

SYLLABUS

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

President's Letter

by John Mecklenburg

First of all, the time from now until January 1st is officially "crazy time" at the club. We'll have more events than at any other time of the year. That means that the staff, facilities, patience and everything else will be stretched to their absolute limits.



With that in mind and still wanting to provide the absolute best experience possible for all of our members and guests, I'll ask you to remember the "little things" that can make things better for all.

- Please remember to make reservations to dine. Keeping the proper balance of staff to members allows us to provide you with better service.
- Please have a little patience if it takes a few minutes longer than usual to get your drink or dinner rolls.
- Don't be upset when you arrive and the parking lot is near capacity.
- And, remember that a "thank-you" is even more appreciated, when your server is working his or her third or fourth consecutive shift or working extra hours for the second or third straight day.

Let's all enjoy the next couple of months . . . together.

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Welcome, New Members!

New Member

Sheryl J. Johnson
Norman Pollock
Dale & Janice Melquist

Organization

SwedishAmerican Health
Retired
Retired

Sponsor

Jedediah Cantrell
Rex Parker
Pete & Becky Rundquist

Alma Mater

U of St. Francis
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Condolences

The University Club of Rockford extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Mike Robinson** on the passing of his wife, Sandra "Sandy" Robinson.



Club Notes

by Lisa Pass, General Manager/COO

November 1 | Soup Cook -Off

Enjoy our inaugural Soup Cook-Off on Thurs., Nov. 1, 5–6:30 p.m., along with a soup-friendly buffet dinner, 6–8 p.m. featuring favorites to complement the soups. Just \$14.95 per person with two soups created by Chef O and others by members, a salad bar, a variety of made-to-order grilled cheese sandwiches,

artisanal breads and butters along with dessert. Each member participating in the cook-off will provide a crockpot of hot and hearty soup for sampling and judging by you and celebrity judges. Miles Nielsen and Kelly Steward of Weep & Willow will perform at 7 and 8 p.m. You do not need to enter this contest to sample and enjoy this fun event. Reservations appreciated.

November 2 | New Seasonal Menu Begins

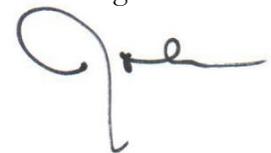
Thinking about your favorite fall and winter foods? Head Chef O and Sous Chef Adam have created a new seasonal dinner menu that's sure to please as autumn leaves continue to fall. Our new menu includes at least one vegetarian option, but let us know if there is something specific you would like. See you on Thursday and Friday nights for dinner!

Secondly, if you're one of those families that doesn't spend Thanksgiving Eve preparing for a huge family meal the next day, take notice of the Thanksgiving Eve party at the club. This Wednesday night event is extremely popular with lots of our members . . . complete with live music, special offerings and wonderful camaraderie.

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Finally, thank you for all of your presence, participation, and support during the now-behind-us summer months. Deck dining, poolside dining, musical events and many more activities have made this another summer to remember!

And it is all because the University Club of Rockford has the greatest members in town!



Club Notes, continued

November 6, 13, 20, 27 | Taste of Tuesday

Stop in 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 Build-Your-Own-Pasta Bar on Tues., Nov. 13 following the Mixology Class. Sous Chef Adam will custom prepare your pasta selection with your choice of meats, veggies and sauces. Please make a reservation as we tend to be busy on these nights. Bring your appetite!

November 6 | Game Night

Join us for Taste of Tuesday featuring Chicken Chalupas and stay for a fun game of Bingo at 6:30 p.m. If you have unused gift certificates or other items at home that you would like to donate to the club as prizes for our monthly game nights, please let us know. As always, we have plenty of games available in the Card Room for you to enjoy whenever you would like.

November 8, 9 & 10 | Beef Wellington for Two

Please make reservations for Thursday, Friday or Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 or 10 for our special dinner for two of Beef Wellington. The cost is \$72.95 per couple and includes Beef Wellington with Mushroom Duxelles, Potato Galette, Sautéed Spinach and Soup or Salad. This meal pairs well with Campo Viejo Rioja Reserve 2013, \$8 per glass or \$30 per bottle, as well as Veramonte Sauvignon Blanc 2015, \$8 per glass or \$31 per bottle. **Advance reservations by Nov. 1 for this special dinner.**

November 10 | 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 2: Old War Poems. Enjoy a limited version of our new seasonal dinner menu as well as a pre-ordered Beef Wellington dinner. Reservations are always appreciated.

