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Iowa City, Iowa



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Wednesday, 10-1-25

Scholarship Reception:

Wednesday, 10-8-25

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Welcome to the 2025-2026 University Club year.

The 2024-2025 year ended on a high note with a successful Big 10 Conference. Highlights of the conference, including photographs and survey results are featured in this issue of the Clarion. Be sure to check that out!

Stay tuned for more information on our website, through MailChimp messages, a video at Fall Fair in September and conversations with Newcomers and Connections Interest group in October.

Join us at the Fall Fair Open House September 9 to connect with fellow members, learn about exciting programs and kick off the year with enthusiasm. This year's theme is "Friendship, Community and Service".

This theme will be reflected throughout the year with various programs to include speakers from diverse fields such as community service, leadership and personal development.

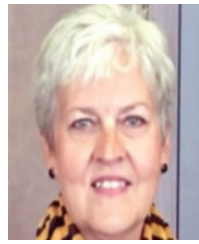
Thank you for trusting me with this new role; I am genuinely excited to get started as president. I know we can achieve really great things and have fun together.

Rose Meyer
President, 2025-2026



Rose Meyer
President 2025-26

Executive Officers



Left to right: Rose Meyer, President, Jan Tracy, Past President, Jan Frerichs, President-Elect, Vilia Tarvydas, Secretary, and Barb Duncan, Treasurer

Join Us At The Fall Fair September 9, 2025



You're Invited to our Annual Fall Fair

September 9, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at
15 Foster, Parkview Church, Iowa City.

Mingle with friends, pick up your yearbook, have a
snack.

Invite a friend and bring them along to join our
community.

Explore over 3 dozen Interest Groups and sign up for as many as you like.

Remember that membership in every Interest Group starts from scratch each year.
If you want to be in a group and can not attend Fall Fair, reach out to the chair so you
don't miss out!

Questions: Contact President-elect Jan Frerichs.

**Friendship
Community
Service**



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**SCHOLARSHIP
APPRECIATION**

**Join us for an afternoon reception of awards,
sweet confections, beverages and celebration.**

OCTOBER 8, 2025

4:00-5:30PM

Levitt Center for University

Advancement

1 East Park Rd. Iowa City IA

We Hosted Ten Big 10 Clubs June 6-8, 2025



Top two pictures:
Friday: Registration table and gift bags. Welcome reception at the Vue.
Left: Saturday's event poster featuring Jan Cox performing "The Yellow Rose of Suffrage". Jane Cox performing during the Saturday morning session.

"Jane Cox's presentation was fantastic and the message so appropriate for today."

"Meeting all the wonderful people! Amazing!"

"Scholarship Roundtable was very helpful... many good ideas".

"Great ideas for interest groups"

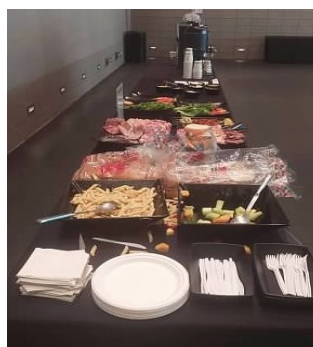
"This was my first conference and it was amazing. So many great ideas everyone was willing to share!"

Survey quotes have been lightly edited for clarity.



Above: Breakout session.
Below: Previewing the lunch video

The Hancher tour included a sandwich and salad buffet lunch.



Members and Guests Enjoyed Networking and Entertainment All 3 Days



The University Club hosted the Big 10 Conference June 6-8, 2025, at the Hilton Garden Inn, downtown Iowa City. Twenty-eight university club members attended from various universities including, Penn State, Michigan State, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Northwestern, The Ohio State, Purdue, Nebraska and Iowa.

Saturday began with a motivating one woman show, "The Yellow Rose of Suffrage" performed by Ms. Jane Cox, professor from ISU. Her performance was a powerful portrayal of women's fight for voting rights. Her passionate delivery left the audience inspired and motivated.

After a short break, there were round table discussions where we shared best practices and answered questions on the topics of Volunteerism, Interest Groups, Scholarships and Communication.

A tour of Hancher thoroughly wowed our guests, with one attendee announcing her plans to return for a future performance. Post-tour lunch was served at the Strauss theatre, with a video showcasing campus landmarks and notable University of Iowa sports figures.

The Cambus then took everyone on a short tour of the campus, which included a loop through the downtown area, up the hill to Carver Hawkeye Arena, Kinnick Stadium, Stead Family Children's Hospital and University of Iowa Health Center (UIHC). Tour guides highlighted the proximity of Kinnick Stadium to UIHC and reminded guests of the heartwarming "WAVE" tradition when fans wave to the children in Stead Family Hospital at the end of the 1st quarter.

