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All upcoming programs for April have been cancelled.

The University club has a new website address. Please update your bookmarks with the new uclub.indiana.edu

UClub and UWC proposed By-law revisions are on our website. Please visit uclub.indiana.edu and click on the Proposed Constitution and By-laws tab at the top of the home page. Members should review the changes prior to the vote on April 23. Voting instructions coming soon.

The IMU building and University Club facility are now closed. If you need to reach office staff, please email uclub@indiana.edu or call the office at 812-855-1325.

Happy Easter!
Not since 1918-20 has the University Club experienced a time like the present. The “Spanish Flu” forced closure of the university, similar to action taken recently by the IU administration, although now most staff can work online from home and students will take the faculty’s classes online. We’ve all been living through something unimaginable and the shutdown of so much of society has left us glued to televisions and computers for the latest news or release of tensions through entertainment.

Our club’s year started strong from several aspects. We appointed a special committee to investigate all necessary and hoped-for improvements in club facilities and it began work last spring. A membership committee was tasked with finding ways to increase membership and its diversity. An array of strong programs, in keeping with years of tradition, was developed.

As with the previous year, there were speaker events which were followed by optional lunch in the Tudor Room. Those worked well. But we had a variety of other presentations that included food, at noontime and in the evening. The strength of our organization is the quality of its programming. The planning committee always looks for a variety of university, faculty, staff, and community topics and daylight and evening offerings.

Speaker presentations included IU First Lady Laurie McRobbie for the University Women’s Club (UWC) Fall Luncheon followed by retired sports-journalist Bob Hammel for the UClub Fall Reception. Other subjects included IU landscaping, Motown, Switchyard Park, Music in Therapy, Pegasus Pictures, and the IU Greek system. Special evening events were organist Dennis James, Madrigal Dinner, New Year’s Eve Party, Super Bowl, Mardi Gras, and a Valentine’s evening of dance. There was a special club tour of Lilly Library. Unfortunately, due to precautions concerning the coronavirus, the final four speaking engagements were cancelled.

As anyone who has been involved in organizing programs knows, each event entails a lot of work and dozens of members are thanked for their efforts.

Our club’s facilities have not had substantial improvement in thirty years. The list of needed improvements is long. A special project committee chaired by Joe Miller began work last spring to consider what needs to be accomplished and a list of those improvements – paint, wallpaper, carpet, window coverings, furniture, equipment – is being developed with a price tag for each. You will learn more about this after the report is submitted. The committee has spent many dozens of hours in investigating, getting consultations, and discussing, and each member has our utmost appreciation.

Vicki Roberts has chaired our membership committee which explored how to increase our membership – approximately 750 – as well as its diversity. Those members who have worked since summer also have our thanks for a large amount of hard work and discussion.

It should be no surprise to anyone that the club’s income expectations have taken a beating of late. The financial year was going very well until the coronavirus caused closures of much of the American way of life.

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Welcome New and Returning UClub Members!

Since mid-March, the club has lost more than 50 scheduled events. Nearly one-fourth of our rental income is the month of April. All rentals from mid-March to mid-May have been cancelled. At this time, there is the prospect that the club will lose money by the end of what would have been a profitable fiscal year (May 31). Your executive committee and board will stay closely attuned to the finances.

Despite the fact our annual meeting was cancelled, we must vote on officers for 2020-21 and proposed changes to the University Club’s bylaws and the University Women’s Club’s constitution and bylaws. You will soon receive an email (or letter) that advises how you may cast ballots online (or postal mail). We are deeply appreciative to Marilyn Uselding and Cindy York (and several others) for their leadership in the difficult process of updating the documents for the clubs.

The UClub (and the UWC) has been an important part of the social fabric of Indiana University since it was incorporated in 1959 and began operating with an Indiana Memorial Union lease in 1960. The club – its history dating to 1912 – is effective because of the dedicated efforts of many hundreds of persons through the decades. In that vein, we thank those who will be leaving the UClub board, in some cases after several years of quality service: Dan and Sharon Wiseman (UWC co-VP, UClub co-community chair, co-vice president, co-president, and co-past president), Marilyn Uselding (UWC 1st VP and president, UClub co-vice president, co-president, co-past president, and secretary), Ruth DiSilvestro (UWC 1st VP and president, UClub co-vice president, co-president, co-past president, and co-community chair), and Cheri DeBruicker (co-community chair). As for the UWC board, special thanks go to long-serving members and officers Kate Kroll, Carol Pierce, Janie Harnett, and Marilyn Minor who are leaving the board. Kate will remain on the UClub board.

