lincoln Square's International Galleries** (217-328-2254). This beautiful signed giclée print is perfect for **graduation or speaker gifts!** Our version comes with a dark blue frame, white mat with orange cut edge, and UV protection glass for only \$150! The printed portion is 15" x 10.25" and when matted and framed, it is 20" x 16". International Galleries also has all seven of our larger prints on display and for sale.



We also have note cards for scholarship sales!

Altgeld Hall +Hallene Gateway +Illinois Comte de Burgundy +Lord of Chatsworth Orange Café +Tiber Morning

Susan Haney: 217-356-2464 sales@theillinoisclub.org

For print and note card details go to: <a href="http://www.theillinoisclub.org/sales.php">http://www.theillinoisclub.org/sales.php</a>

## Last Tile Scholarship Raffle



We are coming down to the wire to see who the lucky winner will be of our last Motawi tile. This brown tile, depicting a round dairy barn, is set inside a douglas fir barn board from western Illinois. Stained a beautiful light red, it comes with a bronze plate inscribed:

Motawi Tiles – Round Barn 1997 – 2011 Scholarship Fundraisers Women's Club at UIUC & The Illinois Club

You have only until the **Spring Luncheon** to buy a chance to win this beautiful commemorative plaque. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20. Proceeds benefit our scholarships. To get your tickets today, please contact Susan Haney at 217-356-2464 or <a href="mailto:sales@theillinoisclub.org">sales@theillinoisclub.org</a>. Or you can fill out and send in the form below. You need not be present at the Spring Luncheon to win, but you do need to buy your tickets by then for a chance! Good luck!

## **Motawi Tile Scholarship Raffle**

Drawing will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Luncheon at Kennedy's.

Winner will be promptly notified.

1 Ticket (\$5)  $\square$  2 Tickets (\$10)  $\square$  3 Tickets (\$15)  $\square$  5 Tickets (\$20)  $\square$ 

Total Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **The Illinois Club**.

Mail to: Susan Haney, 1514 Sandpiper Lane, Champaign, IL 61821

Thank you for supporting our Scholarship Fund!

## The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2010 – 2011

Antiques and Collectibles recently spent a delightful afternoon at the Krannert Art Museum learning about African masks, North and South American pottery, and Chinese scrolls. Afterwards we snacked at Espresso Royale. It was a fantastic meeting!











**Knit 'N' Things** group enjoying a beautiful friend-filled day.





**Cordially Yours** at the Spice Box where we experienced a delicious German themed meal.

## The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2010 – 2011





Italian, a new group, meets twice a month to practice their Italian and to learn and share about all things Italian, or to discuss current events. Here they are discussing the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

## **Attention Interest Group Chairs!**

It is that time of the year when you need to select a **new Interest Group Chair** for next year. Please discuss this topic with your group and let me know the name of the 2011-2012 Chair, **by June 1**<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

Carrol Finnigan-Bunick, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP 217-359-0961or <u>interestgroupsvp@theillinoisclub.org</u>

## Missing Archives – FOUND!!!

To whoever returned the very large orange-bound Women's Club Archives to Vivian's doorstep:

Thank you!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!!

Belated thanks to Marie Griffith Tompkins for her Scholarship Fund contribution last year. Our apologies for the oversight!

# Tour & Newsletter Help Needed

We are also still looking for a Co-Chair for Tours and an Asst. Newsletter Chair for next year's Board. Please consider volunteering! Participating on the Board is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

# Big 10 News

We have settled upon a theme for the Big 10 Conference that we will be hosting on June 7 - 9, 2013. We are also nearly done with designing a logo thanks to Birgit McCall! Stay tuned to your August newsletter for the unveiling of our logo and theme, as well as news from this June's conference at Purdue.

Our Big 10 Committee for this important task is: Susan Haney (Chair), Alma Bellafiore, Nancy Komlanc, Sheila Krein, Vivian Larson, Ann Long, Jane Myers, Patricia Simpson, Sandi Thomas, and Mary White. Thank you!

#### **Calendars & News Bits**

## Have you seen our online calendar? calendar@theillinoisclub.org

All interest group meetings, tours, events, and deadlines are posted there. We also have meeting places, hosts, and themes listed. To add events or to make changes, please e-mail us at <a href="mailto:calendar@theillinoisclub.org">calendar@theillinoisclub.org</a> and we will be happy to update it.