Dr. Azeem Ahmed was the keynote speaker Saturday night. He captivated the audience with anecdotes and experiences as the Medical Director for Kinnick Stadium and Carver Hawkeye Arena, offering valuable insights into sports medicine.

One memorable story involved a football fan struck by a heart attack as they entered Kinnick Stadium. Within minutes, Emergency medical staff were attending to the fan and transferring him across the street to the University of Iowa Health Center (UIHC).

When Dr. Ahmed checked on him after the game in the Cardiac Unit, the fan was watching the post-game interviews on the TV. If his heart attack had occurred anywhere else, this fan may not have survived.

The meeting wrapped up Sunday with a presentation by Penn State- they will be hosting the Big10 Conference 2027.



Cultural Day Trip to Muscatine, Iowa October 1, 2025

Wednesday October 1, 2025

Meet at Johnson County Fair grounds 4261 Oak Crest Hill Rd SE, Iowa City. Leave at 9:00.

National Pearl Button Museum-guided tour.

117 W 2nd Street, Muscatine

In the early 1900s, Muscatine was known as the “Pearl Button Capital of the World”. In 1891, John Boepple cut the first buttons in Muscatine. He and his entrepreneur companies made 1.5 billion buttons per year. Consider the lives of the workers who harvested mussels, labored in the factories and organized unions to fight for better working conditions. The museum is a study of mussels, the amazing creatures which made it all possible. Check out the button craft creations.



Mother of Pearl

Lunch at Merrill Hotel, **Maxwell's on the River.**

Merrill Hotel

The only AAA 4 Diamond Hotel in the area, located on the banks of the Mississippi River, 119 W Mississippi Drive, Muscatine. There will be a short tour of the hotel after lunch.

Maxwell's on the River (Inside the hotel)

Lunch menu created by Executive Chef Tessa. Chef holds a culinary degree from LeCordon Blue Chicago and has been in the industry for 14 years.

Menu choices: (1/2 sandwich + cup of soup) Includes tea, water.

Sandwich, choose one:

- ☐ Reuben sandwich
- ☐ BLT sandwich
- ☐ Grilled Chicken and Artichoke sandwich

Soup, choose one:

- ☐ Minestrone soup
- ☐ Butternut Squash bisque

Muscatine Art Center-guided tour

1314 Mulberry Ave, Muscatine



Built in 1908, the Laura Musser Mansion, part of the Muscatine Art Center, provides an elegant setting for the display of fine and decorative arts. The hallways display a collection of works by Renoir, Degas, Chagall and Pissarro. Period rooms blend family furnishings with paintings that depict the Mississippi River. On the grounds, in spring and summer, is a historic Japanese Garden installed in 1929. The museum was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2017. It is 1 of 775 museums nationwide accredited by American Alliance of Museums.

Limit: 25 participants.

Questions contact: Theresa Tometich, Carolyn Rourke, or Jeanne Stracuzzi.

Cost: \$38.

Registration form and check (**LAST DATE TO RECEIVE IS: September 23**) to: Carolyn Rourke, 4738 Sharon Rd SW, Iowa City, IA 52240.

☐ I am willing to drive and can take ☐ passengers. Please bring \$7 cash for your driver.

☐ I am willing to drive and can take ☐ passengers.

Registration form for this Day Trip can be found on page 14 of this issue.

Cultural Day Trip to Kalona, IA November 5, 2025

Wednesday November 5, 2025. Meet at Menard's parking lot SW corner (lower left as you enter) at 8:45 AM, leaving promptly at 9:00 AM.

Trip Highlights:

Multiple site visits for 45-60 min at each site with tour guide (some standing).

The 1st stop for coffee and strudel at the Historical Society and Village to hear about the Mennonite Conservative program. The 2nd exciting stop will be at the Max-Cast Sculpture foundry.

Lunch will be at the home of Ila Miller HIM Hearth N Home, enjoying a family style meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes and trimmings.



After lunch we will visit the Amish casket maker, back to village for bathroom break. The last site will be to the Amish field operation to discover what Amish farming is like.

Once finished here we recommend you take a short drive and visit JK creative Wood and Gifts or on your way out of town the Kalona Creamery. Hope you will enjoy a Kalona Classic tour.

Cost: \$50.00 includes lunch, admission to sites and gratuity.

Please give your driver \$4.00

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Rittenmeyer, Diane Dalton or Mary Yoder (leave message if no one answers).

To register, please mail.