Please look at the club website list of UClub and UWC officers and board members and thank them for their service when you see them. And be certain to vote for the slated officers later in April. If you would like to serve the club in any capacity, please make this known. New ideas and energies are always needed.

Finally, a huge THANK YOU to our talented, organized and efficient manager, Svetla Vladeva. In addition to the operation of the office and producing well-developed monthly newsletters, she has worked diligently to rent the facilities and deal with the unexpected, unwanted cancellations of meetings and events.

The two of us have been honored with the opportunity to serve you this year and we hope we have helped make a difference that is lasting.

Ken & Audrey Beckley
Co-President

Susan Kovacich
Jim Topp
Scott Shackelford
Carol Hostetter
Steven Acree
On July 25, 2019 Co-Presidents Audrey and Ken Beckley established the House Fund Project Committee with the following charge:

1. Determine all the current physical needs of the club to include furnishings, kitchen equipment, office equipment, audiovisual equipment, flooring/carpeting, restrooms, etc. Identify the immediate needs, items that no longer function and need to be replaced now or as soon as possible, and others that should be replaced or renovated within a year or two.
2. Develop a price tag for each.
3. Very importantly, determine whether there should be a permanent fund from which physical needs could be funded.

In addition to the statement of appreciation in the Club’s monthly newsletter, the committee recommends that the names of major contributors also be displayed on a plaque which will be prominently placed in the Club. A special recognition program, honoring major contributors, would also be appropriate.

The following newsletter pages include a list of items with cost. Estimates for the remaining will be available soon. If you wish to contribute for a specific item, please note on your check. Credit card donations are also accepted.

Donations can be given in honor of, in memory of, in celebration of, in gratitude for or any other reason a member wishes. No gift is too small or too big!!!

The Club needs your support now more than ever and appreciates all your donations!

Checks can be made payable to the University Club and mailed to 900 E. 7th Street, Indiana Memorial Union, Room 150, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Proposed House Improvements

Entry Downstairs (Lobby)
- New hostess desk $1000
- New hostess chair $500
- New credenza $1400
- Reupholster two chairs or replace $1000
- Re-wallpaper or remove paper and paint

President’s Room
- Repair backs on four chairs or reupholster or replace $2000
- Replace two white chairs $2000
- Replace chairs by glass cabinet (caning) $1400
- Piano chip repair
- Restain legs of highback chairs/reupholster
- Remove the valances and drapery tie backs
- Move mirror piece to east side and remove the display case

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Second Floor Entry
Re-wallpaper or paint walls and trim
Replace three chairs $650 each
Decide about floor covering

Faculty Room
Piano replacement $8000 Yamaha
Replace lamps by fireplace $700
Replace carpet with wood flooring
Replace couches by fireplace $2500
Replace drapes

Upstairs Kitchen
Remove wall oven in the Faculty Room kitchen (replace or build shelving) $1000
Place locks on cabinets so items can be stored there

Library
New window covers
Replace small table and chair $850
Reupholster or replace three sofas and three chairs

Downstairs Kitchen
Replace refrigerator $1200

Pool Room
Pool Table Recover $450

Bathrooms Downstairs
Replace toilets two required
Remove wallpaper women's restroom lower level
Replace caning on “sofa” or replace $500

Thank you
To those who have donated so far

Mark Wiedenmayer - In honor of Kate Kroll
Ruth Chesmore
Shirley Pugh
Mary Swarthout
Mary Kay Rothert
Eleanor Lahr
Curt Simic
John Bruce
Michael Stanik
Mary Strow
Sandra Bate
Richard and Carol Darling
Glenda Murray
Ruth Engs-Franz and Jeff Franz
Anna and Roger Radue

Gerry Miller
Jean Person
Kate Kroll
Anonymous for replacement fund
Patricia Foster and Andrew Hanson
Joyce Byrer
Gail and David Weaver
Maribeth and Richard McKaig
Phil and Marge Sutton
Anne Wilkerson
Martha Smiley
Marilyn Uselding
Beverly and Donald Warren
Jo Anne Bowen
Daniel Maki
Dan and Sharon Wiseman
University Club Scholarship

The application process for the University Club scholarships closed on March 10th. The scholarships are given to IU students working in the Indiana Memorial Union building. A scholarship committee of five, to include UClub scholarship chair, Susan Platter and IMU representatives, will be reviewing the applications soon to determine this year’s recipients. We hope to be able to award three $1000 scholarships. Thanks to our member’s continued support, our endowment has grown to over $60,000 dollars.

