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University Club of Rockford

July 2024 Syllabus

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## Welcome, New Members!!!

Alyssa & Anthony Artale

Elder Granger II

NIU

Martha Bein & Steven Larsen

Craig Flynn

Baldwin-Wallace University

## Condolences

The University Club of Rockford extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Jeff and Lori Oliver** in the passing of their daughter **Andrea Oliver**.

The University Club of Rockford extends its condolences to the family and friends of **John and Kathy Mecklenburg** in the passing of their son **David Mecklenburg**.

## July Wine Features

### Lingua Franca Avni Pinot Noir

Avni 2022 PN is focused and flavorful, yet harmonious and balanced, with an overlying elegance and velvety mouthfeel. Red fruits dominate the flavor profile with some Black Cherry, spice, black tea, fresh herbs, and a hint of Black Cherry, tar and rose petal, finishing with a round texture. It is versatile, pairing well with seafood, chicken, and steaks.

\$55 Bottle



## Lingua Franca Estate Chardonnay

Floral notes leap out of the glass of the 100% Estate-grown Chardonnay, with notes of jasmine, gardenia and lemon blossom. The palate is round and fresh, entering with green apple and creamy lemon, which develop into chamomile and sea salt, with a round-textured, long finish of floral and saline notes. It is versatile as well, pairing well with summer salads, seafood, chicken, and pork. It's a great summer patio pounder.

\$55 Bottle

## Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup> Cookout

Celebrate America's Independence at the U Club with our annual cookout and pool party!!! Bar and Swimming Pool will be open from 11AM to 6PM with a summer buffet 12PM–5PM. All of your cookout favorites (burgers, brats, grilled chicken, corn, baked beans, mac and cheese, pasta salad, coleslaw, fruit, and potato salad) will be featured plus ice cream treats and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Buffet price is \$19 per person, \$7 for 3 and under. Enhance your buffet experience with our special grill menu. Please make your reservations early, as this is one of our most popular events of the summer. Weather permitting, seating will be on the deck and grounds.



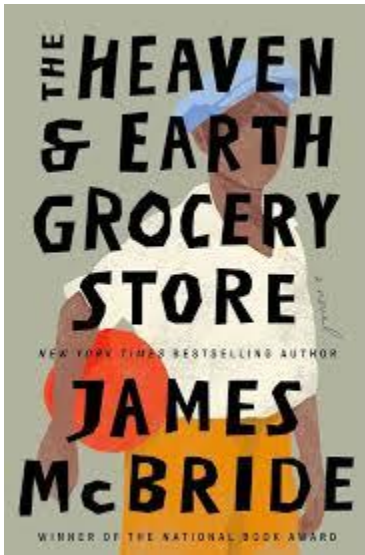
## Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – Forbes Summer Music Series 6PM-8PM



Join us on the deck as we welcome back **Miles Nielsen** to our Forbes Summer Music Series.

## Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Book Club

Join us each month for our Lunchtime Book Club with **Barb McDonald**, all are welcome. This month they will be meeting on Tuesday, July 9th. This month the book is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.



In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe.

As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.

Bringing his masterly storytelling skills and his deep faith in humanity to *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, James McBride has written a novel as compassionate as *Deacon King Kong* and as inventive as *The Good Lord Bird*.



## Reading Ahead

August: Horse by Geraldine Brooks

September: The Great Divide by Christina Henriquez

### Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Private Event

The Club will close at 4PM for a private event. The Swimming Pool will remain open until 6PM.

### Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Guest Bartender AAUW

**Fun Fundraiser for AAUW Scholarships!**



**LAWN PARTY!**

University Club of Rockford  
945 N. Main Street

**Tuesday,  
July 16, 2024  
5 PM – 7 PM**

Support the AAUW scholarship fund for female scholars who are majoring in STEM, Liberal Arts, Vocational or Science.

Bring your friends to a lawn party with designer drinks, games, and a 50/50 raffle from 5 – 7 PM.  
Dinner can be ordered from 5 – 8 PM.

On Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> Guest Bartenders, **Ed and Diane Kuehl** invite you to join them in supporting the AAUW scholarship fund for young women entering college majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM).

Enjoy a designer drink, challenge games and a raffle from 5PM to 7PM. Our Tuesday menu will be available from 5PM-8PM. All cash tips put in the jar will support scholarships for local female STEM students.

## Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – Two for \$39.95 Dinner



A great and affordable way to treat your friends and potential new members to the club. Enjoy a salad or soup with choice of entrée. Dinner comes with a choice of house wine (cabernet, chardonnay, pinot grigio, red blend, or rose). Upgrade your wine, \$20 off bottle price listed.

### Entrée Choices:

**Blackened Catfish-** Seasoned with Cajun seasoning and blackened, served with corn maux choux, and red beans and rice.

**Chicken Cordon Bleu-** Chicken breast stuffed with Swiss cheese and ham. Breaded with panko and fried, served with garlic chive mashed, veg du jour and garlic cream sauce.

