

The Illinois Club

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Scholarship Brunch

Saturday, March 2, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Hawthorn Suites, Champaign

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

A Letter from the President...

Happy New Year!

The holiday party was a huge success. The food was superb and as always the house was fabulous. We'd like to express our thanks to President and Mrs. Easter for their wonderful hospitality. The music provided by 2012 Ikenberry Scholarship winner, Ben Montalbano, made it a perfect evening.

Both new and old members enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Inman in January.

Our interest groups are going strong. The Big Ten Committee is busy planning this year's Big Ten Women's Conference. The Scholarship Committee has been hard at work deciding who our scholarship winners will be. The Ad Hoc Membership Committee is reviewing data from our surveys in order to help our Club continue growing and having activities of interest to all. Our Nominating Committee has been hard at work proposing a new board for us to vote on at the March 2 meeting. Thank you to all of these groups for their hard work.

Send your reservation in for the Scholarship Awards Brunch at the Hawthorn Suites on Mar. 2, 2013. This is your chance to meet our amazing scholarship winners and hear their inspiring stories. Ruth Watkins, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, will be our guest speaker.

Sincerely,
Alma G. Bellafiore

president@theillinoisclub.org

Scholarship Awards Brunch

*Hawthorn Suites
Saturday, March 2, 2013
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

*Don't forget to make your reservation!
Details on page 2.*

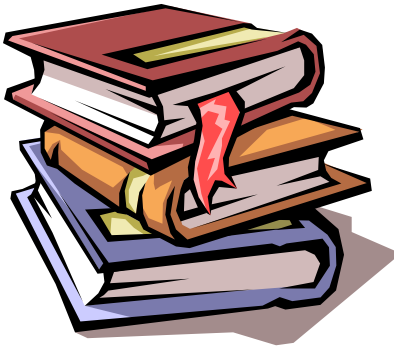


You are invited to:

The Illinois Club

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BRUNCH

Saturday, March 2, 2013, 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.

Ruth V. Watkins, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS), will be our invited speaker. Dr. Watkins has served as Dean of LAS since 2008. We are honored and pleased she will be joining us on this happy occasion.

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 22: Members – \$18.50; Guests – \$23.50 (\$19.50 and \$24.50 on PayPal)
February 23 – 26: Members & Guests – \$23.50 (\$24.50 on PayPal)

Mail to: Marcy Joncich 705 W. Illinois St.; Urbana, IL 61801

Contact: hospitality@theillinoisclub.org

Discount & Refund Deadline: February 22

PayPal (adds \$1 to each ticket): http://theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal/2013_Scholarship_Brunch.php

Online Form: http://www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event_reg/2013_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 22 Total \$ _____

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

Discount and Refund Deadline: **February 22, 2012**

Final Registration Deadline: **February, 26, 2012**

Mail to: Marcy Joncich hospitality@theillinoisclub.org

705 W. Illinois St.

Urbana, IL 61801

2013 – 2014 Illinois Club Scholarship Winners

Here are the eleven scholarship winners who will be formally recognized at our March 2 Scholarship Awards Brunch. Please come to honor these exceptional students. The reservation form can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. We want to thank Patricia Simpson (chair), Pat Cardenas, Peri Ceperley, Pat Davis, Susan Haney and Judith Robinson for their hard work in selecting and interviewing the nominees.

Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts Award:

David Huettner (Painting)

Susan T. Haney Social Work Award:

Hayley Bostick, (Social Work)

Isabelle Purnell Education Awards:

Hannah Bennett (Music Education)

Kiersten Kasey (Agricultural Leadership & Science Education)

Kelley Sullivan (Elementary Education)

Make-A-Difference Awards:

Olatoyosi Grace Akinrotimi (Community Health)

Grant Blazina (Chemical Engineering)

Sally Feng (Integrative Biology)

Chuqian (Sarah) Huang (Chemical Engineering)

Natasha Wilkins (Agricultural & Consumer Economics)

Victoria Zeman (Community Health)

Club Mentors Wanted

One of the things we learned from last year's survey of current and former members of the Illinois Club is that newcomers sometimes find it hard to feel comfortable in large and small Club gatherings. To address this concern we are asking current members to help us by volunteering to become a mentor to a newcomer.

As a mentor, you would simply reach out from time to time, to see how the newcomer is adjusting to life here in CU, if s/he would like to accompany you to an interest-group meeting, or sit at your table at the Scholarship Brunch, Spring Luncheon, or some other group gathering.

If you are interested in helping newcomers to get the most out of Club membership, please contact Sandy Camargo, chair of the Membership Committee, at membership@theillinoisclub.org.

Newcomers' Dinner and Storytelling at Inman Place



Bob Davis and Stephanie Price

The evening of January 17 the Newcomers gathered in the welcome center of the newly renovated Inman Place in Champaign. The evening began with a fabulous three course gourmet meal expertly prepared by Chef Rick Ruggierri and served in the lovely redesigned dining room. After this sumptuous feast and good conversation we retired to the sitting room area to be entertained by Kim Sheehan, our delightful storyteller

from the Spurlock Museum. She entertained us with stories of wit and wisdom while we sipped a steaming cup of tantalizing imported hot chocolate. Good food, good conversation, and good entertainment—what else could you ask for on a cold winter's night!



