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August 2024 Syllabus

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**Welcome, New Members!!!**

Rosemary Collins & Paul Gaziano Doc Slafkosky St. Ambrose University

Tania & Peter Wisbey John Foster Rockford University

Dennis Horton Scott Prine Rock Valley College

**Condolences**

The University Club of Rockford extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Sue Fiduccia** in her passing.

**Thursday, August 1st –** **Forbes Summer Music Series – Big Easy Night**

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Description automatically generated**Join us for our Big Easy Buffet featuring all of your New Orleans Favorites. This event was so popular the last two years, we had to bring it back!!!! We are very excited to welcome **James Gibson** and **Matthew Kiser** playing the **Steel Drums** in the backyard from 6PM-8PM! Our Big Easy Buffet will be available from 5:30PM-8:30PM. The Big Easy Buffet will have all of your favorites including Chicken & Andouille Jambalaya, Red Beans & Rice, Seafood Gumbo, Shrimp Etouffee, Char Grilled Oysters, Raw Oyster Bar, Blackened Cod, Fried Cajun Shrimp, House Salad, Beignets and Bananas Foster Bread Pudding; $42.50 Per Person. This will take the place of our Thursday night menu. You won’t want to miss this event!

**Tuesday, August 6th – Forbes Summer Music Series 5:30PM-7:30PM**

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Description automatically generated**Join us for our Forbes Summer Music Series featuring **Brad Palmer**. Brad will be performing from 5:30PM-7:30PM.

**Monday, August 12th – Forbes Summer Music Series 6PM-8PM**

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Description automatically generated**Join us for another fun night of our Forbes Summer Music Series with **Lone Canary** from 6PM-8PM. The Lone Canary is a Folk/Americana duo comprised of Rockford, IL musicians Jesse Fox and Heather Camacho. They have an acoustic, rootsy sound echoing the styles of legendary folk artists. ​

**Tuesday, August 13th – Book Club**

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Description automatically generatedJoin us each month for our Lunchtime Book Club with **Barb McDonald**, all are welcome. This month they will be meeting on Tuesday, August 13th. This month the book is Horse by Geraldine Brooks.

Winner of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and the Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award · Finalist for the Chautauqua Prize · A Massachusetts Book Award Honor Book   
  
A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history  
  
*Kentucky, 1850*. An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.   
   
*New York City, 1954*. Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.  
   
*Washington, DC, 2019*. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion’s bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.  
   
Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

**Tuesday, August 13th – Guest Bartender; Shelter Care 5PM-7PM**

Join us as **Mike Robinson** and **Laird Lambert** pour drinks for Shelter Care from 5PM-7PM. Shelter Care offers two core programs: Our**Supportive Housing Program** keeps families together during a housing crisis and the **Jubilee Center** is a day program for adults living with mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Proceeds from Guest Bartender Night help Shelter Care to continue to provide quality programming to families and individuals in our community who are in need of our services.

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**Wednesday, August 14th – Club & Pool Close Early**

Due to a private event, the Club and Pool will be closing at 4PM. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**Thursday, August 15th – Two for $39.95 Dinner**

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**Entrée Choices:**

**Baked Orange Roughy-** Seasoned orange roughy baked with butter and white wine served with wild rice pilaf and veg du jour.

**Mongolian Beef-** Thinly sliced sirloin stir-fry with green onion in a sweet and savory soy sauce served with jasmine rice.

**Sweet & Sour Tofu-** Crispy fried tofu tossed with peppers, onion, pineapple, house made sweet and sour sauce, jasmine rice, and green onion.

**Chicken Enchiladas**- Adobo braised chicken rolled in a flour tortilla, with cheese and rice, topped with adobo sauce, cheese and baked, served with refried beans, and pico de gallo.

**Friday, August 16th – Forbes Summer Music Series 5:30pm-8:30PM**

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Description automatically generatedWe are excited to welcome back **Three Good Men**. The **Three Good Men** are a spinoff version of the widely recognized N Illinois favorites Men of Our Times, in an informal acoustic set. You’re likely to hear songs you wouldn’t expect along with a bunch that you will recognize. Reservations appreciated.

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Join us from 5:30PM-7:30PM with **Paul Bronson** at the University Club for the first time. Paul is a solo acoustic, instrumental guitarist from Rockford. He takes popular rock/pop songs from the 60’s-90’s and arranges them to solo guitar format incorporating all the elements of the tune on a single guitar, no backing tracks or loopers. He has a unique style reminiscent of classical-influenced instrumental rock mixed with smooth jazz with a focus on elaborate technique, execution and style best describe as “Neo-Classical Artistic Guitar”. His original compositions are easy on the ears and take the listeners to myriad of destinations. Reservations appreciated.

