

SYLLABUS

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

President's Letter

by John Mecklenburg

With the last of the questionable weather now (hopefully) behind us, we are, in my humble opinion, entering the absolute BEST five or six months of the year at our University Club.



While we all tend to “nest” a bit during the colder weather, the months from now through the end of September or October are when our club really SHINES!

Just think about what’s coming up in the next few weeks and months at the Club...Cinco de Mayo... Mother’s Day...Royal Wedding Breakfast...opening of the pool... Monday night cookouts...Father’s Day...annual Miller Park Cubs game...Fourth of July picnic...music on the deck...Labor Day picnic and more!

And beyond that, for the next few months we can enjoy countless

evenings sitting on the deck and lower levels, enjoying the riverfront view with friends. Yes, these are the months that make living in Rockford...and belonging to the University Club...every bit worth it!

So, let’s enjoy our warm weather, our friends, and our club, while they meld together, once again, to give us another wonderful summer in Rockford!

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Special thanks to Food & Beverage Chair **Tom Michalowski** and his committee for creating the inaugural U Club Chili Cook-off on March 22!

Ten members provided samples of their “secret recipe” chili for the rest of us to try. And, it was wonderful!

In close voting, the Judge’s Award went to **James Lindstrom** and the People’s Choice Award went to **Peter Rundquist**.

If you didn’t make it this year, put the second Annual Chili Cook-Off on your calendar for next March! This is a “tradition-in-the-making” that you will want to attend! And let



me clear up misconception...the Cook-Off is for EVERYONE...not just those people who bring chili entries. An entire Card Room full of people enjoyed the entries... supplemented by a chili topping buffet from Chef Ty.

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As an aside, every month, I encourage our board members to wear their name badges when they are at the club, so members know who they are.

While you may not see it, first-hand, the men and women who volunteer to serve on the board spend a great deal of their free time working to make our club the kind of place where we can all come and enjoy ourselves throughout the year.

As a favor to me, please, when you see an individual wearing his or her board name badge, take a moment to thank them for their willingness to serve. A few people, all doing their share, make light work of a significant responsibility.



Welcome, New Members!

New Member	Organization	Sponsor	Alma Mater
Grace Wilson	Retired	Ellen Erkert	St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing
Jennifer Caiozzo/ Bradley Stallings	Rkfd Area Conv. & Visitors/ Ill. Federal Defender Program	Shauna Gustafson	Rockford University



Condolences

The University Club of Rockford extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Dr. Michael Werckle**.

Member News

Congratulations to **Jean Heise** and **John Mecklenburg** for being named to the Northwest Quarterly’s “25 People to Know.”

Club Notes

by Lisa Pass, General Manager/COO

May 1 | Cooking Class, Everything Risotto!

Join your fellow U Club friends as Chef Ty teaches you how to prepare risotto four ways, one for every season! Recipe cards included. \$25 per person, class for 15 only so please reserve soon.

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Taco Tuesday with a Twist

Each Tuesday's "twist" is different, fun and listed in the Syllabus calendar. Join us!

May 1 | Game Night

Join us for Taco Tuesday with a Twist and then a fun game of Head's Up at 7 p.m. We'll play it two ways. Wear a headband that you can't see and your friends prompt you to guess the right answer, or, with your smart phone app. Both versions are fun and a lot of laughs, so check it out!

May 3 | New Seasonal Menu Begins

Thinking summer foods? So are we! Chef Ty will introduce his creative summer seasonal menu for Thursdays and Fridays. When the farmers' market opens, Chef Ty will include the fresh and local items he discovers. Yum!

Easter Bunny Fun! Kay and Roger Larrick's

grandchildren met the Easter Bunny at the U Club. L-R Kayley, Madison and Dean.



May 4 | Deadline for Chateaubriand Reservations

New! Please join us for our first-ever chateaubriand beef tenderloin steak nights on May 10 and May 11. Reservations must be received by May 4 to ensure your meal. This entree consists of carved beef tenderloin with roasted vegetables and potatoes for two, béarnaise sauce and soup or salad of your choice for \$70.00 per couple. Our new seasonal dinner menu is also available.

