

Holiday Party

December 10, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Colonial Room, Illini Union

Next Newsletter Deadline

January 11, 2016

Winter Tour

January 29, 2016, 4 – 5 pm
UI Illinois MakerLab
3030 Business Instructional
Facility

Scholarship Brunch

March 5, 2016, 10 – 12:30 pm
Hawthorn Suites

Spring Luncheon

May 5, 2016, 11:30 – 1:30 pm
Hawthorn Suites

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

A Letter From the President...



So, it's Autumn again. The leaves are turning and the temperature is dropping. It's 45° as I write this.

Forgive me for not sounding enthusiastic about this inevitable seasonal change. What can I say: I love and live for summer. But there are wonderful things to look forward to that only happen at this time of year: Consider this my formal invitation to join me and our Illinois Club friends on December 10th at this

year's Holiday Party (details inside). We look forward to this event every year and hope that you will join us. Even better, guests are welcome. The more, the merrier.

You will find a sign-up sheet for the Holiday Party in this newsletter.

However, to save you the trouble of extracting it and printing it out, we will be sending out a special mailing in about a week that will include the sign-up sheet as well as a supplement to the Club Directory, with contact information for people who've joined us since August. So keep an eye out for that.

You have all been receiving our weekly e-news in a much-improved new format, one that is stable across all platforms, which was not true of the email version. With this issue of the newsletter, The Illinois Club takes another step into Digital World. We hope that you enjoy getting the news in this format. Many thanks to Ann Campbell, Kathy Valdes, and Mike Haney whose knowledge and creativity have done so much in this effort.

Remember that you are always invited to contribute to our newsletter. If you've gone on a special trip that you'd like to tell us about, consider sending a brief report, with photos if you have them, to communications@theillinoisclub.org. If you've got some news to share, good or bad, you're welcome to share it on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Illinois-Club-120675798118/>. We enjoy the chance to get to know our members better.

Please contact me if you have any other ideas about how to improve our Club.

Best wishes,
Sandy Camargo,
president@theillinoisclub.org





The Illinois Club
HOLIDAY RECEPTION

Thursday, December 10, 2015, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

(Please note that the room will not be available until 5:30.)

Come join us for holiday fellowship with friends, light snacks, desserts, hot beverages and a cash bar.

*The Colonial Room, Illini Union, University of Illinois
1401 W Green St, Urbana, IL 61801, Urbana, IL*

For parking at the Illini Union, visit <http://union.illinois.edu/visit/parking>.

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, December 1, 2015

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Members \$15, Guests \$20 each

To make reservations, you have two options:

1. Fill out the form below and send checks payable to the Illinois Club to Marcy Joncich 705 W. Illinois St., Urbana IL 61801.

Or

2. Fill out the online form at http://www.theillinoisclub.org/documents/event_reg/2015HolidayParty.pdf and pay through PayPal. Please note that PayPal adds \$1 to each ticket: http://theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal

For queries, contact: reservations@theillinoisclub.org

Reservation Form for The Illinois Club Holiday Party

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

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

Name _____ Phone _____

_____ #Member Ticket @ \$15 ea. / Name (please print): _____

_____ #Guest Tickets @ \$20 ea. / Name (please print): _____

_____ Total number of guest / \$ _____ Total payment

SPOTLIGHT ON 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 highlights from some of our groups. See the fun you missed. For more information see a description of each group in the August 2015 newsletter. If you misplaced your copy, look on the website www.theillinoisclub.org and click on "INTEREST GROUPS."

CU4Dinner

We are having a fun time and happy to share at restaurants around town. Next gathering is November 14, 2015. RSVP by Nov 11th. All are welcome but you must have your name on the CU4Dinner list for detailed information. cu4dinner@theillinoisclub.org

Walk and Talk

We are a new in-town walking and socializing group. After an hour or so of walking in a local park, we sometimes go for coffee after.

Join us when you can
walktalk@theillinoisclub.org

Women's Sports

The new Women's Sports interest group has met twice so far. We went to a soccer match and saw the Illini beat Maryland in overtime. We were serenaded by the Marching Illini, which made the occasion quite special. Our second event was a volleyball game between the Illini and Penn State. Despite losing the game, the Illini fought hard. We have plans to cheer the Swimming and Diving team on at a meet at the ARC pool in October 30 and to see another volleyball game on November 14. It's a lot of fun to go to these games and cheer the team on with friends.