Completed registration form for each member and each guest found on page 14 in this **Clarion**
One check per person made payable to Diane Dalton 1222 Oakes Dr. Iowa City, Iowa 52245

Registration Deadline: Must be received by Wednesday, Oct 24, 2025 (note early deadline).

No refunds after this deadline



Registration form for this Day Trip can be found on page 14 of this issue. You can also download and print the form from the Club website.

Cultural Day Trip to West Liberty and Wilton, IA on December 3, 2025

Wednesday December 3, 2025

Meet at Fareway on Hwy 6 (2765 Commerce Dr. IC 52240) at 9:15 AM, leaving promptly at 9:30 AM. We can park along the north side on the outside edge of the parking lot.

Discover and enjoy a couple of unique places in small town Iowa.

The first stop will be in West Liberty at the Eulenspiegel Puppet theater. We will learn some amazing history of the puppets and how they are constructed and maybe even enjoy a small performance.



Next stop is Wilton at The Candy Kitchen. Everyone will be able to order their own lunch and a sweet treat if you desire from the soda fountain. Then we can sit back and enjoy the 150 year old story of the Candy Kitchen along with information about the mural painting on the outside of the building.

After the program you may wish to explore some of the near by unique shops for some Christmas treasures before returning to Iowa City.

Lunch will be on your own at the Candy Shop.

You can go on line to [wiltoncandykitchen \(dot\) com](http://wiltoncandykitchen.com) for a listing of their menu if you wish.

Cost of the trip is \$15.00

Please pay driver \$5.00

Registration must be received by Nov. 26.

No refunds after Nov. 26

Registration is limited to 24.

Send registration forms and checks to Diana Cox, 2602 E Washington St., Iowa City, Iowa 52245. Make checks payable to Diana Cox.

Registration form for this Day Trip can be found on page 14 of this issue. You can also download and print the form from the Club website.

October 14 Luncheon Event and Business Meeting With Speaker Dr. Jann Freed

Make the Rest of Life the Best of Life

Speaker: Dr Jann Freed

www.jannfreed.com/about-dr-jann

University Club's kick-off event features author, speaker, thought leader Jann Freed, PhD.

Known for her breadcrumb legacy™, Dr. Jann has spent her career working with people of all ages and stages of life as they navigate its dynamics.

True to her monthly podcast series, *Becoming a Sage*, she'll explore living, aging and the soft side of retiring.

Interested in living a life worth remembering?

The most important decisions and actions "breadcrumbs" are those you make today!

University Club's *How to Make the Rest of Life the Best of Life* kick-off event is one not to miss!

Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Holiday Inn & Kinnick Convention Center
1220 First Ave, Coralville

11:30 Social
Cash Wine and Soda Bar
Coffee and Tea available
12:00 Noon Luncheon and Program. Business Meeting will follow program.

Luncheon Entrée: Chicken Breast Supreme
Optional Entrée for Vegetarian, Vegan, and Gluten Free: Pasta Primavera.

Cost: \$30 per person, includes tax and gratuity.
Registration **must be received** by
Tuesday Oct 7.
Register and pay online:
www.uclubiowacity.org/pay

OR

Check payable to
The University Club.
Send to: Linda Spangle, P.O. Box 21
North Liberty, IA
52317.

If mailing, suggest mailing no later than October 3rd for timely receipt. Paying online is fast and easy.



THE UNIVERSITY CLUB LUNCHEON EVENT REGISTRATION

Make the Rest of Life the Best of Life

Tuesday, October 14, 2025
11:30 am Social, 12:00 noon luncheon, program follows.
Holiday Inn & Kinnick Convention Center, Coralville

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Cost: \$30 per person, includes tax and gratuity.

Luncheon Entrée, check one:

_____ Chicken Breast Supreme

_____ Pasta Primavera*

*Vegetarian, Vegan, and Gluten Free.

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

Must be received by Tuesday, October 7, 2025

To register:

Online at www.uclubiowacity.org/pay

OR

Complete this form and one (1) check payable to The University Club. Send to: Linda Spangle, P.O. Box 21, North Liberty, IA 52317.

Suggest mailing no later than October 3rd.

Wednesday, November 12 Brunch Event

Wednesday, November 12 Brunch Event Connecting the World and the Heartland.

Since the mid-1980's, **Global Ties Iowa** has been creating, supporting and sustaining citizen diplomacy initiatives in eastern Iowa.

Global Ties Iowa **Executive Director Amy Alice Chastain** will share local efforts, collaborations with the U.S. Department of State and her personal passion about our community's commitment to and participation in international exchanges.

Do people-to-people exchanges really contribute to the creation of a more prosperous local community?

