

# SYLLABUS

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

## President's Letter

by Pete Rundquist

Summer has passed and we are into fall. The club closed out summer with a new event, an evening of dog fun (dogs swam in our pool while their people dined nearby). We plan to repeat this next year. Thank you to all who participated.

Autumn is such a pretty time at the club with our exclusive view of the relaxing river and the beautiful color changes.

A big THANK YOU to **Mary Caskey, Helen Hill, Mary Ann Smith, and Pete and Becky Rundquist** who donated the new heaters for the deck. With those heaters and a new tent, outdoor dining should be possible for a few extra weeks. Let's hope that Mother Nature is agreeable to this. Then we will transition to limited indoor dining.



The renovation of the squash court is in progress. The court area and locker room are being updated so that you can walk into the court without having to climb in and out. Thank you to the members who have donated to this project.

Looking ahead, the board has been planning our annual meeting in January 2021. Due to Covid 19, it will probably be hybrid with limited in-person attendance and Zoom format to the membership. Any thoughts you may have about this should be directed to the board of directors.

Please remember that the times and guidelines for gathering with family and friends are a bit different now. We want our membership and community to stay healthy. Please wear your face coverings whenever you walk through the club and when you interact with staff indoors.

As always, our staff and management deserve our thanks and courtesy for

continuing to keep us happy and healthy. Happy October!

See you on the deck . . . for now.



### Squash Court Renovation

A new doorway makes our squash court more convenient for members. Thanks to all who contributed to the improvement.



## Welcome, New Members!

### New Members

Barb & G. David Kohl  
Stephanie & Matthew Shuck

### Organization

Retired  
All Saint's Academy/Altamore & Assoc.

### Sponsor(s)

Rae Biesiadecki  
Ela Bucko/  
Elder Granger II

### Alma Mater

Simpson College  
Indiana Univ./NIU



## Condolences

The University Club of Rockford extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Charles John "Chuck" Prorok**.

## Member News

Best wishes to **Julie Elliott** upon her retirement from the Rockford Park District Board of Commissioners after seven years of elected service.

## GM Notes

Summer's warmth made it easy to have most of our meals outside, but now the nights are getting chillier and darker earlier. Although we can have limited-inside dining, some members are not comfortable with dining inside. So, we have taken some steps to help extend our outdoor dining season. For starters, we begin serving dinner at 5 p.m. That's a little earlier than usual for some, but it does allow you to take advantage of the late-day warmth. We have also added four patio heaters to the deck to help take the chill off the night. They also add ambiance to our deck dining. Another step to extend the outdoor dining season is a new tent that we can put over part of the deck to shield us from the elements.

For members who are comfortable eating inside, we are doing all we can to keep safe distances between groups. We are seating parties in the card room, library, alcove/living room and even upstairs if needed. By using all our rooms, we should be able to accommodate everyone who wants to join us each night.

Here's an update on our Kids' Christmas party. We may add an additional night to keep us within capacity guidelines. And, we may have to modify each child getting to sit with Santa and receive a gift. If you have suggestions to help us with annual events during Covid-19, please give your suggestions to Kurt or Kelly.

Speaking of music, we have suspended our live music series.

With the transition to inside and the limited-seating capacities, music inside does not work.

Please remember that everything on our menu can be ordered for carryout, including bottles of wine.

Finally, we are rolling out a new dinner menu starting October 8. Please stop by to see what Chef O and his culinary team have created for you.

See you at the club!  
Kurt Schiffer, General Manager

## Reminder

# FACE COVERING REQUIRED

## Club Notes

### October 1 | Oktoberfest Dinner

Come celebrate Oktoberfest with us! Instead of the traditional Oktoberfest buffet, Chef O has created a Oktoberfest menu with many of your favorites. Oktoberfest beer flights will be available as well. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Reservations help us serve you better.

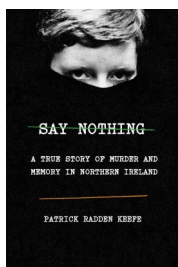


### October 8 | New Fall & Winter Menu

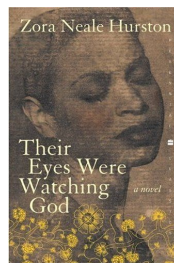
Join us for dinner as Chef O begins his new fall and winter Thursday and Friday night dinner menu. Yum!

### October 13 | Book Club

Book Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. October's book is *Say Nothing* by Patrick Radden Keefe. It won the 2019 National Book Critics Circle Award for nonfiction.



November's book will be *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston.



### October 15 | Two for \$29.95 Dinner

A great and affordable way to treat your friends and potential new members to the club is our Two for \$29.95 dinner. Enjoy a salad, coleslaw or soup with choice of entrée and a side dish. Dinner also comes with a choice of house wine (cabernet, chardonnay, pinot grigio, merlot or white zinfandel).

### October 22 | Hocus Pocus, Movie Day!

Make your reservations for Lunch & a Movie, or Dinner & a Movie. Come order your lunch at 11:45 a.m. as the movie will begin at noon. If you would rather come for dinner, cocktails and dinner orders begin at 5:30 p.m., the movie will start at 6 p.m.

In this cult classic, teenager Max Dennison (Omri Katz) explores an abandoned house in Salem, Massachusetts with his sister Dani (Thora Birch) and their new friend, Allison (Vinessa Shaw). After dismissing a story Allison tells as superstitious, Max accidentally frees a coven of evil witches (Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy) who used to live in the house. Now, with the help of a magical cat, the kids must steal the witches' book of spells to stop them from becoming immortal.

### October 29 | Autumnal Five-Course Dinner, Reservations Required

Join us for a special five-course dinner created by Chef O. Please place your appetizer and dinner order when making your reservation. This will take the place of our Thursday night dinner menu.



