

Holiday Desserts

December 19, 7-9 pm
Windsor of Savoy

Winter Tour

January 24, 2014, 10 am
Collegiate Cap & Gown

Scholarship Brunch

March 1, 2014, 10 am

Spring Luncheon

May 8, 2014, 11:30 am

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

A Letter from the President...



Hello to all new and returning members!

We have had some great activities this fall so far and I have heard that interest groups are off to an enthusiastic start too. It is so wonderful how many hard-working members there are in TIC – they make the job of president truly a breeze.

Thanks to Sarah Wisseman and Anne Anderson for organizing a very successful and fun Fall Expo this year. I hope everyone had a chance to drop in to sign up for activities and meet up with old and new friends – and to partake of the delicious snacks. Please mark your calendars for the next event Sarah and Anne are organizing – The Holiday Party, December 19, at the Windsor of Savoy.

Our first tour, organized by Julia Schmidt with the assistance of Kathy Valdes, was an interesting trip to Iroquois County, with a variety of snacks and various goodies at each stop. We were all intrigued by Heartland Spa outside of Gilman, and I think a few of us are already organizing a return trip.

Kathy Marshak, newcomer chair, has been busy organizing several newcomer activities, and promoting the new mentor program. If you are a newcomer (joined within the last three years) and Kathy hasn't contacted you, please contact her.

On a very sad note, we mourn the loss of Mary Jo Thomsen, past president and current budget chair, who passed away suddenly on October 21, 2013. Our condolences go out to her family. She was an enthusiastic supporter of TIC, and especially supported our scholarship program. We will all miss her. Some of us have decided it would be a fitting tribute to Mary Jo to designate one of our scholarships for this year "The MJT Scholarship." If you would like to make a personal contribution to our scholarship fund, in memory of Mary Jo Thomsen, please so designate a check, made out to UIF/The Illinois Club, and send it to our treasurer, Linda Lopez, TIC Treasurer, P.O. Box 2782, Champaign, IL 61825.

I hope all of you are able to get together with dear family members for various holidays in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,
Peri Ceperley,
217-649-9949
president@theillinoisclub.org



You are invited to *The Illinois Club*
HOLIDAY DESSERT PARTY



Thursday, December 19, 2013, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Windsor of Savoy, 401 Burwash Ave., Savoy
Members - \$20 and Guests - \$22

*Join us for a dessert, wine, and eggnog party
in the beautifully decorated Savoy Room at the Windsor of Savoy.
Fruit kebabs, chocolate desserts, cheesecakes, lemon bars and spiced cider are on the menu!
Come enjoy good fellowship, beautiful harp music, and goodies
with your friends and colleagues.*

The building is handicapped accessible, with no steps or stairs. Guest parking (including handicapped parking) is available at the Windsor of Savoy or Windsor Court as well as across the street in a church parking lot.

Reservation & Refund Deadline: December 6, 2013
Marcy Joncich, 705 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL 61801

reservations@theillinoisclub.org

PayPal address: http://theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal

(Note: There is a \$1.00 PayPal per ticket service charge.)

Online form: www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event_reg/2013_Holiday_Dessert.pdf



Reservation Form for Holiday Dessert Party

Name _____

Phone _____

Please print names for Name Tags

#Members _____ @ \$20 ea.

#Guests _____ @ \$22 ea.

Total \$ _____

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

Reservation and Refund Deadline: **December 6, 2013**

Mail to: Marcy Joncich 217-384-5544
705 W. Illinois St.
Urbana, IL 61801



Taste of Iroquois County Tour 2013

Fourteen TIC members ate and shopped their way across Iroquois County on October 11th. Our first stop was Onarga Academy's Cornerstone Café where fabulous cinnamon rolls and beverages awaited. Administrators from the Academy informed us about their treatment and education program for abused and neglected males, ages 11-22. Our second stop was at the Heartland Spa, which was converted from a dairy farm in 1983. The delectable treats there were of a more healthy variety (low fat).



Onarga Academy's Cornerstone Cafe

Next we arrived at 'The Gathering', a unique country store near Gilman where we were enjoyed lunch and shopping. Our last stop was at 'Inside Out', an upscale boutique in Gillman, that featured wine and cheese tasting and of course, more shopping. Thanks to all who participated and of course the wonderful hosts in Iroquois County who made our day so special.



