



University Club of Rockford

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**First Place**

Lonn Brander  
Jeff Barabasz  
Justin Birkley  
Steve Harrison

**Second Place**

Jim Pieschel  
John Harezlak  
Matt Arn  
Steve Hogan

**Third Place**

Craig Flynn  
Miles Nielsen  
Brian Lindsay  
Colin Kurka

## **LOOKING TO SERVE YOUR UNIVERSITY CLUB?**

The Board of the University Club of Rockford is seeking members for the Nominating Committee.

We have had several members express interest in joining the governing board of our club, but we now need them to go through a nomination process, which starts with a nominating committee.

Strong leadership is important as we all work on improving and moving our club forward. Please join the effort by being on the Nominating Committee.

Contact General Manager, Bob White or Board President Mike Robinson if you are interested.

### **Save The Dates – Kids' Christmas Parties with Santa**

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>



### **Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day Cookout**

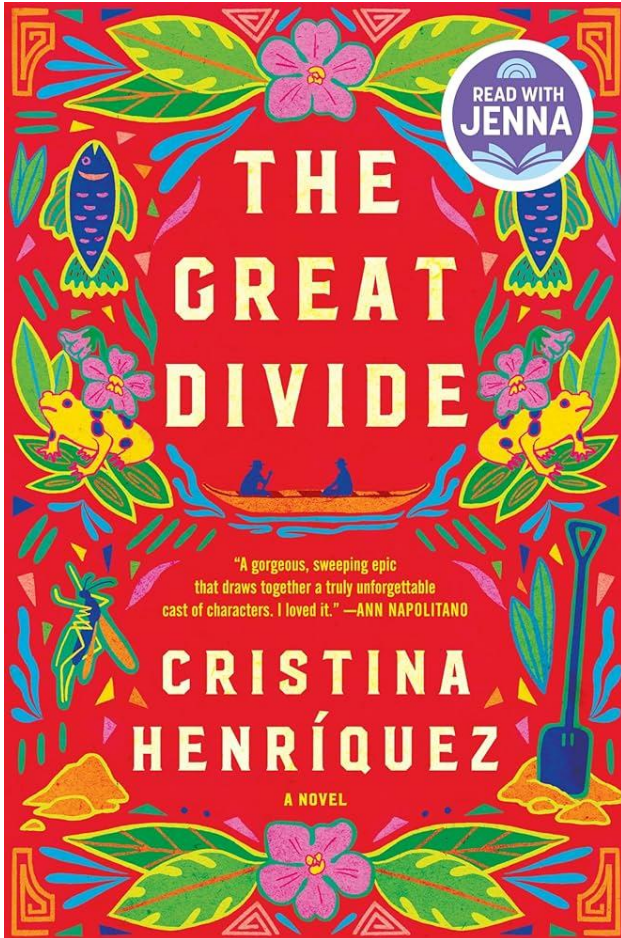


Celebrate Labor Day at the U Club with our annual cookout and pool party!!! Bar and Swimming Pool will be open from 11AM to 5PM with a summer buffet 12PM–5PM. All of your cookout favorites (burgers, brats, grilled chicken, corn, baked beans, mac and cheese, pasta salad, coleslaw, fruit, and potato salad) 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.

### **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – New September Dinner Menu Begins**

## Tuesday, September 10<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, September 10th. This month the book is *The Great Divide* by Christina Henríquez. It is said that the canal will be the greatest feat of engineering



in history. But first, it must be built. For Francisco, a local fisherman who resents the foreign powers clamoring for a slice of his country, nothing is more upsetting than the decision of his son, Omar, to work as a digger in the excavation zone. But for Omar, whose upbringing was quiet and lonely, this job offers a chance to finally find connection.

Ada Bunting is a bold sixteen-year-old from Barbados who arrives in Panama as a stowaway alongside thousands of other West Indians seeking work. Alone and with no resources, she is determined to find a job that will earn enough money for her ailing sister's surgery. When she sees a young man—Omar—who has collapsed after a grueling shift, she is the only one who rushes to his aid.

John Oswald has dedicated his life to scientific research and has journeyed to Panama in single-minded pursuit of one goal: eliminating malaria. But now, his wife, Marian, has fallen ill herself, and

when he witnesses Ada's bravery and compassion, he hires her on the spot as a caregiver. This fateful decision sets in motion a sweeping tale of ambition, loyalty, and sacrifice.

