



University Club of Rockford

November 2025 Syllabus

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President's Message

"Where is everybody" and "What are we doing wrong"?

These are two of the questions your Board of Directors have been asking themselves lately. We'd like to figure out why attendance at the Club has been low and why we've had to scale back, re-schedule or outright cancel some Club events.

As I've stated in my message before, the Board is here to serve the needs and wants of members and we're honored to take on that responsibility. However, if we're missing the mark, we need to know and hear from you. Our Club cannot remain vibrant and viable if its members are not supporting it or finding those opportunities that prompt them to come (and bring their friends) on those special nights for the food and atmosphere that only the UClub can create.

Please reach out to me, any member of the board, as well as Bob and Kelly with your ideas and suggestions. We're listening.

November brings several opportunities to reverse the trend, beginning with the Holiday Wine Tasting on November 6. Looking for that special libation to serve at your Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years table? – this is an event you should not miss and best of all, it's FREE to members.

We also have a wine dinner on November 25 and, with lots of family and friends coming home for the holiday, treat them to Burger Basket night on Thanksgiving Eve (Nov. 26).

Finally, keep an eye to Club calendar and your email as we'll soon be sending out a call for new board members and the Annual Meeting will be in January.

The holidays are always special at the University Club of Rockford. Look forward to seeing you there.



Vince Zammuto, President

General Manager's Message

Dear Members,

I want to thank Chef O, our Executive Chef and Kelly Adrian, our Assistant General Manager, for providing the membership with an amazing Wine Dinner last month. From the wine selections to the food courses were something to remember. So, in November we will be having an Orin Swift Gourmet Wine Dinner that I hope exceeds the expectations of the membership. Please sign up as soon as possible because this event will be limited to the first 40 members and guests.



Coming up in November, we have scheduled several events for the membership to enjoy, and the schedule is as follows:

Thursday, November 6th – Holiday Wine Tasting
Wednesday, November 19th – Thanksgiving Day Orders Due
Thursday, November 20th – Dinner For Two
Tuesday, November 25th – Orin Swift Gourmet Wine Dinner
Wednesday, November 26th – Burger Night

We wanted to remind you that club hosts Weddings, Baby or Bridal Showers, Birthday Parties, Anniversaries, Business Meetings and Private or company Christmas Parties. So, if you or someone you know are planning to host an event, please think of the University Club as the destination for your event.

Just remember that recruitment never ends and if you know of anyone that would make a good member, please send them our information. Sponsoring members can be as easy as giving me their information and I will reach out to them.

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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Tuesday, November 4th – Guest Bartender

Stop by and support our Rockford Dancing with the Stars duo **Darcy Pinasco** and **Josh Stopple**. They will be pouring drinks from 5PM-7PM. Support **Family Counseling Services** and help them take home a Mirror Ball Trophy on November 22 at the Dancing with the Rockford Stars gala!



Thursday, November 6th – Holiday Wine Tasting

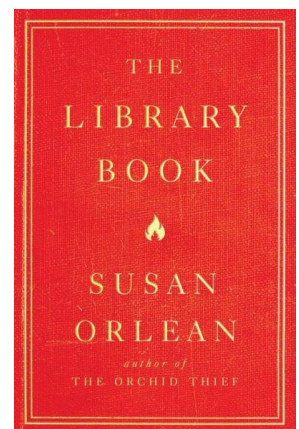


Join Melissa from **Breakthru Beverage**, in the Living Room from 5:30PM-7PM. Melissa will have **Holiday Wines** to taste and order.

Tuesday, November 11th – Book Club

Join us each month for our Lunchtime Book Club, all are welcome. This month they will be meeting on Tuesday, November 11th at noon. This month they will be reading *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.

On the morning of April 29, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. As the moments passed, the patrons and staff who had been cleared out of the building realized this was not the usual fire alarm. As one fireman recounted, "Once that first stack got going, it was 'Goodbye, Charlie.'" The fire was disastrous: it reached 2000 degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand



books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library—and if so, who?

Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire, award-winning *New Yorker* reporter and *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Orlean delivers a mesmerizing and uniquely compelling book that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before.

In *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the LAPL fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity; brings each department of the library to vivid life through on-the-ground reporting; studies arson and attempts to burn a copy of a book herself; reflects on her own experiences in libraries; and reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago.



Along the way, Orlean introduces us to an unforgettable cast of characters from libraries past and present—from Mary Foy, who in 1880 at eighteen years old was named the head of the Los Angeles Public Library at a time when men still dominated the role, to Dr. C.J.K. Jones, a pastor, citrus farmer, and polymath known as “The Human Encyclopedia” who roamed the library dispensing information; from Charles Lummis, a wildly eccentric journalist and adventurer who was determined to make the L.A. library one of the best in the world, to the current staff, who do heroic work every day to ensure that their institution remains a vital part of the city it serves.

