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HERE'S YOUR MARCH SYLLABUS



- March 2, 9, 23, 30 ... To-Go-Tuesdays
- March 9.....Book Club
- March 11.....Lunch/Movie, Dinner/Movie, 2 for \$29 Dinner
- March 15.....St. Patrick's Day Buffet

MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Dinner 4:30-8 pm	<b>2</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm To-Go-Tuesday Pickup 11 am-1 pm Chicken Parmesan Club Closes 2 pm	<b>3</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Club Closes 2 pm	<b>4</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Dinner 4:30-8 pm Kids Eat FREE**	<b>5</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Fabulous Friday Fish Catfish 4:30-8 pm	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Dinner 4:30-8 pm	<b>9</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm To-Go-Tuesday Pickup 11 am-1 pm Mexican Lasagna Club Closes 2 pm Book Club 7 pm	<b>10</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Club Closes 2 pm	<b>11</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Dinner 4:30-8 pm Lunch/Movie 11:45 am Dinner/Movie 5:30 pm 2 for \$29* Kids Eat FREE**	<b>12</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Fabulous Friday Fish Tilapia 4:30-8 pm	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm • Dinner 4:30-8 pm St. Patrick's Day Buffet 5:30 pm Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots & Potatoes, Shepherd's Pie, Mini Reubens, Guinness Beef Stew, Irish Potato Salad, Fish & Chips	<b>16</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm To-Go-Tuesday Pickup 11 am-1 pm Shepherd's Pie Club Closes 2 pm	<b>17</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Club Closes 2 pm	<b>18</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Dinner 4:30-8 pm Kids Eat FREE**	<b>19</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Fabulous Friday Fish Blue Gill 4:30-8 pm	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Dinner 4:30-8 pm	<b>23</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm To-Go-Tuesday Pickup 11 am-1 pm Cabbage Rolls Club Closes 2 pm	<b>24</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Club Closes 2 pm	<b>25</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Dinner 4:30-8 pm Kids Eat FREE**	<b>26</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Fabulous Friday Fish Walleye 4:30-8 pm	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Dinner 4:30-8 pm	<b>30</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm To-Go-Tuesday Pickup 11 am-1 pm Maid Rite Club Closes 2 pm	<b>31</b> Lunch 11 am-2 pm Club Closes 2 pm			

\*2 for \$29: 10-oz. Prime Rib, Smothered Pork Chops, Baked Orange Roughy, Eggplant Parmesan  
\*\*KIDS EAT FREE: Kids and Grandkids eat FREE from Kids' Menu with purchase of regularly priced entrée

LUNCH & DINNER HOURS

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

Dinner Service  
4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Fabulous Friday Fish  
4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

CARRYOUT is available  
when open for dining.

RESERVATIONS are  
appreciated as it helps  
us serve you better. Call  
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MARCH 2021      A ROADMAP TO THE NEWS OF THE UNIVERSITY CLUB OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

President's Letter

by Elder Granger II



President Elder Granger II

Wow. I am humbled and honored to be the president of the University Club. I look forward to meeting with each member and future member of the club. I thank **Pete Rundquist** for his leadership and his continued mentorship of me. I also thank General Manager Kurt Schiffer and our staff for their hard work and commitment to the club.

As we find more stability with the Covid-19 pandemic, it will take all of us as members to be the stewards of our club, and that starts with our membership being back at the club, enjoying each other and the amazing food prepared by Chef O. There have, at times, been feelings of anxiety and uncertainty during the pandemic, and safety precautions which have kept the membership apart. The pandemic is not over, but we are now able to come back together and fill the club with voices, warmth and spirit, while following mask and social distancing requirements. In addition, more members are getting vaccinated. Albeit no requirement, it is strongly suggested that if you have the opportunity to get vaccinated, that you do so. Let's return to enjoying the amenities of the club and our amazing staff.