Searing and empathetic, *The Great Divide* explores the intersecting lives of activists, fishmongers, laborers, journalists, neighbors, doctors, and soothsayers—those rarely acknowledged by history even as they carved out its course.

## Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Guest Bartender; Children’s Safe Harbor



Join us from 5PM-7PM as Nicole Ticknor pours drinks to raise money for **Children’s Safe Harbor**. **Children’s Safe Harbor’s** mission is to enhance safety and well-being for children and parents by **providing child-centered trauma-informed** supervised visitation and child exchange services.

## Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Guest Bartender; Rockford Dance Company

Rockford Dance Company will hold a Guest Bartender event on Tuesday, September 17, from 5-7 p.m. Executive Director of the Rockford Area Arts Council **Mary McNamara Bernsten** and City of Rockford Mayor, **Tom McNamara** will tend bar. All bar tips collected will benefit Rockford Dance Company. Highlighting the evening will be a performance by Rockford Dance Company. Additional entertainment will be provided by musician Jeff Layng. Specialty dance-themed cocktails will be offered, and 50/50 raffle tickets may be purchased. A limited dinner menu will be available from 5-8 p.m. All members and their friends are encouraged to join the festivities and help support Rockford Dance Company.

## Thursday, September 19<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:

**Cabernet Braised Beef-** Prime angus beef, Cabernet rich tomato sauce, pappardelle pasta, garlic bread, parmesan.

**Chicken Ala King-** Dark and white meat chicken, creamy rich wild mushroom sauce, jasmine rice.

**Eggplant Parmesan-** Breaded and fried eggplant, ricotta and parmesan cheese, marinara, linguine pasta, garlic bread.

**Blackened Catfish-** Cajun seasoned catfish, red beans and rice, corn maux choux.

## Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – Live Music

Call your friends and make your reservations, **Jimmy** and his band, **Bill and Jim's Most Excellent Acoustic Adventure**, will be performing for a special music night!!! Chef O has created a delicious Asian Buffet for dinner. Enjoy Eggroll, Crab Rangoon, Pork Potsticker, Fried Shrimp, Beef & Broccoli, Sweet & Sour Pork, Kung Pao Chicken, Seafood with Lobster sauce, Stir Fry Vegetables, Shrimp Lo Mein, Vegetable Fried Rice, Jasmine Rice, Crab and lobster salad, Soba Noodle salad, Garden Salad with Sesame Soy Vinaigrette, Fruit, Nappa Slaw, Coconut Rice Pudding, Fortune Cookies, \$40 Per Person. Reservations Appreciated!





Sadly, it's that time of year again that we have to say goodbye to all of our **wonderful** summer staff!!! Thank you for another amazing summer!!!

Chef O was extremely thankful to have three additional kitchen staff this summer!!! **Jack** has headed back to North Central to begin fall Soccer and his Junior year. **Alyas** will be staying in town playing Soccer at Rock Valley College. **Blake** will be heading to NIU to begin his freshman year. The gentlemen will be missed. Chef O will continue to enjoy working with **Ben** and **Tim** on new fall menu ideas.

The faces of the front of the Club, **Annie** (Junior) and **Mary** (Freshman) are heading to Mizzou. The ladies will be missed. **Maggie** will be starting Nursing School at OSF and will continue to work at the Club!

Thank you to our pool attendants!!! **Gracie A, Gracie R, Sophie, Lucy and Owen** are back at Boylan. **Ian** is back at Guilford.

We are thankful to have **Trent, Jimmy, Mack, Maggie,** and **Elaina** with us this fall. **Gracie A** and **Gracie R** have joined the front of house team as well. In between full-time jobs, school, athletics, internships, bands, and family we hope to see them as much as possible.



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.

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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.



**Members, Please Spread The Word!!!**

The University Club is Now Hiring!!! We are looking for several reliable and energetic individuals to join our team. Must be flexible with hours and have a reliable source of transportation. Please stop by the Club to pick up an application.

Servers (Lunch & Dinner Shifts Available), Sous Chef, Line Cooks, and Dishwashers