

The Illinois Club

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Scholarship Brunch

Saturday, March 3
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Hawthorn Suites, Champaign

Planetarium Event

Thurs., March 29, 6:30 p.m.
Staerkel Planetarium, C.

Equinox House Tour

Friday, April 13, 4:00 p.m.
Ty & Deb Newell's home

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

Greetings! Before I exclaim about all the wonderful opportunities still to come this year, I want you to do some thinking about what attracted you to *The Illinois Club*, what has kept you coming, what you enjoy the most, and what you would like to see changed. I have been in *The Illinois Club* for many years and have enjoyed watching as different members have made their mark on this ever-evolving organization. Each of you has something to offer and there is no one way of doing things. We welcome all your efforts to make this an inviting and valuable club.

Member recruitment and retention is a continuing challenge for all organizations. I have appointed an ad hoc committee headed by Kathy Marshak to address this issue. Other members of the committee are contributing their skills by virtue of their board positions: Stephanie Price, Mary Hosier, Sharon Michalove, Sandy Carmago, and Elisa Mustari. They plan to do a survey of current and past members. Please take the time to respond when you receive yours.

Since I began as 1st VP, I have heard there is a desire to shrink the board. I don't know if that is possible, but I am appointing another ad hoc committee to look at the board structure. I imagine many of you would be happy to serve *The Illinois Club*, but don't have the time or desire to be board members. It is also hard for the Nominating Committee to fill the positions. This committee will review the Constitution and Standing Rules, something all organizations should do every couple of years. If you are interested in being on this committee, which will only meet a couple of times, please let me know. My email address below is live, just click on it. Or give me a phone call – on this issue or any others.

Now, take a look inside and read about all the upcoming events. To think these are in addition to all those provided by our many interest groups. What a bargain for only \$25 in dues! I hope to see you at one of these upcoming events: Antiques Appraisal & Tea, Newcomers' A Winter's Tale, Scholarship Awards Brunch, Newcomers' Planetarium event, Spring Tour of the energy-efficient Newell house, or Spring Luncheon.

Sincerely, Sheila 217-398-8124 president@theillinoisclub.org

Scholarship Awards Brunch

Hawthorn Suites

Saturday, March 3, 2012

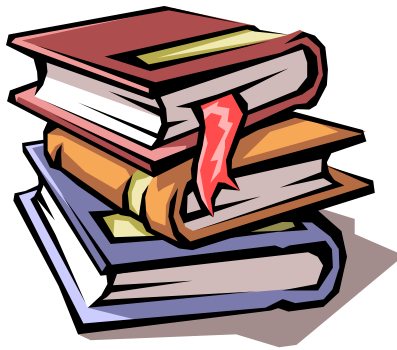
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Don't forget to make your reservation!

Details inside.



You are invited to:



The Illinois Club
**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
BRUNCH**

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
White Oaks I, Hawthorn Suites
101 Trade Center Drive, Champaign

Meet our amazing scholarship winners! Hear their inspiring stories.
Dr. Robert Easter, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, will be our guest speaker.

Menu:

Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes
Crisp Bacon and Country Sausage
Cinnamon-dusted French Toast with Homemade Butter and Syrup
Biscuits and Gravy, Assorted Muffins and Danish, Bagels and Cream Cheese
Fresh Sliced Fruits and Berries, Assorted Juices
Coffee (Regular and Decaf) and Regular and Herbal Teas

Before February 21: Members – \$18.50; Guests – \$23.50 (\$19.50 and \$24.50 on PayPal)
February 22 – 28: Members & Guests – \$23.50 (\$24.50 on PayPal)

Mail to: Sonia-Anna Cappello; 4707 Sand Cherry Dr.; Champaign, IL 61822

Contact: hospitality@theillinoisclub.org

Discount & Refund Deadline: February 21

PayPal (adds \$1 to each ticket): http://www.theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal/2012_Scholarship_Brunch.php

Online Form: http://www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event_reg/2012_Scholarship_Brunch.pdf

RESERVATION FORM for SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BRUNCH

Members _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ #Member Tickets _____ @ \$18.50 ea.

Guests _____ #Guest Tickets _____ @ \$23.50 ea.