Cap off an extended Veteran's Day celebration with brunch as University Club and Global Ties Iowa continues.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Holiday Inn & Kinnick Convention Center
1220 First Ave, Coralville

10:00 Social
Cash Mimosa Bar (Soda and wine available)
Coffee and Tea available
10:30 Brunch and Program

Brunch Buffet Offerings: Vegetarian Egg Strada, Roast Beef Jardiniere, French Toast, Green Bean Almandine, Tossed and Fruit Salads.

Cost: \$30 per person, includes tax and gratuity.
Registration **must be received** by
Wednesday, November 5, 2025.
Register and pay online:
www.uclubiowacity.org/pay

OR

Check payable to
The University Club.
Send to: Linda Spangle, P.O. Box 21
North Liberty, IA
52317.

If mailing, suggest mailing no later **than Nov. 1**
for timely receipt. Paying online is fast and easy.



Connecting the World and the Heartland.

www.globaltiesiowa.org

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB BRUNCH EVENT REGISTRATION

Connecting the World and the Heartland

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
10:00 am Social, 10:30 Brunch buffet, program follows.
Holiday Inn & Kinnick Convention Center, Coralville

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Cost: \$30 per person, includes tax and gratuity.

Brunch Buffet*

*Vegetarian, Vegan, and Gluten Free Options included.

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

Must be received by Wednesday, November 5, 2025
To register:
Online at www.uclubiowacity.org/pay

OR

Complete this form and one (1) check payable to The
University Club. Send to: Linda Spangle, P.O. Box 21,
North Liberty, IA 52317.

Suggest mailing no later than November 1 for timely
receipt.

University Club Scholarship Fundraising Year in Review

University Club Scholarship Fundraising Year in Review

By Monica Hayes, Finance Chair

As the Finance Chair for the University Club Scholarship Program, I am thrilled to share our fundraising accomplishments from this past year — and what lies ahead.

Thanks to the generosity of 161 donors, we exceeded our goal of 142 contributors and raised an incredible **\$15,981.18** for scholarships benefiting women attending the University of Iowa. Your support is not just a number; it's a direct investment in the future of women scholars in our community. These funds help offset the rising costs of education, ease financial burdens, and open doors for students striving to succeed academically and personally.

In August, we learned five \$2500 scholarships were awarded this year to women from Iowa with demonstrated need. We look forward to celebrating the impact your donations have made.

Looking to the year ahead, we've raised the bar. Our **new goal is \$17,000**, and we aim to have **30% of our club members participating as donors**. With your continued support, we are confident we can reach — and surpass — this goal.

Mark your calendars now: we will hold an **Awards Ceremony on October 8** at the **Levitt Center**, where we'll honor this year's scholarship recipients and recognize the incredible donors who made it possible. Past recipients will also be invited to share their stories and the lasting impact your support has had on their lives.



Another great opportunity to get involved is the **Fall Fair**, where you can learn more about the scholarship program, meet fellow members, and **bring your donation** for the new campaign year.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee and the entire University Club, thank you for your heart, your help, and your belief in education. Let's keep the momentum going!



THE UNIVERSITY CLUB
FOUNDED 1917

SAVE THE DATE

SCHOLARSHIP APPRECIATION

Join us for an afternoon reception of awards, sweet confections, beverages and celebration.

OCTOBER 8, 2025
4:00-5:30PM

Levitt Center for University Advancement
1 East Park Rd. Iowa City IA

Multiple Ways to Make a Scholarship Donation

2025/2026 SCHOLARSHIP Fundraising



Reminder

If you make an online donation and want recognition for your donation with The University Club, you must forward your email donation confirmation to monica@monicahayesteam.com

The Scholarship Roundtable at the recent Big Ten Conference was a big hit! Each session was held twice and most attendees opted to check out the Scholarship session.

Post-conference surveys asked these questions (among others) and scholarships were mentioned several times.

What are 2 ideas that you will bring back to your club? And.. What was your "Ah Ha" moment?

"The Scholarship Roundtable was very helpful as we are looking at our scholarship procedures. Many good ideas."

"Tree for donations"

"Silent auctions at events"

"Scholarship tree with a ribbon to be added with each investment"

2024-2025 Scholarship Donations Exceeded Goals!

The full list of donors and number of years they have donated will be in the upcoming yearbook.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE ☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of

Name of Honoree _____



THE UNIVERSITY CLUB
Scholarship Fund
2025-2026

for tax deductible donations
make check payable to
The University of Iowa
Center for Advancement

mail to
Monica Hayes, Finance Chair
2346 Mormon Trek Blvd
Suite 2000-A
Iowa City, IA 52246

Newcomers' Division

Newcomers' Meet Monthly on the 3rd Thursday from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

During your first two years of University Club (UC) membership, you are automatically enrolled in its Newcomers' Division.