**Thursday, August 22nd – Scholarship Golf Outing**

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First, for you golfers, $150 affords you a full day of excitement.   Our day starts at the U. Club.  The doors open at 11:00 AM, and upon your arrival, you will receive a U. Club souvenir.  From there, enjoy the cookout consisting of brats, hot dogs, free keg beer, and more.  After lunch, we head over to Rockford Country Club.  There will be ample time to get warmed-up on the driving range, and then the shotgun start begins at 1:00 PM.  The golfing format will again be a scramble, and there will be several exciting on-course contests.  Once golf is over, we trek back to the U. Club for dinner.  Here, you will enjoy a prime rib and baked chicken dinner.  After this fine feast, we will announce the first, second, and third place teams from the play day.  The winners from the on-course contests will also be announced.  There will also be 20+ door prizes to award.  Finally, the winner of the 50/50 raffle is announced.

Second, even if you are not a golfer, you may still financially support the golf play day.  For $150.00, the club will prepare a hole sponsorship sign in your name.  This sign will be displayed on one of the 18 tee boxes.   Additionally, your name will be recognized on a donor board that is in the foyer at the University Club.  Also, for every 25 hole sponsorships that are sold, a hole sponsor name will be drawn.  The winner will receive a $150.00 food credit for the University Club.  So, you could end up getting your money back!  This much appreciated donation may be tax deductible.

**Email Julie Sandall,** [**jsandall@uclubrockford.com**](mailto:jsandall@uclubrockford.com) **to sign up or sponsor a hole.**

And if that is not enough, how about a 50/50 raffle?  Raffle tickets are sold for as low as $5.00 for 1 ticket, or, 5 tickets for $20.00.  Tickets will soon be available for purchase at the University Club bar.  You may also contact Jim Pieschel at (815) 289-9492 or [jpieschel@comcast.net](mailto:jpieschel@comcast.net), and he will be happy to forward raffle tickets to you.  If history is an indicator, the winner could walk away with $1,300 - $2,500 in cold, hard cash!

We look forward to your support!

Jim Pieschel

**Monday, August 26th – Forbes Summer Music Series 6PM-8PM**

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Description automatically generated**Join us from 6PM-8PM with **Dan Maguire** a singer/songwriter from Rockford, IL. His jazzy, original style will enhance any dining experience. Dan’s music fills the space, a mutual experience is shared as the songs celebrate life’s beauty, or ease its occasional edge.

**Tuesday, August 27th – Bring Your Dog To The Club For Dinner**

**COME** to dinner on Tuesday, August 27th for bring your dog to dinner. **SIT** and enjoy dinner with cocktails. **STAY** from 5PM-7PM. Please enter thru the pool gate entrance. Dogs must be within arm’s length of their owners, and either in a carrier or on a leash held by the owner or tied to the table or chair leg. Please clean up after your pup. Please, no dogs in the swimming pool.

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**BYE BYE Birthday Bucks, Hello Wine!**

Starting August 1st, we are changing our **Birthday Program** from Birthday Bucks to a Bottle of House Wine to be redeemed in your Birthday Month!

**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 (**shorts are NOT acceptable in the dining room**).

Gentlemen are requested to remove hats when in the clubhouse (**baseball caps are not acceptable in the club**) and wear a collated shirt in the dining room. Pool wear with a cover up is permitted in the bar area during the summer until 5 PM.

**Pool 101**

* The Pool is open with a Pool Attendant Monday – Friday 10AM -5PM. **Pool closes when Clubhouse closes**.
* The Pool is open Saturday and Sunday 10AM – 6PM with a Pool Attendant. **Pool will close at 6PM**.
* Please sign in daily; there is a $5 guest fee.
* Grandchildren under 13 are free when using the pool with their Grandparents.
* Please wear a cover-up and footwear if you enter the bar area to place a food or drink order.
* You can place a food or drink order by calling the Clubhouse at 815.962.1730. The Clubhouse is closed on Saturdays and Sundays (unless posted otherwise) please feel free to pack a cooler for the day. A gas grill is available for member use.

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Looking to host a holiday party? A special holiday lunch or dinner? The University Club of Rockford is the perfect place for your event!!! December will fill up quickly.

Please contact Kelly to reserve your date today.

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**Club Hours**

Lunch; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 11AM-4PM

Monday Night Dinner 5PM-8PM

Taste of Tuesday 5PM-8PM

Club will Close at 6PM on Wednesdays; Lunch Menu Available Until 5:30PM

Thursday Night Dinner 5PM-9PM; **NEW!!!** Kids and Grandkids eat for $6 from Kids’ Menu with the purchase of a regularly priced entrée on Thursday nights (one kids meal per adult entrée purchased).

Fabulous Friday Night Fish Fry 5PM-9PM

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