Stephanie Price,
Kim Sheehan and Mary Hosier



What a gourmet delight

Newcomers' Will Tour U of I Plant Conservatory

Stephanie Price, Newcomers Chair
217-356-5036

newcomers@theillinoisclub.org

Mary Hosier, Asst. Newcomers Chair
217-621-1074

March 13, 2013, 5:30 pm Tour of the U of I Plant Conservatory

Enjoy a fabulous personal tour with curator Debbie Black to see and enjoy the *very rare* Blue Poppies (the only place you can see them after the U of I ACES Open House the weekend before). We will also see rooms of orchids, desert and carnivorous plants, and the lush, tropical 3-story greenhouse. After the one hour tour, we will skip over to nearby Bevier Hall for a 6:30 dinner at the Spice Box. Dinners fill up quickly so we will want an idea of how many will attend as soon as possible. Notify by emailing newcomers@theillinoisclub.org.

Interest Groups



Ann Campbell addresses the haggis at the 2013 **Wine Lovers** interest group Burns Dinner, celebrating the birthday of Scottish poet Robert Burns, hosted by Jane and Walter Myers.



The **Hiking Group** traveled to Starved Rock January 18th for their annual “Eagle Watch.” After viewing eagles at the ship locks we enjoyed lunch at the Starved Rock Lodge and then went hiking in the canyons and overlooks in the park. Because of the mild winter this year, fewer eagles were visible than in past years – but we did see 11.



The **Italian Group** enjoys a festive lunch at Sun Singer for their December meeting. The Italian group meets the first and third Thursdays at 2 pm. New members are always welcome.

Do you want to see your interest group featured here?

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

Deadline: March 4th

Holiday Reception at the U of I President's Home



Benjamin Montalbano

On Thursday, December 13, 2012, 110 members of The Illinois Club and 11 of their guests enjoyed the lovely holiday hospitality of U of I President Bob Easter and his wife Cheryl in their beautiful home on Florida Ave. The house was decorated in its holiday finest, and delicious canapes, hors d'oeuvres, and cookies were served, along with coffee, tea, and wine. Everyone appreciated the congenial ambiance and greeted old friends, and even made the acquaintance of some new members and guests. The 2012 Judith Life Ikenberry scholarship winner, Benjamin Montalbano, a talented pianist and composer, entertained us with his stunning and atmospheric music throughout the event. A huge thank you to all who helped make this reception a great beginning to the holiday season with special thanks to President and Mrs. Easter and their staff.



Delicious refreshments!



Chuck and Patricia Simpson visit with President Easter

**The next page is a supplement
to The Illinois Club directory.**

**Simply tear it out and insert it
into your directory.**

Big Ten Conference June 7 – 9 at I Hotel

Cultivating Winning Strategies, our fabulous Big Ten conference, approaches! June 7 – 9 will be here before we know it. We are now sending out invitations and surveys to our sister Big Ten organizations, deciding on the delegate bag design, finalizing tours and breakout sessions, and organizing a myriad of details to show off our campus and club.

You can be a part of the team that hosts the most technologically-savvy conference ever. Not so techno-savvy yourself? Doesn't matter! We still have needs for plenty of friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable people. If you signed up at the Fall Expo to assist us with the Hospitality Room, Afternoon Tea, Tours, or Breakout Sessions, you can expect to be contacted soon. You can also still volunteer to help with all of those areas by contacting us at bigten@theillinoisclub.org.



Do you have a special connection to Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, or another Big Ten university? If so, maybe you would be the perfect friendly voice and helpful host for one of the visiting delegations. Please contact us at bigten@theillinoisclub.org to volunteer for this as well and to tell us what your connection is. Even if you have no special connections, if you would like to help in this area, that is great for us to know. And speaking of connections, do you know anyone at Maryland or Rutgers? We have been trying to discover if either of those universities has a club similar to ours, to no avail. Maybe your connection will have some valuable insight for us. Please consider contacting them on our behalf, or pass their contact information to us. Thank you! ☺

We are also still searching for great ideas for breakout sessions, facilitators and presenters for the sessions, and possibly an inspiring presenter to kickoff the conference. All ideas are welcome! You can email us at the address above, or contact anyone on the committee with your ideas. Committee members are: Susan Haney, Patricia Simpson, Alma Bellafiore, Peri Ceperley, Sheila Krein, Ann Long, Jane Myers, Sandi Thomas, and Mary White.

Thank you for all of your ideas, helpful tips and efforts. You are the best club! And come June, we will be shining brightly as we pass on winning strategies to our sister Big Ten clubs.

Constitution's New Standing Rule

A quorum was present at the October board meeting so a new Standing Rule to the Constitution was proposed and voted upon. The motion passed unanimously. Section 10 is now to be called simply "Scholarships" and the new Standing Rule is as follows:

- 10.B. Scholarship Committee members with conflicts of interest must recuse themselves from voting on those candidates.