Brimming with her signature wit, insight, compassion, and talent for deep research, *The Library Book* is Susan Orlean’s thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. It is also a master journalist’s reminder that, perhaps especially in the digital era, they are more necessary than ever.

December: A Christmas Memory

January: Thursday Murder Club

February: Year of Wonder Brooks

Wednesday, November 19th – Thanksgiving Carryout Orders Due



Deadline for Thanksgiving Carryout Orders Let Chef O and his talented staff do the work for you! From turkeys and hams, sides, appetizers and desserts, we have it all for you. All Thanksgiving carryout orders can be picked up on Wednesday, November 26th from 10AM–2PM. Items that require re-heating will come with instructions. Please contact Bob, Kelly, or Lisa with any questions or to place your order today.

Thursday, November 20th – 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.

Entree Choices:

Herb Roasted Pork Loin: Served with Mashed Potato, Veg Du Jour, Herb Gravy

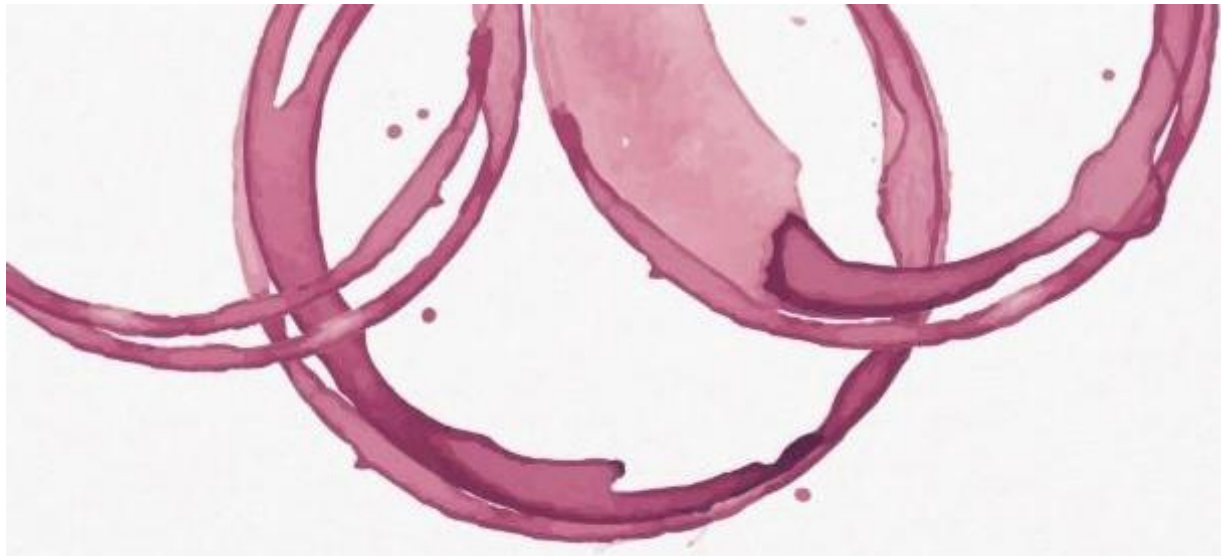
Chicken Alfredo Lasagna: Served with Garlic Bread

Meat Loaf: Served with Gravy, Mashed Potato, & Veg Du Jour

Cajun Fried Catfish: Served with Potato Pancake Bites, Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce, & Lemon

Tuesday, November 25th – Orin Swift Wine Dinner

Join us for our Gourmet Wine Dinner beginning at 6:30PM. Reservations Required.



Gourmet Wine Dinner

Orin Swift Labels

University Club of Rockford

Tuesday, November 25th

6:30PM Reception

7PM Dinner

Reservations Required

\$100 Per Person

Limited To 40 Members & Guests

Wednesday, November 26th – Burger Basket Night



Join us on Thanksgiving Eve for Drinks and Burgers.

Burger Basket with Steak Fries!

Burger Basket Include Sandwich and Fries \$10.

This is the only menu available for the evening.

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

FRIENDLY
REMINDER



The University Club will be **Closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th**. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Staff Holiday Fund

In your October statement you will see a \$35 staff holiday fund charge. This is for the staff's holiday bonus and staff party after our busy December. This is a voluntary charge; if you prefer not to contribute, please return the non-participation form by December 10th and your account will be credited. The staff thanks you for your support and generosity.



Let the Club Help with Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving carryout menus will be available by the end of October through eblasts, on our website and at the club. Let us do the work for you! All Thanksgiving carryout orders are due by Nov. 19 and can be picked up on Weds., Nov. 26 from 10 AM–2PM. Items that require re-heating will come with instructions.

Holiday Parties

It's never too early to secure your December dates for business and personal holiday parties. Spots are filling up for December, really, so please contact Kelly Adrian at kadrian@uclubrockford.com to make your holiday entertaining a piece of cake this year.





Are you involved with a Card Club, Book Club, any Club? The **University Club of Rockford** is a great place for your Club to meet. Contact Kelly with any questions.