Please add \$5 to each Member ticket after February 21 Total \$ _____

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

Discount and Refund Deadline: **February 21, 2012**

Final Registration Deadline: **February, 28, 2012**

Mail to: Sonia-Anna Cappello
4707 Sand Cherry Dr.
Champaign, IL 61822

hospitality@theillinoisclub.org

Spring 2012 Tour of Equinox House

Equinox House Tour (Ty & Deb Newell, owners)
2908 Haydon Dr., Urbana, IL
Montana Mike's Steakhouse
1601 N. Cunningham Rd., Urbana, IL

Friday, April 13, 2012
4:00 pm
5:30 pm

Calling all engineers, home decorators, environmentalists and anyone interested in new technology! Sign up now for the tour of the "Eco House" or Equinox House as it's called by its owners, Ty and Deb Newell, at 2908 Hayden Dr. in the Beringer Commons addition of Urbana.

Ty Newell will talk with us about efficient home construction, solar energy, rainwater harvesting, indoor fresh air control, and other relevant topics as he shows us around his eco-friendly home for about an hour. For more information in these areas, visit Ty Newell's website, <http://newellinstruments.com/equinox>.

If you would like to continue the fun, let's meet at Montana Mike's Steakhouse at 1601 N. Cunningham Rd. (NW corner of Cunningham Rd. and Perkins Rd.) in Urbana (328-9640) immediately following the tour, for drinks, appetizers or dinner. Please indicate if you will be attending only the tour, or both the tour and Montana Mike's when you RSVP. Also, please list the names of any guests you will be bringing. There is no charge for the tour but your meal and beverages are on your own.

Please RSVP to Julia Schmidt (403-1110) or tours@theillinoisclub.org by April 7 (Easter Saturday).

Newcomers' Group 2011 – 2012

Stephanie Price, 2nd Vice President
217-356-5036

newcomers@theillinoisclub.org

Mary Hosier, Asst. 2nd Vice President
217-621-1074

"A Winter's Tale"
4303 Curtis Meadow Dr., Champaign

February 29, 2012 @ 6:30 pm
217-356-5036



To celebrate leap day, Newcomers' would love for you to join us for a **Hearth and Home Gathering**. We will have fantastic food, excellent conversation, and best of all, an awesome special speaker, **Storyteller Kim Sheahan**, from the Spurlock Museum. Kim will delight us with winter stories as we sit by the fire and sip hot chocolate and cider and munch on tummy-warming goodies. What better way to spend a leap day evening?

Come at 6:30, mingle and nibble, then find a place to nestle and listen to some wonderful, soul-enriching tales to warm your heart in the winter weather.

Open to all Newcomers (in The Illinois Club 3 years or less).
At Stephanie Price's home, 4303 Curtis Meadow Dr., Champaign.

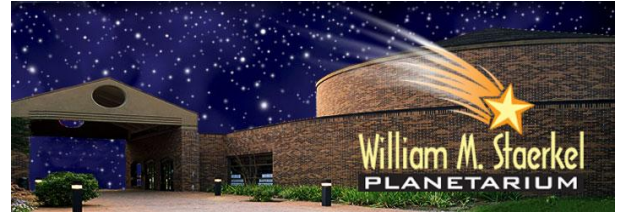
Space is limited, so call or e-mail now to reserve your cuddly seat at 217-356-5036 or newcomers@theillinoisclub.org.

Newcomers' Planetarium Event is Open to all Members & Guests!

Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity
William M. Staerkel Planetarium
Parkland College
2400 West Bradley Avenue, Champaign

March 29, 2012
6:30 pm Refreshments
7:00 pm Show

Newcomers' Group is hosting a show at Parkland's Staerkel Planetarium. We'll begin with a social reception in the lobby with non-alcoholic beverages and light refreshments, followed by a short introduction by Donna Cox, Director of the Illinois eDREAM Institute, as well as the producer and art director of this gem, who will point out interesting things to watch for in the film. We will then get to see this spectacular 30 minute show on the Planetarium's state-of-the-art Digistar 4 full dome projection system.



This is indeed a rare opportunity only available to our group!

All members and their guests are welcome to join us at this fabulous event. Guests do not need to be prospective members to come. Newcomers (members of 1, 2, or 3 years) and prospective members may come for free. All others will pay a small \$5 advance reservation fee or \$7 at the door. Please RSVP to Stephanie at:

newcomers@theillinoisclub.org or 217-356-5036 **by March 26th**

If payment is required, please use the form below and mail it to:

Stephanie Price; 4303 Curtis Meadow Dr.; Champaign, IL 61822

The Planetarium is on the western side of the Parkland College campus. There is a (sort of) circular drive near the entrance where you may drop people off. Some handicap-accessible parking is also nearby.

