

The
Illinois Club
<http://www.TheIllinoisClub.org>

2022-2023 Events

Fall Opening Party

September 15, 5:30-7:00 PM
Lodgic Everyday Community

Fall 2022 Tours

Date & Details TBA

Holiday Party

December 15, 5:30-7:00 PM
President's House

Spring 2023 Tours

Date & Details TBA

Scholarship Awards

Date & Details TBA

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

Don't Miss The Opening Party!

Lodgic Everyday Community

1807 S. Neil at Fox Drive
Champaign, IL 61820

Thursday, September 15
5:30 – 7:00 PM



Come socialize with old friends and meet new ones as we kick off the Club year. Meet the Interest Group Coordinators, learn about their plans and sign up! Guests are welcome. Invite your friends and invite them to join the club!

No charge for the event and light refreshments. Cash bar.

The wearing of masks will be guided by any state, local and Lodgic rules in effect at the time of the event.

Planning to attend?

Please let us know by September 8 by emailing:
reservations@theillinoisclub.org

The Illinois Club Member Communications

The Illinois Club no longer publishes quarterly newsletters. Newsletters have been replaced by E News, monthly email that contains announcements, news, and events for the upcoming month. The timelier E News is emailed directly to members. If you are a member and are **NOT** receiving E News, please contact communications@theillinoisclub.org to be added to the email list. You may want to check your spam folder also and add president@theillinoisclub.org to your trusted contacts. We want everyone to get the news!

Archived copies are always available on our website at https://www.theillinoisclub.org/e_news.php

The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2022 – 2023

Ann Long
Interest Groups Chair

Carrol Finnegan-Bunick
Assistant Interest Group Chair

interestgroups@theillinoisclub.org

Opening Party

Thursday, September 15, 5:30-7:00 PM

Lodgic Everyday Community

Participation in The Illinois Club (TIC) Interest Groups is open only to TIC members. As a paid-up member you may join or visit any Interest Group at any time. For activities involving couples, please join the club via the Couples membership. Non-members may try an Interest Group two times before joining and continuing in that Interest Group.

The Illinois Club will continue to follow guidance provided by the University of Illinois and the Champaign County Public Health Department during its activities.

The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2022 – 2023

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Date & Time TBA

Coordinator needed

antiques@theillinoisclub.org

Members and invited speakers present programs on personal collections and house tours with a special tour in May.

CHILL OUT WITH WINE

Dates & Times TBA

Ann & Steve Long

chilloutwithwine@theillinoisclub.org

Enjoy socializing over wine. Singles or couples are welcome. Each couple or individual to bring a bottle of wine and a sweet or savory hors d'oeuvre. Meetings will be held in members' homes once every 2 months at weekends. Everybody brings a wine of a specified type or region or to celebrate a special event.

CHINESE MAH JONGG

1st Wednesday – 9:30 AM, 2nd Saturday – 1:00 PM, 3rd Tuesday – 1:00 PM

Pat Davis

mahjong@theillinoisclub.org

Have you ever played Mah Jongg? If you want to learn, now is your opportunity. Come join us for the fun!

CINEMA

1st Monday – 7:30 PM

Sandy Camargo

cinema@theillinoisclub.org

Each meeting we will watch a film and then discuss it. Films will be chosen from a "menu" selected by the group coordinator, a retired member of UI's film-studies faculty. Films will include a range of genres, periods, and origins.

COSMOPOLITAN

1st Thursday – 7:30 PM

Sheila Krein, Kathy Marshak

cosmopolitan@theillinoisclub.org

Our dual aim is to help members from other countries feel welcome during their stay here and to provide programs of interest to both foreign and American members who enjoy learning about other cultures. Join us for informal programs, conversation, and refreshments.

CU4DINNER

3rd Thursday – 6:00 PM (dates & times may vary)

Linda Lopez

cu4dinner@theillinoisclub.org

A chance to sample Champaign-Urbana restaurants ranging from casual to fine dining and to get to know good friends as well as good food.

The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2022 – 2023 (continued)

GAMES

2nd Monday – 7:00 PM

Kristine Chalifoux

games@theillinoisclub.org

The games group meets monthly at various homes for a bit of socializing, light snacks and drinks, and always, a good dose of friendly competition! Games range from boards to cards, groups to individuals, depending on the night. Skill level is not required. Join us for a fun evening!

HIKING

3rd Sunday – 1:00 PM

Ann Campbell, Bob Davis

hiking@theillinoisclub.org

Come and enjoy the various beautiful parks around our area. You can meet wonderful people, see beautiful scenery and get some exercise, all at the same time. Hike the woods of Central Illinois.

KRANNERT UNCORKED

3rd Thursday – 5:00 PM (dates may vary)

Christina Myers

krannert@theillinoisclub.org

Come and enjoy music or gigs, get a glass of wine or tea, or chat with friends and unwind. This group will meet once a month at Krannert Uncorked. Krannert parking is free after 5:00.

