

# The Illinois Club

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## Scholarship Brunch

Saturday, March 1, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Illini Union, Room 314A

## Chihuly & Friends Tour

Friday, February 21, 2014  
Peoria Riverfront Museum

## Newcomers' Amish Dinner

Saturday, April 12, 2014  
Arcola, IL

## Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 8, 2014  
Illini Union, Colonial Rm.

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Board List

*Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois*

## A Letter from the President...



Hello to All TIC Members,

And midwinter greetings! I hope everyone is able to participate in at least some of the upcoming events being organized by some very hard-working and creative board members.

Tour organizers Julia Schmidt, Linda Lopez, and Kathy Valdes are offering two tours this winter. Thanks go to all three of them. In January we had the tour to Herff-Jones. And a tour to the Chihuly exhibit in Peoria will be in late February. I hope we will be

able to fill (or will have filled) the bus to this exciting museum. Having seen his work in Seattle this past summer, I can testify that Chihuly's glass sculptures are truly spectacular.

Sarah Wisseman and Anne Anderson have planned two stimulating general meetings for this spring. The Scholarship Awards Brunch is always a fun and inspiring event. The scholarship winners give us confidence and hope for future generations. The speaker will be Chancellor Phyllis M. Wise.

The Spring Luncheon will be in May with another interesting and thought-provoking speaker, Dr. Wayne Pitard, Director of the Spurlock Museum. Keep watching future newsletters and the weekly enews for details on these two events.

Thanks to Anne and Sarah for the lovely Holiday Dessert Party on December 19<sup>th</sup>. It was lovely to share dessert and eggnog with our friends.

Our slate of officers for 2014-15 is nearly complete. Thanks to the efficient nominating committee led by Ann Long.

The scholarship committee received more than 240 applications which were winnowed down to 30 candidates. They were interviewed in January and February. Many thanks to this hard-working committee. Please come to the Scholarship Awards Brunch to meet our exciting scholarship winners!

Best wishes for 2014,

Peri Ceperley,  
217-649-9949

[president@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:president@theillinoisclub.org)

## Scholarship Awards Brunch

*Illini Union, Room 314A  
Saturday, March 1, 2014  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

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





*The Illinois Club*  
**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BRUNCH**

**Saturday, March 1, 2014**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Illini Union, Room 314A**

**1401 West Green Street, Urbana**

*Meet our 13 amazing scholarship winners! Discover their inspiring stories...*

**Phyllis M. Wise, Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Vice President, University of Illinois**, will be our invited speaker. Dr. Wise has served in these positions since 2011. We are honored and pleased that she will be joining us on this happy occasion.

**Menu:**

- Roasted Vegetable Frittata
- Crispy Bacon, Sausage Links, or Turkey Sausage
- Rosemary Roasted Potatoes
- Citrus & Herb Grilled Chicken Breast
- Mixed Greens Salad with Goat Cheese, Almonds & Seasonal Berries
- Pastries & Breakfast Breads
- Columbia Street Roastery Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee
- Assorted Hot Teas & Iced Tea
- Chilled Orange & Cranberry Juice

**Before Tuesday, February 18:** Members – \$18.50; Guests – \$23.50 (\$19.50 and \$24.50 on PayPal)

**February 19-21:** Members & Guests – \$23.50 (\$24.50 on PayPal)

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

**Contact:** [hospitality@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:hospitality@theillinoisclub.org)

**Discount & Refund Deadline:** **Tuesday, February 18**

**PayPal** (adds \$1 to each ticket): [http://theillinoisclub.org/pay\\_pal](http://theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal)

**Online Form:** [http://www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event\\_reg/2014\\_Scholarship\\_Brunch.pdf](http://www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event_reg/2014_Scholarship_Brunch.pdf)

**RESERVATION FORM FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BRUNCH**

Members \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ #Member Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @\$18.50

Guests \_\_\_\_\_ #Guest Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @\$23.50

**Please add \$5 to each Member Ticket after February 18** Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

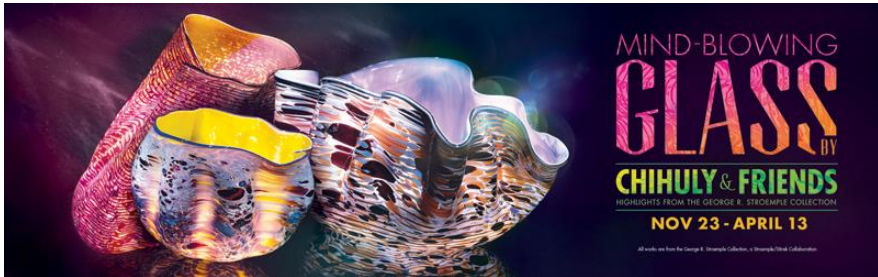
Discount and refund deadline: **February 18, 2014**