November 13 | Mixology Class

Learn how to make four to six signature cocktails for your holiday entertaining on Tues., Nov. 13, 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and includes the drink recipes and a light snack. Remember, Taste of Tuesday featuring our Build-Your-Own Pasta Bar begins at 5 p.m., so come for the class and stay for a tasty dinner.

November 13 | Book Club

Shauna Gustafson will lead the group discussion at 7 p.m. of *1776* by David McCullough. Remember, Taste of Tuesday begins at 5 p.m. so bring your appetite as well. In December, the Book Club will discuss two timely short stories, *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry and *The Little Match Girl* by Hans Christian Andersen.

November 14 | 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, Nov. 21 from 2–6 p.m. Items that require re-heating will come with instructions. Local deliveries are available on Nov. 21 for a nominal fee. Please contact Lisa, Julie or Kelly with any questions or to place your order today.

November 15 | Two for \$29.95 Dinner

A great and affordable way to treat your friends and potential new members to the U Club is our Two for \$29.95 dinner. Enjoy a salad, choice of entrée and a side dish. Dinner comes with a bottle of our house wine (cabernet, chardonnay, pinot grigio, merlot or white zinfandel) for just \$29.95. Reservations help us serve you better.

November 18 | Thanksgiving Brunch

Our holiday brunch season begins the Sunday before Thanksgiving, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy your holiday favorites at our all-you-can-eat buffet, \$25.95 adults, \$12.95 children 12 and under, and free for children three and under. Add unlimited Champagne and mimosas to your buffet for \$5. Reservations are required, so thank you for making them early.

November 21 | Annual Thanksgiving Eve Celebration

Enjoy the hot rock band, The Sensations, have fabulous food and get home at a reasonable time to get ready for Thanksgiving! Stop in Wed., Nov. 21, 5–8 p.m. and enjoy The Sensations, a bountiful hors d'oeuvres buffet from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Just \$15.95 per person for the bountiful buffet and live music. Please make a reservation for this fun event as it is quite popular; no reserved seating.

Thanksgiving Eve Sponsorships Available

Sponsorships help the club present high-quality special events and provide 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. 21.

\$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. 21.

\$100, Thankful Turkey

This sponsorship level includes name recognition on the foyer monitor, table tents, eblasts and the Syllabus newsletter, plus reserved seating for The Sensations performance on Nov. 21.



Club Notes, continued

Thank You, Kuehls and Ackermans, for Upgrades to WiFi and Sonos

Many thanks to **Ed and Diane Kuehl** as well as **Marsha and Larry Ackerman** for their efforts to improve WiFi access throughout the entire club as well as the deck and pool areas. They also helped stabilize our Sonos sound speakers in all areas. These are both wonderful benefits the club can now offer on a consistent basis. If you want WiFi access, please see the signs on how to log in; the signs are located throughout the building, or ask a staff member for assistance.

Annual Staff Holiday Fund

In your October statement you will see a \$35 holiday fund charge. This is for the non-management staff's holiday bonus and staff party after our busy December. This is voluntary charge; if you prefer not to contribute, please return the non-participation form by Dec. 14 and your account will be credited. The staff thanks you for your support and generosity.

Cancun February Trip Options

Does Mexico in February with friends sound 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 - Wed., 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. Book your winter vacation today as the opportunity to fly out of Rockford will fill up quickly.

Holiday Gifts Made Easy!

- U Club Logo Wear – please contact Kelly.
- Give the gift of wine to your friends and family this holiday. Please contact Kelly for wines for purchase and/or suggestions that pair well with your holiday events.
- U Club Dining Gift Certificates – please contact Julie.

- U Club Logo Pilsner Glasses (set of 2 for \$20 available at the main Bar) – proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program. Please contact the office to reserve, or check with your server when you are at the club.
- Give the gift of membership to your friends and family. If your friends or family members join the club in the month of December, 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 you and your friend will enjoy membership together. Remember, they MUST join in December.

* Membership incentive for this special pricing is in lieu of the ongoing membership promotion for 2018. Please contact Julie, Lisa or Kelly for more information.

