

# SYLLABUS

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

## President's Letter

by John Mecklenburg

Even though the warm weather may be hanging around, we're officially into the fall season.

As we head into fall and holidays, please remember that advance planning and reservations are crucial to insure proper staffing levels, provide excellent service for you, and maximize our club's budget.



The November and December calendars are already filling up for special parties and catering events, so plan ahead, NOW. We love to serve our members during the holidays, so please help us do so with sufficient advance planning.

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Do look at the wide scope of our club's upcoming special activities. What a calendar of opportunities! Make your reservations, today, for those events that you enjoy.

And, please help me thank Food & Beverage Chair **Tom Michalowski** and Social Committee Chair **Pat O'Gorman** (and their committees and our staff) for the tremendous schedule of highly enjoyable special dinners and events that we've enjoyed throughout this year.

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Our "Friend-to-Friend" membership events have been highly successful this year and many introduced potential members to the club. Thank you to everyone who brought friends to these events. A stable or growing membership is the financial backbone of our club. And nothing "sells" our club bet-

ter than our own members . . . enjoying themselves AT the Club.

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Finally, the board thanks the members who take their financial responsibilities to the club seriously and keep their monthly billings up-to-date. Unfortunately, in studying our accounts receivable, we find that there is a small group of accounts that are more than 90- or 120-days behind in payments. Being good stewards of our club's finances, the board is taking a more serious approach to these particular accounts in the weeks to come.

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So, find the activities in the *Syllabus* that make you smile, join your friends at the club, and let's all enjoy our fall season!

## Condolences

The University Club of Rockford extends its condolences to the family and friends **Patricia Horst**.



## Thank You!

Thanks to **Doc Slafkosky** and **Jerry Kortman** for donating a universal phone charger for members to use at the club. Please ask your server if you would like to use it.

Thank you to **Hazen & Carol Tuck** for donating a yard game.

## Club Top 5

Tell us your Top 5 Favorites about the Club! Email Lisa or Kelly with your top five favorites so we can feature them in our Syllabus. Thanks!

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the winners of our annual McCarthy/Weller Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing on August 23. The winners were guests of **Jim Pieschel: Grant Romine, Greg Lundquist, Jim Reynolds and Jeff Johnson**.

**Mike Gaffney** enjoys his serving of crab legs on Sept. 14.



# Thank You to Sponsors of Chuck Wagon Dinner & Barn Dance

We are very grateful to the members listed below. Their generous sponsorships helped make it possible for the U Club to present the second annual Chuck Wagon Dinner and Barn Dance.

Larry and Marsha Ackerman  
Alan and Elizabeth Carlson  
Joe & Jeanette Geraghty

Karen Johnson  
Ed and Diane Kuehl  
Patrick and Debra O’Gorman

Pete and Becky Rundquist  
Mary Ann Smith  
Stuart and Ruth Swanson



## Club Notes

by Lisa Pass, General Manager/COO

### October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Taste of Tuesday

Join us on Tuesdays, 5–7:30 p.m., for a light meal and good camaraderie. We’ve renamed this popular event as Taste of Tuesday, with each Tuesday featuring a different “taste.” Please check the Syllabus calendar and your eblasts. As always, enjoy \$4 glasses of house wines and other drink specials to complement the “taste.” Back by popular demand is our stir-fry station on Tues., Oct. 23. Sous Chef Adam will custom-prepare your choice of meats, veggies and more. Please make a reservation as we tend to be busy on these nights. Bring your appetite!

### October 2 | Painting Class Party at 4 pm!

Please join us on Tues., Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. as we learn how to paint “The Chi-Town Winners” as the Chicago Cubs begin October Ball! 317 Studio will give us tips to create our own Chicago painting. Just \$40 per person and includes a glass of sparkling wine. When you finish your masterpieces, stay for dinner. In honor of the Cubs and October baseball, you can purchase hot dogs with all the fixings, peanuts and popcorn. Take me out to the ball game! Contact Kelly to reserve your spot today.



### October 2 | Game Night

Join us for Taste of Tuesday and stay for “Everything Dice” night at 7 p.m. So many dice, so many options, so much fun! Reminder, “Taste of Tuesdays” begins at 5 p.m. so enjoy a fun dinner before dice.

### October 9 | Book Club

Shauna Gustafson will lead the 7 p.m. group discussion on “White Collar Girl: A Novel” by best-selling author Renee Rosen. Reminder, enjoy Taste of Tuesdays from 5–7:30 p.m. right before book club! Did you know that the Book Club members donate a copy of the book they just read to our library? Thank you, Book Club!

