



November

University Club of Rockford

November 2024 Syllabus

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Welcome New Members

New Member

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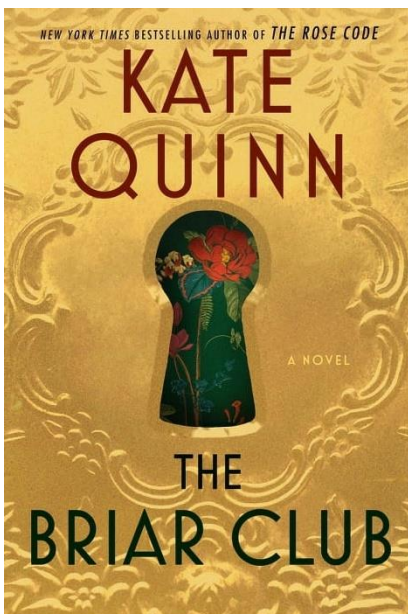
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Tuesday, November 12th – Book Club

Join us each month for our Lunchtime Book Club with **Barb McDonald**, all are welcome. This month they will be meeting on Tuesday, November 12th at noon. This month the book is *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Diamond Eye* and *The Rose Code* returns with a haunting and powerful story of female friendships and secrets in a Washington, DC, boardinghouse during the McCarthy era.



Washington, DC, 1950. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, a down-at-the-heels all-female boardinghouse in the heart of the nation's capital where secrets hide behind white picket fences. But when the lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic room, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship: poised English beauty Fliss, whose facade of perfect wife and mother covers gaping inner wounds; policeman's daughter Nora, who finds herself entangled with a shadowy gangster; frustrated baseball star Beatrice, whose career has come to an end along with the women's baseball league of WWII; and poisonous, gung-ho Arlene, who has thrown herself into McCarthy's Red Scare.

Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties and window-brewed sun tea become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a terrible secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears the house apart, the Briar Club women must decide once and for all: who is the true enemy in their midst?

Capturing the paranoia of the McCarthy era and evoking the changing roles for women in postwar America, *The Briar Club* is an intimate and thrilling novel of secrets and loyalty put to the test.

Reading Ahead:

December: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van
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January: When Women Tan 5th Avenue by Julie Satow



Thursday, November 14th – 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:

Salmon Cakes- Two house made salmon cakes, cucumber dill relish, wild rice pilaf, veg du jour.

Meat Lasagna- Italian sausage, Prime Angus Chuck, lasagna sheets, herb ricotta, marinara, garlic bread.

Chicken Pot Pie- Chicken braised with celery, carrots, onion, herbs, garlic, potatoes, pie crust.

Sweet & Sour Tofu- House made sweet and sour sauce, peppers, onion, pineapple served with jasmine rice and green onion.

Sunday, November 17th - 5th Annual Chili Cook Off & Bears/Packers Tailgate Party



Please join us for our 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Tailgate Party! The day will begin with our Tailgating Party on the deck at 10AM. We will have breakfast burritos for you to enjoy!!! We will kick off the Chili Tasting at noon when the Chicago Bears play the Green Bay Packers, wear your flare!!! The Chili Tasting will take place from 12PM-1:30PM with a Chili Friendly Buffet from 12PM-3PM including all of your favorites to top off Chili. The cost is \$25 per person. Each member

who enters the Chili Cook-Off needs to provide one crock pot of chili warm and ready for serving. If you don't feel like cooking, come to taste. The U Club will provide all of the necessary fixings and supplies. Whose name will be added to the Chili Cook-Off trophy that will remain at the Club? If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob or Kelly by Thursday, November 11th. The Club will be open on this special day from 10AM-4PM.

Wednesday, November 20th – Thanksgiving Pick-Up Orders Due



Deadline for Thanksgiving Carryout Orders Let Chef O and his talented staff do the work for you! From turkeys and hams, sides, appetizers and desserts, we have it all for you. All Thanksgiving carryout orders can be picked up on Wednesday, November 27nd from 10AM–2PM. Items that require re-heating will come with instructions. Please contact Bob, Kelly, or Julie with any questions or to place your order today.

Thursday, November 21st – Wine Dinner

Please save the date for our November Wine Dinner. Watch for an email with additional details.



Wednesday, November 27th – Thanksgiving Eve & Burger Basket Night



Join us on Thanksgiving Eve for Drinks and Baskets.

Basket Menu: Burger, Fried Chicken, or Fried Cod Sandwich.

Baskets Include Sandwich and Fries \$8.

This is the only menu available for the evening.



The University Club will be **Closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th**. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Staff Holiday Fund

In your October statement you will see a \$35 staff holiday fund charge. This is for the staff's holiday bonus and staff party after our busy December. This is a voluntary charge; if you prefer not to contribute, please return the non-participation form by December 10th and your account will be credited. The staff thanks you for your support and generosity.



Let the Club Help with Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving carryout menus will be available by the end of October through eblasts, on our website and at the club. Let us do the work for you! All Thanksgiving carryout orders are due by Nov. 15 and can be picked up on Weds., Nov. 22 from 10 AM–2PM. Items that require re-heating will come with instructions.

Holiday Parties

It's never too early to secure your December dates for business and personal holiday parties. Spots are filling up for December, really, so please contact Kelly Adrian at kadrian@uclubrockford.com to make your holiday entertaining a piece of cake this year.





Are you involved with a Card Club, Book Club, any Club? The **University Club of Rockford** is a great place for your Club to meet. Contact Kelly with any questions.

Bits & Pieces

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 & Tuesday Night Dinner 5PM-8PM

Club will Close at 2PM on Wednesdays

Thursday Night Dinner 5PM-8PM, Remember Kids and Grandkids eat for \$6 from Kids' Menu with the purchase of a regularly priced entrée on Thursday nights.

Fabulous Friday Night Fish Fry 5PM-9PM





SAVE THE DATE!!!! University Club of Rockford **Member Holiday Party**, Saturday, December 7, 2024.

SAVE THE DATES!!! Kids' Christmas Parties
with **Santa**
Monday, December 16th and Tuesday, December 17th

