

# SYLLABUS

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

## President's Letter

by John Mecklenburg

Friends,

Wow, what a tremendous December we had! The club looked festive and great. And we were SO BUSY! We had so many special parties that we couldn't handle any more, while member dining remained solid!



On behalf of the entire membership, I have conveyed a huge vote of appreciation to the staff, ALL of whom went way "above and beyond" to insure that 2017 was a "December to Remember" at the University Club of Rockford!

And, as we begin a new and joyous year, I have a couple of major items for you this month.

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First of all, I am pleased to report (for any who haven't already heard) that at

the December meeting, the Board of Directors named **Lisa Pass** as the University Club's new general manager and chief operating officer.

Lisa, a member of the U Club staff since September of 1999, has the full and unqualified support of the board in her new position. The board greatly appreciates Lisa's abilities, experience, and willingness to "stand in the gap" as acting general manager for the past six months following Kurt Schiffer's departure.

In addition to naming Lisa the new GM, the board also completed a reorganization of the club's management team. It included the naming of **Kelly Adrian** as the new assistant general manager.

Kelly, who has been on the U Club staff since May of 2001, also brings a wealth of experience, talent, and knowledge of our operations to this new position.

The final two members of the management team are Executive Chef



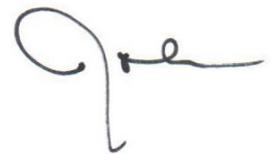
**Ty Bergman**, a staff member since August of 2013, whose duties will remain the same and Office Manager **Julie Sandall**, a staff member since September of 2004, whose hours and duties have been greatly increased, going forward.

The board firmly believes that this experienced and talented management team will bring growth and progress to the club in the coming years.

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Secondly, I want to remind everyone of the club's annual meeting, Wednesday, January 10, 5:30 p.m. There are a number of important issues to be presented at the annual meeting this year and the participation of the members is essential to the future well being of our organization.

So please, if you're in town in January, put this important meeting on your calendar and try to attend. This is OUR CLUB . . . yours and mine . . . let's invest our time, as well as finances, in its future!



## Member News

Congratulations to **Peter Provenzano**, who was named the Excalibur winner by the Rockford Register Star for his outstanding community service and making a difference in the Rockford Region.

Hats off to **Scott Sullivan**, named to the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of The Best Lawyers in America for the fourth straight year.



## Club Notes

**January 1 | New Year's Day**  
Club closed on New Year's Day.



**January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 | Taco Tuesdays with a Twist**

Join us on Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m. and enjoy a light meal and good camaraderie in our Varsity Room and Card Room. Each night will be a different "taco." The nightly special is listed in the Syllabus calendar and eblasts. On January 23, Chef Ty will

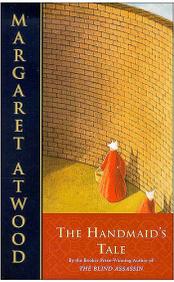
prepare quesadillas to order with your choice of fillings. Enjoy \$3 glasses of house wines and other drink specials to complement the "tacos." Quesadilla Night is very popular so please make reservations so we have enough for everyone to enjoy!

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## Club Notes, continued

### January 9 | Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, January 9 at 7 p.m. as member Shauna Gustafson leads the group discussion about “The Handmaid’s Tale” by Margaret Atwood. Taco Tuesday begins at 5 p.m. so plan to arrive in time for dinner. Please RSVP so we can setup properly.



When making reservations, please specify if it's for Forbes University only or for both discussion and dinner. The series is free to U Club members and their guests, so this is a great opportunity to introduce your friends, colleagues and neighbors to a sampling of what the U Club offers.



### January 25 | Italian Dinner

Please join us as Chef Ty prepares a variety of your favorite Italian dishes. We will begin with appetizers at 5:30 p.m. and then a dinner buffet from 6–8 p.m. Just \$19.95 adults, \$9.95 kids 12 and under. We will also have wine specials to pair with Chef Ty's creations. Stay tuned for more information via our weekly eblasts. As always, reservations are requested so no one leaves hungry. Mangia tutti!

### January's Featured Wines

#### Harken Chardonnay

A rich chardonnay with a profile of tropical fruit and Bosc pear alongside warm oak aromatics. It suggests crème brûlée and buttered toast, with a fresh finish.

