



University Club of Rockford

April 2025 Syllabus

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President's Message

While March teased us with a few warmer than normal days, Old Man Winter wasn't yet ready to release its grip on Rockford and the Midwest. However, I'm hopeful the worst is behind us and April will prove to be a beautiful beginning to a wonderful Spring,

If you join me in that optimistic belief, then get ready for the outdoor dining season. And there's no better place in Rockford to enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner alfresco than our beautiful University Club.

I know Bob, Kelly, O and the UClub staff are ready. They have plenty of momentum from a terrific March that allowed them to show their talents through several special events.

From the Sunday Brunch to the Fat Tuesday Buffet and Pasta Night, along with the St. Patrick's Buffet, they proved we have a dedicated team that wants the UClub to be the place to be and belong.

I invite you to join them in that enthusiasm and passion by inviting your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to check us out and make sure they have a club application in hand when they leave.

The best of 2025 is still ahead. I look forward to seeing you at our club.

Vince Zammuto

President



Dear Members,

I am looking forward to Spring with the opening of the patio and sunny, warm weather. There are a couple of things the club could use the membership's help with.

First is remembering the club's dress code and reminding your guest of the dress code. We have had several comments on inappropriate dress code violations. Please assist the staff in enforcing and following the University Club Dress Code.



Dress Code

This is a gentle reminder of the club's dress code policy.

- Business Smart/Casual
 - Jeans with no wear, holes, or inappropriate designs
- Shorts are acceptable in the summer in the Bar, Card Room, and Deck
 - **Shorts are NOT acceptable in the Dining Room**
- **Gentlemen are requested to remove their hats inside the Clubhouse.**
 - Gentlemen are required to wear collared shirts in the Dining Room
- Pool attire with a cover up is permitted in the Bar during the summer until 5:00pm

Next, I would ask the entire membership requesting that if you have any friends, family, or business associates please let them know we have memberships available. It can be as easy as giving me their information and I will reach out to them. It is a priority this year to increase the membership base so we can more efficiently operate the club, which helps the financial stability of the club and the entire membership. Our goal for this year is to increase the membership by 10%, which means one out of every ten members would bring in a member or at least provide the club with the names of prospective members. Below is my contact information.

Coming up in April we have planned several events for the membership to enjoy and the schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 3rd – Lobsterfest

Tuesday, April 15th – Burger Basket Night

Thursday, April 17th – Dinner For Two

Saturday, April 19th – Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20th – Easter Brunch

**Tuesday, April 22nd – Member Appreciation
Pizza Buffet**

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to myself or Kelly Adrian and we can assist you with any questions or needs you may have.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the club.

Robert White

General Manager

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Gerry & Jayne DeRango

Roy & Judy Bethge

MEMBER NEWS!!!

Becky Rundquist Honored at Rotary

Becky received a Service Above Self Award from Rockford Rotary on March 13 at Memorial Hall. The award is given annually to Rotarians for their exemplary service to the community and to Rotary.



J.R. Kortman Recognized for Arts Leadership



The 2025 Excellence in Service to the Arts Award for Organization/Company was given to J.R. Kortman at the Rockford Area Arts Awards on March 7 at the Rockford Woman's Club. The downtown store is owned by Jerry Kortman and Doc Slafkosky.

Thursday, April 3rd – Lobsterfest



Join us for our **Lobsterfest** Dinner!!!! Chef O has created a delicious five course Lobster themed menu. When making your reservation, please provide your entrée choice. **Lobsterfest** will take the place of our Thursday night dinner menu. Call today to reserve your spot, \$80 per person.

