

SYLLABUS

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

President's Letter

by Pete Rundquist

It has been just over a month since our annual meeting in January, and that means the pool opens in less than three months (Norm D.).

Winter will soon be behind us as we look forward to spring and summer at the University Club. Soon, some members will return from warmer climates. This will make the club busier than it's been the past few months. Welcome back, snowbirds!



With better weather on the way, it's time to think of summer fun. How about a golf league? We want to revive our golf league. We're looking at Tuesdays or Thursdays – tee off between 4 and 5 p.m. at the historic Sinnissippi Golf Course, play nine holes, and come back to the club for dinner. Stay tuned for more details.

The board of directors invites members to serve on a committee; finance, membership, social and food and beverage committees are all looking for more people. Please contact Kurt or Kelly so you can be involved. We want and need your ideas to make our club the best in town.

The building and grounds committee is putting together a plan to redo the squash court and hope to have it finished by July. This will be a multi-purpose area that can offer more opportunities for members to use the club.

Be sure to check your email and Syllabus for many upcoming events. Remember, that if you eat one more meal this month (and every month), our U Club will be more successful and more fun.

See you at the Club!

Welcome, New Members!

New Member

David & Jennifer Gomel
Nicole and Steve McCorkle
Patsy L. Staaf

Organization

Rosecrance
Becovic Holdings
Retired

Sponsor

Cheri & Phil Eaton
Julie Thomas
Dana Bauerlein

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Member News

Applause to **Brent Brodeski** who was named to the Barron's Advisor Hall of Fame.

Hats off to **Dr. Eric Fulcomer** who was named to the Rockford Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Best wishes to **Phil Eaton** who announced that he will retire at the end of this year as president and CEO of Rosecrance Health Network.

Getting to Know . . . Shauna Gustafson, New Board Member

The newest member of the University Club board of directors is **Shauna Gustafson**, known to most as the person who started the popular U Club Book Club. (FYI, they're discussing *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern on March 10 and newcomers are welcome.)

to meetings at the club. "I was impressed with comfortable I was, and being on the deck was so enjoyable. I think we have a lot to offer and I would like to see us gain more younger members," she said. Shauna joined the club in 2017.

Shauna learned of the U Club when friends and colleagues invited her



Shauna Gustafson, new board member
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Getting to Know . . . Shauna Gustafson, New Board Member, continued

Yes, Shauna belongs to another book club, and she thought a book club would work well for the U Club. “We have between eight to twelve people each month and we really have a great time. We encourage people to try us out. In April our book is *I’ll Push You*

by Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck. Just check us out, 7 p.m., the night the club has Taste of Tuesday,” she suggested.

Shauna is a “Rockfordian” and graduated from Jefferson High School. She did her undergraduate studies at

Eastern Illinois and law school at DePaul. She’s one of 30 public defenders for the Winnebago County Public Defender.

In her spare time, Shauna loves to cook and travel, and of course, read. Thank you for your service, Shauna.

GM Notes

As March arrives, I want to remind the membership that now is the time to start planning your summer business and personal events at the U Club, like company retreats or high school graduations. We have some Saturday and Sunday evenings available, but they will not last long. Contact us now to book your spring and summer events.

Last month I challenged the membership to support the club in two ways. First, use the club as often as possible for lunch and dinner; second, grow membership by recruiting your friends and colleagues to join the premier dining and social club in Rockford. The membership said “challenge accepted.” In February we had close to a \$6000 increase in member usage for

lunch and dinner service compared to last year. In addition, we added three new members in January and February, which are historically zero membership growth months for us. Thank you! Let’s keep the positive momentum into March and April.

Brunch Cancellation Fee We are two months from our first Sunday brunch since the remodel to the first floor. We lost some seating capacity on the main level with the remodeling. We may need to use the second floor for the Easter and Mother’s Day brunches. We will try to seat everyone on the main level, but we will need your help. Main level and card room seating will be on a first-come basis with the earliest reservations given priority. Additionally, there is a 48-hour cancellation fee policy for reservations

for these two brunches. This will allow us to accommodate every member on the main level. The cancellation fee will be 50% of the listed cost, so please keep us updated on any changes to or cancellations of your reservations.

In closing, please remember that this is your club, so please let the board of directors and management team know of any programs, events, dining or drink options you would like to see at the club. We especially want to hear from members who visit other clubs in the winter and see firsthand what works at other clubs. Until next month, let’s have warm thoughts and soon enough we’ll be enjoying the deck on warm summer evenings, watching the river flow.

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

Club Notes

March 2 | Forbes Winter Music

Join us for our final Forbes Winter Music evening, featuring Miles Nielsen and Kelly Steward of Weep & Willow. They will perform two 40-minute sets from 6 to 8 p.m. Many thanks to the sponsors of our inaugural Forbes Winter Music Series.

Many thanks to our Forbes Winter Music Sponsors:

Platinum: Savant Capital Management, Brent Brodeski

Gold: Jake Brubaker, Bob & Marion Guirl, John & Mary Spindler

Silver: Jeff & Vickie Krueger, Elder Granger & Ela Bucko

Bronze: Norm Dasenbrook & Heidi Buchholz, Pete & Becky Rundquist

March 3 | Game Night

Bingo, 6:30 p.m. in the card room. Bring your friends for a fun night!

March 7 | Pre-RSO Dinner

Enjoy dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. before going to the historic Coronado Theatre as the Rockford Symphony Orchestra presents “Women Rock.” Order from a limited version of our seasonal dinner menu. Reservations appreciated.