ITALIAN

1st & 3rd Wednesday – 1:30 PM

Pat Cardenas, Judy Gordon

italian@theillinoisclub.org

Join us for some great Italian conversation and reading on many topics, as well as fun while we celebrate all things Italian.

KNIT 'N' THINGS

1st & 3rd Monday – 1:15 PM

Lori Choquette

knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org

Beginners as well as experts who enjoy any type of handwork are welcome. We exchange patterns, information about supplies, shops, instructions, and shortcuts. Please join us for a pleasant and relaxing afternoon.

NEWCOMERS

1st Thursday – 5:30 PM

Christina Myers

newcomers@theillinoisclub.org

New to town? Or new to The Illinois Club? Join us and meet other people just like you. Events are planned to explore campus, Champaign and the surrounding area as well as to socialize. All members are encouraged to come meet the newcomers.

READS

2nd Thursday – 3:00 PM

Kathy Valdés

reads@theillinoisclub.org

If your ears perk up when you hear this conversation starting question, "What have you read lately?" then this group will be of interest to you. Come meet with other book lovers at The Illinois Club to discuss what you and others have been reading. The group offers a great place to discover new authors and titles and to revisit old favorites. There is no required reading but be warned, your want-to-read list may grow.

The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2022 – 2023 (continued)

SPANISH

2nd Tuesday – 7:00 PM

Carl Jockusch

spanish@theillinoisclub.org

Members with at least a basic knowledge of Spanish meet for conversation and to discuss literature, travel, history, and current events related to the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

SUPPER CLUB

Dates & Times TBA

Shirley Splittstoesser

supper@theillinoisclub.org

Couples and singles gather once a month for a potluck dinner. In September, December, and May, the whole group meets together. The other months the group is divided among several homes.

WALK & TALK

Mondays – 4:00 pm & Fridays – 9:30 AM

Ann Campbell, Judith Robinson

walktalk@theillinoisclub.org

Casual walking group; locations around town, often ending with a trip to a coffee shop.

Not sure if you are a member?

Receipt of the physical or email newsletter does not necessarily confirm current membership status.

To confirm your membership status, please contact Judith or Elisa at membership@theillinoisclub.org

The Illinois Club Interest Group Monthly Calendar 2022-2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Week		Knit'n'Things 1:15 PM		Chinese Mah Jongg 9:30 AM	Newcomers 5:30 PM	Walk & Talk 9:30 AM	
		Walk & Talk 4:00 PM		Italian 1:30 PM	Cosmopolitan 7:30 PM		
		Cinema 7:30 PM					
2nd Week		Walk & Talk 4:00 PM	Spanish 7:00 PM		Reads 3:00 PM	Walk & Talk 9:30 AM	Chinese Mah Jongg 1:00 PM
		Games 7:00 PM					
3rd Week	Hiking 1:00 PM	Knit'n'Things 1:15 PM	Chinese Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	Italian 1:30 PM	CU4Dinner 6:00 PM	Walk & Talk 9:30 AM	
		Walk & Talk 4:00 PM			Krannert Uncorked 5:00 PM		
4th Week		Walk & Talk 4:00 PM				Walk & Talk 9:30 AM	
Varies	Chill out with Wine; Supper Club						
	Groups not meeting currently: Antiques Contact the Interest Group Coordinator to be updated on the group's meeting status.						

The Illinois Club 2022 – 2023 Board Members

Board Members

President	Donna Offenbecher	president@theillinoisclub.org
Vice President	Christine Lyke	vicepresident@theillinoisclub.org
Newcomers Chair	Christina Meyers	newcomers@theillinoisclub.org
Interest Groups Chair	Ann Long	interestgroups@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Interest Groups Chair	Carrol Finnigan-Bunick	asstinterestgroups@theillinoisclub.org
Recording Secretary	Carl Altstetter	recordingsecretary@theillinoisclub.org
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Assistant Treasurer	(Open)	assttreasurer@theillinoisclub.org
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Meeting Manager	Steve Zahos and Gale Bickel	meetingmanager@theillinoisclub.org
Membership/Directory Chair	Judith Robinson	membership@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Membership Chair	Kathleen Weibel and Elisa Mustari	asstmembership@theillinoisclub.org
Communications Chairs	Marnie Fuesting and Jenny Kim	communications@theillinoisclub.org
Scholarship Chair	Matthew Macomber	scholarship@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Scholarship Chair	Kathy Valdes	asstscholarship@theillinoisclub.org

Sustaining Member

Past President	Linda Lopez	pastpresident@theillinoisclub.org
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Appointed Positions

Historian	Mary Hodson	historian@theillinoisclub.org
Reservations Manager	Lori Choquette	reservations@theillinoisclub.org
Tours	Pat Cardenas and Lynn Kelly	tours@theillinoisclub.org
Webmaster	Mike Haney	webmaster@theillinoisclub.org
Asst. Webmaster	Ann Campbell	

The Illinois Club Scholarships

The Illinois Club provides financial support to worthy University of Illinois students. Last year we were able to award \$32,500 in scholarships throughout the various categories thanks to our members' generosity. For details on how to support our scholarships, please see the bottom of the membership form on the next page.