If you'd like to join us, contact Sandy Camargo at womenssports@theillinoisclub.org

Hiking

We've had two beautiful fall days for hiking so far this year. We continue to hike during the winter – so dress appropriately if you plan to join us.



hiking@theillinoisclub.org

Wine Lovers

We had a great celebration of Halloween a couple of weeks early at the Long's house. Check [Facebook](#) for fun photos.

winelovers@theillinoisclub.org

INTEREST GROUP SCHEDULE and CONTACTS

Complete descriptions of interest groups can be found here:

[http://theillinoisclub.org/documents/igroups/Current Interest Group Descr.pdf](http://theillinoisclub.org/documents/igroups/Current%20Interest%20Group%20Descr.pdf)

The Illinois Club Interest Group Monthly Calendar 2015-2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Week		Knit'n'Things 1:15pm		Mahjong 9:30am	Korean Café 5:00pm	Let's Do Lunch 11:30pm	
		Cinema 7:30pm		Italian 1:30pm			
2nd Week		Bridge 12:30pm		Antiques 1:15pm	Cosmopolitan 7:30pm		
		German 1:30pm		French 1:30pm			
		Spanish 7:30pm					
3rd Week	Hiking 1:00pm	Knit'n'Things 1:15pm	Mahjong 1:00pm	Italian 1:30pm	C-U 4 Dinner Evening		Supper Club Evening
		Literature 3:00pm			Krannert 5:00pm		
					Korean Café 5:00pm		
4th Week		Writers 1:30pm		French 1:30pm		Drive & Dine Evening	
		Spanish 7:30pm					
				Campus Lunch every other Wed @ noon			

Groups with variable meetings: Cordially Yours, Newcomers, Walk and Talk, Wine Lovers, Women's Sports
revised 11/10/15

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cu4dinner@theillinoisclub.org
diners@theillinoisclub.org
french@theillinoisclub.org
german@theillinoisclub.org
hiking@theillinoisclub.org
italian@theillinoisclub.org
knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org

korean@theillinoisclub.org
krannert@theillinoisclub.org
letsdouch@theillinoisclub.org
literature@theillinoisclub.org
mahjong@theillinoisclub.org
newcomers@theillinoisclub.org
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winelovers@theillinoisclub.org
womenssports@theillinoisclub.org
writers@theillinoisclub.org

NEWCOMERS



The Newcomers Group — people who have joined within the last three years — were invited to participate in three different music venues over the summer: Strawberry Jam in Meadowbrook Park, U of I Summer Band Concert on the Quad, and Gospel Fest in Hessel Park. Our fall events began in September with a wine and cheese Meet and Greet at the home of Alma Bellafiore. Our October happening was a backstage tour of our wonderful Krannert Center for the Performing Arts led expertly by Linda Lopez. Some stayed for wine and cheese and more chances to converse.

Pat Davis and Renee Mullen

Co-chairs of Newcomers to The Illinois Club

newcomers@theillinoisclub.org

UPCOMING NEWCOMER EVENTS

November 19, 2015, 10:30am-12:30pm

Tour of Common Ground Food Co-op, 300 S Broadway Ave, Urbana, IL (in Lincoln Square)

Do you know what a food co-op is and how it works? Common Ground has been around for nearly 40 years and offers classes, cooking demonstrations, and an art gallery in addition to selling all sorts of grocery items. Come to the store in Lincoln Square in Urbana for a tour and learn about this nationally recognized food co-op and enjoy lunch from their many choices at the deli. We'll also get an update about plans for their new store opening soon in Champaign. We will gather inside Lincoln Square in the hallway near the west entrance to the mall. Look for an email with Common Ground's November newsletter attached, to encourage you to come and see for yourself.

Please RSVP by Monday, Nov. 16 to Pat at pat@bnpdavis.com so we know whom to expect.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2016

Sunday, January 17, 2016, 5:30-7:30 pm

Potluck Dinner

Linda and Len Lopez have kindly offered their home at 2102 Meadowlark Court, Urbana, for a good old fashioned potluck gathering of Newcomers and Mentors. We hope you will join us for warm conversation and good food on a winter's night. Table settings and beverages will be provided. Because we hope to coordinate the categories of food for the evening, when you respond please let us know what you plan to bring--so be thinking of a couple of your favorite potluck dishes. Please reply by Saturday, January 14th at the latest so Len and Linda can arrange enough seating. Be sure to put this date on your calendars now so you can join us for this special night. Whole families are welcome.



February 18, 2016, 10:00-11:30am

Tour and talk at Eastern Illinois Food Bank

These are the folks who have put the food in food pantry and the soup in soup kitchen for the past 30 years and who bring hope to the one in five people in our area who struggle with hunger each day. Learn about programs such as the School Pantry, Backpacks for Kids, the Senior Grocery Program, and the Foodmobile.

March or April (TBA)

Tour and talk about WILL Illinois Public Media Station

Ever wanted to tour a radio and television station? Then join us for this tour and talk about WILL Illinois Public Media Station and view a live taping of the show "Mid American Gardener" hosted by Diane Noland.

