

SYLLABUS

A Roadmap to the News of the University Club of Rockford, Illinois

For club news on covid-19, check e-blasts and Facebook

President's Letter

by Pete Rundquist



I am writing this letter just as the COVID-19 outbreak accelerated. I can say that the first half of March was good for the University Club, but the second half was not. There are new rules and guidelines that have changed the way we live. The board of directors has determined that the club will offer a new carryout option to continue to

serve our membership and retain our staff. Please check your email for the latest news and options available with our new carryout/delivery menu.

We hope to be back to near normal soon. For April we still plan to offer the Easter activities. May is the Mother's Day Brunch. Both of these events are very special and are a tradition with many families. Please bring your family and continue or start a new tradition.

We will have a golf league this summer! The plan is to begin on Thursday, June 4 and continue on Thursdays through

July. We are taking names of interested members. Please speak to Kurt, Kelly, or me for more information.

These are unprecedented times. Due to COVID-19, recommendations change daily. The safety and health of our members and staff is of the utmost importance. We will follow the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Winnebago County Health Department to ensure the well-being of all.

Stay safe and healthy, and I hope to see you at the club!

Welcome, New Members!

New Members

Lori Gummow & Phil Caltagerone
Julianne Elliott
Andrea Severson & Kathleen Kline

Organization

Winnebago County/Retired
Retired
SwedishAmerican/
Dickerson Nieman

Sponsor

Pete & Becky Rundquist
Tom & Enid Michalowski
Sheryl Johnson,
Ruth & Stu Swanson

Alma Mater

Judson Univ.
—
Rockford Univ.

Condolences

The University Club of Rockford extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Michael J. Delaney, Sr.**

Member News

Hats off to **Dr. W. Stephen Minore** on being elected president-elect and **Dr. Douglas P. Roegner** on being elected a new board member of the Winnebago County Medical Society.

Congratulations to **Mike Robinson** upon his retirement from OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center.

2020 Membership Incentive Program, Win Win!

Can you help us grow membership with this exciting incentive program? It's simple. For all of 2020, when you refer a new member, you and the new member will each receive a \$250 food and beverage credit in the form of certificates. You and the new member will receive five \$50 certificates once

the new member pays his/her initiation fee and first-month dues. There are two slight restrictions -- change will not be given on certificates and certificates cannot be used for tax and gratuity. Certificates will expire one year from date of issue and certificates must be turned in at the time of service.

This incentive is based on a senior membership, so when you sponsor a junior or pool member the incentive will be based on the dues structure for that class of membership.

Thank you for your help, and enjoy the \$250 certificates!

GM Notes

Wow, thank you to everyone who recruited new members this year. We already have nine new members, and that put us on pace for more than 45 new members for the year. Please keep up the great work!

It would be helpful to receive your suggestions about our new outdoor Tiki Bar. Before we had it, members could bring in food and beverages on the weekends when the clubhouse was closed. Many enjoyed this and the extra value it gave to the weekend pool experience. Others expressed interest in having beverage service available on the weekends. However, if the return on investment is not there, it doesn't make sense. If you would like to weigh in with your suggestions for the Tiki Bar, please email me at kschiffer@uclubrockford.com.

We decided to end our reciprocal relationship with Rockford Country Club but will revisit it next year. We continue to work with the Beloit Club and hope to have something in place by the start of the summer.

I encourage all members who have not yet signed up for our email reminders

to do so today. We get as much information as possible into the Syllabus, but with the COVID-19 situation and some opportunities presenting themselves at the last minute, we want to provide the latest information to our members. An example is the upcoming soft-shell crab season. We do not know the exact day they will become available. Once our vendors make them available, the best way to notify members is by email. If you are not receiving emails, please contact Office Manager Julie Sandall at jsandall@uclubrockford.com and she will get you and your partner's emails added. Another great way to stay informed of club happenings like our daily lunch specials is on Facebook, just "like" and follow us.

Remember to get your Easter and Mother's Day brunch reservations in early, and please keep us updated if the size of your group changes. Due to the remodeling, we lost a little seating capacity on our main level. Thus we added a 48-hour cancellation policy for Easter and Mother's Day. This will help us accommodate as many members as possible on the main level. When making your reservation for these brunches, please be sure to leave

the best phone number to reach you, as we will call the week prior to confirm your reservation.

