



University Club of Rockford

March Syllabus

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### **Welcome Back Member**

Rejoined- Margaret (Jean) Domino

### **Condolences**

The University Club of Rockford extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Dr. Donald Holder, Edwin Stirling, Janet DeBruyne and Richard Reynolds.**

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Elder Granger II & Ela Bucko** on their engagement!!!

### **Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Fat Tuesday**

Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras Buffet Dinner. Celebrate Mardi Gras with our annual buffet dinner from The Big Easy. Chef O has created a special New Orleans menu of gumbo, muffuletta, chicken wings, jambalaya and other

Cajun favorites. In the true spirit of Fat Tuesday, we will offer \$7 hurricanes and \$5 glasses of house wine. The cost is \$16.95 per person and dressing up is



encouraged. Reservations will keep the Witch Doctor away. The buffet is from 5:30PM – 7:30PM with the hurricanes being poured all day. The Mardi Gras buffet takes the place of Taste of Tuesday.



### Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Happy Hour

NEW!!!! Join us on Wednesdays from 2PM-7PM for Bar Service & Our Limited Happy Hour Menu.

### Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Forbes Winter Music Series

**The Lone Canary** is a Folk/Americana duo. They have an acoustic, rootsy sound echoing the styles of legendary folk artists. This duo's perfectly matched voices showcase their haunting vocals, singing songs of love and loss, resulting in a well-honed acoustic masterpiece that will woo your music-loving soul. Live music from 6PM-8PM.



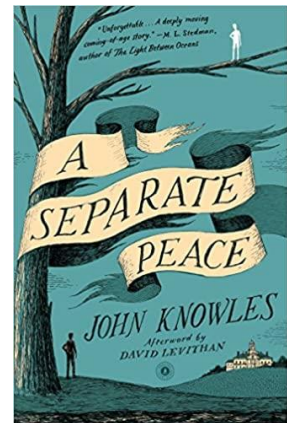
### Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Forbes Winter Music Series

**Kelly Steward** rewards us with her neo-traditional country American songs. Kelly will be performing from 6PM-8PM.

### Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Book Club

Join us at 7PM for our monthly Book Club. **A Separate Peace** by John Knowles.

Quick Summary: Gene Forrester is a careful, studious young man, full of fear of the future. As America is about to enter World War II, Gene attends summer school at Devon in New England. There he meets a remarkable young man whose love for life defies the reality of draft boards and battleships and challenges the adult world.



### Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Forbes Winter Music Series

Join us for our Forbes Winter Music Series featuring **Shannon Espinosa** and her father **Mark Reed**. This amazing Father/Daughter duo will perform from 6PM-8PM.

## Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Friends of Friends

Join us for a special day of friends and fun. Invite them and show off your club!

If your friends join the Club today, their initiation fee will be waived and you will receive a \$50 gift certificate\* to use any time. It's a **WIN-WIN-**

Tell your friends

**WIN!** Your friend joins for free, you get \$50, and best of all, you and your friend will enjoy membership together! Remember, **they MUST join today.**

\*Membership incentive for this event is in lieu of the ongoing membership promotion.

## Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day Buffet



Irish eyes will be smiling when you join us for this annual buffet on Monday. Get your reservations in early for one of our most popular buffets of the year. The evening starts with Irish appetizers including pretzels, beer cheese, Reuben rolls and Irish nachos at 5PM, followed by a buffet of U Club's Shepard's Pie, fish and chips, braised lamb stew, potatoes, carrots, cabbage and corned beef. Gather all your lads and lassies and make your reservations today. Just \$22.95 adults and \$12.95 child; buffet from 5:30PM to 7:30PM.

## Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Dinner

Join us for dinner this Saturday night before the RSO concert or if you are just looking to enjoy a relaxing evening with friends. Dinner service will be available from 5PM-7PM. Reservations need to be made by Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @ noon. If you just want to relax with your favorite cocktail, no reservations needed. Here are some notes about the **Rachmaninoff and the Hollywood Sound** event which starts at 7:30PM at the Coronado. What is the "Hollywood Sound?" Where did it come from and how did it evolve? From Max Steiner's *Casablanca* to Bernard Hermann's *Psycho*, Joe Hisaishi's Studio Ghibli films to John Williams's *Star Wars*—the sound of film is varied and complex. However, the great orchestral film

composers from the Golden Age of Cinema to today have drawn inspiration from classical composers such as Sergei Rachmaninoff, Gustav Holst, Erich Korngold, Gustav Mahler and Maurice Ravel. This program places these two related traditions side-by-side for easy comparison, featuring film classics such as *Psycho*, *The Godfather*, *Casablanca*, *Robin Hood* and *Howl's Moving Castle* alongside the romantic, powerful and songful *Piano Concerto No. 2* by Sergei Rachmaninoff, performed by international superstar Wei Luo. Join us for a conversational look at the history and style of film music along with Romantic era composers in a program full of drama and lush melodies that will leave you singing all the way home.

### **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Two for \$39.95 Dinner**

A great and affordable way to treat your friends and potential new members to the club is our “**Two for \$39.95**” dinner. Enjoy a salad or coleslaw, choice of entrée and a side dish. Dinner also comes with a bottle of our house wine (cabernet, chardonnay, pinot grigio, merlot or white zinfandel). Reservations help us serve you better.