Heartland Spa



The Gathering



Inside Out

The Illinois Club Winter 2014 Tour



Collegiate Cap and Gown
1000 N. Market St.

Friday, January 24, 2014
10 am

How many times have you driven by a large building on Market Street? Have you known this building as Collegiate Cap and Gown, Herff Jones, or simply as employment in Champaign?

When you attended a college graduation, have you remarked on the various caps and gowns of the faculty, the sleeves of the Doctorate, Masters, and Bachelor students? Do you know the story of the colors? Can you imagine fitting the tall, the short, the muscular, the petite?

This tour will be approximately one hour. There is no easy access for wheelchairs or walkers. There is no fee. You may sign up now by sending your name to Linda, Julia and Kathy at tours@theillinoisclub.org. A head count no later than January 10, 2014 is necessary to determine the number of tour guides needed. This will be a first come first reserve tour with a limit of 50 participants. We regret that this facility is not handicapped accessible.

Check email news for further announcements. There is a possibility the tour will have to be canceled due to difficulties related to construction. There may be an optional lunch afterwards. More details TBA.

E-mail: tours@theillinoisclub.org

Phone: 217-367-7200

Interest Groups

Participating in interest groups is a great way to meet people. It is not too late to visit and hopefully join one that appeals to you. Here are some photos of some groups. See the fun you missed! For more information see a description of each group in the August 2013 newsletter. If you misplaced your copy look on the website www.theillinoisclub.org and click on "INTEREST GROUPS."



Wine Lovers Halloween Party



Let's Do Lunch at Ichiban Buffet

List of The Illinois Club Interest Groups

Antiques and Collectibles: 2nd Wed. – 1:15 pm
 Bridge, Afternoon: 2nd Mon. – 12:30 pm
 Campus Lunch: noon every other Wed.
 Cinema Group: 1st Mon. – 7:00 pm
 Cordially Yours: Dates and Times TBA
 Cosmopolitan: 2nd Thurs. – 7:30 pm
 Drive & Dine: 4th Fri. Evening
 French: 2nd & 4th Thurs. – 1:30 pm
 German: 2nd Mon. – 1:30 pm
 Hiking: 3rd Sun. – 1:00 pm
 Italian: 1st & 3rd Thurs. – 2:00
 Knit 'n' Things: 1st & 3rd Mon. – 1:15 pm
 Korean: 1st & 3rd Wed. – 6:00 pm
 Krannert Club: 3rd Thurs. – 5:30 pm
 Let's Do Lunch: 2nd Fri. – 11:30 am
 Evening Literature: 3rd Mon. – 7:30 pm
 Mahjong: 1st Wed. – 9.30 am & 3rd Tues. – 1 pm



Hiking Group

Spanish: 2nd & 4th Mon. – 7:30 pm
 Supper Club: 3rd Sat. Evening
 Wine Lovers: Dates and Times TBA
 Writers Not Anonymous: 4th Mon. – 1:00 pm

Newcomers

For the fall semester we hosted newcomers at three events: in August we had a back-yard gathering; in September we met at Krannert Uncorked; and most recently, in October we had a tour of the Spurlock Museum, led by expert docent Joy Thornton-Walter, followed by lunch at The Bread Company. Thank you to all current members who are serving as mentors to our newer members—everyone appreciates your time and effort! We would be delighted for a few more offers of help. Events for the second semester are yet to be finalized.

Kathy Marshak

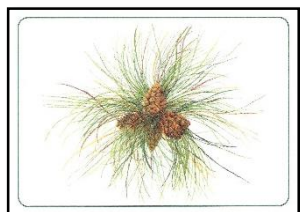
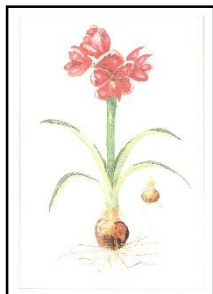


Trip to Spurlock Museum

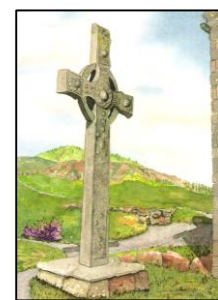
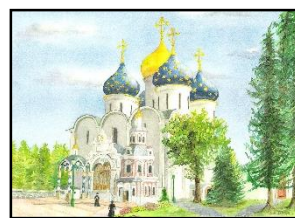


Holiday Note Cards

Back by popular demand, we now have Judy Ikenberry holiday-themed note cards! They are: *Amaryllis*, *Pine Cones*, *Poinsettia*, *Christmas Traveler*, and *Anticipation*. Each set of 6 note cards (blank inside) can be mixed to your preference and now come packaged in a box for only \$15. *All sales benefit our scholarship funds.* You may order by contacting Susan Haney at 217-356-2464 or sales@theillinoisclub.org.