We appreciate your generosity!
Scholarship contributions made as of today:

   Dr. John Thiel
   Jo Anne and Timothy L. Bowen
   Timothy J. Riffle and Sarah M. McConnell
   Barbara M. Dixon
   Judith A. Walters
   Dick and Maribeth McKaig
   Erdine M. Simic
   Mary L. Swarthout
   Marilyn J. Uselding
   Carol Pierce
   Sharon B. and Daniel R. Wiseman
   Jeffrey L. and Ruth Franz
   Timothy J. and Cheri J. DeBruicker
   Ronald Kovener
   Doris J. Burton
   Naomi T. Mason
   Richard W. and Jill E. Olshavsky

The online voting deadline will be April 23rd.
Voting instructions coming soon via email.

The nominating committee nominations for 2020-2021 UWC Executive Board

President: Erdine Simic
1st Vice President: Charlene Brown
2nd Co-Vice Presidents (Interest Groups): Anita Douglas and Barb Aspy
Recording Secretary: Mary Wood

SLATE OF OFFICER AND CANDIDATES
For the 2020-2021 University Club Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Sandy and Steve Moberly
Co-Vice Presidents/Presidents Elect: Cindy York
Secretary: ____________
Treasurer: Louray Cain
INTEREST GROUPS

The interest groups are the HEART of the University Club and the BEST membership benefit of all!

University Club Members in good standing are eligible to participate in as many interest groups as they wish.

Please contact the interest group chair directly to sign up.

Some groups will continue their activities virtually during the lockdown. Please contact the interest group chairs directly for more information.

ARTS AND ANTIQUES

The Antiques Group welcomes anyone interested in antiques! University Club Members who are admirers and/or collectors are invited to join this group to study, share, and gain a greater appreciation of antiques. This group meets on the 4th Thursday of most months from October to April.

Co-Chairs: Linda Burton 812-369-4611 brtnlin@yahoo.com
Linda Gregory 812-336-5451 lfgregory@att.net

BOOK CIRCULATING

Members continue to circulate books.

Are you an avid reader? Then consider joining the Book Circulating Group.

Here’s how it works: Hardcover books are circulated every two weeks, October to May. The final book you receive is yours to keep. The reading list includes both fiction and non-fiction. A reasonable fee is charged to cover the cost of the books. Books will be passed between members on the 5th and 20th of each month, beginning October 20th (excluding January 5th). Members must have their own transportation.

Co-Chairs: Judith Granbois 812-332-5781 jgranboi@indiana.edu
Linda Heath 812-361-0455 lheath@mac.com
BOOK DISCUSSION

If you love to read and discuss a variety of interesting books in paperback form, this group is for you. The Book Discussion group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from September to May, to discuss books selected by members the previous June. Each member reads the book ahead of time, and everyone gets a turn at being a discussion leader. The group meets in members’ homes. Hostess duties rotate on a voluntary basis. Meetings begin with socializing from 9:30 to 10 am. Discussion runs from 10 to 11:30 am.

Co-chairs: Rosemary Dever 812-339-5979 rmdever@indiana.edu
          Maribeth McKaig 812-876-3697 mbmckaig@juno.com
          Martha Smiley 812-339-6822 martha-smiley@att.net

PARTY BRIDGE

The Party Bridge group meets on the 1st Monday of each month - year round at 11:30 am for lunch at Red Lobster, then plays bridge until 3:30 pm.

At the beginning of every meeting, each player contributes $1 for the prize for that day.

Chair: Judith Granbois 812-332-5781 jgranboi@indiana.edu

BUNCO

BUNCO is a fast-moving, uncomplicated game of dice, luck and prizes. If you like plain old-fashioned fun, you should seriously consider joining the Bunco Squad. The group meets year round on the 3rd Monday of the month at 11:30am at Meadowood for lunch and play.