**Steak Kabobs-** Seasoned Prime angus sirloin skewered with peppers, onions and grilled, served with barley pilaf, and finished with green salsa verde.

**Hoison Glazed Tofu Bowl-** Firm tofu glazed with hoison sauce and baked, served on cilantro lime rice, pickled carrots, cucumber, and cabbage.

## Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Forbes Summer Music Series



Forbes Summer Music Series with **The Vince Chiarelli Band** from 5:30PM-8:30PM. One of the most original and eclectic Italian bands, “The Vince Chiarelli Band” has entertained audiences from coast to coast. They have been acclaimed for their unique sound, which gives their audience a taste of traditional Italian music with their own modern twist and a Lain flair. The band’s popularity is credited to their unique mix and arrangements of classic Italian favorites, intertwined with romantic Italian ballads, Italian-American favorites and enticing bossa nova and flamenco rhythms. Audiences will be captivated by the band’s own self-described genre of “Flamenco Italiano,” which has revitalized the excitement of Italian music.

## Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Forbes Summer Music Series



Join us for Ryan Vyborny’s eclectic collection of acoustic cover songs from 5:30PM to 7:30PM.

### Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Forbes Summer Music Series

Join us on the patio as we welcome back **Steve McClanahan**. Steve will perform his acoustic pop and rock music from 6PM-8PM. Reservations help us serve you better.



### Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Weekend @ Pool

Join us for a fun filled weekend!!! We will have the tiki bar open and a small grill menu available for purchase from 12PM-5PM. We are looking forward to serving you and your family poolside! **(PLEASE NO OUTSIDE FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND/OR COOLERS)**.

### Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Forbes Summer Music Series



Join us for our Forbes Summer Music Series Featuring **Jeff Layng**. Jeff will be performing from 6PM-8PM. Reservations appreciated.

### Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Bring Your Dog To The Club For Dinner

**COME** to dinner on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> for bring your dog to dinner. **SIT** and enjoy dinner with cocktails. **STAY** from 5PM-7PM. Please enter thru the pool gate entrance. Dogs must be within arm's length of their owners, and either in a carrier or on a leash held by the owner or tied to the table or chair leg. Please clean up after your pup. Please, no dogs in the swimming pool.



## SAVE THE DATE

### Thursday, August 22nd – Scholarship Golf Outing

Your scholarship golf committee invites you to yet another fun-filled golf play day. All net proceeds will go to benefit the University Club's scholarship trust. We have many ways that you can help.



First, for you golfers, \$150 affords you a full day of excitement. Our day starts at the U. Club. The doors open at 11:00 AM, and upon your arrival, you will receive a U. Club souvenir. From there, enjoy the cookout consisting of brats, hot dogs, free keg beer, and more. After lunch, we head over to Rockford Country Club. There will be ample time to get warmed-up on the driving range, and then the shotgun start begins at 1:00 PM. The golfing format will again be a scramble, and there will be several exciting on-course contests. Once golf is over, we trek back to the U. Club for dinner. Here, will you enjoy a prime rib and baked chicken dinner. After this fine feast, we will announce the first, second, and third place teams from the play day. The winners from the on-course contests will also be announced. There will also be 20+ door prizes to award. Finally, the winner of the 50/50 raffle is announced.

Second, even if you are not a golfer, you may still financially support the golf play day. For \$150.00, the club will prepare a hole sponsorship sign in your name. This sign will be displayed on one of the 18 tee boxes. Additionally, your name will be recognized on a donor board that is in the foyer at the University Club. Also, for every 25 hole sponsorships that are sold, a hole sponsor name will be drawn. The winner will receive a \$150.00 food credit for the University Club. So, you could end up getting your money back! This much appreciated donation may be tax deductible.

And if that is not enough, how about a 50/50 raffle? Raffle tickets are sold for as low as \$5.00 for 1 ticket, or, 5 tickets for \$20.00. Tickets will soon be available for purchase at the University Club bar. You may also contact Jim Pieschel at (815) 289-9492 or [jpieschel@comcast.net](mailto:jpieschel@comcast.net), and he will be happy to forward raffle tickets to you. If history is an indicator, the winner could walk away with \$1,300 - \$2,500 in cold, hard cash!

We look forward to your support!

Jim Pieschel

## Dress Code Reminder

Smart, casual wear appropriate for an office environment including crisp jeans with no wear, holes or inappropriate designs. Shorts are acceptable in the summer in the bar, card room, and on the deck (**shorts are NOT acceptable in the dining room**).

Gentlemen are requested to remove hats when in the clubhouse (**baseball caps are not acceptable in the club**) and wear a collared shirt in the dining room. Pool wear with a cover up is permitted in the bar area during the summer until 5 PM.

## Pool 101

- The Pool is open with a Pool Attendant Monday – Friday 10AM -5PM. **Pool closes when Clubhouse closes.**
- The Pool is open Saturday and Sunday 10AM – 6PM with a Pool Attendant. **Pool will close at 6PM.**
- Please sign in daily; there is a \$5 guest fee.
- Grandchildren under 13 are free when using the pool with their Grandparents.
- Please wear a cover-up and footwear if you enter the bar area to place a food or drink order.
- You can place a food or drink order by calling the Clubhouse at 815.962.1730. The Clubhouse is closed on Saturdays and Sundays (unless posted otherwise) please feel free to pack a cooler for the day. A gas grill is available for member use.



