

## The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2011 – 2012

Fall Expo – Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m. – Illini Ballroom, Hilton Garden Inn

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*\*Italics indicate new groups.*

*For activities involving couples, please join via the couple membership.*

**Antiques and Collectibles:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. – 1:15 p.m. Beth Felts 217-367-4779; Judy Skreiner 217-898-2312  
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Members and invited speakers present programs on personal collections, house tours, special tours etc.

**Book Exchange:** No meetings Roxanne Frey 217-333-5685; [bookexchange@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:bookexchange@theillinoisclub.org)

This group is starting its 36th year this fall. Each member buys one new fiction book that is rotated among members in groups of seven to nine people. At the end of seven months each person will have read a variety of new books. There are no scheduled meetings.

**Bridge, Afternoon:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. – 12:30 p.m. Mehri Cowan 217-367-5490;  
[afternoonbridge@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:afternoonbridge@theillinoisclub.org)

**Evening:** TBA Susan Haney 217-356-2464; Julia Schmidt 217-403-1110;  
[eveningbridge@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:eveningbridge@theillinoisclub.org)

The Illinois Club bridge interest groups are always very popular. All groups meet in members' homes or a designated facility. Pre-arranged partnering is not done. You may play regularly or be a substitute.

**Campus Lunch:** noon every other Wed. Martha Alwes 217-972-4032; [campuslunch@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:campuslunch@theillinoisclub.org)

Are you on campus during the day working or studying? Come and join us for lunch. We meet in the Illini Union Ballroom or other on-campus cafeterias once or twice a month at noon.

**Cordially Yours:** TBA Susan Haney 217-356-2464; [cordiallyyours@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:cordiallyyours@theillinoisclub.org)

Throughout the year we go to lunch at Beckman for the Thursdays at 12:20 concerts and to Krannert for the free Interval concerts. In the evenings we meet in members' homes or we go to the Spice Box at Bevier. Join us!

**Cosmopolitan:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. – 7:30 p.m. Peri Ceperley 217-649-9959; Kathy Marshak 217-398-5967;  
[cosmopolitan@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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.

**Drive & Dine:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. Evening Susan Haney 217-356-2464; [diners@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:diners@theillinoisclub.org)

We will adventure north, south, east, and west as we visit communities surrounding Champaign-Urbana for dinner. Cruise along with us for some great food and great company!

**French:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. – 1:30 p.m. Cathy Williams 217-687-4079; [french@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:french@theillinoisclub.org)

Members of this group read, converse, and once a year wine and dine, in French. Come to the first meeting prepared to greet old friends and meet new ones. The group meets twice a month.

**\*Genealogy:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. – 6:30 p.m. Debra Karplus 217-359-9899; [genealogy@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:genealogy@theillinoisclub.org)

Let's get together in a home each third Tuesday to discuss genealogy. We can choose specific topics for each meeting such as census reports or immigration records. Come join us to help untangle your family roots.

**German:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. – 1:30 p.m. Anna Merritt 217-344-4573; [german@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:german@theillinoisclub.org)

We welcome anyone who would enjoy an afternoon of conversation in German, with updates from those recently returned from Germany and from current periodicals. Fluency is fabulous but not required.

**Hiking:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. – 1:00 p.m.

Ann Campbell 217-352-1487; Peri Ceperley 217-649-9959

[hiking@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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.

**Italian:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. – 2:00 p.m.

Sonia-Anna Cappello 217-898-4448; [italian@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:italian@theillinoisclub.org)

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

**Knit 'n' Things:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. – 1:15 p.m.

Marie Roy 217-714-1939; Joann Hower 217-352-2258;

[knitnthings@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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.

**\*Korean:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. – 6:00 p.m.

Christina Myers 309-472-7072; [korean@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:korean@theillinoisclub.org)

Stimulate your brain by learning a new language. You will be exercising the right and left hemispheres of your brain as well as facilitating balanced mental functioning! Absolute beginners welcome.

**Krannert Club:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. – 5:30 p.m.

Christina Myers 309-472-7072; [krannert@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:krannert@theillinoisclub.org)

Come and enjoy the music or gigs, get a glass of wine or tea, or chat with friends and unwind. This group will meet once a month during the wine tasting at Krannert Uncorked. Sometimes we will go as a group to a Krannert performance or to other entertainment events in the community. Krannert parking is free after 5:00.

**Let's Do Lunch:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. – 11:30 a.m.

Judy Hummel 217-344-0606; Mary Jo Thomsen 217-469-7278;

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

Members meet monthly for lunch at different local area restaurants. Spouses and guests are welcome.

**Literature, Evening:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. – 7:30 p.m.

Jenifer Cartwright 217-352-2803; Roxanne Frey 217-333-5685;

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

Selections from a variety of literary forms reflect the diverse interests of the group. Members are encouraged to read the literature and participate in the discussion that follows the presentation.

**Spanish:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. – 7:30 p.m.

Lolita Chuang 217-367-2297; [spanish@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. Evening

Shirley Splittstoesser 217-367-3330; Lisle Casper 217-352-6222;

[supper@theillinoisclub.org](mailto: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.

**Wine Lovers:** TBA

Jeanne & Byron Balbach 217-344-1319;

Ann & Steve Long 217-398-6639; [winelovers@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:winelovers@theillinoisclub.org)

Whether you are a wine connoisseur or someone who would like to learn more about wines, this is the special interest group for you! This group will explore the world of wine through tastings, talks by local experts, and possibly some wine dinners. Singles and couples are equally welcome.

**Writers Not Anonymous:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. – 2:00 p.m.

Susan Haney 217-356-2464; [writers@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:writers@theillinoisclub.org)

We are a fun group that gets together once a month to share what we've written and offer each other support in our creative endeavors. We may do some short writing exercises.