Players contribute $5 each time for the cash awards. There are 12 regular players; all others who sign up serve on the sub list. Those who wish to be a substitute may join at any time.

CINEMA

Cinema will meet on 2nd Tuesday of the month. Tuesdays are $5 movie days. Evening movies starting between 7-8 p.m.

Friday of the prior week, when the new movies are listed, the chairperson will email the group with the options and times. The group will vote by email and voting will close at 6 p.m. Sunday. Chairperson will announce the movie the majority has decided to see. Chairperson will select a location to meet afterwards (for a cocktail or dessert and coffee, etc.) to discuss the movie.

Chair: Cindy York 812-333-4729 cookie2852@aol.com.
**DINING OUT**

The Dining Out group is open to all University Club members - singles and couples - who enjoy good food, good friends and good times. Dining Out events are usually on the fourth Sunday evening of each month. The schedule and other information is sent by e-mail and phone calls upon request. Responses must be received by the stated deadline so the restaurant can properly staff our event.

Restaurant seating is usually in groups of 6 – 8 to promote conversation and camaraderie. Guests are always welcomed. Joining the group can be done at any time simply by contacting the chair. We do not meet in November or December due to the holidays.

Chair: Barb Aspy  812-350-4511  b.aspy@yahoo.com

**EUCHRE**

We are still looking for additional members for this group meeting at Meadowood.

Euchre is a trick-taking card game played with partners with a deck of 24 cards ranging from 9 to Ace. Although around 1860 the game responsible for introducing the joker to the modern deck of cards, to act as the trump or best bower, the joker is not used in the most common version of the game. It is also believed to be closely related to the French game Ecarte’ that was popularized in the United States by the Cornish and Pennsylvania Dutch. It has long been a popular Indiana and Midwestern game.

The group will meet on the last Thursday of the month in the Meadowood Card Room from 2 - 4 p.m. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage. You do not need a partner to participate. The group will meet year-round.

Chair: Cindy York  812-333-4729  cookie2852@aol.com

**EVENING BUNCO**

Our Evening Bunco group is still looking for new members. The group will meet on the 1st Monday of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Meadowood card room. It’s a great opportunity for Meadowood residents to join us in the Card Room for an evening activity. We currently have seven members and are looking for five more. If you are interested, please contact Cindy York at 812-333-4729 or cookie2852@aol.com or Marge Sutton at 812-336-8672 or Marjorie.sutton@att.net.

**FINE DINING COOKING CLUB**

Like to cook? Talk about good food and restaurants? Try new gourmet recipes? Make new friends? Then this may be the interest group for you!

Members are divided into groups of four or five doubles who meet in members’ homes with everyone sharing in the preparation and cost of the meal. The mix of people is different at every dinner. An “Opening Get Together” and an “End-of-Year Party” are held for the entire group.

Chair: Rosemary Harvey  812-287-7911  rahren9@gmail.com
**GREAT DECISIONS**

Great Decisions is the nation's oldest, most popular program of citizen education in world affairs. The common purpose is to help members become informed and involved, and to understand how world events affect their daily lives. The University Women's Club - in cooperation with the Foreign Policy Association, IU's Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies, and Meadowood Retirement Community - offers programs for the 2019-2020 year. Meetings are held in the Terrace Room at Meadowood at 1:15 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September through May. The cost of the series is $20, which includes a book of readings.

**No meeting in April.**

Co-chairs:  
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Jean Cook  812-332-2439  jeancook37@gmail.com

**HIKING IN SOUTHERN INDIANA**

In November, eleven of us hiked with Shane Gibson, educator for the Sycamore Land Trust at the Bean Blossom Bottoms. Since we last hiked there a few years back, a major trail improvement was done to this property. Shortly thereafter a tornado hit. The tornado did major damage in certain areas so the trail has been closed until recently. Now after the clean up, the trail is again available to the public for hiking. The contrast between how it looked five years ago and how it looks now are astounding. This is a prime example of how devastating the wind can be. The hiking group enjoyed the hike and the conversation that accompanied it.

Visit the website to see other properties that the SLT owns. www.sycamorelandtrust.org.

