

The Illinois Club

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2023-2024 Events

Fall Opening Party

September 14, 5:00-7:00 PM
Papa Del's Pizza Factory

Fall 2023 Tours

Solar Powered Electrical &
Computer Engineering
Bldg.
November TBA

Holiday Party

December TBA

Spring 2024 Tours

Date & Details TBA

Scholarship Awards

Holiday Inn
March 1, 2024

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Celebrating Over 100 Years at Illinois

Don't Miss The Opening Party!

Papa Del's Pizza Factory

1201 S. Neil

Champaign, IL 61820

Thursday, September 14

5:00 – 7:00 PM



Get ready to indulge in delicious pizza and endless fun at our FREE Opening Party! All members and their guests are invited to join in on the excitement!

Explore vibrant interest groups with their interactive displays and friendly members ready to answer all your burning questions! This is your chance to join the ones that spark your curiosity and connect with like-minded folks!

Planning to attend?

Please let us know by September 7 by emailing:
reservations@theillinoisclub.org

The Illinois Club Member Communications

If you are a member but **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

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 membership@theillinoisclub.org

The Illinois Club Interest Groups 2023 – 2024

Carrol Finnigan-Bunick
Interest Groups Chair

Nancy Uchtmann
Assistant Interest Group Chair

interestgroups@theillinoisclub.org

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.

Please contact the Interest Group Coordinators for information about their group meetings. If you would like to help coordinate a group without a leader or start a new group, contact Carrol or Nancy

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

Kathy Valdés

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 2023 – 2024 (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.

ITALIAN

1st & 3rd Wednesday – 1:30 PM

Pat Cardenas, Nenad Marjanovic

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, Cathy Jackson

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

4th Thursday – 5:30 PM

Donna Offenbecher

newcomers@theillinoisclub.org

All club members are invited to join us each month as we welcome the newcomers. We gather on the party patio at Rigg's Beer Company at 1901 S High Cross Road in Urbana for fellowship and conversation. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the club.

PICKLEBALL

Tuesday and Thursday – 9:00 AM

Ann Campbell, Carrol Finnigan-Bunick

pickleball@theillinoisclub.org

All levels are welcome. We're a non-competitive welcoming bunch! Bring a pickleball paddle if you have one. We'll have balls available. We use the smartphone app TeamReach to organize the group. Come and enjoy the fun.

READS

2nd Wednesday – 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 2023 – 2024 (continued)

SPANISH

2nd Thursday – 7:00 PM

Patty Gropp, Claudia Reich

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.

The Illinois Club Interest Group Monthly Calendar 2023-2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Week		Knit'n'Things 1:15 PM	Pickleball 9:00 AM	Chinese Mah Jongg 9:30 AM	Pickleball 9:00 AM	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	Pickleball 9:00 AM	Reads 3:00 PM	Pickleball 9:00 AM	Walk & Talk 9:30 AM	Chinese Mah Jongg 1:00 PM
		Games 7:00 PM			Spanish 7:00 PM		
3rd Week	Hiking 1:00 PM	Knit'n'Things 1:15 PM	Pickleball 9:00 AM	Italian 1:30 PM	Pickleball 9:00 AM	Walk & Talk 9:30 AM	
		Walk & Talk 4:00 PM	Chinese Mah Jongg 1:00 PM		CU4Dinner 6:00 PM		
4th Week		Walk & Talk 4:00 PM	Pickleball 9:00 AM		Pickleball 9:00 AM	Walk & Talk 9:30 AM	Chinese Mah Jongg 1:00 PM
				Newcomers 5:30 PM			
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 2023 – 2024 Board Members

Board Members

President	Christine Lyke	president@theillinoisclub.org
Vice President	open	vicepresident@theillinoisclub.org
Newcomers Chair	Donna Offenbecher	newcomers@theillinoisclub.org
Interest Groups Chair	Carrol Finnigan-Bunick	interestgroups@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Interest Groups Chair	Nancy Uchtmann	asstinterestgroups@theillinoisclub.org
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Corresponding Secretary	Alice Taylor	correspondsecretary@theillinoisclub.org
Treasurer	Bob Davis	treasurer@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Treasurer	Donna Offenbecher	assttreasurer@theillinoisclub.org
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Membership/Directory Chair	Judith Robinson and Elisa Mustari	membership@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Membership Chair		asstmembership@theillinoisclub.org
Communications Chairs	Ann Campbell	communications@theillinoisclub.org
Scholarship Chair	Matthew Macomber	scholarship@theillinoisclub.org
Assistant Scholarship Chair	Kathy Valdes	asstscholarship@theillinoisclub.org

Sustaining Member

Past President	Donna Offenbecher	pastpresident@theillinoisclub.org
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Appointed Positions

Historian	Mary Hodson	historian@theillinoisclub.org
Reservations Manager	Lori Choquette	reservations@theillinoisclub.org
Tours	Sheila Krein 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 \$36,500 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; Psychology; 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 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 creative 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 artist, performer, or writer (e.g., painter, sculptor, musician, composer, dancer, actor, novelist, playwright, poet, screenwriter, essayist, or other creative profession).

The Illinois Club Membership Form for 2023 – 2024

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
 Golden (50-year member) or Associate (Grad Students) – \$15

*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 (see instructions on back cover) 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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Champaign, IL 61825
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The Illinois Club Scholarship Funds. Would you like to help support deserving undergraduates at UIUC?

First, decide how you would like your gift to impact UIUC students:

1. The Illinois Club Fund **11344499** is for gifts intended to provide a source of current operating revenue. They are usually used in the year they are received. Gifts to this account are immediately available to award to UIUC students.
2. The Illinois Club Fund **11773881** is an endowment. In an endowment fund, the principal is invested in perpetuity and only a portion of the investment's earnings is spent

Gifts by check:

- Make payable to the University of Illinois Foundation
- In memo line "Fund **11344499**" for current year or "**11773881**" for the endowment.
- Mail to: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION, P.O. BOX 734500, CHICAGO, IL 60673-4500.

Gifts by credit card:

- Navigate to <https://uif.uillinois.edu/give/>
- Scroll to the bottom where it says "Search"
- Type in The Illinois Club
- Select "**11344499**" for current year or "**11773881**" for the endowment
- Enter an amount in the next smaller box
- Click ADD
- Click Continue