Appetizer: Lobster Rangoon

Soup: Lobster Bisque

Salad: Raspberries, Strawberries, Feta Cheese, Spring Mix Greens Served with

Raspberry Vinaigrette, Toasted Almonds and Fried Lobster

Entree Choices

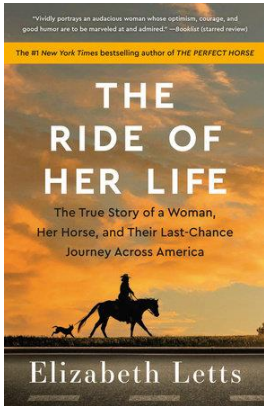
Twin Lobster Tails: Twin Lobster Tails with Clarified Butter, Twice Baked Potato, and Grilled Asparagus

Surf & Turf: Single Lobster Tail & Filet Mignon, Twice Baked Potato, and Grilled Asparagus

Dessert: White Chocolate Raspberry Crème Brulee

Tuesday, April 8th – Book Club

Join us each month for our Lunchtime Book Club, all are welcome. This month they will be meeting on Tuesday, April 8th at noon. This month they will be reading *The Ride of Her Life*, by Elizabeth Letts.



In 1954, sixty-three-year-old Maine farmer Annie Wilkins embarked on an impossible journey. She had no money and no family, she had just lost her farm, and her doctor had given her only two years to live. But Annie wanted to see the Pacific Ocean before she died. She ignored her doctor's advice to move into the county charity home. Instead, she bought a cast-off brown gelding named Tarzan, donned men's dungarees, and headed south in mid-November, hoping to beat the snow. Annie had little idea what to expect beyond her rural crossroads; she didn't even have a map. But she did have her ex-racehorse, her faithful mutt, and her own unfailing belief that

Americans would treat a stranger with kindness.

Annie, Tarzan, and her dog, Depeche Toi, rode straight into a world transformed by the rapid construction of modern highways. Between 1954 and 1956, the three travelers pushed through blizzards, forded rivers, climbed mountains, and clung to the narrow shoulder as cars whipped by them at terrifying speeds. Annie rode more than four thousand miles, through America's big cities and small towns. Along the way, she met ordinary people and celebrities—from Andrew Wyeth (who sketched Tarzan) to Art Linkletter and Groucho Marx. She received many offers—a permanent home at a riding stable in New Jersey, a job at a gas station in rural Kentucky, even a marriage proposal from a Wyoming rancher. In a decade when car ownership nearly tripled, when television's influence was expanding fast, when homeowners began locking their doors, Annie and her four-footed companions inspired an outpouring of neighborliness in a rapidly changing world.

Reading Ahead

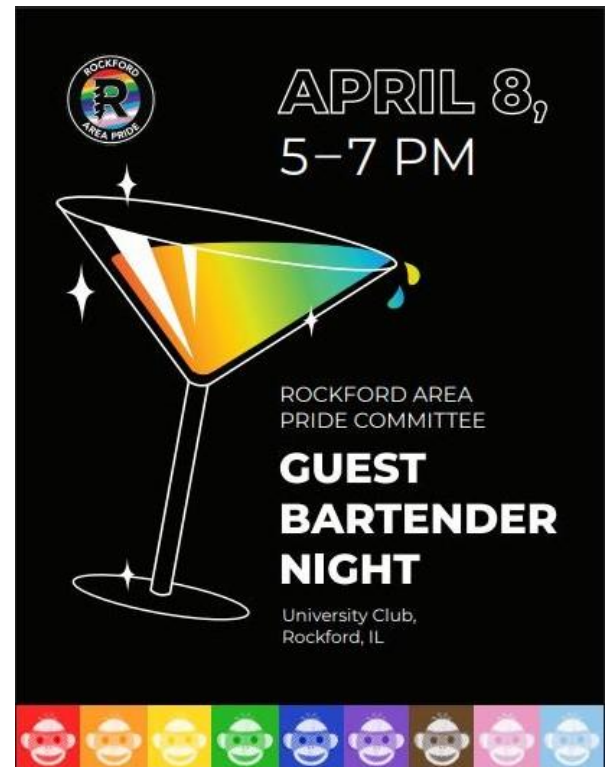
May: *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, by T.J. Klune

June: *God of the Woods*, by Liz Moore

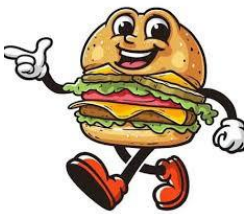


Tuesday, April 8th – Guest Bartender

Join us on Tuesday night as **Darcy Pinasco** and **Josh Stopp** pour drinks to raise money for *Rockford Area Pride Committee*. Darcy and Josh will be pouring drinks from 5PM-7PM.



