



University Club of Rockford

June 2024 Syllabus

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## Welcome, New Members!

### New Member

Brian & Kari Helm  
Frank & Diane Cushing  
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On behalf of the University Club of Rockford Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to announce that we have a new **General Manager**.

**Robert (Bob) K. White** has extensive club management experience and has served in leadership positions at three different country clubs over his 30+ year career. And while his background covers many aspects of running a club, **Mr. White**, openly admits his first love is food and beverage.

The board believes **Mr. White** has the commensurate skills to help guide our club to positively evolve and improve on all of what makes us proud to be members and attract those who could be.

**Mr. White** will start in early June. We will announce shortly a "meet and greet" evening.

Many thanks to the board for their support and work through this process. And I want to thank all of you for your confidence in us and me. It is a pleasure to serve you.

Mike Robinson,  
President



Born in Justice, Illinois, I was raised with six older brothers, my mother and father. Looking back, I always knew what my career was going to be. My father taught me the game of golf at the age of 13 when he would take me golfing with him. My grandmother was a chef for 35 years and she would let me cook with her whenever we would spend time together. So, when I chose to become a chef and then manager of a private club it made sense to me. Over the past 30+ years I have wondered and have been asked what else would I do if I did not manage private clubs and the truth is simple "I don't want to do anything but what makes me happy and that is managing private clubs".

In 1985 I married my wife Jayme which was my high school sweetheart and the person that my mother said, "is the only one that could keep me on the straight and narrow" and little did I know she would be right. A few years later in 1989 we would have a set of twins named Samantha and Stephanie, three years later we had a son named Daniel. Oddly enough, in 1998 we had another set of twins, Kimberly and Nicholas. They are all now grown adults and so far they've given us three amazing grandchildren.

I have been blessed in life with a wonderful family and a marvelous career. I have been able to have long tenures at each of the clubs I have worked at and have been fortunate to have made lifelong relationships with the members of these clubs. This is only possible by meeting the membership, understanding their needs, and producing a wonderful member experience. Clubs and their needs are forever changing, and we need to adapt to the necessary changes to be the best club we can be.



## **Congratulations To 3 Of Our Servers On Their Spring Graduations!!!**



**Elaina Johnson** – University Of Illinois Chicago  
Doctor of Pharmacy, Elaina Johnson, PharmD

**Maggie Rose** – Loras  
College, Bachelor's in  
Science, Kinesiology



**Mary Rose** – Boylan Catholic High School. Mary will be heading to Mizzou in the fall to study Biology.

## Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Summer Music Series; 5:30PM-7:30PM



What happens when a classically trained musician crosses paths with a roots-music maven? The answer is “**Trinadora**”. Their music is a melange of standards and original compositions in genres that include jazz, blues, classic country, early rock-n-roll, Latin, Celtic, Cajun, and just about any other ingredient you can think of. Reservations help us serve you better.

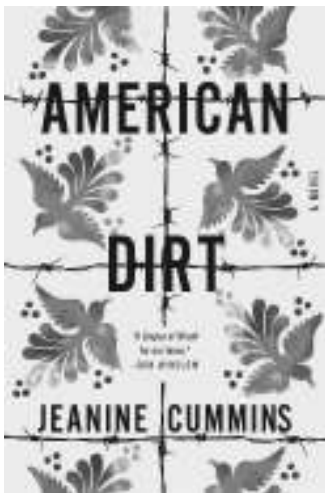
## Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Summer Music Series; 6PM-8PM



Join us on the deck as we welcome back Jodi Beach & Jim McDowell. They will be performing from 6PM-8PM. Reservations help us serve you better.

## Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Book Club; Noon

Join us each month for our Lunchtime Book Club with **Barb McDonald**, all are welcome. This month they will be meeting on Tuesday, June 11th. This month the book is **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins.



Jeanine Cummins's *American Dirt*, the #1 New York Times bestseller and Oprah Book Club pick that has sold over two million copies, is finally available in paperback.

Lydia lives in Acapulco. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while cracks are beginning to show in Acapulco because of the cartels, Lydia’s life is, by and large, fairly comfortable. But after her husband’s tell-all profile of the newest drug lord is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

Forced to flee, Lydia and Luca find themselves joining the countless people trying to reach the United States. Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?



July: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride  
August: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks  
September: *The Great Divide* by Christina Henriquez

## Thursday, June 13<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:

**BBQ Ribs:** Half rack of BBQ ribs served with baked beans, and coleslaw.

**Baked Orange Roughy:** Seasoned orange roughy baked with butter and white wine, served with wild rice pilaf and veg du jour.

**Vegetarian Chili Mac:** Seasonal vegetables braised with kidney beans, chili spices and tossed with macaroni noodles then topped with fresh green onion and cheddar cheese.

**Mongolian Beef:** Thinly sliced sirloin stir-fry with green onion in a sweet and savory soy sauce served with jasmine rice.

## Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Summer Music Series; 5:30PM-8:30PM



Please join us for dinner and stay for the smooth jazz sounds of **The Groove Hotel**, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. As always, reservations are appreciated as we are busier on entertainment nights.

## Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Summer Music Series; 6PM-8PM

Enjoy a night filled with neo-traditional country songs performed by **Kelly Steward**.



## Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Scholarship Dinner & Forbes Summer Music Series

Join the Scholarship Committee as they honor and have dinner with our University Club Scholarship recipients and their parents. Cocktails begin at 6PM, Dinner Buffet at 6:30PM. Burgers, Brats, Hotdog, Grilled BBQ Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potato Salad, House Salad w/Assorted Dressing, Coleslaw, Fruit, Corn, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese and All are welcome. This takes place of our Monday Night Menu. \$20.95 Per Person, Reservations Appreciated.

## Forbes Summer Music Series; 6PM-8PM



Make your reservations to join us as we welcome **Lady and the Tramp** back to the University Club of Rockford. Musical duo featuring Renee and Bill Kopp playing light FM, blues, and jazz standards from 6PM-8PM.

## Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Bring Your Dog To The Club For Dinner

**COME** to dinner on Tuesday, June 25<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.



## Pool 101

- The Pool is open Monday – Friday 10AM -5PM with a Pool Attendant. **Pool will close 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 but please feel free to pack a cooler for the day. Gas grill is available for member use.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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

**Splish, Splash!!!** We now accepting applications for **Summer Pool Memberships** for just \$650! Enjoy our swimming pool for the 2024 season, plus lunch and beverage service poolside. You can also attend our July 4th Pool Party cookout as well as our Memorial and Labor Day cookout parties. Our Pool Legacy Memberships are also 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 and funds for that organization. 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. 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. Reservations allow us to be better prepared and staffed to serve your dining requests. We appreciate your reservations, but, 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.

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

**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.



## Club Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 11AM-2PM

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, Remember Kids and Grandkids eat FREE 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



Looking To Host A Lunch Group, Shower, Class Reunion, Rehearsal Dinner, Wedding Reception, Graduation, A Party, Or Special Dinner? The University Club Of Rockford Is The Perfect Place For Your Event!!! Contact Kelly For Information. 815.962.1730; [kadrian@uclubrockford.com](mailto:kadrian@uclubrockford.com).

## Seniors Need To Be Celebrated!!!

Book Your Graduation Party With Us! Let The University Club of Rockford Do The Work For You!

**CLASS OF**  
**2024**

# 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**

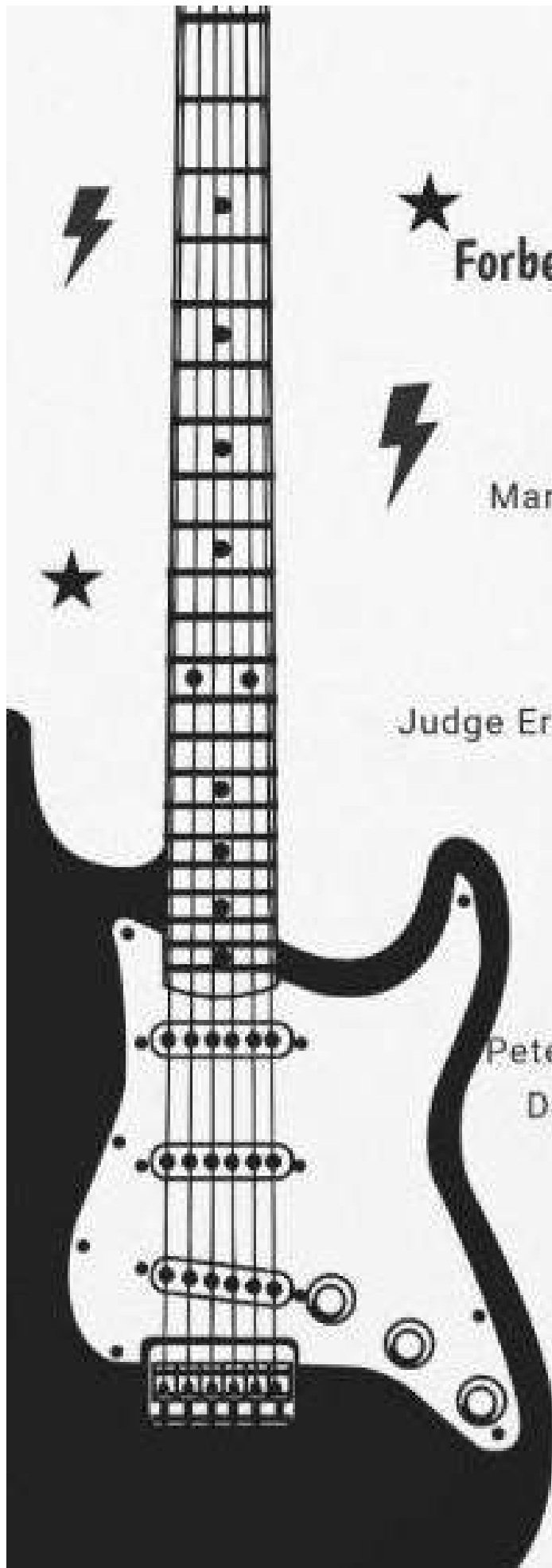
Friday, May 31st – Reed & Waddy

Friday, June 14th – Groove Hotel

Friday, July 19th – Vince Chiarelli Band

Friday, August 16th – Three Good Men





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# U Club Summer Pool Attendants



Owen Beaulieu  
Gracie Adrian  
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