The heart and soul of this great club is our membership. In order to continue the history and the love of this club, it's important to grow the membership. To further incentivize us to recruit new members, we announce an excellent membership incentive program. Please read about it on page 2.

*Elder Granger II*

GM Notes

by Kurt Schiffer, General Manager

Let's hope March comes in like a lamb as we have had our "lion's" share of winter already. As the restrictions loosen and more members get vaccinated, we will have more social programs beginning in April. During March we will continue to close at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after lunch service, but we will still offer the very popular "Take & Bake" options for Tuesday night dinners; please schedule your pick-up before 2:00.

We can now increase seating capacity from 25% to 50% in each room, have a limited number of bar stools, table seating from 6 to 10 people, and an easing on reservation requirements. We still encourage and appreciate reservations as it lets us plan and staff and better serve you and your guests.

We will again offer our very popular live music series this summer. We plan to have music once a week starting in late May on Monday, Thursday or Friday evenings. Based on reservations, the musicians will perform on the deck or the lower patio. We hope members will sponsor this series again, we really appreciate it.

For members who have supported the club over the last few months by ordering lunch for your office, we thank you and encourage you to continue the practice. For less than \$9 per person you can feed your office with a generous-sized deli sandwich, homemade potato chips, a pickle and a fresh baked cookie. That is a whole lot healthier for you compared to fast food, plus you are supporting our club.

With the cancellations last summer of weddings, anniversaries, class reunions, etc., our Saturday schedule is filling up with private parties for the summer and fall months. We've even booked a Christmas party for

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GM Notes, Continued

December. We encourage our members to secure their date of choice for their summer celebration. We also are filling up our Tuesday night guest bartender spots for those of you who oversee fundraising for charitable organizations.

I want to thank the membership for all your support the last 11 months. You are the reason this place is so special. Now that things are getting back to some sort of normalcy, I ask that you help us grow our membership by introducing your friends, neighbors and co-workers to our club. If you can just get them in the door, I know our food, service and setting will do the rest.

See you at the club!  
Kurt

New-Member Incentive Program

New members will pay a \$250 initiation fee and their first month dues. Upon payment, they will receive a \$250 food and beverage credit in five \$50 gift certificates. The primary sponsor will also receive a \$250 food and beverage credit in five \$50 certificates. This is based on a regular membership. Junior memberships will receive a pro-rated version based on junior dues. This is our most aggressive new-member incentive program in many years and we know that you will get the word out to potential members. This will be our only new-member incentive program this year. Please call Kurt, Kelly or Julie with any questions at 815.962.1730.

Member News

Congratulations to **Einar Forsman** for being named the new president/chief executive officer of the Greater Rockford Growth Partnership that was formed by the boards of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce and the Rockford Area Economic Development Council.

Getting to Know

*[Editor’s Note: Marcia Mueller and Mike Robinson were elected to the University Club of Rockford’s board of directors at the January 19 annual meeting. Tracy Fitzgerald and Gerrie Gustafson were introduced in the February Syllabus.]*



Marcia Mueller

**MARCIA MUELLER**, New Board Member

“Initially I joined the U Club because I thought it would be a good place to take clients for lunch, the location was close by and I liked the no-minimum,” said Marcia Mueller.

“That still holds true, and now it’s become such a comfortable place for me. There are good activities and I’ve participated in quite a few of them. I think the recent remodeling was well done, so I look forward to serving on the board,” she added.

Marcia is partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP and specializes in estate and succession planning. She graduated from the University of Missouri and the UIC John Marshall Law School.

She also serves on the board of directors of the Frank Lloyd Wright Laurent House and the Rockford Symphony Orchestra Foundation. Through mayoral appointment, Marcia is a member of the City of Rockford Police Pension board. In her spare time she likes to cook, read, garden and travel. Welcome, Marcia!



