

The Illinois Club

2007- 2008

The Illinois Club Board

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Celebrating Over 100 Years of Building Community

A Letter from the President...

After a very successful start to the year, our fall events finished with the Holiday Tea at the President's House. In spite of the weather, I am pleased that so many members were able to enjoy the excellent food, festive decorations, and the fabulous entertainment, which was provided by the a cappella group, the Rip Chords. The opportunity to have a tour of this historic house and to meet Webster and Mary White were other highlights! Thanks to Becki Fields for organizing this event.

Our winter event, the Murder Mystery Dinner, attracted many of the rich and famous to sail on the maiden voyage of the Titanic. It was good to see so many inventive period costumes. Congratulations to Katy and Mark Andrews, Newcomers to the Club, who won prizes for the best costumes. Congratulations also to David Bunick for correctly identifying the murderer. As a reward, he won tickets to a Champaign Urbana Theater Company production.

Now the Scholarship Committee is busy reviewing applications and interviewing students for our annual Make a Difference Scholarship Awards, which will be presented on Saturday March 29. Please come to the Scholarship Brunch to meet our worthy Scholarship Recipients and be inspired by their commitment to Make a Difference by helping others. You won't regret it!

The Spring Luncheon, our final event of the year, is always a highlight and will be on Wednesday April 30 at the Champaign Country Club. Please note that this is a change in date from previous announcements. Our featured guest speaker will be Sue Kieffer, CAS and Walgreen Professor of Geology and Physics. Sue has had a distinguished career investigating volcanic eruptions and meteorite impacts on the earth and other planets. However, her current interests lie in issues of sustainability, and her visit to Madagascar over the Holidays was a memorable and awe-inspiring experience. See the exotic landscape, hear the cries of the lemurs, and appreciate the beauty and environmental problems of this isolated island.

The Spring Luncheon is also the time to hand over the gavel to Susan Haney and to welcome our New Board who will be leading our Club over the next year. Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Scholarship Brunch and the Spring Luncheon. And let's hope that spring arrives soon!

Ann





Stockings hanging...



Delectables awaiting...



Fires burning...

***Holiday
Tea
2007***



Mary and Webster White are entertaining!



Members celebrating...



Rip Chords singing...



Officers assisting...



Scholarship Brunch

Saturday March 29, 2008

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Heritage Room, ACES Library
1101 S. Goodwin, Urbana



Come celebrate with our latest group of amazing Scholarship Winners!

Each scholarship recipient will tell us about his or her community work, course of studies, and dreams. Come meet our future leaders! Officer elections for next year will also take place.

The ACES Library (Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences) has the distinctive architecture of an octagon outside with I-shaped doorframes inside. Limited parking is available on the circle drive in front. Parking is also available at the corner of Peabody Drive and Goodwin Avenue. The Library is accessed off of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Menu

Frittata Florentine
Grilled Ham/Turkey Sausage
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Tray
Assorted Pastries including Scones and Pecan Rolls
Orange and Apple Juices
Coffee, Regular and Decaf; Hot Tea

\$21 for Members & \$26 for Guests

Mail reservation form to:
Susan Haney; 1514 Sandpiper Lane; Champaign, IL 61821
by Friday March 21, 2008

Reservation Form for Scholarship Brunch

Saturday, March 29th, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number of Members _____ Number of Guests _____

Names of Guests _____

Total Enclosed _____ Cost: \$21 Member, \$26 Guest

Make checks payable to: The Illinois Club

Reservation & Refund Deadline: Friday, March 21st

Mail to: Susan Haney, 1514 Sandpiper Lane, Champaign, IL 61821

E-mail: haneys@prairienet.org

Phone: 217-356-2464

Want an E-mail Version of Newsletter Instead of Paper Version or Vice Versa?

Since this is our first-ever attempt to use e-mail transmission for the newsletter, if you wanted a hard copy and got an e-mail copy instead, or vice versa, we're sorry. Please let Sandy Camargo know, and she'll correct the database.

You are free to change your options from e-mail to hard copy (or vice versa) at any time; all you need to do is to let Sandy know. She can be reached at scamargo@uiuc.edu or 344-0023.