May 18, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm

Japan House on U of I campus (in conjunction with Tours)

Participate in the traditional arts and aesthetics of Japanese culture as we visit Japan House at the University of Illinois campus, experience a tea ceremony, stroll thru the beautiful zen gardens, and watch a flower arranging demonstration known as Ikebana.



Holiday Note Cards

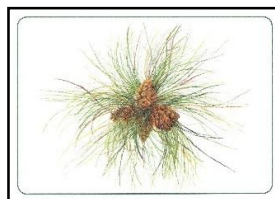
We have 5 beautiful holiday note cards available for those special notes you would like to write to friends and family over this holiday season. You can help support scholarships while simultaneously spreading Judy Ikenberry's art throughout the world. Contact Susan Haney at 217-356-2464 or sales@theillinoisclub.org to get your set of 6 for \$15, or single cards for \$3. For other cards or giclée prints, go to our website theillinoisclub.org/sales.php for more details.



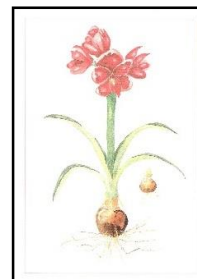
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Poinsettia



Pine Cones



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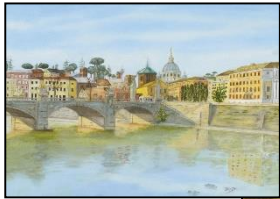
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New Ikenberry Note Card

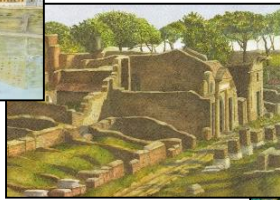


We feel very fortunate that Judy Ikenberry has shared a new note card with us based upon her painting of a national park in the Netherlands. Entitled ***Wind Farm***, it beautifully depicts the iconic Dutch windmills. Many other note cards based upon Judy's travels to Russia, Scotland, England, France and Italy are also available for sale. If local color is more to your liking, we have those as well. And let's not forget all those holiday cards too... Each set of six cards is \$15 and all cards are blank inside. You also have the option of choosing which 6 cards you want in your set. And if you want more in a set, each additional card is \$2.50. Individual cards are \$3 each. Our note cards are pictured below. To order, contact Susan Haney at sales@theillinoisclub.org or at 217-356-2464.

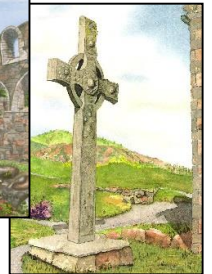
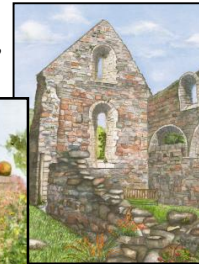
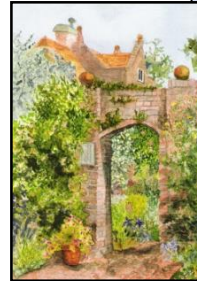
Many of the note cards are also available as prints in various sizes with prices ranging from \$75 to \$125, including a new print entitled ***Red Barn***. If you would like to see the prints, several of them are on display and for sale at International Galleries in Lincoln Square. **Almost all larger 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 a presentation, going-away or graduation gift. After-tax proceeds go to support our scholarships. For additional print and note card details go to: www.theillinoisclub.org/sales.php.



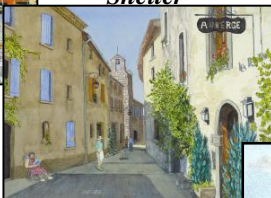
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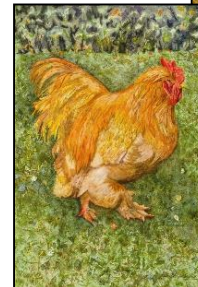
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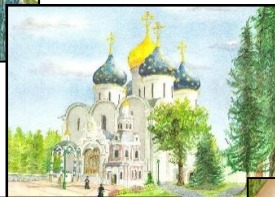
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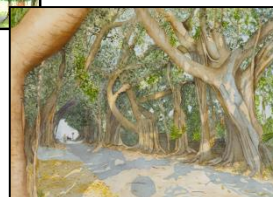
Lord of Chatsworth & Comte de Burgundy