Looking to host a holiday party? A special holiday lunch or dinner? The University Club of Rockford is the perfect place for your event!!! December will fill up quickly.

Please contact Kelly to reserve your date today.  
815.962.1730; [kadrian@uclubrockford.com](mailto:kadrian@uclubrockford.com)



## **Club Hours**

Lunch; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 11AM-4PM

Monday Night Dinner 5PM-8PM

Taste of Tuesday 5PM-8PM

Club will Close at 6PM on Wednesdays; Lunch Menu Available Until 5:30PM

Thursday Night Dinner 5PM-9PM; **NEW!!!** Kids and Grandkids eat for \$6 from Kids' Menu with the purchase of a regularly priced entrée on Thursday nights (one kids meal per adult entrée purchased).

Fabulous Friday Night Fish Fry 5PM-9PM

## Forbes 2024 Summer Music Series

**Mondays & Thursdays 6PM-8PM**

Thursday, June 6th – Jodi Beach & Jim McDowell

Thursday, June 20th – Kelly Steward \*

Monday, June 24th – Lady & The Tramp \*

Monday, July 8th – Miles Nielsen

Thursday, July 25th – Steve McClanahan \*

Monday, July 29th – Jeff Layng

Thursday, August 1st - Big Easy Steel Drums;

James Gibson & Guest

Monday, August 12th – Lone Canary

Monday, August 26th – Dan Maguire

**Tuesdays 5:30PM-7:30PM**

Tuesday, June 4th – Trinadora

Tuesday, July 23rd – Ryan Vyborny

Tuesday, August 6th – Brad Palmer

Tuesday, August 20th - Paul Bronson

**Fridays 5:30PM-8:30PM**

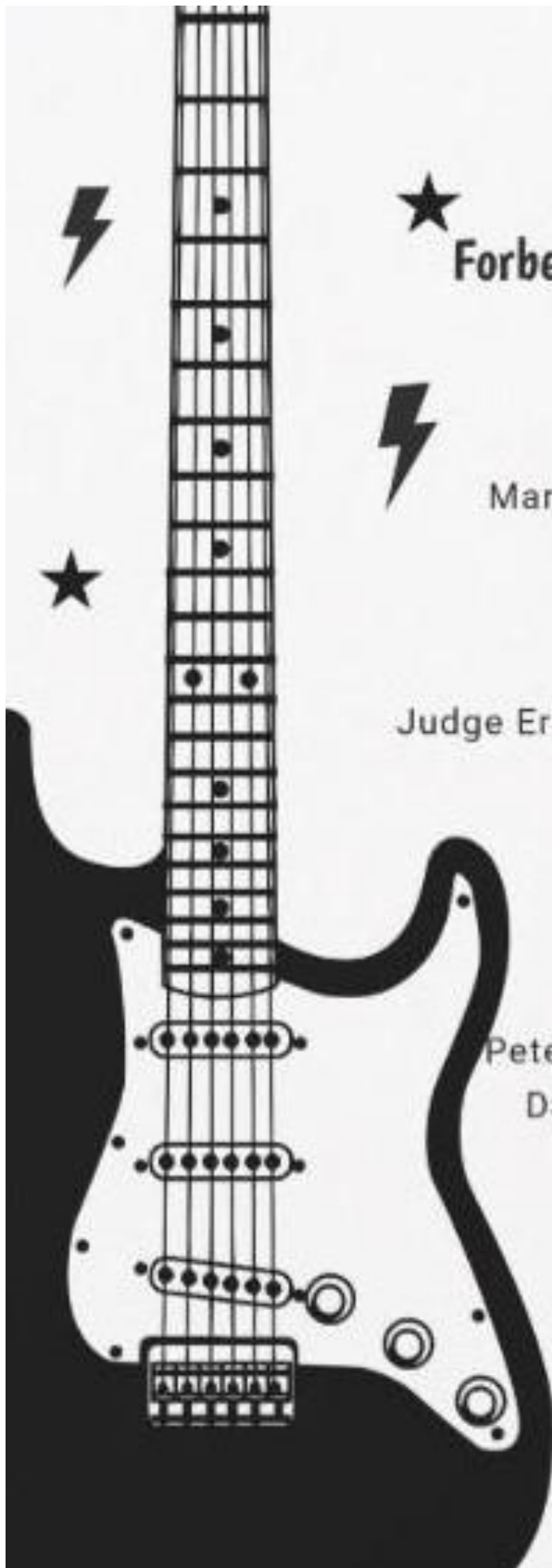
Friday, May 31st – Reed & Waddy

Friday, June 14th – Groove Hotel

Friday, July 19th – Vince Chiarelli Band

Friday, August 16th – Three Good Men





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