Mike Robinson

**MIKE ROBINSON**, New Board Member

“The club offers me something I can’t find anyplace else in town. It’s nice to know I have a place to go that’s like a refuge. It’s always very relaxing, and I can be with people I like and enjoy time with them. Plus, the food and service are always superb,” said Mike.

Mike has been in Rockford for 42 years and considers it his hometown, after arriving here from Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. Some members may remember Mike from his days as a reporter and anchor for WTVO and WREX before he retired from OSF Health Care as media relations coordinator. As an avid golfer, Mike likes his part-time job at the golf shop of Forest Hills Country Club.

He finds time to serve as president of the Rockford Park District Foundation board of directors and president of the Highview Retirement Association in Rockton. “Rockford’s been very good to me and hope I in turn have been good to it,” he said. Welcome, Mike!

Club Notes

March 9, Book Club

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. for our monthly book club.

March ..... *Three Hours in Paris* by Cara Black

April ..... *The Things Carried* by Tim O’Brien

March 11, Movie Day

Join us for lunch or dinner on Thursday, March 11 as we show the 2011 drama/thriller *Contagion* in the card room. Stellar ensemble cast includes Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Kate Winslet and more. Soon after her return from a business trip to Hong Kong, Beth Emhoff dies from a virus. Her young son dies the same day. Several days pass before the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention realize the gravity of this new infection. As the contagion spreads to millions of people worldwide, societal order breaks down as people panic. Come order lunch at 11:45 a.m. and the show will begin at noon. If you would rather come to the evening show, enjoy cocktails at 5:30 p.m., then dinner and the show will begin at 6 p.m. Reservations appreciated.

March 15, St. Patrick’s Day Buffet

Irish eyes will be smilin’ when you join us for this annual buffet on Monday, one of our most popular buffets. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. A delicious buffet of Shepard’s Pie, fish and chips, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, corned beef, mini Reubens, Guinness beef stew and Irish potato salad. Gather all your lads and lassies and make your reservations today. Just \$22.95 adults and \$12.95 child, buffet 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

March 18, 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.

SAVE THE DATE

April 3 ..... Easter Bunny

April 4 ..... Easter Brunch

May 9 ..... Mother’s Day Brunch

May 29 ..... Swimming Pool Opens!

August 26 ..... Scholarship Golf Outing



2021 Forbes Summer Music Series!

Be a special sponsor. Sponsor alone, with another member, or as a corporate sponsor. This summer we have more live music, more often, 11 lively nights!

University Club of Rockford Forbes Summer 2021 Music Series

Thursday, May 27 ..... Cole Brandt

Thursday, June 10 ..... Steve McClanahan

Monday, June 14 ..... Ryan Vyborny

Thursday, June 24 ..... Espinosa & Coffey

Monday, June 28 ..... *Awaiting Confirmation*

Thursday, July 8 ..... Lone Canary

Monday, July 12 ..... Trinadora

Thursday, July 29 ..... Kelly Steward

Monday, August 2 ..... Steve McClanahan

Thursday, August 19 ..... Cole Brandt

Monday, August 23 ..... Miles Nielsen & Kelly Steward

Sponsorships Available

- Platinum \$1,000**
- One available
  - \$150 University Club gift certificate
  - Name recognition on the foyer monitor, eblast and the Syllabus newsletter
  - Premier reserved seating for 8 on all 11 nights
  - Special appetizer for the table created by Chef O & Chef Hillery

- Gold \$750**
- Two available
  - \$100 University Club gift certificate
  - Name recognition on the foyer monitor, eblast and the Syllabus newsletter
  - Premier reserved seating for 6 on all 11 nights

- Silver \$500**
- Three available
  - \$50 University Club gift certificate
  - Name recognition on the foyer monitor, eblast and the Syllabus newsletter
  - Premier reserved seating for 4 on all 11 nights

- Bronze \$250**
- Three available
  - Name recognition on the foyer monitor, eblast and the Syllabus newsletter
  - Premier reserved seating for 2 on all 11 nights