Scholarship Sales

We still have a great selection of note cards left. Some of these have limited quantities, so please don't wait too long to get the cards that you want. 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. For additional print and note card details go to: www.theillinoisclub.org/sales.php.

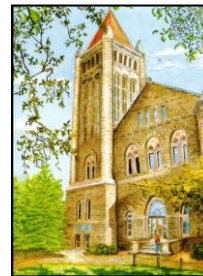
Foreign

Orange Café
Tiber Morning
Tuscany
Nunnery
Shelter
Ostia Antica



U.S.

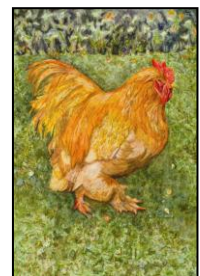
Change
Banyan
Altgeld Hall
Exuberance
Hallene Gateway
Illinois



We also have these sets of note cards:

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

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



Burgundy

Chatsworth

And as a reminder, International Galleries in Lincoln Square has examples of almost all of our prints on display and for sale. Prices and sizes are noted to the right for larger prints. Almost all larger prints can be purchased in smaller versions for \$75. 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>English Garden 2</i>	10" x 15"	\$75
<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>Bellagio</i>	25.5" x 18.75"	\$125
<i>Hallene Gateway</i> (framed)	15" x 10.25"	\$150

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2013-2014

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work finding board members for the 2013-14 year of The Illinois Club. The nearly complete slate is shown below. Those present at the Scholarship Awards Brunch on March 2nd 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.

Pat Thiessen (Chair), Peri Ceperley, Pat Davis, Carrol Finnigan-Bunick,
Sheila Krein, Christina Myers, and Stephanie Price,

Elected Positions

President.....Peri Ceperley
 Vice President Open
 Newcomers' Co-chairs..... Kathy Marshak, Mary Hosier
 Interest Groups Chair Ann Long
 Assistant Interest Groups Chair Carl Altsetter
 Recording Secretary Doug Foster
 Corresponding Secretary..... Roma Chenoweth
 Treasurer Linda Lopez
 Assistant Treasurer..... Pat Thiessen
 Budget Chair Mary Jo Thomsen
 Meeting Manager Anne Anderson
 Membership Chair/Directory Sandy Camargo
 Assistant Membership Chair..... Libby Johnston
 Newsletter Chairs Bob & Pat Davis
 Publicity Chair Steve Bremseth
 Club Communications Chair..... Ann Campbell
 Scholarship Chair..... Patricia Simpson
 Assistant Scholarship Chair Susan Haney

Sustaining Member

Past PresidentAlma Bellafiore

Appointed Positions

HistorianSandi Thomas
 Reservations Manager Marcy Joncich
 Tour Directors Julia Schmidt, Karen Paulsen
 Webmaster..... Mike Haney, Birgit McCall

We are looking for a volunteer to work with Bob & Pat Davis towards becoming the newsletter editor for 2014-15.

The Illinois Club Events for 2013 – 2014

Buzard Pipe Organ Builders Tour & Destihl Restaurant & Brew Works	Fri. Feb. 8, 2013; 3:30 – 5 PM 5 PM	Champaign, Illinois (p. 3)
Scholarship Awards Brunch	Sat., Mar. 2, 2013; 10 AM –12:30 PM	Hawthorn Suites, White Oaks I, C.
Newcomers' UI Conservatory & Spice Box	Wed. Mar. 13, 2013; 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Urbana, Illinois (p. 6)
Spring Luncheon	Thurs., May 2, 2013; 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Urbana Country Club, Urbana
Big Ten Conference @ Illinois	Friday – Sunday, June 7 – 9, 2013	I Hotel, Champaign (p. 7)

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The Illinois Club Board 2012 – 2013

Elected Positions

President Alma Bellafiore
Vice President Peri Ceperley
Newcomers Chair Stephanie Price
Assistant Newcomers Chair Mary Hosier
Interest Groups Chair Pat Thiessen
Assistant Interest Groups Chair Christina Myers
Recording Secretary Jane Heaton
Corresponding Secretary Roma Chenoweth
Treasurer Mary Jo Thomsen
Assistant Treasurer Open
Budget Chair Patricia Simpson
Meeting Manager Open
Membership Chair/Directory Sandy Camargo
Assistant Membership Chair Libby Johnston
Newsletter Chairs Bob & Pat Davis
Publicity Chair Elisa Mustari
Club Communications Chair Ann Campbell
Scholarship Chair Patricia Simpson
Assistant Scholarship Chair Open

Sustaining Member

Past President Sheila Krein

Appointed Positions

Historians Vivian Larson & Dorothea Smith
Reservations Manager Marcy Joncich
Tour Director Julia Schmidt
Webmaster Birgit McCall & Mike Haney

**April Newsletter
Submissions Deadline
March 4, 2013**