April will mark the end of the Forbes University Discussion/Lecture Series for this year. It will resume next January. I thank all the 2020 lecturers, along with everyone who joined us for stimulating conversation and great food. April will also mark the end of the Lunch/Dinner and Movie series until next October. If you have suggestions for Forbes University or movies for next season, please let us know.

A few building and grounds issues for April. Early April is when we typically shut the boilers and heat down for the summer months. The fireplace can take the chill off the building on some of the colder days, but you may want to bring a sweater if you join us on a day when the temperature outside isn't cooperating. Also, we are working with a company on the acoustics in the dining room. We hope to make the room quieter without compromising the aesthetics of the dining room. If all goes well, we should have something in place around Mother's Day.

See you at the Club,
Kurt W. Schiffer
General Manager



Club Notes

Tuesday, April 7 | Game Night

Join us for the fun dice game of Left Center Right at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7 | Guest Bartender, Burpee Museum

Member and Rockford Mayor **Tom McNamara** will be the guest bartender for this fund-raising event for Burpee Museum of Natural History, 5 to 7 p.m. He'll serve specialty drinks of "Raptor Juice" and "Jurassic Punch!" All cash tips are a Gift of Science to Burpee! Stay for the club's Taste of Tuesday featuring sloppy joes for purchase.

Thursday, April 9 | Forbes University: "Location, Location, Location: An In-Depth Look at Rockford University's Move to East State Street"

Tracing back to 1928, Bern Sundstedt, retired vice president for institutional

advancement at Rockford University and unofficial university historian, chronicles the events and personalities surrounding the little known, yet remarkable 32-year-story of the university's relocation from its original downtown site along the eastern shore of the Rock River to its current park-like campus. Names like Blanche Walker Burpee, Addison Brown, Agard Bartlett, Edward P. Lathrop, Charles Spafford and Loren Whitehead, all of whom are related to current U Club members! Bring family and friends for the 6 p.m. event and stay for dinner. Or, dine before Forbes University. Reservations help us serve you better.

Saturday, April 11 | Kids' Easter Egg Hunt

Peter Cottontail makes his annual visit to the U Club on Saturday. At 11 a.m. the Easter Bunny will visit with the kids and pose for photos. At 11:30 sharp, the Easter Egg Hunt begins on the U Club grounds, weather permitting. If inclement, the hunt will be inside on the main level. After all the eggs have been discovered, enjoy our famous kid-friendly buffet, \$16.95 per person, children four and under are \$8.95. The price includes a basket for children 12 and under for the egg hunt. Please have reservations in by Monday, April 6, to guarantee an Easter basket.

Club Notes, continued

Sunday, April 12 | Easter Brunch

Feast on a delicious and sumptuous buffet on Easter Sunday with your family and friends. Enjoy our omelet and Swedish pancake station, along with carved meats featuring succulent lamb and Berkshire smoked ham. Save room for dessert, a tasty selection of sweets and treats. Reservations are available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., adults \$26.95, children 12 and under \$12.95, three and under are free. For \$5 more enjoy unlimited Champagne and mimosas. Reservations fill up quickly so please RSVP by Thursday, April 9, 6 p.m. We will accommodate as many as we can on the main level, but late reservations may be seated on the second floor. Please inform the club of any changes to your reservations, to allow us time to make adjustments. Thank you for your understanding.

Tuesday, April 14 | Book Club

Join us at 7 p.m. for our monthly book club.

- April – *I'll Push You* by Justin Skeesuck and Patrick Gray
- May – *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan
- June – *Victoria: The Queen* by Julia Baird

Thursday, April 16 | Two for \$29.95 Dinner

A great and affordable way to treat your friends and potential new members to the U Club is our Two for \$29.95 dinner. Enjoy a salad, choice of entrée and a side. Dinner comes with a bottle of our house wine (cabernet, chardonnay, pinot grigio, merlot or white zinfandel) for just \$29.95. Reservations help us serve you better.

Wednesday, April 22 | Administrative Professionals Lunch

Treat your office on Wednesday, April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to our special Administrative Professionals Lunch Buffet. Enjoy soup, salad, grilled cheese station, homemade chips & delicious desserts. Reservations appreciated, \$16.95 per person. The lunch buffet takes the place of the lunch menu.