Newcomers meet monthly (year-round) on the 3rd Thursday from 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM. Summer meetings (June, July, and August) are held at (Iowa City) City Park. Fall, winter, and spring meetings are held in the lower level of the Coralville Public Library.

Our meetings are designed to help you meet new friends while participating in a variety of fun activities and/or educational programs.

Watch for a Newcomers email the second week of each month containing program details for the upcoming meeting.

UC Newcomers are encouraged to participate in additional University Club activities and interest groups.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 3RD THURSDAYS 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM. Bring your own beverage!

September 18: Tailgate Party! Wear your favorite team colors and bring your favorite tailgate snack to share.

October 16: University Club Overview. President Rose Meyer and other members of the UC Executive Board will be present to share an overview of UC and its array of opportunities. Bring your questions!

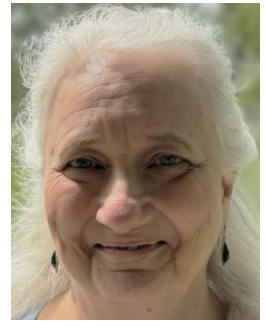
November 20: Iowa City Senior Center Offerings. Senior Center Program Director Michelle Buhman will share what's happening at the ICSC and how we can participate.

Contact us at ucnewcomers@gmail.com with questions, for more information, or to indicate that you wish to opt out of our monthly emails.

Pictured, from left: Carol Hauptert & Lucy Gamon, Co-Chairs. Paula Altmaier & Faith Timm, Committee.



**2025-2026
Newcomers'
Committee
members**



WELCOME

Forms

Cultural Day Trip to Kalona Wednesday Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cost \$50.00 includes lunch, admission to sites and gratuity.
Please bring \$4.00 for your driver.

_____ I am willing to drive.

I can fit an additional _____ in my car.

Registration deadline October 24, 2025. NO refund after this date.

Mail completed one completed registration form and one check for each person.

Make check payable to Diane Dalton and mail both to Diane Dalton, 1222 Oakes Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245

Cultural Day trip to Muscatine County, Iowa Wednesday October 1, 2025

Capacity of 25 for this tour.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cost: \$38
Please bring \$7 cash for your driver.

**Choose 1 soup and 1 sandwich for lunch.
Descriptions on page 6 with tour info:**

Soup: _____ Minestrone
_____ Butternut Squash

Sandwich: _____ Reuben
_____ BLT
_____ Grilled chicken and artichoke

_____ I would be willing to drive. I can fit an additional _____ in my car.

Registration deadline September 23rd. NO refund after this date. Mail registration and check to:

Carolyn Rourke
4738 Sharon Rd SW, Iowa City, IA 52240

Cultural Day Trip to West Liberty and Wilton, IA Wednesday December 3, 2025

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cost: \$15.00.

Please bring \$5 cash for your driver.

_____ I would be willing to drive. I can fit an additional _____ in my car.

Registration deadline November 26, 2025

Mail one registration and one check for each person, made out to Diane Cox and mail to:

Diane Cox, 2602 Washington St., Iowa City 52245

The University Club Membership Form For Club Year 2025 to 2026

_____ I am a new member. _____ I am renewing

Name: _____

Spouse/Partner (optional) _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make a choice for your Newsletters & Yearbook

Clarion newsletter _____ Electronic _____ Printed

Annual yearbook _____ Electronic _____ Printed

Membership is \$20 annually.

Make check payable to The University Club

Send check to:

Karen McClusky, 985 Lincolnshire Place, Coralville, IA 52241

Or save a Stamp: Pay online at: www.uclubiowacity.org/pay

INTEREST GROUP DETAILS

ADVENTURES UNLIMITED

(previously Travel Explorations)

Chair:

Marilee Fowler



Adventures Unlimited UC Interest Group will enhance our knowledge of the travel opportunities throughout the world. We will learn about wonderful destinations, transportation options, do's and don'ts, planning tips, and our goal is to plan an adventure for (those interested) next year.

MEETS: 3rd Thurs, 1:00 PM, Hills Bank Community Room, Forevergreen Rd, North Liberty.

BIKING

Co-Chairs:

Liz Bergeron

Sandy Johnson

MEETS: 2nd Fri., Apr-Nov, 9:45 AM to Noon (approx.) at various locations. (Weather cancellations reschedule to 3rd Fri.)