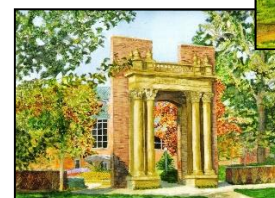
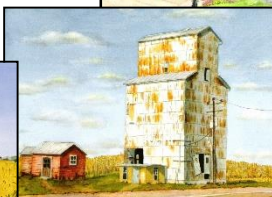
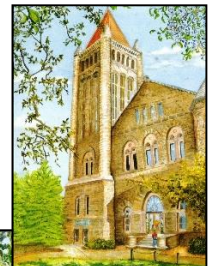
Exuberance, Change, Illinois



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Hallene Gateway & Altgeld Hall



TOURS

The Possibilities of 3D Printing – Tour of the Illinois MakerLab

3030 Business Instructional Facility, 515 E Gregory Drive,
Champaign ([map](#))

Friday, January 29, 2016, 4:00-5:00 pm

Free

Signup Deadline: January 22, 2016



Join us as we learn about 3D printing and the innovative uses for it. After a talk and demonstration, we will have a tour of the MakerLab. One lucky attendee will get a head scan and print. For more information about the UI MakerLab, visit makerlab.illinois.edu.

Optional dinner following in the private Wine Room at Biaggi's, 2235 S Neil St., Champaign, IL ([map](#)). 5:00-7:00 pm. You can join us for dinner after the tour or just attend the dinner.

Transportation is not provided and there is no cost for this tour, only for your dinner at Biaggi's. Reservations are required for either or both parts. Parking for the MakerLab is available on the street or in the lot between the Business Instructional Facility and Huff Hall on south side of Gregory St.

To sign up, please send an email to Sheila Krein, tour director, at tours@theillinoisclub.org or call her at 217-398-8124 by January 22nd. Include your name, phone number, email address, and if you are reserving for the tour, dinner or both.

Past Tour to Rantoul



On October 8th, 22 of us spent the day in Rantoul visiting BRG Sports, Generations of Hope, and the Chanute Air Museum. First we visited BRG Sports, a leading designer, developer and marketer of sports equipment and accessories that enhance athletic performance and protection. The tour began with a presentation describing the company's brand portfolio (Bell, Riddell, Giro and Blackburn), which sets the



standard for innovation and excellence in football, snow, action and power sports. One interesting example of a recent acquisition is a company that makes bike helmets that really appeal to children. The plan is that children who wear these fun helmets will continue wearing helmets as they age. On the tour, we saw some of the manufacturing and assembly of bike helmets and had an extensive look at their distribution center. Next we visited Generations of Hope, a unique program where families, seniors, and foster children live side by side to form a network of caring intergenerational relationships. They provided lunch for us, which



gave us the opportunity to interact with some of the seniors who have come from all over the country as a way remain active and help make a difference in the lives of children. In one of the houses we visited, we saw sewing and quilting rooms where they make a quilt for each child. Our last stop was the Chanute Air Museum. Even though the museum closed the end of October, there still was a lot to see: many exhibits and more than 20 airplanes. A volunteer gave us a tour of one of the



cockpits describing what it would have been like working in such a plane. We had a pleasant day with beautiful weather, an opportunity to learn about organizations and businesses a half hour away, and time to connect with other members of The Illinois Club.



From our treasurer, Jenny Kokini

Scholarship donations are wonderful--many thanks to all. **If you wish an acknowledgment letter from the University of Illinois Foundation showing your tax deductible contribution--**you must write a check independent of your membership dues. Consider a donation before the end of the tax year. Look on our website under [Scholarship Gifts](#) to donate online.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is being convened to identify board members for 2016-17.

Feel free to contact the current job holder if you'd like information about what these Board members do.

Email List

We send out a weekly email summarizing club events. If you are not receiving these informative pieces, please email list@theillinoisclub.org with "Add me to TIC email list" in subject line

Next Board Meeting
January 25, 2016 at 7 pm
Ann Long's Home

The Illinois Club Events for 2015 – 2016

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The Illinois Club Board 2015 – 2016

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- Assistant Newcomers Chair Renée Mullen
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- Asst. Interest Groups ChairCarrol Finnigan-Bunick
- Recording SecretaryMarguerite Maguire
- Corresponding Secretary Marcy Joncich
- Treasurer Jenny Kokini
- Assistant Treasurer Angie Prendergast
- Budget Chair.....Pat Thiessen
- Meeting Manager..... Open
- Membership Chair/Directory.....Ann Long
- Assistant Membership Chair Alma Bellafiore
- Communications Chair..... Ann Campbell
- Assistant Communications ChairKathy Valdes
- Scholarship ChairSusan Haney
- Assistant Scholarship Chair..... Open

Sustaining Member

Past President Sarah Wisseman

Appointed Positions

Archivist..... Sandi Thomas
 Reservations Manager..... Marcy Joncich
 Tours DirectorSheila Krein
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**February Newsletter
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 January 11, 2016**