Also newly available, thanks to Judy's generosity, are note cards of *Bellagio*, *Celtic Cross*, and our newest print, *Cathedral of the Assumption*, which is located in Sergiev Posad, Russia. The *Cathedral of the Assumption's* printed area is approximately 18" x 13" and is priced at \$85, the same as our rooster prints and our limited print, *Illinois*. For more information, please go to our website's Scholarship Sales page or contact Susan Haney.



*Cathedral of the Assumption
& Celtic Cross*

In Memoriam



Mary Jo Thomsen, Past President 2010 – 2011, passed away on October 21st after a brief illness. She joined The Illinois Club in 2007 after seeing our booth at the farmer's market on a Saturday morning. A willing volunteer, Mary Jo stepped up to be on the governing board first as vice president, then president, past president, treasurer, and currently budget chair. When we had a real need, she was there. She is survived by two daughters, a son, a son-in-law and a granddaughter, who was the apple of her eye.

Mary Jo and her husband Ray both served for 20 years in the Air Force. They settled in St. Joe after retiring, with Mary Jo subsequently working for 20 years at CITES on campus. When she retired again, she and Ray traveled the US in their RV, always returning home to St. Joe before they would head off in another direction. After Ray passed away, Mary Jo discovered us at the farmer's market, and she instantly joined. She loved her various interest groups, including Let's Do Lunch (co-chaired), Drive and Dine, and Knit'N'Things.

Besides the interest groups, one of the many things she delighted in was our scholarship program. Mary Jo loved meeting the students, reading their applications, and helping in all ways with the scholarship committee. To those serving on the committee with her, she often expressed a wish to endow a scholarship someday that would help nontraditional students attend the U of I. Sadly, she never accomplished this wish.

To honor her service to the club and the scholarship program, for this year we will name one of our Make-A-Difference Award winners the Mary Jo Thomsen Memorial Award. We hope to find someone that Mary Jo would have championed had she still been on the committee. If you would like to help honor Mary Jo's memory and contributions to the club, please consider making a donation to the scholarship fund by making a check out to UIF/The Illinois Club, and sending it to Linda Lopez, The Illinois Club, P.O. Box 2782, Champaign, IL 61825. In the memo section please make a note that this is a Mary Jo Thomsen memorial gift. Thank you!



From our treasurer, Linda Lopez

Scholarship donations are wonderful--many thanks to all. **If you wish an acknowledgement letter from the University of Illinois Foundation showing your tax deductible contribution--**you must write a check independent of your membership dues.

Thanks, Linda

Wanted: Newsletter Apprentice

Bob & Pat Davis's term as Newsletter Editors ends this June. They are looking for a volunteer to serve beginning this January with the February issue. If the new editor(s) are able to work with them on the last two issues this year, it would provide a smoother transition. A familiarity with Microsoft Word is necessary. Please notify Peri Ceperley (TIC president) of your interest at president@theillinoisclub.org.



Next Board Meeting
Monday, January 27th, 7 pm
Ann Long's Home

The Illinois Club Events for 2013 – 2014

Holiday Dessert Party
Herff Jones Tour
Scholarship Awards Brunch
Spring Luncheon

Thurs., Dec. 19, 7 – 9 PM
Fri. Jan. 24, 2014; 10 AM
Sat., Mar. 1, 2014; 10 AM – 12:30 PM
Thurs., May 8, 2014; 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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Champaign, IL 61825

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The Illinois Club Board 2013 – 2014

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Appointed Positions

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Tour Directors Julia Schmidt & Kathy Valdes
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**February Newsletter
Submissions Deadline
Jan. 12, 2014**