BOARD GAMES AND CARDS

Co-Chairs:

Diane Leventry

Diane McGraw

MEETS: 4th Wed, incl. summer, 1:00—3:00 PM at Pizza Ranch in Iowa City.

BOOK CLUBS (5 Groups)

MEETS: First* Mon., 7:30 PM

*Second Mon. in Sept, then first Mon through June.

Co-Chairs:

Linda Meldenstein

Lucy Gamon

MEETS: Third Mon., 7:00 PM

Chair:

Frann Ostroff

Meets at member's homes.

MEETS: Third Thu., 12:30—2:00 PM

Co-Chairs:

Ruthann Papke

Patty Roberts

Meets at Hills Bank on Gilbert St. IC.

BOOK CLUBS CONTINUED

MEETS: Second Fri., 12:30 PM (Sept—June)

Books for the Young at Heart.

Co-Chairs:

Ann Burton

Lynette Adams

Contemporary and classic young adult books.

MEETS: Fourth Fri., 12:30-2:00PM

Kid Lit

Co-Chairs:

Nancy Dole

Jan Frerichs

Current and past children's literature. Midwest One Bank, 1906 Keokuk, Iowa City

BOWLING Non Sanctioned 30 Week League

Co-Chairs:

Maryann St. John

Denise Hellstein



MEETS: Mon, weekly, at 9:30 AM, Sept-Apr at Colonial Lanes, 2253 Old Hwy 218 S (S Riverside Dr) IC. .

BRIDGE (6 Groups)

Players must find their own subs from provided list (all groups).

MEETS: Third Tues 11:30 AM—3:00 PM

Co-Chairs:

Evonne Freeman

Mary Burchette

Year round at 1st Ave HyVee, IC, 4 rounds (timed) of 6 hands. 50 cents from each player to use for prizes. Expected to purchase lunch at HyVee,

MEETS: Fourth Tues., 11:30 AM—3:00 PM

Co-Chairs:

Carralee Sueppel

Sheila Vedder

Year round at HyVee, 1st Ave. IC, 4 rounds (timed) of 6 hands. 50 cents from each player used for prizes. Players are expected to buy lunch from HyVee.

INTEREST GROUP DETAILS

BRIDGE GROUPS CONTINUED

MEETS: Fourth Weds: 11:30 to 3:00 PM

Co-Chairs:
Sandy Bucher

Diane Sondergard

Karen Juvenal

Cathy Pietrzyk

Community of Christ Church, 2121 South Ridge Dr. CV. Cost is \$10 for donation and snacks, 25 cents for prizes. Three timed rounds.

MEETS: Third Friday, 7:00 PM COUPLES BRIDGE

Chair:
Joyce Gromko

Chicago style party Bridge with spouse or partner in members' homes.

MEETS: 3rd Mon 11:30 to 3:00

LEARNING TO PLAY BRIDGE

Co-Chairs:
Evonne Freeman

Susan Carroll

Danette Frauenholtz

Elks Lodge, 637 Foster Rd, I.C. Learn to play or brush up on skills. No pressure group. Meets year round. Purchase lunch at Elks.

MEETS: 1st Mon. 12:30

BEGINNING BRIDGE TWO

Co-Chairs:
Jan Frerichs

Linda Van Loh

Sterlingshire Place, Coralville



BUNCO DAYTIME

Co-Chairs:
Diane McGraw

Diane Cahalan-Salling

MEETS: 2nd Mon. 1:00 PM Pizza Ranch, Iowa City. Come early to enjoy lunch. \$2 per person for prizes. All are welcome, no experience necessary.

BUNCO EVENING

Co-Chairs:
Linda Van Loh

Connie Steele

MEETS: 1st Fri, 6:30 PM, Members' homes. Spouses and guests welcome. Great mixer and way to meet new friends.

COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION (NEW)

Co-Chairs:
Evonne Freeman

Sandra Armbruster

MEETS: Blackstones (bar side toward the back) at 3:00 PM on 4th Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) year round. To meet informally to get to know other UClub members in a casual setting while enjoying a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic).



CONNECTIONS

Co-Chairs:
Linda Spangle

Sue Dane

Meets: 1st Thurs Sept—June from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Coralville Library. This friendship building group offers entertaining and educational meetings to encourage visiting and getting to know members. Spring and Fall socials planned to incl spouses, partners, friends.

COUNTRY LINE DANCE

Chair:
Donna Olson

MEETS: 4th Tues & 4th Thurs from 1:30-3:00 at Wildwood Smokehouse, 4919 Walleye Dr SE, I.C. Learn country dances. Lessons free, lunch can be purchased prior to class. In Nov and Dec, changes to 3rd week because of holidays.