Tuesday, April 15th – Burger Basker Night



Basket Menu: Burger, Fried Chicken, or Fried Cod Sandwich.

Baskets Include Sandwich and Fries \$8.

This is the only menu available for the evening.

Thursday, April 17th – Two For \$49.95 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.

Chicken Stir Fry- Assorted Stir fry Vegetables, Chicken, House made Garlic, Ginger Savory Soy sauce, Served with Jasmine Rice

Prime Rib Carne Asada Taco-Flour Tortilla, Prime Rib Braised in Chili Adobo, Guacamole, Chopped Cilantro and Onion, Served with Mexican Rice & Refried Beans

Baked Orange Roughy- Orange Roughy Baked with Herbs and white wine, served with Wild Rice Pilaf, Veg Du Jour.

Eggplant Braciolo-Roasted Eggplant roasted rolled with lentils, walnuts, spinach, ricotta cheese, braised in a rich tomato sauce served with linguine pasta

Saturday, April 19th – Easter Egg Hunt

Peter Cottontail makes his annual visit to the U Club on Saturday, April 19th 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 weather, the hunt will be inside on the main level. After all the eggs have been discovered, enjoy our famous kid-friendly buffet, \$25.95 per person, children four and under are \$19.95. The price includes a basket for children 12 and under for the egg hunt. Please have reservations in by Wednesday, April 16th to guarantee an Easter basket.



Sunday, April 20th – Easter Brunch



Feast on a delicious and scrumptious buffet on Easter Sunday with your family and friends. Reservations are available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults are \$39.95, children 12 and under \$25.95. For \$15 more enjoy unlimited champagne and mimosas. Reservations fill up quickly so please

RSVP by Thursday, April 17th at 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

Cold: Shrimp Cocktail, House Salad with Assorted Dressing, Coleslaw, Fruit, Pasta Salad, Broccoli Salad, & Crab Salad.

Hot: Bacon, Sausage Links, Potatoes O'Brien, Chicken Alfredo, Baked Cod, Egg Benedict, Florentine Benedict, Grilled & Roasted Vegetables

Carvery: Pineapple Honey Glazed Ham, Roasted Beef With Horseradish, Au Jus, Rolls & Butter

Omelet Station: Broccoli, Tomato, Spinach, Mushroom, Peppers, Onion, Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Cheddar, & Swiss.

Sweets: Waffles, Blintz, Lingonberries, Syrup, Mini Muffin, Danish Pastry, Strawberry Short Cake

Tuesday, April 22nd – Complimentary Pizza



Join us for our **Complimentary Pizza** starting at 5PM. Assorted Pizza Buffet. Free for Members, Non-Members will be charged. No dinner menu available tonight.

Tuesday, April 29th – Guest Bartender

Come out for a fun and unforgettable evening at the University Club of Rockford! Enjoy a cocktail hour like no other, featuring an amazing guest bartender

Mayor Thomas McNamara, Board Member of the Rockford Family Peace Center.



Family Peace Center

Tip your bartender and make a difference, as all proceeds will support the *Rockford Family Peace Center* and its vital programs that help our community thrive. This is your chance to learn more about the FPC's impactful work while enjoying great drinks and good company!

Bits & Pieces

Remember, you can **enjoy all your U Club favorite meals as a carryout**. Ask your server for a menu to take home. Ask about the nightly specials when calling in your orders.

A gentle reminder, **reservations mean a better dining experience** for not only you, but all our members. Reservations allow us to be better prepared and staffed to serve your dining requests. We appreciate your reservations, but, if you are on the go and drop in at the last minute, we are happy to welcome you.

Do you have a **menu item that you would like to enjoy?** Do you have **special dietary requirements?** Please let us know and we will do our best to meet your needs. Just contact Chef O with your requests.

Remember to **“like” us on Facebook** and **“follow” us on Instagram** to get updates on club happenings and lunch specials and to connect with fellow members. Find us at “U Club Rockford” on Facebook and “UClubRkfd” on Instagram.

Serving a group in your home or at your office? Let the U Club do the work for you. Contact Kelly for menu ideas and more information.