Honor Roll Corrections

In our last newsletter, we had a few errors in our list of contributors to the The Illinois Club Scholarship Fund. We neglected to list one of our Past Presidents, Mary Blair, as a Dean's List supporter. We're very sorry for the omission, and are working harder to acknowledge your generous donations.

We also inadvertently misspelled Mehri Cowan's name (again, we're very sorry!) and we will do a better job of checking our spelling.

**Thank you again,
Mary Blair and Mehri Cowan!**

No Spring Tour

Unfortunately there's no Spring Tour this year since events conspired against a fun time in Chicago. However, we look forward to shopping and seeing a great show in Chicago, or some other such fun, this fall. Stay tuned for the August newsletter to get more details!

Gertrude Gelder Bryan President, 1966-67

February 22, 1907 – February 24, 2008

Gertrude lived a rich, adventurous life, and leaves behind two sons, seven grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild who will miss her dearly. She wore many hats, including those of teacher, pilot, deacon of her church, genealogist, bridge player, and avid reader. She also loved designing and knitting Christmas stockings for family.

Mildred Spitler Johnson President, 1969-70

March 31, 1916 – February 23, 2008

Those who met Mildred could never forget her wonderful smile, optimism, or determination. Although she had no children of her own, she in actuality had thousands of children through her philanthropy, her work, and her love of extended family. She retired in 1971 as an Assistant Professor with the Jane Addams School of Social Work at the University. She will be greatly missed.



Spring Luncheon

Wednesday April 30, 2008

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Champaign Country Club

1211 South Prospect Avenue, Champaign

*Madagascar: Heads it's a Continent,
Tails it's an Island*

Please note
the change
in date!

**Featured Speaker is Susan Kieffer
CAS and Walgreen Professor of Geology and Physics**

Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world, and lies only 250 miles off the east coast of Africa. It is a land of tragic poverty and massive deforestation, of gentle people whose language descended from far-away Indonesia (not Africa), and a land where some of the most exotic species of animals in the world reside. Join us for a tour through some of the cities, jungles, and deserts of Madagascar; hear the cries of the mysterious Indri lemurs ringing through the jungle canopy, and laugh with Sue as she recounts how she and three colleagues spent a few hours in the custody of the federal gendarmes on Christmas night, 2007!

Susan Kieffer is a planetary scientist by training, and has worked on problems of volcanic eruptions and meteorite impacts on a number of planets and satellites. Much of her work, however, has been on earth—at Mount St. Helens during the 1980 eruptions, in the Grand Canyon studying the hydraulics of the major rapids, and at Meteor Crater, Arizona, studying the effects of the impact on the rocks that were shattered about 50,000 years ago. Over the past decade, her interests have turned toward sustainability issues, and the purpose of the Madagascar trip was partly to study the effects of deforestation on the land, people and fauna.

Menu

Choice of:

Grilled Salmon Salad, Chicken and Tortellini Salad or Grilled Vegetable and Goat Cheese Salad

Lemon Triangles with Raspberry Sauce

Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea

Cash Bar

\$28 for Members & \$32 for Guests

Reservation Form for Spring Luncheon

Wednesday April 30th, 11:30 AM

Members' Names _____ Phone _____

Member Entrées: Fish _____ Chicken _____ Vegetable _____

Names of Guests _____

Guest Entrées: Fish _____ Chicken _____ Vegetable _____

Total Enclosed: _____ Cost: \$28 Member, \$32 Guest

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Reservation and Refund Deadline: April 23rd**

Mail to: Susan Haney, 1514 Sandpiper Lane, Champaign, IL 61821

E-mail: haneys@prairienet.org Phone: 217-356-2464

New Board for 2008 – 2009

Elected Positions

President.....Susan Haney	Budget..... Nancy Diamond
1 st V. P., Programs	Marguerite Maguire
2 nd V. P., Newcomers'	Meeting Manager.....Dana Lamb
Jody Endres & Bryan Endres	Membership/Directory Ch. Barbara Ahrens
Asst. 2 nd V. P.....Lisa Ainsworth & Andrew Leakey	Asst. Membership Ch..... Carol DeVoss
3 rd V. P., Interest Groups	Newsletter Ch..... Jody Endres
Asst. 3 rd V. P. Cathy Williams	Asst. Newsletter Ch. Rachel Knepp
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Treasurer	Scholarship Ch.....Stephanie Price
Asst. Treasurer	Asst. Scholarship & Tiles Kathleen Nagle
Debbie Day Jan Murray	Past President..... Ann Long