Please email the group chair if you are interested in future hikes.

Chair:  Kathleen Boggess  812-361-7332  kboggess44@gmail.com

**HOOSIER HYSTERIA**

Did you know IU Athletics supports 10 Men’s and 12 Women’s Sports? We are more than just basketball and football fans. Join us in exploring some of the other spectator sports each season. Events will be planned by season as schedules become available. All participants will be responsible for their own price of admission when applicable. Future events will include the following for men’s sports: Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Baseball and Wrestling. For women: Swimming and Diving, Tennis and Softball. Facility Tours for Soccer, Baseball and Softball also available.

This year the group has enjoyed men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, tour of Wilkinson Hall, and men' and women's swimming and diving.

Chair:  Cindy York  812-333-4729  cookie2852@aol.com
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Come be a part of this group and enjoy conversation over lunch with an interesting international student. We meet on the third Friday in the months of September, October, November, January, February, and fourth Friday in March. Meetings are at noon. If you are on the group’s contact list, one of the co-chairs will notify you of the location prior to the meeting. Yearly registration fee is $5.

Co-Chairs: Kate Kroll 812-332-4018 katekroll@comcast.net
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LUNCHETTES

Join us in restaurant exploration on the last Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. A different dining venue is chosen each month; lunch-goers order from the menu on separate checks. Reservations should be made with one of the Chairs below by Monday of the week of the luncheon. Participants will be sent an e-mail reminder of the event. If you plan on attending, please email or call/text Jan Greenwood.

No lunchettes meeting in April.

Chair: Jan Greenwood 630-272-0107 jantgreenwood@gmail.com

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is a tile-based game that originated in China. It is commonly played by four players. The game is played with a set of 144 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols, although some regional variations may omit some tiles and/or add unique tiles. In most variations, each player begins by receiving 13 tiles. In turn, players draw and discard tiles until they complete a legal hand using the 14th drawn tile to form four melds (or sets) and a pair (eye).

Mah Jongg is open to new members who know how to play or are interested in learning the game. We are happy to teach you! We are playing American style with the 2019 card. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3-5 pm at Blooming Tea.

Chair: Martha Dogan 812-824-4314 msdogan55@gmail.com

SHOP ‘TILL YOU DROP

If you love to shop, here's your chance to join a like-minded group and hit the road for shopping adventures and fun galore!

All Shop ‘Till You Drop information is shared via e-mail. If you are already on the contact list, you need do nothing. If you are new to the game, be sure to contact Janie and sign up to be placed on the email list for information on future trips.

Chair: Janie Harnett 812-339-4528 jane.harnett@comcast.net
**YOGA**

You need not feel intimidated by yoga!
If you are interested in improving balance, breathing, flexibility and relaxation, this is the group for you. No previous knowledge of yoga is necessary. Everyone works at their own pace and level.

Our group meets **throughout the year** each Tuesday from 10:30 am-11:30 am at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, located at the intersection of E. Third and Smith Rd.

Wear comfortable clothes that permit easy movement; bring a yoga mat and a stretchy band or belt. Our instructors strive to leave you feeling stretched, relaxed, and in a better place than when you came through the door.

Participation is **FREE** for University Club Members! There is no additional cost beyond your UCLUB membership dues, but we do encourage a voluntary donation to St. Thomas Lutheran Church for the use of their lovely facility.

**Co-Chairs and Instructors:**
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**WRITE A FAMILY TREASURE**

Do you love to recount childhood adventures? Was there an event that changed your life? The University Club is considering a new interest group, Write a Family Treasure, which will inspire members to write about their life and help them get started. It would meet once a month. Each meeting would last about two hours. The first meeting would cover some of the fundamentals about writing about yourself: what form your writing might take, how to overcome the impediments to writing, and what tools are available. It would include writing prompts and a little time to write. In subsequent meetings, group members would discuss their progress and share some of their writing. These meetings would also include additional prompts and time to write.

If you are interested in this group, please contact Wendy Teller at teller@rcn.com or call her at 812-334-7974.

**WALKING GROUP**

Dear Walking Friends,
We have decided to stop our walks in the mall and we will suspend the activity until further notice. We will follow the guidelines set by the Governor and our own UCLUB. Stay safe and stay healthy. For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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