Club Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 11AM-2PM

Monday & Tuesday Night Dinner 5PM-8PM

Club will Close at 2PM on Wednesdays

Thursday Night Dinner 5PM-8PM, Remember Kids and Grandkids eat for \$6 from Kids' Menu with the purchase of a regularly priced entrée on Thursday nights.

Fabulous Friday Night Fish Fry 5PM-9PM



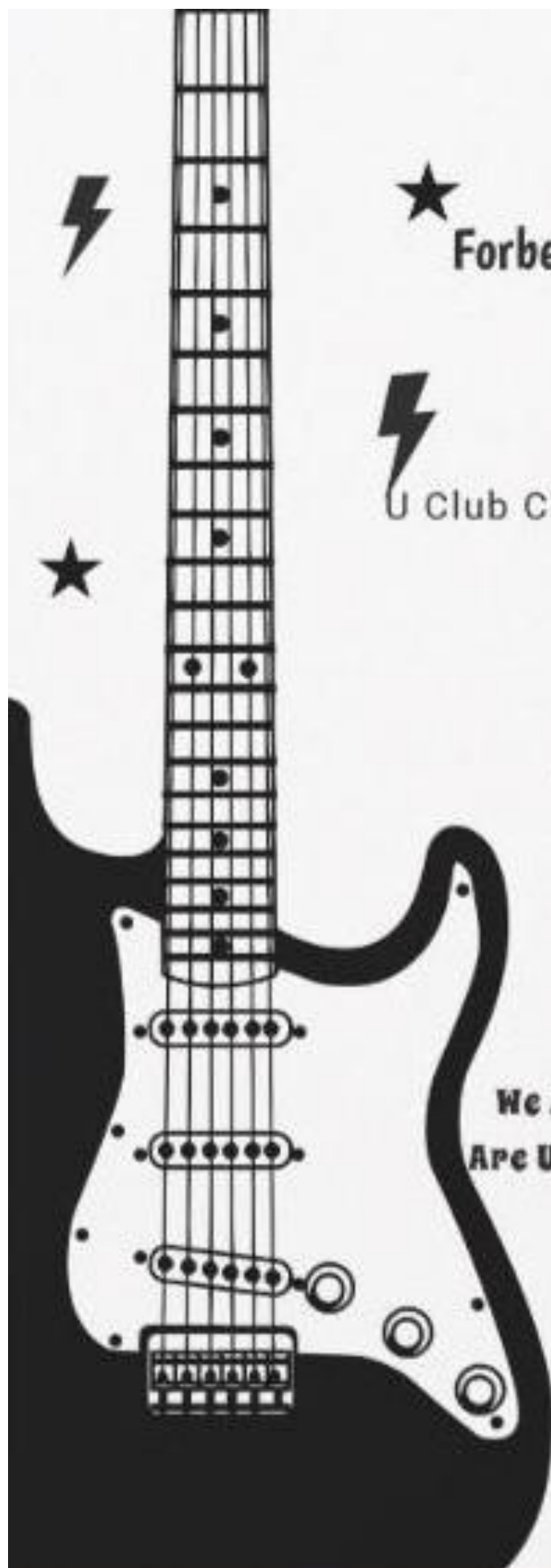
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2025 Forbes Summer Music Series

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Friday, June 6th - Reed & Waddy
Thursday, June 12th - Jeff Layng
Wednesday, June 18th - Kelly Steward
Thursday, June 26th - Miles Nielsen
Tuesday, July 1st
Bill & Jim's Most Excellent Acoustic Adventure
Friday, July 11th - Three Good Men
Thursday, July 17th - Miles & Kelly
Wednesday, July 23rd - Ryan Vyborny
Monday, July 28th - Lady & The Tramp
Friday, August 8th - The Groove Hotel
Tuesday, August 12th
Jodi Beach & Jim McDowell
Thursday, August 21st
Steve McClanahan
Monday, August 25th
Andrew Robinson

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Contact Kelly To Become A Sponsor
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Hello Summer!

University Club of Rockford's
2025 Summer Membership
Memorial Day - Labor Day

Summer Membership Includes:
Member Dining, Live Music,
Swimming Pool,
and Summer Holiday Events
\$800

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