Thursday, April 23 | Movie Club, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

Join us for lunch or dinner on Thursday, April 23 for *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*. It's all happening in the card room. Order lunch at 11:45 a.m. and the movie begins at 12 p.m. In the evening, enjoy cocktails at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the movie at 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 | Pre-RSO Dinner

Enjoy dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. before going to the historic Coronado Theatre when the Rockford Symphony Orchestra presents Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5. Order from our seasonal menu. Reservations are appreciated. Club will close at 7:30 p.m.

Forbes Summer Music Series

More live music, more often! Thank you to those who have stepped up to be sponsors for the Forbes Summer Music Series. We have just two sponsorship opportunities remaining, the platinum and gold levels. The silver and bronze levels are sold out, thank you! You may want to partner with another member and be our newest sponsor!

- Monday, June 1 – Kelly Steward
- Thursday, June 18 – Cole Brandt
- Monday, June 29 – Espinosa & Coffey
- Thursday, July 9 – Trinadora
- Monday, July 13 – Miles Nielsen
- Thursday, July 23 – Steve McClanahan
- Monday, August 3 – Ryan Vybrony
- Thursday, August 13 – Lone Canary
- Monday, August 24 – Weep & Willow

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Platinum \$1,000, 1 available

This premier sponsorship level includes a \$150 University Club gift certificate, name recognition on the foyer monitor, eblast and the Syllabus newsletter, plus premier reserved seating for up to 8 on all 9 nights; along with a special appetizer for the table created by Chef O & Chef Hillery.

Gold \$750, 1 available

This sponsorship level includes a \$100 University Club gift certificate, name



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SAVE the DATE

- Monday, June 22, Scholarship Dinner Cookout

Sunday, August 9 | Cubs vs. Brewers

GO CUBS GO vs. Milwaukee Brewers! Tickets are available to see the 2016 World Champion Chicago Cubs take on the Milwaukee Brewers at Milwaukee's Miller Park, Sunday, August 9, 1:10 p.m. Just \$135 per person includes a cookout tailgate lunch, beer, wine, soda and bottled water plus tickets and transportation to and from the game. Reserved tickets in section 211 down the first-base line, rows 13 to 18 off the field. Please contact Kelly with any questions or to reserve your spot today.

2020 Chili Cookoff Winners

- 1st Place, Pete Rundquist
- 2nd Place, Tyler Smith



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April 2020 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Remember, Kids and Grandkids eat FREE from Kids' Menu with the purchase of a regularly priced entrée on Thursday nights. Reservations allow us to serve you better.			1 Club Closes at 2 pm	2 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Lamb Chops • Red Snapper	3 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Perch	4
5	6 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Chicken Parmesan • Liver & Onions	7 Taste of Tuesday Sloppy Joe 5-7:30 pm Guest Bartender, Burpee Museum Game Night: Left Center Right 6:30 pm	8 Club Closes at 2 pm	9 Forbes University, "Location, Location, Location, Rockford University," 6 pm Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • 14-oz. NY Strip • Ahi Tuna	10 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Catfish	11 Kids' Easter Egg Hunt 11 am photos 11:30 am hunt
12 Easter Brunch 11 am – 1 pm	13 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Lamb Stew • Chicken Cordon Bleu	14 Taste of Tuesday Beef Taco 5-7:30 pm Book Club 7 pm	15 Club Closes at 2 pm	16 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • 2 for \$29.95*	17 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Tilapia	18
19	20 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Baked Roughy • Orange Chicken	21 Taste of Tuesday Pulled Pork Sliders 5-7:30 pm	22 Administrative Professionals Lunch 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Club Closes at 2 pm	23 Lunch/Dinner & A Movie: <i>A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood</i> 11:45 am Lunch 12:00 pm Movie 5:30 pm Cocktails 6:00 pm Dinner & Movie Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Seafood-Stuffed Roughy • Pork Chop	24 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Walleye	25 Pre-RSO Dinner 5-7 pm
26	27 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Seafood Basket • Chicken Marsala	28 Taste of Tuesday Build Your Own Quesadilla Station 5-7:30 pm	29 Club Closes at 2 pm	30 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm	*Two for \$29.95 Entrée Options: Sirloin Kabobs, Chicken Piccata, Blackened Orange Roughy, Roasted Butternut and Spaghetti Squash Lasagna	



Lunch Service
 Monday – Friday
 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Monday Night Homestyle Menu
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Night Taste of Tuesday
 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Night Early Bird
 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Fabulous Friday Fish
 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Reservations appreciated as it helps us serve you better!
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