### **Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Movie Day**



Make your reservations for Lunch & A Movie, or Dinner & A Movie

Walt Disney Animation Studios' “**Encanto**” tells the tale of an extraordinary family, the Madrigals, who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia, in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called an Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift from super strength to the power to heal—every child except one, Mirabel (voice of Stephanie Beatriz). But when she discovers that the magic surrounding

the Encanto is in danger, Mirabel decides that she, the only ordinary Madrigal, might just be her exceptional family's last hope. Releasing on Nov. 24, 2021, the film features all-new songs by Emmy®, GRAMMY® and Tony Award® winner Lin-Manuel Miranda (“Hamilton,” “Moana”) and is directed by Byron Howard (“Zootopia,” “Tangled”) and Jared Bush (co-director “Zootopia”), co-directed by Charise Castro Smith (writer “The Death of Eva Sofia Valdez”), and produced by

Clark Spencer and Yvett Merino; Bush and Castro Smith are screenwriters on the film.

Come order your lunch at 11:45 a.m. as the movie will begin at noon.

If you would rather come for dinner, cocktails and ordering begin at 5:30 p.m., the movie will start at 6 p.m.

### **Forbes 2022 Winter Music Series**

Thank you to our Sponsors for making our Winter Series successful! Also, thank you to our local musicians for their time and talent!

### **Squash Court News!!!**

Members, the **squash court** is ready!!! Members, bring a friend to play for \$10 per day. The guest fees will be billed to your monthly statement, please sign in your guests on the daily log. **Squash court** memberships are now available for non-members!!! \$50 Per Month, must be set up on auto bank draft (no fee added) or paid by a Visa, or Mastercard (with a 3% fee added) per month, or pay \$550 per year to be paid in full at time of joining. Please contact Julie for additional information, [jsandall@uclubrockford.com](mailto:jsandall@uclubrockford.com)

### **March Drink – Irish Mule**

Enjoy our U Club Irish Mule all month long. Made with Paddy's Old Irish Whiskey, ginger beer, and fresh lime!



### **NEW Ports Now Available!!!**

Cockburn's Porto Branco, Cockburn's Special Reserve, Cockburn's 10 Year Tawny, and Cockburn's 2015 Vintage!!!

Be sure to try one after your next dinner!!!

## Club Hours

Lunch Service Monday – Friday 11AM-2PM

Monday Night Homestyle Menu 5PM-8:30PM

Taste of Tuesday 5PM-7:30PM

**NEW!!!** Wednesday Happy Hour 2PM-7PM

Thursday Night Dinner 5PM-8:30PM, Remember Kids and Grandkids eat FREE from Kids' Menu with the purchase of a regularly priced entrée on Thursday nights.

Fabulous Friday Night Fish Fry 5PM-8:30PM

Mike Close enjoying our **Forbes Winter Music Series** with two of his favorite ladies, his mom, Mary Close, and his bride, Debbie Close.



The University Club is currently looking for a **Food & Beverage Committee Chair**. If you are interested, please contact Chef O or Kelly.

Also, we are always looking for **additional committee members**. Please feel free to come and join any committee meeting. Have questions, please call the office. If you have any ideas, please email [uclub@uclubrockford.com](mailto:uclub@uclubrockford.com)

## Member Incentive Program

New members will pay a \$250 initiation fee and their first month dues. Upon payment, they will receive a \$250 food and beverage credit in five \$50 gift certificates. The primary sponsor will also receive a \$250 food and beverage credit in five \$50 certificates. This is based on a regular membership. Junior

memberships will receive a pro-rated version based on junior dues. This is our most aggressive new-member incentive program and we know that you will get the word out to potential members. Only one gift certificate can be used each visit. Please call Corey, Kelly or Julie with any questions at 815.962.1730.

### **Summer Pool and Legacy Memberships Now Available**

Splish, splash, now accepting applications for summer pool memberships for just \$650! Enjoy our swimming pool for the 2022 season, plus lunch and beverage service poolside or on the main deck until 5 p.m. daily. You can also attend our July 4th Pig Roast as well as our Memorial and Labor Day cookout parties. Also, our Pool Legacy Memberships are available to adult children/grandchildren of members. Legacy members receive all the benefits of regular pool members, but at a discounted cost of only \$475 for the season.

### **Bits & Pieces**

Is there a local organization that you support? Would you like to **host a Guest Bartender night** at the U Club for that group? It's a fun way to raise awareness of that organization and raise funds for them. Contact Kelly for more information.

Remember, you can **enjoy all your U Club favorite meals as a carryout**. Ask your server for a menu to take home. Also, ask about the nightly specials when calling in your orders.

A gentle reminder, **reservations mean a better dining experience** for not only you, but all our members, as we will be better prepared and staffed to serve your dining requests. We so appreciate your reservations, however, if you are on the go and drop in at the last minute, we are happy to welcome you.

Do you have a **menu item that you would like to enjoy?** Do you have **special dietary requirements?** Please let us know and we will do our best to meet your needs. Just contact Chef O with your requests.

**Green Comment Cards** are provided with your dining bill and are also available in the foyer at the Club. Please fill them out with the things you love about your club experience or some suggestions for improvement. The food and beverage

committee and the board of directors review the comment cards monthly. Our goal is to provide the most enjoyable club experience for members.

Remember to **“like” us on Facebook** to get updates on club happenings and lunch specials and to connect with fellow members. Find us at “U Club Rockford.”

**Serving a group in your home or at your office?** Let the U Club do the work for you. Contact Kelly for menu ideas and more information.



# **Forbes 2022 Winter Music Series**

**Monday, January 31st – Miles Nielsen**

**Thursday, February 10th – Steve McClanahan**

**Thursday, February 17th – Cole Brandt**

**Monday, February 21st – Ryan Vyborny**

**Thursday, March 3rd – The Lone Canary**

**Monday, March 7th – Kelly Steward**

**Monday, March 14th – Shannon Espinosa & Mark Reed**

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