Final registration deadline: **February 21, 2014**

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# The Illinois Club - Chihuly & Friends Tour



**Chihuly & Friends**  
at the  
**Peoria Riverfront Museum**  
**Friday, February 21, 2014**

**Tour Directors:** Kathy Valdes (217-590-0311) and Linda Lopez (217-367-7200)

Join us for a docent-led tour of the Chihuly & Friends Exhibit with works from the George R. Stroemple Collection. This special exhibit features glass works by Dale Chihuly and other artists including Lino Tagliapietra and Vittorio Constantini. Following the tour, we will have free time to revisit the exhibit or explore the Peoria Riverfront Museum’s other exhibits, art collections, and planetarium. Our time at the museum will be followed by self-hosted lunch at a local Peoria restaurant within a block of the museum.

Price for transportation and museum entrance is \$36.00 per person for members and \$41.00 for guests. To reserve, please mail your reservation and check payable to “The Illinois Club” to: Kathryn Valdes, 1106 S. Sunny Acres Rd., Mahomet, IL 61853 or sign up with PayPal. [Note: There is an additional charge of \$1.00 per reservation for using PayPal to cover service charges.]

The bus will depart from The County Market Parking Lot (between Mattis and Country Fair—please park on periphery of lot) at 8:00 a.m.; lunch is scheduled for 1:15 p.m.; and we will return to Champaign approximately 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

The museum is fully accessible, however a wheelchair-accessible bus may not be available on this date.

Sign-up deadline is Friday, February 14. Space is limited. Please be sure to provide an email address and/or phone number (cell phone preferred) and we will contact you with confirmation of your reservation.

For more information, please contact Kathy Valdes (217-590-0311) or Linda Lopez (217-367-7200) at [tours@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:tours@theillinoisclub.org).

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of member tickets Cost: \$36.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guest tickets Cost: \$41.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: The Illinois Club.  
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## Newcomers' Group Amish Farm Dinner



**Special Family-Friendly Event - Amish Farm Dinner, Arcola IL**  
Saturday, April 12, 2014, 11:45 - about 5:00

Enjoy hearty country foods served family-style at an Amish farm home, in a community where life continues as it has for many years. We will carpool from Champaign Urbana to meet at the farm. There we'll start with a delicious and filling lunch, followed by optional visits of the home, farm, countryside, and Rockome Gardens' Amish museum.

Lunch is \$16.95 for adults, \$8.95 for children 12 and under. Additional tours might have added cost, depending on our numbers and the particular farm we are visiting.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults \_\_\_\_ cost \$16.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children 12 & under \_\_\_\_ cost \$8.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to: The Illinois Club

Mail: Kathy Marshak, 702 Hamilton Drive, Champaign IL 61820

Contact for questions: [newcomers@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:newcomers@theillinoisclub.org)

Newcomers are encouraged to participate in all-club tours and interest groups. We plan to organize some informal gatherings in the spring semester for newcomers and mentors.

## Wine Lovers Celebrate Poet Robert Burns' Birthday

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, fifty folks gathered at the home of Jane and Wally Myers for the 7<sup>th</sup> Wine Lovers' Burns Supper to celebrate the birthday of the poet Robert Burns. As usual, guests arrived to the sound of bagpipes and enjoyed the wonderful appetizers prepared by Jane – Scottish salmon and Angus beef. The piper piped us through to the dining room for the traditional Burns Supper meal of soup, haggis and neeps, mashed potatoes, trifle followed by oatcakes and cheese and coffee. A Burns word puzzle devised by Ken Stolarsky made a return this year, with Sandy Camargo winning the prize! As usual, throughout the meal we had poetry recitations and songs, toasts and of course "the immortal memory" toast to Rabbin Burns. In the Immortal Memory this year, Roy Campbell talked about pensions, the economy, and individual privacy – topics all found in Burns' poetry which has had a lasting and wide ranging impact on ordinary people all over the world.