INTEREST GROUP DETAILS

CULTURAL DAY TRIP GROUP

Trip coordinator:
Diane Dalton

MEETS: Tours are done on the 1st Wednesday. The Day Trip tours take place in Oct, Nov, Dec, Mar, Apr, and May. Detailed descriptions and registration forms for upcoming trips will be listed in future Clarions.

EUCHRE

Co-Chairs:
Evonne Freeman

Sue Votroubek

MEETS: 2nd Thurs 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Eagles Lodge, 225 Hwy 1, I.C. Organized as 4 players to a table, Euchre rules. 3 Rounds with different partners. Required to find own sub from provided list.

EVENING INS AND OUTS

Co-Chairs:
Edie Campo, Nancy Fincham, Sandy Kessler, Kiki Schultheis
UCINsOUTs@gmail.com

MEETS: Primarily on the 2nd Thurs 7:00 PM.
An evening social group for those who enjoy evenings OUT as well as gatherings IN each other's homes. Fun activities planned at different locations. Some events may include spouses, partners, guests.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Chair:
Monica Hayes

MEETS: 3rd Tuesday, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, at Lepic Kroeger Office, 2346 Mormon Trek Blvd. I.C. (Sept—Jun)

GOLF

Co-Chairs:
Karen Olmstead

Rosie Russell

MEETS: Weekly on Thursday mornings at Finkbine Golf Course, Iowa City. Organized play is from April through the end of August. All golfers are welcome.

GOURMET – EVENING

Chair:
Margaret Kaltefleiter

MEETS: 2nd Saturday in Nov., and Jan. thru Apr. Evening Gourmet is for members (with or without a spouse). Each member takes a turn hosting a dinner in their home, preparing an entrée, and assigning recipes to their guests. Group socials held three times during the year.

KNITTING

Chair: Carol-Jean Boevers

MEETS: 2nd Thurs 2:00 PM year-round, in members' homes. Whether you are an experienced knitter or would like to learn, we welcome you to spend a cozy afternoon, knitting and chatting. Crocheters are also welcome.

MAH JONGG

Chair:
Kimberly Jensen

MEETS: Each Thursday at 1:00 pm at Grand Living at Bridgewater and at Vintage Cooperative in CV. We play the American version of an Asian tile game using rules of play established by the Nat'l Mah Jongg League. This is an extremely fun game but is different from the "match-style" mah jongg played online.

PICKLEBALL FOR ALL

Co-Chairs:
Diane Schubert

Jane Utech

MEETS: Starting in Oct, meets the 1st and 3rd Fri at Green State Family Fieldhouse, 811 E. 2nd Ave, CV. Cost \$5 / day or 10 punch pass for \$35, 25 punch pass for \$75, or annual pass for \$185. These are current prices and subject to change.

RED SHOES

Co-Chairs:
Linda Van Loh

Linnell Phillips

MEETS: 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am. Please join a group of fun loving women who like to go out, visit and have a good lunch too! We will be on the lookout for new and exciting area dining opportunities, and enjoying some of our tried-and-true favorites!

SCRABBLE - SOCIAL

Co-Chairs:
Connie Lee McCall

Susan Young

MEETS: 1st Monday, at 1:00 pm at Twelve01 Kitchen & Tap, 1210 First Ave, Coralville

TASTE OUR COOKIN'

Co-Chairs:
Cheryl Reinhardt

Karen Olmstead

Connie Burkart

MEETS: 4th Thursday (September through May with a combined meeting for November and December) at 12:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave., Iowa City. We share recipes and socialize over lunch.

INTEREST GROUP DETAILS

TEA TIME

Chair:

Margaret Kaltefleiter

MEETS: 3rd Wednesday at 1:30 PM at members' homes. All members take turns hosting and making tea sandwiches, scones, and desserts for small, rotating groups.



UC WOMEN SUPPORT UI WOMEN ATHLETES

Co-Chairs:

Marilee Fowler

Kiki Schultheis

MEETS: Scheduled sporting events, days, times, and locations vary. Sign up to get on the mailing list for notifications. Some events require tickets, many do not.

UCWIN - WOMEN'S INVESTING NETWORK

Co-Chairs:

Julie Cowley

Linda Scott

MEETS: 3rd Tuesday, 9:00 - 11:00 AM at Johnson Country Extension Office.

WOMEN WITH HAMMERS

Co-Chairs:

Mary Mascher

Dedi Walker

MEETS: 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

WRITERS' GROUP

Chair:

Frann Ostroff

MEETS: 2nd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday from 9:15 am - 11:30 am, Hills Bank, Muscatine Ave, I.C.