Global Focus Award

Open to any major. Applicants must have international experience or an internationally focused program of study. For example: second-language study, study abroad, internships or volunteering abroad, international career plans. Applicants must demonstrate how their internationally focused work and/or volunteer plans will make a difference in the world.

Humanities and Social Sciences Award

Open to all students majoring or minoring in the Humanities or Social Sciences. Applicants must demonstrate the benefits that studying the Humanities or the Social Sciences provides to themselves and their community. Majors/minors that may apply for the Humanities and Social Sciences Award include English; Philosophy; Religion; Comparative Literature; Cinema Studies; History; Classics; Art History; Communication; Anthropology; Musicology; Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication; Human Development and Family Studies; Agricultural and Consumer Economics; all foreign languages; all ethnic studies; all Business majors and minors; and undergraduates in the I-School.

Science and Engineering Award

Open to all students majoring or minoring in the STEM fields, including Psychology, Animal Sciences, Crop Sciences, and Computer Science + Crop Science. Applicants must demonstrate the benefits that studying Science, Mathematics, Technology, Engineering, or Agricultural Sciences provides to themselves and their community.

Isabelle Purnell Education Award

Open to those earning a Secondary Education Certificate or College of Education majors. Applicants must demonstrate how they hope to make a difference in the classroom and in students' lives.

Judith Life Ikenberry Award

Open to any major in the College of Fine and Applied Arts. Applicants must demonstrate how their art impacts their lives and the world and what they hope to accomplish with their art. The Ikenberry scholarship is generally given to a student who plans to make a living as a working/performing artist (painter, sculptor, musician, dancer, actor). If you are an applied artist (architect, urban planner, industrial designer, etc.), we encourage you to write your essay toward one of our other scholarships.

The Illinois Club Membership Form for 2022 – 2023

Club Year: July 1 – June 30

Member 1 _____ Member 2. _____

Street _____ Mem 1 Cell # _____
 Home # _____

City/St/Zip _____ Mem 2 Cell # _____
 Home # _____

2nd Home Street _____

City/St/Zip _____ 2nd Home Dates _____

<p>Membership 1</p> <p>Are you affiliated with the University? Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Member 2 <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Department _____</p> <p>Membership: New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>Membership 2</p> <p>Are you affiliated with the University? Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Member 1 <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Department _____</p> <p>Membership: New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Email: _____</p>
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Please provide an email address to receive weekly and quarterly club communications.

- Dues*:** Individual – \$25
 Couple – \$40
 Golden (50-year member) or **Associate** (Grad Students) – \$15
 Golden Couple – \$30

*Those who participate as a couple in interest groups must belong to the Club as a couple. Thank you.
Make checks payable to: **The Illinois Club**

Mail to: **Membership, The Illinois Club, P.O. Box 2782, Champaign, IL 61825**

Renewing members can use via PayPal: https://www.theillinoisclub.org/pay_pal/

Please consider contributing to The Illinois Club Scholarship Fund

The Illinois Club provides financial support to worthy University of Illinois students. You can donate securely online at <https://theillinoisclub.org/donations.php> OR include a contribution with a **separate check** from your dues, made payable to **University of Illinois Foundation**. Please write "The Illinois Club" on the memo line.

Thank you for your support!

Your Choice: \$ 50 \$100 Other \$ _____

(Optional) My gift is (check one) in honor in memory of _____

All scholarship donations must be made by separate check to the **University of Illinois Foundation**.
Combined dues and donation checks are no longer acceptable and **will be returned or shredded**.

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Greetings from The Illinois Club President:

I love fall, in particular the colorful foliage. Those beautiful leaves are mother nature's signal that our daylight hours are shortening and she is readying herself for a long winter nap.

In contrast, at the University of Illinois, all that ORANGE is us dressing up to celebrate a new academic year. We look forward to welcoming new faculty, staff and students to the community. Please invite all those new faces (and old ones too) to join our circle of friends at The Illinois Club.

After a summer respite for some, our interest groups are again a buzz. Members are coming together to enjoy books and movies; food and wine; language, crafts and culture; walking and hiking and a variety of games. Steve and Gale, our meeting managers, have planned a great Opening Party where you can learn more about all our interest groups and how to join the fun. All the details can be found in our fall newsletter.

Our meeting managers have been working hard this summer. We will again be celebrating the holidays at the President's House. Mark your calendars. The date is Thursday, Dec 15th from 5:30-7:00 PM. We have not yet set dates and places for the Scholarship brunch or 2023 Spring event. Given the ever changing state of our world, we felt it prudent not to commit to long range plans. Know that we are listening and will organize events that will be enjoyed by all.

I am so excited to lead this organization for another year. Come out and join us as often as you can and bring a friend.

Donna Offenbecker

president@theillinoisclub.org