December 10–14, 17–21 | Holiday Teas

Our always-popular Holiday Tea will be offered Mon. through Fri., Dec. 10–14, and Dec. 17–21, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our lovely living room, decorated for the holidays. The cost is \$28.95 per person. Reservations are required. Please contact the office to make reservations today as we fill up for this popular holiday event.

Children's Holiday Parties

Enjoy holiday carols as well as 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 you make 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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- It is NEVER too early to book your holiday events at the club. December dates are filling up very quickly so please contact us soon with your reservation or questions.

- We include a comment/suggestion card with every bill presented for you for your meal. Also, there are comment/suggestion cards in the foyer. Your opinions are important and we value your feedback. The cards are reviewed by the board of directors each month.
- If there is a food item you would like to see for lunch or dinner, or a different beer or wine, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your request.
- If you are on the go and don't have time to prepare a meal, relax! Contact the club to place your lunch or dinner carryout order. Our menus are on our website at www.uclubrockford.com, our daily specials are on Facebook or please contact the club.
- Serving a group in your home or at your office? Let the U Club do the work for you. Contact Lisa for menu ideas and more information.

SAVE *the* DATES

- December 1 – Open for Dinner
- December 10 & 11 – Children's Holiday Parties
- December 10-14 – Holiday Teas
- December 15 – Open for Dinner
- December 17-21 – Holiday Teas
- December 20 – Yule Fest Dinner
- December 22 – 26 – Club Closed
- December 27 – Club Open for Dinner
- December 31 – Holiday Brunch
- January 1 & 2 – Club Closed
- January 15 – Annual Meeting and Dinner

Watch for eblasts or check our website for information about these upcoming events.

See you at the U Club!
Lisa

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Here is Your November Syllabus

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- **November 1** | **Soup Cook-Off**
- **November 6** | **Game Night**
- **November 8, 9, 10** | **Beef Wellington Night**
- **November 10** | **Pre-RSO Concert Dinner**
- **November 13** | **Mixology Class, Book Club**
- **November 14** | **Deadline for Thanksgiving Carryout Orders**
- **November 18** | **Thanksgiving Brunch**
- **November 21** | **Thanksgiving Eve Celebration**

November 2018 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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.				1 Soup Cook-Off & Buffet Dinner 5-6:30 pm Cook-Off 6-8 pm Buffet	2 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Tilapia • Fall Dinner Menu Begins	3
4	5 Homestyle Favorites 5-8 pm • Turkey Pot Pie • Shrimp Alfredo	6 Taste of Tuesday Chicken Chalupa 5-7:30 pm Game Night – Bingo 6:30 pm	7 Club Closes at 2 pm	8 Early Bird, 5-8:30 pm • Pre-Ordered Beef Wellington • NY Strip Sinatra • Trout	9 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Pre-Ordered Beef Wellington • Pollock	10 Pre-RSO Concert Dinner 5-7:30 pm • Pre-Ordered Beef Wellington
11	12 Homestyle Favorites 5-8 pm • Chicken Parmesan • Roast Pork Loin	13 Mixology Class, 4 pm Taste of Tuesday Pasta Action Station 5-7:30 pm Book Club, 7 pm	14 Club Closes at 2 pm Deadline for Thanksgiving Carryout Orders	15 Early Bird, 5-8:30 pm • Two for 29.95*	16 Fabulous Friday Fish, 5-9 pm • Catfish	17
18 Thanksgiving Brunch 11 am – 1:30 pm	19 Homestyle Favorites 5-8 pm • Country-Fried Steak • Pot Roast	20 Taste of Tuesday Riblets 5-7:30 pm	21 Club Closes at 2 pm Pickups and Delivery of Turkey Dinners 2-6 pm Thanksgiving Eve Celebration 5-8 pm	22 Club Closed	23 Club Closed	24 Club Closed
25 Club Closed	26 Homestyle Favorites 5-8 pm • Chicken Broiled Bruschetta • Baked Roughy	27 Taste of Tuesday Soup & Salad Bar 5-7:30 pm	28 Club Closes at 2 pm	29 Early Bird, 5-8:30 pm • Trout Hemingway • Steak Au Poivre	30 Club Closed	

Two for \$29.95 Special entrée choices: Chicken Marsala, Spinach and Mushroom Cannelloni, 10-oz. Flank Steak with Chimichurri, or Pork Chop



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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