UC Women Support UI Women Athletes Some upcoming opportunities:

Schedules are out for Field Hockey, Soccer, and Volleyball. Season tickets are available for Volleyball.

Exhibition Games:

*Field Hockey, Saturday, 8-23 at noon vs Northwestern.

*Volleyball, Black and Gold Scrimmage, Saturday, 8-23 at 5:00.

Soccer

*Thursday, 8-21, 1:00 pm vs TCU

*Sunday, 8-24, 1:00 pm vs Western Michigan

*Sunday, 8-31, 1:00 pm vs Saint Louis

Field Hockey

*Friday, 8-29, noon: Big 10/ACC challenge games with Michigan vs North Carolina

*Friday, 8-29, 2:30: Iowa Hawkeyes vs Wake Forest

*Sunday, 8-31, 11:00: Michigan vs Wake Forest

*Sunday, 8-31, 1:00: Iowa Hawkeyes vs North Carolina

Soccer and Field Hockey are played at 2555 Prairie Meadows Dr., IC. Admission and parking are free. Volleyball is at Xstream Arena, parking is free, tickets are needed.

Frequently Asked Questions About Interest Groups

How do I join an Interest Group?

The best way is to sign up at Fall Fair in September. If you can't make it to Fall Fair, contact the group chair anytime and ask to be added. You must rejoin each year so that group chairs can keep the member list and emails up to date. You must be a paid-up club member to participate in an Interest Group.

What is my attendance commitment?

A few groups require an RSVP for head count and reservation reasons. Others have no attendance requirements. Some groups require you to find a sub from a provided list if you can not attend.

What if I want to start a new group?

If there's a group you would like to see added, consider being the chair for it. If you can't be the chair, you need to find someone to run the group. Choose a location, make arrangements and then submit the form to the board for approval. Start the process by contacting the Interest Group Chair, Susan Hartwell.

Who do I notify with changes to our group?

Changes to group name, chair, meeting time, or location should be submitted to Susan Hartwell (Interest Group Chair) and to Judi Moore (Clarion).

INTEREST GROUP CALENDAR 2025-2026

Join interest groups at the Fall Fair or by contacting the chairperson of the group.

You must be a current, paid University Club member to participate in interest groups.

If you are interested in forming a new interest group and are willing to act as chairperson,
contact the Interest Group Chair Susan Hartwell.

1ST MONDAY 9:30 Bowling 12:30 Beginning Bridge Two 1:00 Scrabble-Social 7:30 Book Club	1ST TUESDAY 9:30 UC Board Meeting RSVP for UC Luncheon	1ST WEDNESDAY Day Trip Culture Group (Oct- Dec & Mar - May)	1ST THURSDAY AM Golf (Apr - Aug) 9:30 Connections 1:00 Mah Jongg	1ST FRIDAY 10:30 Pickleball 6:30 Bunco Evening
2ND MONDAY 9:30 Bowling 1:00 Bunco	2ND TUESDAY 11:30 UC Luncheon	2ND WEDNESDAY 9:15 Writers' Group 1:30 Women With Hammers	2ND THURSDAY AM Golf (Apr - Aug) 1:00 Euchre 1:00 Mah Jongg 2:00 Knitting 7:00 Evening Ins and Outs	2ND FRIDAY 9:45 Biking (Apr—Nov) 12:30 Book Club 2ND SATURDAY Evening Gourmet (Nov, and Jan—Apr)
3RD MONDAY 9:30 Bowling 11:30 Learn to Play Bridge 7:00 Book Club	3RD TUESDAY 9:00 Womens' Investing Network 11:30 Bridge 2:00 Financial Literacy	3RD WEDNESDAY 1:30 Tea Time	3RD THURSDAY AM Golf (Apr - Aug) 9:30 Newcomers' Coffees 12:30 Book Club 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Travel Exploration	3RD FRIDAY 10:30 Pickleball 7:00 Couples' Bridge
4TH MONDAY 9:30 Bowling 3:00 Cocktails and Conversation	4TH TUESDAY 9:15 Writers' Group 11:30 Bridge 11:30 Red Shoes 1:30 Country Line Dance	4TH WEDNESDAY 11:30 Bridge 1:00 Board Games & Cards	4TH THURSDAY AM Golf (Apr - Aug) 12:00 Taste Our Cookin' 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:30 Country Line Dance	4TH FRIDAY 12:30 Book Club
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You're Invited to our Annual Fall Fair

September 9, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at
15 Foster, Parkview Church, Iowa City

Mingle with friends, pick up your yearbook, have a snack.

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