# Joint Board Meeting & Potluck Monday May 23, 2011 6:30 p.m.

Carrol Finnigan-Bunick's home
Please RSVP to
president@theillinoisclub.org
whether or not you are able to come.

Just a reminder that Board Minutes are posted on our website under "Board" on the sidebar.

Fall Expo

Big 10 Conference @ Illinois

#### The Illinois Club Listserv

Do you want to receive timely reminders and announcements of The Illinois Club events, like the Interest Group meetings and Tours?

If you are not on our e-mail list, follow the listserv link from our webpage:

http://www.TheIllinoisClub.org

It's easy and great for quick club communications. Questions? Ask Ann Campbell at 217-352-1487 or

anncampbell51@gmail.com

#### Facebook

Are you on Facebook? If so, search for "The Illinois Club" and become a fan to stay abreast of Club news and events. We have a group page that you can use to connect and share not just Club news, but your own or others' good news.

To be a strong presence on Facebook, we need more fans! Be sure to send all of your news and events to Patricia Simpson, the Facebook page moderator, at <a href="mailto:facebook@theillinoisclub.org">facebook@theillinoisclub.org</a>.

Illini Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn, C.

I Hotel, Champaign

#### Please Add to Our Archives!

Got any old newsletters or pictures of Club activities that you were just going to throw away? How about old interest group schedules? Please don't assume we don't need them! *Give them a new life!* 

Call Vivian Larson to donate them to our archives at 217-367-0800.

Or e-mail her at archivist@theillinoisclub.org.

## The Illinois Club Events for 2010 – 2013

Activities & Recreation Center Tour Thursday, April 21, 1:30 – 3:00 PM Activities & Recreation Center Lobby, C. (p. 3) Spring Luncheon Thursday, May 5, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Kennedy's Restaurant, Urbana (p. 2) Joint Board Meeting & Potluck Monday, May 23, 6:30 PM Carrol Finnigan-Bunick's home (see above) Market at the Square Saturday – June 4, 11, 18, 25 Lincoln Square, Urbana (p. 3) Big 10 Conference @ Purdue Friday – Sunday, June 10 – 12West Lafayette, Indiana Newsletter Deadline newsletters@theillinoisclub.org Friday, July 1, 12:00 PM Market at the Square Saturday – July 9, 16, 30 Lincoln Square, Urbana (p. 3) Market at the Square Saturday – August 13, 27 Lincoln Square, Urbana (p. 3) Market at the Square Saturday - September 10, 24 Lincoln Square, Urbana (p. 3)

Monday, September 12, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Friday – Sunday, June 7 - 9, 2013

# The Illinois Club Membership Form for 2011 – 2012

Club Year: July 1 – June 30 Please send your payment by July 1!

Member 1 M	ember 2	
treet Phone		
City/St/Zip		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Home Street		
City/St/Zip 2 <sup>nd</sup> Home Dates		
Membership 1	Membership 2	
Are you affiliated with the University?  Self Spouse/Member 2 None	Are you affiliated with the University? Self Spouse/Member 1 None	
Department	Department	
<b>Age:</b> Under 40  40-69  70+	<b>Age:</b> Under 40	
Membership: New Renewing Renewing	Membership: New Renewing Renewing	
Year Joined?	Year Joined?	
Email:	Email:	
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		
Please consider contributing to The Illinois Club Scholarship Fund		
Since 1917, the Club has provided financial support to worthy University of Illinois students. I have included a contribution, made payable to <b>UIF – The Illinois Club</b> , in addition to my dues:		
Your Choice \$ Honor Roll (\$50) □ Dean's List (\$100) □ Bronze Tablet (\$200) □		
( <i>Optional</i> ) My gift is (please check one) $\Box$ in honor $\Box$ in memory of		





## The Illinois Club Board 2010 – 2011

President	Mary Jo Thomsen
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Newcomers'	Stephanie Price
Assistant 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Sharon Harkness
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Int Grps Carr	ol Finnigan-Bunick
Assistant 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Sarah Gertner
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Assistant Newsletter Chair	Carol Kubitz
Publicity, General	Carol Kubitz
Publicity, Interest Groups	Pat Thiessen
Scholarship Chair	Marcy Joncich
Assistant Scholarship Chair	Judith Robinson

**Elected Positions** 

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