Driving directions to Parkland may be found here: www2.parkland.edu/planetarium/directions.html

Parkland map: www.parkland.edu/Media/Website%20Resources/PDF/maps/parkinglots.pdf

Reservation Form for Newcomers' *Planetarium* Event

Newcomers _____	Phone _____
Members _____	Phone _____
E-mail _____	# Newcomers _____ Free!
Prospective _____	# Prospective Members _____ Free!
	# Members _____ @ \$5.00 ea.
Guests _____	# Other Guests _____ @ \$5.00 ea.
	Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **The Illinois Club**
Reservation and Refund Deadline: **March 26, 2012**

Mail to: Stephanie Price newcomers@theillinoisclub.org
4303 Curtis Meadow Dr.
Champaign, IL 61822

U of I Stadium Premium Seating Tour, January 20, 2012

On January 20th, 38 TIC members, friends and grandkids enjoyed a tour of the new premium seating area on the west side of Memorial Stadium. Upon entering Gate 16, I expected a cold cement floor and turnstiles for entry – but boy, was I surprised. This is no longer your father's stadium!

If you have a mere \$2,000 to spare, you can buy yourself a (yes, only one) seat in the Colonnades Club on 4th floor. This was my personal favorite because it had an open, party feel and you have the option to venture outside to view the field without a wall of glass to block the roar of the crowd from the regular seats. At this level, you are offered a premium menu, but you have to pay for it.

Our lovely hostess, Eva Schmidt, also took us through one of the private boxes, the press area, and the VIP area. All in all - quite impressive. Even the visiting Athletic Director has a private space on the top floor.

The complex provides much more than seating during football season. Besides having facilities for 'behind the scenes' activities such as food preparation, there are a number of offices for members of the Athletic Department. They also have space for wedding receptions and other special events, like hosting potential recruits to various Illini teams.

We appreciated the help from Dustin Boyer, the Event Coordinator for Premium Seating with the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics for arranging the tour for The Illinois Club. There was a lot of history preserved in the new addition, which made the tour even more interesting.

After braving the cold weather upon our departure, about 22 members journeyed on to Houlihan's to warm up with drinks, dinner, and good conversation. Thanks to all who attended. I hope you had as good a time as I did.

Julia Schmidt, Tour Chair



TIC members and guests admiring the premium seating areas.

Holiday Party December 8, 2011

The Clark-Lindsey Village activity room was the setting for our marvelous Holiday Party this year, attended by 58 happy members and guests. We feasted on delicious smoked salmon, mushroom pate, shrimp roumalade, mini quiches and cordon bleus, ham and asparagus roll ups, egg salad and endive, fruit platter, cheeses, crackers, gluten-free crackers, breads, flourless chocolate cake, petit fours, cookies, wines and sparkling water. The staff at Clark-Lindsey, Alma Bellafiore, Carole Gaylord, and Peggy Kovacic did an incredible job of providing this fantastic delicious dinner. Once you sprinkled in the great friends who came together to celebrate the season on this lovely evening, with fabulous music provided by our member, Martha Alwes, it was a perfect evening. Thank you to everyone who made it all possible.



Kanfer Gallery Visit, November 22, 2011

Newcomers visited Larry Kanfer, our fabulous local photographer, and his wife Alaina in his gallery on South Neil Street in Champaign on a beautiful clear fall night. We admired his gorgeous photography, all while munching on delectable homemade breads, dips, and veggies and getting acquainted with each other. Hot cider on a cool fall night also hit the spot. The Kanfers then treated us to a slide presentation on their *Barns of Illinois* book, a joint project for them both. We learned what inspired them for this book concept; how long it took to organize the trips, shoot the photos, and compile the book; wonderful stories about some of the barns featured in the book; and how the Kanfers had discovered the barns that they featured. At the end of the evening we all agreed that the stories of the owners and histories of the barns were just as fascinating as the barns themselves!