Appointed Positions

Archivist.....Vivian Larson	Webmaster Birgit McCall
Tours Katy Andrews	Hospitality..... Sandy Camargo

Newcomers' Group

Open to anyone who's been in the Club less than 2 years.

Nancy Uchtmann, 2nd Vice President, Newcomers 217-384-7875, nuchtmann@insightbb.com

Lunch? We are joining "Let's Do Lunch" group for some great lunches. After May's lunch you can also experience an authentic tea ceremony at Japan House for only \$5. You may also participate in the tea ceremony only. **Please RSVP to Nancy by the Tuesday before the events.**

- 11:30 AM, Friday, March 14, 2008 Fiesta Café 216 S. First St., Champaign
- 11:30 AM, Friday, April 11, 2008 J. Gould 1 E. Main St., Champaign
- 12:00 NOON, Thursday, May 8, 2008 Miko 407 W. University Ave., Urbana
- 2:00 PM, Thursday, May 8, 2008 Japan House 2000 S. Lincoln Ave., Urbana

Evenings? We're having a fabulous fondue party. Come, be Swiss for a night! RSVP by Thursday.

- 7:00 PM, Saturday, March 15, 2008 Uchtmann's 208 Pell Circle, Urbana



Katy & Mark Andrews
Best Dressed

Murder on the Titanic



Titanically Fashionable



Is there a Murderer or
Murderess on Board? Did
one of these "Innocent"
People do the Dirty Deed, the
Felonious Felony?

Calling All History!

Vivian Larson is looking for old newsletters, pictures, etc. to put into our archives and bind into a book. She is compiling a list of what we are lacking, and will soon be looking for items to fill in the gaps. If you have some historic information about our Club, give Vivian a call, and she'll be happy to make arrangements to pick it up. Contact her at 217-367-0800 or v.larson1@insightbb.com. Thanks for all your help!

Upcoming Board Meeting *New Board, Current Board*

Wednesday, May 7th 6:30 PM
Ann Long's
4406 Brittany Trail Dr., C.

Current Board members should bring a potluck dish to share. Ann will provide drinks; Susan will provide a hot meat dish. RSVP Susan if you are coming, and what dish you plan on bringing. Call 217-356-2464, or e-mail haneys@prairienet.org. Thanks!

Fall Expo 2008 is Coming!
Catch the Excitement!

Can You Help Birgit for an Hour or Two?

We are looking for individuals who are interested in working with our webmaster Birgit to help maintain our website. We would like some help in posting things to the website as well as updating information on it. If you're interested in helping out a little or a lot, please contact Birgit McCall at 356-6654 or bdmccall@uiuc.edu.

The Illinois Club List Serve

Do you want to receive timely reminders and announcements of The Illinois Club events, like the Interest Group meetings and Tours? If you are not on our e-mail list serve, follow the List Serve link from our webpage: <http://www.TheIllinoisClub.org>.

It's easy and convenient for quick club communications. Questions? Ask Ann Campbell at 352-1487 or annc@prairienet.org.

2007 – 2008 The Illinois Club Events

Scholarship Brunch	Saturday, March 29, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Heritage Room, ACES Library
The Illinois Club Happy Hour	Thursday, April 3, 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Krannert Uncorked, Krannert Lobby
Spring Luncheon	Wednesday, April 30, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Champaign Country Club
Newsletter Deadline	Wednesday, April 30, 5:00 PM	
New Board/Current Board Meeting	Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 PM	Ann Long's
Fall Expo	Friday, September 19, 4:00 – 7:00 PM	I Hotel & Conference Center



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