## Herff-Jones Collegiate Cap and Gown Tour

On January 24<sup>th</sup> twenty-three members explored the behind the scenes work of this important business that makes graduations, church services, and other “cap and gown” events memorable. Champaign’s plant covers 320,000 square feet and encompasses 27 buildings. The variety of styles, colors and purposes as well as the numerous detail designs keep the 300 or so staff members busy. This employee-owned company has a 4-6 week entry level training program. If applicants are hired it is possible to work up to more complex level tasks. Employees come from 14 different countries, many from Asia with Americans making up one fourth of the workforce. This tour promoted lively discussion for the lunch attendees. Caps and gowns produced here help greatly to add great distinction to the event or occupation they represent.



## Proposed Slate of Officers for 2014-2015

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work finding board members for the 2014-15 year of The Illinois Club. The nearly complete slate is shown below. Those present at the Scholarship Awards Brunch on March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Ann Long (chair), Carl Altstetter, Ann Campbell, Peri Ceperley,  
Kathy Marshak, Sandi Thomas and Sarah Wisseman

### Elected Positions

President.....Sarah Wisseman  
 Vice President ..... Open  
 Newcomers Chairs ..... Kathy Marshak  
 Assistant Newcomers Chairs ..... Pat Davis  
 Interest Groups Chair ..... Carl Altstetter  
 Assistant Interest Groups Chair ... Marlene Helgesen  
 Recording Secretary ..... Marguerite Maguire  
 Corresponding Secretary..... Marcy Joncich  
 Treasurer ..... Pat Thiessen  
 Assistant Treasurer..... Jenny Kokini  
 Budget Chair ..... Linda Lopez  
 Meeting Manager ..... Anne Anderson  
 Membership/Directory Chair ..... Sandy Camargo  
 Assistant Membership Chair ..... Ann Long  
 Newsletter Chair ..... Ann Campbell  
 Publicity Chair, General..... Carrol Finnigan-Bunick  
 Publicity Chair, Interest Groups ..... Ann Campbell  
 Scholarship Chair.....Susan Haney  
 Assistant Scholarship Chair ..... Open

### Sustaining Member

Past President ..... Peri Ceperley

### Appointed Positions

Archivist.....Sandi Thomas  
 Reservations Manager..... Marcy Joncich  
 Tours Director ..... Julia Schmidt & Kathy Valdes  
 Webmasters ..... Birgit McCall & Mike Haney  
 Scholarship Committee..... Sandy Camargo,  
 ..... Pat Cardenas, Peri Ceperley, Jenny Ehrnthaller  
 ..... Ann Long, Judith Robinson, Patricia Simpson

## Spring Luncheon

**Thursday, May 8, 2014**

Illini Union, Colonial Room

**Speaker: Dr. Wayne Pitard**

Professor of Religion and Director of the  
Spurlock Museum

*Cost and Registration Info TBA*

## The Illinois Club Events for 2014

Chihuly & Friends Tour	Fri., Feb. 21, 2014; 8 AM – 4:30 PM	Peoria Riverfront Museum, Peoria (p. 3)
Scholarship Awards Brunch	Sat., Mar. 1, 2014; 10 AM – 12:30 PM	Illini Union, Room 314A, U. (p. 2)
Board Meeting	Mon., Mar. 31, 2014; 7 – 8:30 PM	Peri Ceperley’s, Champaign
Newcomers’ Amish Farm Dinner	Sat., Apr. 12, 2014; 11:45 AM – 5 PM	Arcola, IL (p. 4)
Spring Luncheon	Thurs., May 8, 2014; 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Illini Union, Colonial Room, U.

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## The Illinois Club Board 2013 – 2014

### Elected Positions

President ..... Peri Ceperley  
Vice President ..... Sarah Wisseman  
Newcomers Chair ..... Kathy Marshak  
Interest Groups Chair ..... Ann Long  
Assistant Interest Groups Chair ..... Carl Altstetter  
Recording Secretary ..... Doug Foster  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Roma Chenoweth  
Treasurer ..... Linda Lopez  
Assistant Treasurer ..... Pat Thiessen  
Budget Chair ..... Patricia Simpson  
Meeting Manager ..... Anne Anderson  
Membership Chair/Directory ..... Sandy Camargo  
Assistant Membership Chair ..... Libby Johnston  
Newsletter Chairs ..... Bob & Pat Davis  
Publicity Chair, General ..... Open  
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Scholarship Chair ..... Patricia Simpson  
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### Sustaining Member

Past President ..... Alma Bellafiore

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..... Ann Long, Judith Robinson

**April Newsletter  
Submissions Deadline  
March 10, 2014**