May 5 | Cinco de Mayo Buffet Dinner

Join us at 5:30 p.m. for your favorite Mexican foods such as guacamole and house-made tortilla chips, queso cheese dip, fajitas two ways, pork enchiladas and more. \$18.95 per person, and of course, yummy margaritas will be on hand! Reservations are appreciated.

May 8 | Taco Tuesday Pasta Station Plus Book Club

Please join us for Taco Tuesday with a Twist at 5 p.m. featuring a Pasta Action Station, followed by our popular Book Club. This month the book is "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann about the Osage Murders and the birth of the FBI. If you want an early start on June's book, it's "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate.

May 10 | Friends of Friends, NEW! A special event to grow our membership!

Join us for a special night of friends and fun. Invite them and show off your club! Enjoy complimentary appetizers and our exclusive view of the Rock River, 5-7 p.m.

If your friends join the Club that night, their initiation fee will be waived and you will receive a \$100 gift certificate* to use any time. It's a WIN-WIN-WIN! Your friend joins for free, you get \$100, and best of all, you and your friend will enjoy membership together! Remember, they **MUST** join that night.

**Membership incentive for this special event is in lieu of the ongoing membership promotion.*

May 10 & 11 | Chateaubriand Nights

NEW! Chateaubriand, as well as the new seasonal dinner menu. Dinner for two is always a fun event. Please join us for chateaubriand beef tenderloin for two and side dishes. Reservations required by May 4 to enjoy this savory specialty.

May 13 | Mother's Day Brunch

Let the U Club and Chef Ty spoil Mom as we feature a bountiful buffet with something for everyone on Mother's Day. Enjoy our omelet and Swedish pancake station along with carved meats featuring Angus Beef and New Zealand Lamb. Save room for our delicious desserts of sweets and treats. Reservations for seatings from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$25.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children 12 and under, while 3 and under are free. For an additional \$5 enjoy unlimited Champagne and mimosas. Please make your reservations by Friday, May 11, 6 p.m. We will accommodate as many as we can on the main level, but some 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.

May 17 | 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.

May 18 | Dinner, Reed & Waddy Return

What could be better than the new seasonal dinner menu and summer favorites? Dining while listening to the always-entertaining Reed & Waddy, 6-9 p.m., ideally on the deck overlooking the river, weather permitting! Reservations are highly encouraged as we tend to fill up on these nights.

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Club Notes, continued

May 19 | When Harry Met Meghan, Royal Wedding Breakfast

Please join us for our exclusive Royal Wedding Breakfast at 5:30 am. Enjoy a scrumptious Champagne breakfast and watch the televised wedding. Limited seating, reservations required. "Hats" encouraged. \$35 per person. We are filling up quickly so please make your reservations soon.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR EXCLUSIVE ROYAL WEDDING BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018, 5:30 A.M.

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LIMITED SEATING, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
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THE UNIVERSITY CLUB OF ROCKFORD
945 NORTH MAIN STREET, ROCKFORD, IL

May 22 | Guest Bartender Night for Nik's Night Out

Please join fellow members **Susan Sunday** and **Jerry Kortman** as they bartend for a great cause, 5-7p.m. Complimentary chips and salsa plus a limited menu for purchase will be available. The Nikolas Ritschel Foundation serves young adults who fight cancer.

May 24 | Dinner & A Movie

Enjoy cocktails at 5:30 p.m., then the classic movie "Cool Hand Luke" featuring Paul Newman. Dinner and the movie begin promptly at 6 p.m. in the Card Room. This event is always popular, so please make your reservations in advance.



DINNER & MOVIE
"COOL HAND
LUKE"
THURSDAY, MAY 24

May 26 | It's Officially Pool Season!

The pool will open at 11 a.m. on Saturday! The clubhouse will be closed, as it is Saturday, but there will be several grills (charcoal and gas) available for your use. Please let Lisa or Kelly know so we can make arrangements for you.

May 28 | Memorial Day Cookout

A great way to kick off summer! Join us from 12 to 3 p.m. and enjoy Chef Ty's first summer cookout buffet of the year while enjoying our pool and the Rock River views! \$14.95 per adult, \$7.95 for children 12 and under, children 3 and under are free. We will feature your early summer favorites of hamburgers, brats, summer salads, and more! Our cookout buffet will be served from 12 to 2 p.m. with cocktails available until 3 p.m. See you on the deck!