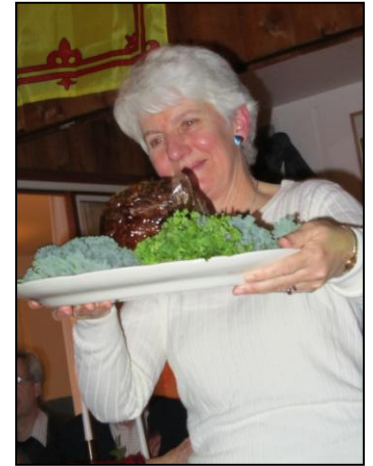
Larry and Alaina Kanfer (center) with Susan Haney and Stephanie Price



Sheila Krein talking with Larry Kanfer about one of his books

Wine Lovers' Annual Burns Birthday Supper, January 21, 2012

On January 21st, forty folks gathered at the home of Jane and Wally Myers for the 5th Wine Lovers' Burns Supper to celebrate the birthday of the poet Robert Burns. Guests arrived to the sound of bagpipes and enjoyed the wonderful appetizers prepared by Jane – Scottish salmon and Angus beef. Jim McGaughey the piper piped us through to the dining room for the traditional Burns Supper meal of soup, haggis, neeps, tatties, and trifle, followed by oatcakes with cheese and coffee. Throughout the meal we had poetry recitations and songs, toasts and of course “the immortal memory” toast to Rabbie Burns. Burns' poetry has had a lasting and wide-ranging impact on ordinary people all over the world. (Ann Campbell)



Campbell Haggis Recipe (to feed 6-8)

1 pound ground lamb
1/3 pound of toasted steel-cut oats
2 medium onions, diced
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp mixed powdered herbs
suet (optional – we use Crisco and/or butter)
lots of pepper
dash of cayenne, nutmeg or any other spice you like

Mix all together, shape into a ball, and put in oven bag.
Bake in 300-325° oven for approx. 2 hours.

Please note – this is NOT authentic. Real haggis is boiled in a sheep's stomach. I used ground lamb in place of lamb heart, liver, and kidneys which are in the real thing. You will need to go to Scotland to get real haggis!!



Jane & Wally Myers, Kathy Anthony, Roy & Ann Campbell, Steve Long, and Carrol Finnigan-Bunick toast the Bard.

Do you want to see your interest group featured here?

If so, then please send Peri Ceperley, newsletters@theillinoisclub.org, photos (please attach a .jpg or two) and a short article for the April newsletter!

Deadline: March 14th

A Big Thank You to Our Committees & Volunteers!

We couldn't accomplish much without these essential committees and wonderful volunteers. Thank you for all your hard work!

Audit Committee: Ann Campbell, Elisa Mustari, Carole Rebeiz

Big Ten Conference Committee: Susan Haney (Chair), Patricia Simpson (Asst. Chair), Alma Bellafiore, Peri Ceperley, Sheila Krein, Vivian Larson, Ann Long, Jane Myers, Sandi Thomas, Mary White

Facebook: Patricia Simpson

Finance Committee: Joan Friedman (Chair), Alma Bellafiore, Sheila Krein, Patricia Simpson, Mary Jo Thomsen

Ad hoc Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee: Kathy Marshak (Chair) Sandy Carmargo, Mary Hosier, Sharon Michalove, Elisa Mustari, Stephanie Price

Nominating Committee: Carrol Finnigan-Bunick (Chair), Alma Bellafiore, Sarah Gertner, Susan Haney, Sheila Krein, Stephanie Price, Sandi Thomas

Program Committee: Alma Bellafiore, Sonia-Anna Cappello, Ann Lucia Chan

Sales: Susan Haney, Judith Robinson

Listserv Managers: Ann Campbell, Mike Haney

The Illinois Club Listserv

Do you want to receive timely reminders of our Interest Group meetings and events?

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

www.theillinoisclub.org

It's great for quick club communications!
Questions? Ask Ann Campbell:

217-352-1487

mailinglist@theillinoisclub.org

Please RSVP on time!

Late reservations are on the increase, which makes planning events very difficult. So, we are trying early bird pricing or late fees – choose your wording – for the Scholarship Awards Brunch. Please note the two different deadlines, which we will stick to, when filling out your forms.

The Illinois Club volunteers who plan these events want to accommodate everyone and keep prices low, which is easiest when they know the numbers early. They spend many extra hours when they have to find alternative locations, or additional transportation and hosts, due to late reservations.

Thank you!

Do you have news about a member who might need a card?