March 9 | Chili Cook Off

Join us for our third annual chili cook-off! The chili tasting is at 5 to 6:30 p.m.; a chili-friendly buffet dinner, 6 to 8 p.m. with your favorite chili toppings. Just \$16.95 per person. Each member who enters the chili cook-off will provide one crockpot of chili, warm and ready for serving. If you don’t feel like cooking, just come to

taste. The U Club will provide all the necessary “fixings” and supplies. Whose name will be added to the chili cook off trophy? Last year’s winner was Norm Dasenbrook. If you’re interested in participating, please contact Kelly or Kurt by March 6th.

March 10 | Book Club

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

- March – *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern
- 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

Club Notes, continued

March 12 | Forbes University, "The Rule of Law"

"The Rule of Law" will be moderated by Paul Logli, former Winnebago County State's Attorney and now President/CEO of United Way of Rock River Valley. Paul and a panel of legal experts will discuss the topic that has been in the news recently — the principle under which all persons, institutions and entities are accountable to laws that are publicly stated, equally enforced, independently decided and consistent with international human rights. Bring friends and family members for 6 p.m. event, and stay for dinner. Or, dine before Forbes University, as some members have done. Reservations help us serve you better.

March 16 | St. Patrick's Day Buffet

Irish eyes will smile when you join us for this annual buffet on Monday. Get your reservations in early for one of our most popular buffets. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with Irish appetizers of pretzels, beer cheese, Reuben rolls and Irish nachos, followed by a buffet of the U Club's Shepard's Pie, fish and chips, braised lamb stew, potatoes, carrots, cabbage and corned beef. Gather all your lads and lassies and make your reservations today. Just \$22.95 adults and \$12.95 child; buffet from 6 to 8 p.m.

March 17 | St. Patrick's Day Small-Plate Menu

Join us on St. Patrick's Day when Chef O will offer a special small-plate menu from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

March 19 | 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.

March 26 | Lunch/Dinner & a Movie, *Parasite*

Join us for lunch or dinner on Thursday, March 26 for *Parasite*, winner of four Oscars this year, the most, including Best Picture. 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. Reservations are appreciated.

March 28 | Pre-RSO Dinner

Enjoy dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. before going to the historic Coronado Theatre when the Rockford Symphony Orchestra presents Beethoven's Symphony No. 2. Order from our Saturday seasonal menu. Reservations are appreciated.



Monday & Thursday Forbes Summer Music Series!

More live music, more often! Several sponsor levels/opportunities are available. Be sponsor by yourself, with another member or a corporate sponsor.

Forbes Summer Music Series

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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bronze, \$250 **SOLD OUT**

Name recognition on the foyer monitor, eblasts and Syllabus newsletter, plus reserved seating for two on all nine evenings. Two sponsorships available.

Silver, \$500 **SOLD OUT**

Includes all benefits above, plus \$50 U Club gift certificate and reserved seating for four. Two sponsorships available.

Gold, \$750

Includes all benefits above, plus \$100 U Club gift certificate and reserved seating for six. Two sponsorships available.

Platinum, \$1,000

Includes all benefits above, plus \$150 U Club gift certificate, reserved seating for eight and a special appetizer for your table. One sponsorship available.

SAVE *the* DATES

- **Monday, June 22**
Scholarship Dinner Cookout
- **Sunday, August 9**
Cubs vs. Brewers Bus Trip, section 212, first base line

MEMBERSHIP

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Membership Incentive Program, Win-Win-Win

New members joining this year will pay a \$250 initiation fee and first month dues of \$160. Upon payment, they will receive a \$250 food and beverage credit (five \$50 gift certificates); in addition, the primary sponsor will also receive a \$250 food and beverage credit (five \$50 certificates, based on a senior membership. New junior members will receive pro-rated benefits based on junior dues. This is the best membership incentive program in many years, so let's get the word out to potential members. This will be our only new member incentive program this year.



Becky and Pete Rundquist enjoyed drinks and dinner at the Milwaukee City Club before *The Lion King*, as part of the club's recent bus trip.

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March 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	2 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Sweet & Sour Chicken • Liver & Onions Forbes Winter Music: Weep & Willow 6-8 pm	3 Taste of Tuesday Maid Rites 5-7:30 pm Game Night: Bingo 6:30 pm	4 Club Closes at 2 pm	5 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Bone Pork Chops with Braised Balsamic Cabbage & Apples • Rainbow Trout	6 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Tilapia	7 Pre-RSO Dinner 5-7 pm
8	9 Chili Cook Off 5-6:30 pm Tasting 6-8 pm Buffet	10 Taste of Tuesday Wings 5-7:30 pm Book Club 7 pm	11 Club Closes at 2 pm	12 Forbes University, "The Rule of Law" 6 pm Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Steak Night (variety cut to order)	13 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Catfish	14
15	16 St. Patrick's Day Buffet 5:30-8 pm	17 Taste of Tuesday St. Patty's Day Small- Plates Menu 5-7:30 pm	18 Club Closes at 2 pm	19 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • 2 for \$29.95*	20 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Walleye	21
22	23 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Fried Chicken • Spaghetti & Meatballs	24 Taste of Tuesday Chicken Chalupa 5-7:30 pm	25 Club Closes at 2 pm	26 Lunch/Dinner & A Movie: <i>Parasite</i> 11:45 am Lunch 12:00 pm Movie 5:30 pm Cocktails 6:00 pm Dinner & Movie Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Bacon-Wrapped Pork Medallion • Halibut	27 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Walleye	28 Pre-RSO Dinner 5-7 pm
29	30 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Pork Chops • Beef Stroganoff	31 Taste of Tuesday Burger Sliders 5-7:30 pm	*Two for \$29.95 Entrée Options: NY Strip, Stuffed Portobello, Baked Orange Roughy, or Roasted Pork Loin			

Lunch & Dinner Hours

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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