Pool and Legacy Memberships

Tell your friends and colleagues that we are now accepting applications for summer pool memberships. Pool Memberships are \$500. You receive use of the swimming pool for the 2018 season along with lunch and beverage service poolside or on the main deck until 5 p.m. daily. You can also attend our July 4th pig roast, and our Memorial Day and Labor Day cookout parties. Once again, we offer our Pool Legacy Memberships to adult children/grandchildren of current members. Legacy members receive all the benefits of regular pool members but at a discounted cost of only \$350 for the season.

Dress Code Reminder

Smart, casual wear appropriate for an office environment including crisp jeans with no wear, holes or inappropriate designs. Shorts are acceptable in the summer in the bar, card room and on the deck. Gentlemen are requested to remove hats when in the clubhouse and wear a collared shirt in the dining room. Pool wear with a cover up is permitted in the bar area during the summer until 5 p.m.

SAVE *the* DATES

- Friday, June 1 – Live Music: Groove Hotel
- Tuesday, June 5 – Taco Tuesday with a Twist & Game Night
- Thursday, June 7 – Mixology Class
- Thursday, June 7 – Live Music, Cole Brandt
- Tuesday, June 12 – Cubs vs. Brewers in Milwaukee
- Tuesday, June 12 – Book Club, "Before We Were Yours"
- Sunday, June 17 – Father's Day Cookout
- June 27 – The Cher Show, a new musical \$150 per person at the Oriental Theatre. Includes transportation, beverage service on bus, lunch at the U Club of Chicago on you and seats in the middle balcony. Open to the first 50 to RSVP by May 7. Contact Kelly to reserve now.



- Saturday, June 30 – Pre-Fixe Seafood Night
- Wednesday, July 4 – Fourth of July Cookout

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 May Syllabus

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- **May 1** | Risotto Cooking Class, Game Night
- **May 5** | Cinco de Mayo Buffet Dinner
- **May 10** | Friends of Friends Membership Night; Pre-Ordered Chateaubriand Dinner (also May 11)
- **May 13** | Mother's Day Brunch
- **May 19** | Royal Wedding Breakfast
- **May 24** | Dinner and "Cool Hand Luke" Movie
- **May 28** | Memorial Day Cookout

Reservations help us serve you better. Thank You!

May 2018 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Cooking Class, Everything Risoto! Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos 5-8 pm Game Night 7 pm	2 Club Closes at 2 pm	3 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • New Spring Menu!	4 Deadline for Chateaubriand Reservations Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Walleye	5 Cinco de Mayo Buffet Dinner 5:30 pm
6	7 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Stuffed Cabbage • Pork Chops	8 Taco Tuesday Pasta Action Station 5-8 pm Book Club 7 pm	9 Club Closes at 2 pm	10 NEW! Friends of Friends 5-7 pm Chateaubriand Night & Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Chateaubriand (please pre-order) • Curry-Dusted Salmon	11 Chateaubriand Night & Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Perch	12
13 Mother's Day Brunch 11 am - 1:30 pm	14 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Meatloaf • Baked Tilapia	15 Taco Tuesday Steak Tacos 5-8 pm	16 Club Closes at 2 pm	17 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Two for 29.95*	18 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Catfish Live Music: Reed & Waddy, 6-9 pm	19 Royal Wedding Breakfast 5:30 am
20	21 Homestyle Menu 5-8 pm • Chicken Stir Fry • Linguini Bolognese	22 Taco Tuesday Grilled Mahi Mahi 5-8 pm Guest Bartender, Nik's Night Out 5-7 pm	23 Club Closes at 2 pm	24 Dinner & Movie "Cool Hand Luke" 6 pm Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Duck Two Ways • Halibut with Saffron Cream	25 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Tilapia	26 Pool Opens! 11 am
27	28 Memorial Day Cookout Buffet 12-3 pm	29 Taco Tuesday 5-8 pm	30 Club Closes at 2 pm	31 Early Bird 5-8:30 pm • Shrimp Gumbo • Chipotle-Dusted Pork Tenderloin	*Two for \$29.95 Special entrée choices: Steak & Shrimp Kabobs, Greek Chicken, Spinach & Mushroom Alfredo, or Stuffed Tilapia	



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 (815) 962-1730 uclub@uclubrockford.com