Please let us know when a member may need a card of some kind, whether it is a sympathy, get well, or congratulations of any kind. You can send your news to Pat Davis, our Corresponding Secretary, at correspondsecretary@theillinoisclub.org.

Online Calendar

www.theillinoisclub.org/calendar.php

Directory Corrections

memberships@theillinoisclub.org

Facebook

[facebook@theillinoisclub.org](https://www.facebook.com/theillinoisclub.org)

Thank you to Judy Ikenberry and to all who purchased note cards!

Another thank you is due to Judy Ikenberry who has donated one last note card design to our Club. Called *Nunnery*, this features the ruins of Iona Abbey from Iona Island in the Hebrides, burial place of ancient Scottish kings. This will join our set of Foreign note cards. And a **huge thank you** is extended to all of you who bought Judy's donated cards last fall. We sold an astounding 82 sets of donated cards, including all the Holiday cards. What an amazing gift for scholarships!

We do have note cards left. Several of these have very limited quantities, so please don't wait too long to get the cards that you want. The U.S. set has only a few *Philo Morning* cards left, and when those are gone *Exuberance* will take its place. To order, contact Susan Haney at sales@theillinoisclub.org or at 217-356-2464. Each set of six cards is \$12 and all cards are blank inside. After-tax proceeds go to support our scholarships. We will celebrate the beneficiaries of these sales at the Scholarship Awards Brunch on March 3rd (page 2).

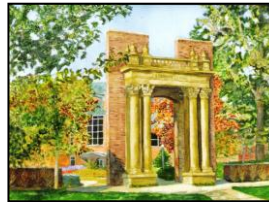
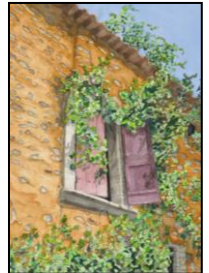
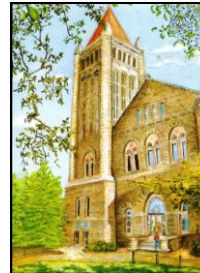
Foreign

Orange Café
Tiber Morning
Tuscany
Nunnery
Shelter
Ostia Antica



U.S.

Change
Banyan
Altgeld Hall
Philo Morning
Exuberance
Hallene Gateway
Illinois



For additional print
 and note card details go to:
www.theillinoisclub.org/sales.php

Comte de Burgundy

Lord of Chatsworth

And as a reminder, International Galleries in Lincoln Square has all seven of our larger prints and our small print on display and for sale. Prices and sizes are noted to the right. These make really great gifts, especially the smaller version of *Hallene Gateway*, which is framed in orange and blue. It's perfect for your favorite U of I graduate! To order a print, contact International Galleries at 217-328-2254, or Susan Haney at 217-356-2464.

Prints

<i>Illinois</i> – limited edition	17.75" x 13"	\$85
<i>Lord of Chatsworth</i>	13" x 18.75"	\$85
<i>Comte de Burgundy</i>	13" x 18.75"	\$85
<i>Altgeld Hall</i>	15" x 20.3"	\$95
<i>Hallene Gateway</i>	20.7" x 15"	\$95
<i>Tiber Morning</i>	25" x 16.25"	\$100
<i>Orange Café</i>	25" x 18.25"	\$110
<i>Hallene Gateway</i> (framed)	15" x 10.25"	\$150

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2012-2013

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work finding board members for the 2012-13 year of The Illinois Club. The nearly complete slate, as approved by the current board, is shown below. Those present at the Scholarship Awards Brunch on March 3rd will vote only on the elected positions. The appointed members, according to the Constitution, are appointed by the President. We have included them all for you to see.

~ Carrol Finnigan-Bunick (Chair), Alma Bellafiore, Sarah Gertner, Susan Haney, Sheila Krein, Stephanie Price, and Sandi Thomas, Nominating Committee members