### October 11 | Oktoberfest Dinner

It’s that time of year when we celebrate Oktoberfest with our fellow members, and let’s invite some guests! The more the merrier! At 5:30 p.m., enjoy traditional German appetizers with the dinner buffet following from 6–8 p.m. Feast on your German favorites such as sauerbraten, weiner schnitzel, ribs with sauerkraut, spaetzel and much more, prepared by Chef O and his talented staff. Plus, a beer garden to sample many styles and types of German beer. Adults \$21.95, children 12 and under, \$9.95. Reservations appreciated. Did you know that the Munich Oktoberfest began in 1810 with the wedding of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Theresa of Bavaria? Today the Munich Oktoberfest lasts 17 days!

### October 14 | Head of the Rock Regatta

You gotta regatta! Join us as we view the finals of the Head of the Rock Regatta from one of the best viewing spots on the Rock River! The U Club kicks off our festivities for the Head of the Rock Regatta finals at 10 a.m. with

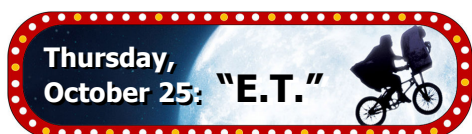
a Bloody Mary Bar for purchase. At 11:30 a.m., enjoy a cookout buffet featuring brats, hot dogs, two types of chili and dessert. \$14.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children 12 and under.

### October 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, 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). Reservations help us serve you better.

### October 25 | Dinner & Movie

ET phone home! Join us at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails followed by dinner and the movie ET in the Card Room at 6 p.m. Camaraderie, delicious food, beverages and a classic movie. This event is always popular, so please make reservations.



### October 25, 26 & 27 | Cornish Game Hens

Please join us on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, October 25, 26 or 27 for our special dinner of Cornish game hen. It’s \$25.95 per person for a savory butterflied Cornish game hen, three-cheese potato gratin, autumn vegetables and salad. This pairs well with the Intrinsic Red Blend, \$11.50 per glass or \$40 per bottle or the Tensen White Blend, \$9.50 per glass or \$35 per bottle. We will also have our regular dinner menu and specials on these evenings. Reservations are required by Thurs., Oct. 19 to enjoy this delicious autumn feast!

## Club Notes, continued

### October 27 | Pre-RSO Concert Dinner

Please join us for dinner from 5–7:30 p.m. before going to the historic Coronado Theatre for the Rockford Symphony Orchestra's Classics 1: Romeo and Juliet. Enjoy a limited version of our seasonal dinner menu as well as your pre-ordered Cornish game hen dinner.

### October 30 | Guest Bartender Night

Be sure to stop by on Tues., Oct. 30, 5–7:30 p.m. as **Gerrie Gustafson** pours drinks for a great cause, J.R. Sullivan's 2018 Hometown Holiday. Your cash or check tips for the evening will benefit this rich Rockford holiday tradition. In addition to our "taste" for the evening, a pub menu of sandwiches, salads and flatbread pizza will be available for purchase.

### November 1 | Soup Cook Off

Enjoy our first annual Soup Cook-Off on Thurs., Nov. 1, 5–6:30 p.m., with a soup-friendly buffet dinner from 6–8 p.m. with lots of favorites to compliment the soups. Just \$14.95 per person. Miles Nielsen and Kelly Steward of "Weep & Willow" will perform at 7 and 8 p.m. Each member participating in the cook-off should provide one crock pot of hot soup ready to serve. The U Club will provide all the fixings and supplies. Each contestant will receive his or her choice of a bottle of house wine or a pitcher of Stella. If interested, please contact Lisa or Kelly by October 25. You do not need to enter this contest to sample and enjoy this fun event.

### Theater Bus Trip Kicks Off Holidays

Join us on Sun., Nov. 4 for our bus trip to the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson to see *Elf The Musical*. Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy is now a must-see holiday musical. Embrace your inner elf!

The bus will leave the U Club at 1 p.m., arrive at the Fireside Theatre at 2:30 p.m. We'll dine at 3 p.m., see the show at 5 p.m. and return to the U Club by 9 p.m. Ticket orders must be placed by Oct. 4 and will be limited to the first 50 people. \$100 per person includes the bus, theater ticket and dinner. A cash bar will be available. Contact Kelly with questions or to reserve your spot today.

### Cancun February Trip Options

Does Mexico in February with friends sounds enticing? Join fellow members on a trip to Riviera Maya/Cancun, Mexico and stay at the oceanfront, all-inclusive Now Jade Riviera Cancun Resort. Several options are available.

Sat., Feb. 2 – Sat., Feb. 9, 7 nights  
Ocean View, \$1,599 per person  
Garden View, \$1,479 per person

Sat., Feb. 2 - Weds., Feb. 6, 4 Nights  
Ocean View, \$1,099 per person  
Garden View, \$1,019 per person

Stay tuned to eblasts for more information or contact John Sturm at Lindstrom Travel at 815.398.8888 or [john@lindstromtravel.com](mailto:john@lindstromtravel.com). Book your winter vacation today.