*Pairs well with Seared Diver Scallops & Mediterranean Shrimp Pasta*

\$6.50 Glass, \$26 Bottle



#### Higher Ground Pinot Noir

This pinot noir displays layered aromas of ripe blackberries, cherries preserves and hints of vanilla toffee and toasted oak. Rich, dark red berry fruit, juicy plum and cranberry flavors are accented with spice notes, sweet tobacco and smoky earth.

*Pairs well with New Zealand Lamb Loin Chop & Black Angus Filet*

\$8.50 Glass, \$28 Bottle



### January 10 | Annual Meeting and Dinner

Mark your calendar for our annual meeting, Tuesday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the meeting, enjoy a prime rib and baked chicken buffet dinner for \$19.95 per person. When making reservations, please specify if it's for the meeting, dinner, or both. The meeting is open to members and their spouses/partners. Although we seek reservations, there will be no reserved tables, as the tables are first come, first serve for the meeting. Let your voice be heard at our annual meeting. We welcome your opinions.

### January 11 | Forbes University Returns

Please join us on Thursday, January 11, 6 p.m. for our popular and stimulating discussion/lecture series, with dinner at 7 p.m. This month's topic is “What In the World Is Going On?” as “Professor” Ben Healy reprises his popular current events session. He will challenge you to think, question and re-consider what's going on. Come with an open mind, questions and suggestions.

### January 13 | Saturday Night Pre-Concert Dinner

Please enjoy dinner service on Saturday, January 13, 5–7:30 p.m. before the Rockford Symphony Orchestra's “Classics 3: The Sorcerer's Apprentice” at the historic Coronado Theatre. Reservations help us serve you better so please RSVP. Look for more details in our weekly eblasts.

### January 18 | 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 or coleslaw, choice of entrée and a side dish. Dinner also comes with a choice of our house wine (cabernet, chardonnay, pinot grigio, merlot or white zinfandel). Reservations help us serve you better.

### January 19 | Live Entertainment

On Friday evening, January 19, 5:30–8:30 p.m., Reed & Waddy will entertain us with their blend of soft rock and pop from the late 60s to today's chart toppers. Reservations always help us serve you better!

## FORBES UNIVERSITY

### Stimulating Discussion/Lecture Series

### Begins January 11, 2018

#### “What In the World Is Going On?”

“Professor” Ben Healy reprises his popular current events session and challenges you to think, question and re-consider what's going on. Come with an open mind, questions and suggestions.

Join us for Forbes University, 6–7 p.m. in the Card Room. Then, stay for a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Ty. When making reservations, please specify if for both discussion and dinner.

**Bring Friends & Guests!** The series is free to U Club members and their guests. Bring your friends, colleagues and neighbors.

## Club Notes, continued

### Thank You to 2017 Event Sponsors

#### Annual Golf Outing for Scholarship Program

Thanks to 50-plus hole sponsors and the 60 golfers!

#### Club Rio de Rock

Doc Slafkosky  
Jerry Kortman  
Tyler Smith  
Vince Zammuto

#### Chuckwagon Dinner

Metropolitan Title Agency/Kelly Nicholas  
Stillman Bank/Patrick O’Gorman

#### Thanksgiving Eve

Mulford Dental/Vince Zammuto, DDS, and Jon Szlenszinski, DD Mark and Laura Cirone  
Vic and JoAnn Allen  
Team Tree Wellness/Sherri Habben  
Joe and Jeanette Geraghty  
Tyler Smith  
Alan and Betsy Carlson  
Susan Sunday  
Mike and Sharon Fulling

#### Scholarship Contributors

Thank you to all who donated to our Scholarship Trust in 2017. Your contributions have given the gift of education to many deserving students for more than 60 years.

#### Hours of Operation

The Club is open for lunch service Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

#### Monday Night

The dinner menu features your homestyle favorites, 5–8 p.m.

#### Tuesday Night

Enjoy tacos with a “twist”—a light meal or salads, 5–8 p.m.

#### Wednesday

The club closes after lunch service at 2 p.m. with the exception of the annual meeting on January 10.

#### Thursday Night

Please enjoy our winter seasonal menu, including prime rib, 5–8:30 p.m.

#### Friday Night

Our popular Friday Fish Fry and more, 5–9 p.m.