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.

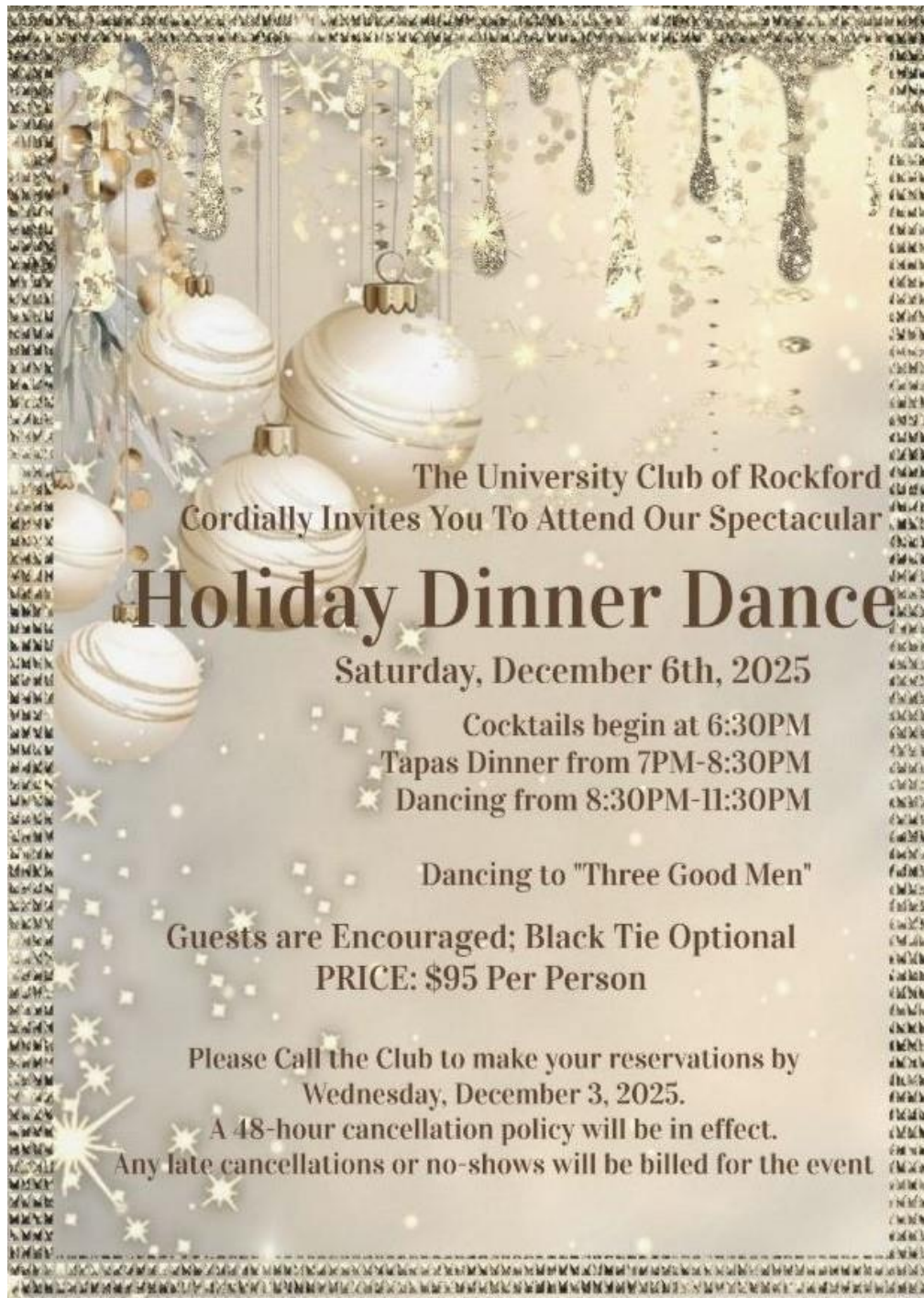
Remember to **“like” us on Facebook** and **“follow” us on Instagram** to get updates on club happenings and lunch specials and to connect with fellow members. Find us at “U Club Rockford” on Facebook and “UClubRkfd” on Instagram.

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.

December

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

University Club of Rockford **Holiday Dinner Dance**, Saturday, December 6, 2025.



The University Club of Rockford
Cordially Invites You To Attend Our Spectacular

Holiday Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

Cocktails begin at 6:30PM
Tapas Dinner from 7PM-8:30PM
Dancing from 8:30PM-11:30PM

Dancing to "Three Good Men"

Guests are Encouraged; Black Tie Optional
PRICE: \$95 Per Person

Please Call the Club to make your reservations by
Wednesday, December 3, 2025.
A 48-hour cancellation policy will be in effect.
Any late cancellations or no-shows will be billed for the event

SAVE THE DATES!!! Kids' Christmas Parties with **Santa**

Monday, December 15th and Tuesday, December 16th