Elected Positions

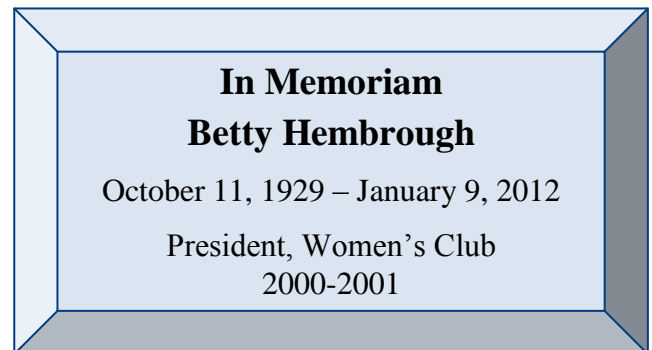
President.....Alma Bellafiore
 1st Vice President, ProgramsPeri Ceperley
 2nd Vice President, Newcomers'Stephanie Price
 Assistant 2nd Vice President..... Mary Hosier
 3rd Vice President, Interest Groups Pat Thiessen
 Assistant 3rd Vice PresidentChristina Myers
 Recording SecretaryJane Heaton
 Corresponding Secretary.....Roma Chenoweth
 Treasurer Mary Jo Thomsen
 Assistant Treasurer.....
 Budget Chair Patricia Simpson
 Meeting ManagerHelen Cangellaris
 Membership ChairSandy Camargo
 Assistant Membership Chair.....Libby Johnston
 Newsletter Chairs Bob & Pat Davis
 Publicity, General Elisa Mustari
 Publicity, Interest Groups Ann Campbell
 Scholarship Chair..... Patricia Simpson
 Assistant Scholarship Chair Judith Robinson

Sustaining Member

Past President Sheila Krein

Appointed Positions

Archivists Vivian Larson, Dorothea Smith
 Hospitality.....Lolita Chuang
 ToursJulia Schmidt
 Webmasters..... Mike Haney, Birgit McCall
 Scholarship Committee.....Pat Cardenas
 Pat Davis, Susan Haney



The Illinois Club Events for 2012 – 2013

Antiques Appraisal & Tea	Sunday, February 12, 1 – 3 PM	Alma Bellafiore's home, Champaign
Newcomers' Hearthside Storytelling	Wednesday, February 29, 6:30 PM	Stephanie Price's home, Champaign (p. 4)
Scholarship Awards Brunch	Saturday, March 3, 10 AM – 12:30 PM	Hawthorn Suites, White Oaks I, C. (p. 2)
Newsletter Deadline	Wednesday, March 14	newsletters@theillinoisclub.org
Newcomers' Planetarium Show	Thursday, March 29, 6:30 PM	Parkland College, Champaign (p. 4)
Equinox House Tour, Optional Dinner	Friday, April 13, 4 – 7 PM	Ty & Deb Newell's & Montana Mike's Steakhouse, Urbana (p. 3)
Spring Luncheon	Thursday, May 3, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, Champaign
Fall Expo 2012	Monday, September 10	Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign
Big Ten Conference @ Illinois	Friday – Sunday, June 7 – 9, 2013	I Hotel, Champaign

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The Illinois Club Board 2011 – 2012

Elected Positions

President Sheila Krein
1st Vice President, Programs Alma Bellafiore
2nd Vice President, Newcomers' Stephanie Price
Assistant 2nd Vice President Mary Hosier
3rd Vice President, Int Grps Carrol Finnigan-Bunick
Assistant 3rd Vice President..... Sarah Gertner
Recording Secretary Nancy Uchtmann
Corresponding Secretary Pat Davis
Treasurer..... Patricia Simpson
Assistant Treasurer
Budget Chair Joan Friedman
Newsletter Chair..... Peri Ceperley
Assistant Newsletter Chair
Membership Chair..... Sharon Michalove
Assistant Membership Chair Sandy Camargo
Publicity, Interest Groups..... Jane Heaton
Publicity, General Elisa Mustari
Scholarship Chair Susan Haney
Assistant Scholarship Chair Judith Robinson
Meeting Manager Ann Lucia Chan

Sustaining Member

Past President Mary Jo Thomsen

Appointed Positions

Archivist..... Vivian Larson
Hospitality..... Sonia-Anna Cappello
Tours Julia Schmidt
Webmaster Birgit McCall
Scholarship Committee Pat Cardenas
Peri Ceperley, Pat Davis, Marcy Joncich, Patricia Simpson, Mary Jo Thomsen

Non-Board Working Committee

Big Ten Conference Susan Haney (Chair)
Patricia Simpson (Asst. Chair), Alma Bellafiore, Peri Ceperley, Sheila Krein, Vivian Larson, Ann Long, Jane Myers, Sandi Thomas, Mary White