Kid’s menus are always available for ages 12 and under.

The club will be open for at least one Saturday evening dinner service per month, so please check the Syllabus, calendar, our website and eblasts for more information.

The winter seasonal dinner menu is available through January 31 and features daily specials on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Look for our spring seasonal menu on Thursday, February 1. All of our menus can be found at [www.uclubrockford.com](http://www.uclubrockford.com) under the menu tab.

## SAVE *the* DATES

- **Saturday, February 10**  
St. Valentine’s Dinner with Entertainment
- **Tuesday, February 13**  
Mardi Gras Dinner
- **Saturday, March 17**  
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
- **Thursday, March 22**  
Chili Cook Off and March Madness
- **Saturday, March 31**  
Kid’s Easter Egg Hunt
- **Sunday, April 1**  
Easter Brunch
- **Saturday, May 5**  
Cinco de Mayo Dinner
- **Sunday, May 14**  
Mother’s Day Brunch

Stay tuned for more information and details about these fun events, and many more, in the Syllabus, eblasts, website and on Facebook.

### Membership 101

- 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 Lisa or Chef Ty with your requests.
- Green Comment Cards are provided with your dining bills and are also available in the foyer at the Club. Please fill them out with the things you love about your club experience or some suggestions for improvement. The food and beverage committee and the board of directors review the comment cards monthly. Our goal is to provide the most enjoyable club experience for members.
- The U Club is a great place to start your evening when attending downtown events. Whether it’s dinner or cocktails and appetizers, start your evening at the club and then carpool to your event. Check the club calendar for hours of operation.
- A gentle reminder, reservations mean a better dining experience for you, as we will be better prepared and staffed to serve you. We so appreciate your RSVPs. However, if you are on the go and drop in at the last minute, we are happy to welcome you.
- Have you liked us on Facebook? Please do, and you’ll see fun pictures of club events, see the daily specials, and connect with fellow members, just to name a few benefits.

*Wishing You a Happy and Healthy 2018!*



(L-R) Becky Rundquist and Linda Gerber proudly show off their creations at the November 28 wine glass painting party conducted by 317 Studio & Gallery.

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**Here Is Your January Syllabus  
 Happy New Year!**

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- January 19 | Live Music, Reed & Waddy
- January 25 | Italian Night Buffet

**Most Members  
 make reservations—  
 Thank you!  
 It helps us  
 serve you better!**

## January 2018 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.</b> <b>Reservations allow us to serve you better.</b>						
	1 Club Closed Happy 2018!	2 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos 5-8 pm	3 Club Closes at 2 pm	4 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Sturgeon • Bistro Steak with Bourbon Peppercorn Sauce	5 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Northern Pike	6
7	8 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Fried Chicken • Liver and Onions	9 Taco Tuesday Crispy Shark Tacos 5-8 pm Book Club 7 pm	10 Club Closes at 2 pm Annual Meeting 5:30 pm	11 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Braised Lamb Shanks • Skate Wing Forbes University 6 pm	12 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Tilapia	13 Pre-Concert Dinner 5-7:30 pm
14	15 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Fried Pork Chops • Chicken Alfredo	16 Taco Tuesday Steak Tacos 5-8 pm	17 Club Closes at 2 pm	18 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Two for 29.95*	19 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Catfish Live Entertainment Reed & Waddy 5:30-8:30 pm	20
21	22 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Meatloaf • Rosemary Roasted Chicken	23 Taco Tuesday Quesadilla Action Station 5-8 pm	24 Club Closes at 2 pm	25 Italian Dinner 5:30 pm appetizers 6-8 pm buffet	26 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Perch	27
28	29 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Stuffed Peppers • Baked Whitefish	30 Taco Tuesday Pork Enchiladas 5-8 pm	31 Club Closes at 2 pm	<i>*Two for \$29.95 Special entrée choices:            Grilled Sirloin with Maitre d'Hotel Butter, Jerk-Seasoned            Tilapia, Chicken Breast with Mushroom Duxelles, or            Cavatappi Pasta with Vegetables</i> <b>New seasonal menu debuts February 1</b>		



### 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 Taco Tuesdays with a "Twist"

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

#### Thursday Night Early Bird

5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

#### Fabulous Friday Fish

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Reservations Appreciated  
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