### 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. 14 and can be picked up on Weds., Nov. 21 from 2–6 p.m. Items that require re-heating will come with instructions.

Please join us for great music by The Sensations, great food and camaraderie from 5–8 p.m. The cost is \$15.95 per person and food will be served from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Eve Sponsorships Available

Sponsorships help the club present high-quality special events and it provides valuable marketing opportunities to members' businesses; it also allows members to provide additional support to the club, a much-appreciated gesture. We are most grateful for these sponsorships and members' generosity. Below are several options.

#### \$500, Big Gobbler

This premier sponsorship level includes a \$100 U Club gift certificate, name recognition on the foyer monitor, table tents, eblasts and the Syllabus newsletter, plus premier seating for The Sensations performance on Nov. 22.

#### \$250, Wild Turkey

This sponsorship level includes a \$50 U Club gift certificate, name

recognition on the foyer monitor, table tents, eblasts and the Syllabus newsletter, plus reserved seating for The Sensations performance on Nov. 22.

#### \$100, Thankful Turkey

Your sponsorship includes name recognition on the foyer monitor, table tents, eblasts and the Syllabus newsletter, plus reserved seating for The Sensations performance on Nov. 22.

### Holiday Tea Services

Our always-popular Holiday Tea will be offered on Mon., Dec. 10 through Fri., Dec. 14 and Mon., Dec. 17 through Fri., Dec. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our lovely living room. The cost is \$28.95 per person. Reservations are required. Please contact the office to make your reservations.

### Children's Holiday Parties

Please join us for holiday carols as well as an adult- and child-friendly buffet on Mon., Dec. 10 and Tues., Dec. 11, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Santa will make his appearance at 7 p.m. with gifts for children 12 and under. When making your reservations, please let us know how many adults and kids 12 and under as well as the gender of the children.

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## SAVE *the* DATES

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- Thursday, November 1, Soup Cook-Off
- Sunday, November 4, Fireside Theatre Trip
- Tuesday, November 6 & 13, Mixology Class
- Wednesday, November 14, Thanksgiving Carry-Out Orders Due
- Wednesday, November 21, Thanksgiving Carry-Out Pick Ups
- Wednesday, November 21, Thanksgiving Eve with The Sensations

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

See you at the U Club!  
Lisa

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**Here is Your October Syllabus**

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- **October 30 | Guest Bartender for Hometown Holiday**

## October 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. Reservations allow us to serve you better.</b>						
	1 Homestyle Favorites 5-8 pm • Cabbage Rolls • Chicken Cordon Bleu	2 Taste of Tuesday Hot Dogs 5-7:30 pm Painting Class Party 4 pm Game Night, 7 pm	3 Club Closes at 2 pm	4 Early Bird, 5-8:30 pm • Braised Beef Short Ribs • Pan-Fried Whitefish	5 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Tilapia	6
7	8 Homestyle Favorites 5-8 pm • Pork Schnitzel • Pan-Fried Walleye	9 Taste of Tuesday Tempura Shrimp Tacos 5-7:30 pm Book Club, 7 pm	10 Club Closes at 2 pm	11 Oktoberfest Dinner 5:30 pm Appetizers 6-8 pm Buffet	12 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Catfish	13
14 Head of the Rock Regatta 10 am Bloody Mary Bar 11:30 am Buffet	15 Homestyle Favorites 5-8 pm • Beef Stew • Liver & Onions	16 Taste of Tuesday Chicken Wings 5-7:30 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 • Perch	20
21	22 Homestyle Favorites 5-8 pm • Beef Stroganoff • Chicken Pot Pie	23 Taste of Tuesday Stir-Fry Action Station 5-7:30 pm	24 Club Closes at 2 pm	25 Dinner & Movie: "ET" 5:30 pm cocktails 6 pm dinner & movie Early Bird, 5-8:30 pm • Pre-Ordered Cornish Game Hens • Ribeye Steak	26 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Pollock • Pre-Ordered Cornish Game Hens	27 Pre-RSO Concert Dinner 5-7:30 pm • Pre-Ordered Cornish Game Hens • Seasonal Menu
28	29 Homestyle Favorites 5-8 pm • Fried Chicken • Spaghetti & Meatballs	30 Taste of Tuesday Chicken Tacos 5-7:30 pm Guest Bartender, J.R. Sullivan's 2018 Hometown Holiday 5-7:30 pm	31 Club Closes at 2 pm	<i>Two for \$29.95 Special entrée choices: Fried Pork Chops, Fish Cakes, 8-oz. Sirloin Steak, or Butternut Squash Tortellini</i>		



### Lunch & Dinner Hours

#### Lunch Service

Monday – Friday  
 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### Monday Night Homestyle Favorites

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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