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## Club Notes, continued

### October Wine Specials

From Orin Swift Cellars in California's Napa Valley.

#### Orin Swift Blank Stare, Sauvignon Blanc

A glowing pale straw with a striking touch of chartreuse sits in the glass. Aromatically, the wine pops with lime zest, gooseberries, ripe passion-fruit, fresh-cut grass and lemon bars. On the entry, the acidity acts like a belt, constraining the voluptuousness; similar taste profiles to the nose plus crispy green apples and the faintest hint of fresh sage abound. The finish is reminiscent of ripe kiwi and limoncello, teetering on a beam of lingering acidity.



Pairs well with Arugula-Crusted Halibut, Cedar-Planked Salmon, and Chicken Piccata.

Available by the bottle only, \$40

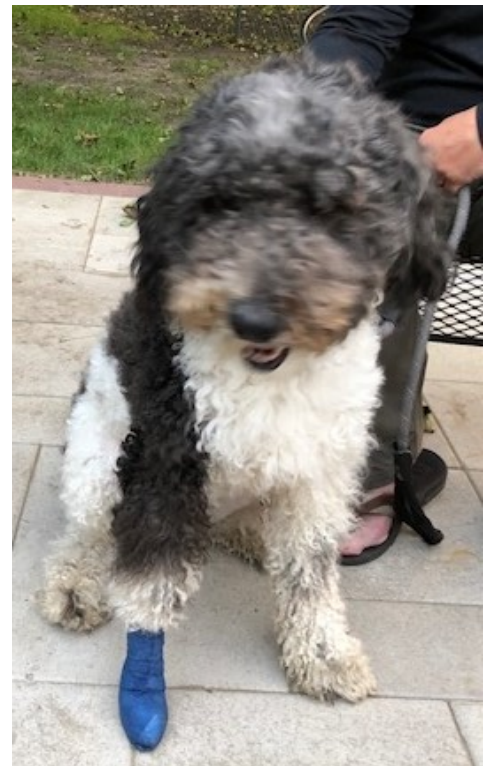
#### Orin Swift Trigger Finger, Grenache

With a lucid ruby brick, the wine offers aromas of bright strawberry, Bing cherry, white pepper and candied rhubarb, if only! On the palate, the ripe red fruits carry through along with notes of fresh black pepper, river rocks and strawberry cream. Chewy tannins close out the wine at perpetuating length with a touch of fresh raspberry.



Pairs well with U Club Prime Rib, Braveheart Filet Mignon, or Bone-In Pork Chop.

Available by the bottle only, \$45



#### Doggone Cute

Huckleberry at the U Club's inaugural "Bring Your Dog to the Pool Day" on Sept. 21. Owner **Mike and Kim Gaffney** said it was a great idea and they all enjoyed it!

## Autumnal Five-Course Dinner

### Appetizers

#### Braveheart Sirloin Bruschetta

Toasted crostini, mozzarella and arugula chimichurri

#### Applewood Smoked Bacon-Wrapped Brussel Sprouts

Served with a balsamic reduction

### Soup

#### Creamy Butternut Squash

Topped with spiced pumpkin seeds

### Salad

#### Arugula and Acorn Citrus Salad

Citrus vinaigrette, roasted acorn squash, feta cheese and candied pecans

### Entrees

#### Beef Wellington

Braveheart prime angus tenderloin wrapped with prosciutto, mushroom duxelles and puff pastry sheet served with Dauphinoise potato and grilled asparagus

#### Lobster Tail

8-oz. cold-water lobster tail split, broiled, served with lobster bisque risotto that's enhanced with asparagus tips and sun-dried tomatoes

### Dessert

#### Tiramisu

Espresso-soaked ladyfingers layered with rich mascarpone, whipped cream and more.

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*Here Is Your October Syllabus*



- **October 1 | Oktoberfest Dinner**
- **October 8 | New Fall Menu Debuts**
- **October 6, 13, 20 & 27 | Taste of Tuesday**
- **October 13 | Book Club, *Say Nothing***
- **October 22 | Movie, *Hocus Pocus***
- **October 29 | Autumnal Five-Course Dinner, Reservations Required**

## October 2020 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>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.</b>				1 Oktoberfest Dinner 5:30 pm	2 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Blue Gill	3
4	5 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Meatloaf • Turkey & Dumplings	6 Taste of Tuesday Wings 5-7:30 pm	7 Club Closes at 2 pm	8 New Fall & Winter Menu 5-8:30 pm	9 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Tilapia	10
11	12 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Corned Beef & Cabbage • Stuffed Peppers	13 Taste of Tuesday Stir Fry Action Station 5-7:30 pm Book Club 7 pm	14 Club Closes at 2 pm	15 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • 2 for \$29.95	16 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Catfish	17
18	19 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Cabbage Rolls • Chicken Parmesan	20 Taste of Tuesday Chili & Baked Potato 5-7:30 pm	21 Club Closes at 2 pm	22 <i>Hocus Pocus</i> , Movie Day! Lunch & Movie 11:45 am Lunch orders 12:00 pm Movie Dinner & Movie 5:30 pm Dinner orders 6:00 pm Movie • New York Sinatra Strip Steak • Red Snapper	23 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Walleye	24
25	26 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Shepherd's Pie • Beef Enchiladas	27 Taste of Tuesday Maid Rites 5-7:30 pm	28 Club Closes at 2 pm	29 Autumnal Five-Course Dinner (No Regular Menu) 5-8:30 pm	30 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Ocean Perch	31

*Two for \$29 Options: Hazelnut Chicken, Baked Roughy, 10-oz. NY Strip, or Eggplant Parmesan*



### 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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