

INTEREST GROUPS – 2009 / 2010

1. ANTIQUES

Our group welcomes all those who are interested in antiques. University Club members who are admirers and collectors are invited to join this group to study, share, and gain an appreciation of antiques. This group usually meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from September to April excluding November. December has an early meeting date. Special programs and a spring bus trip to an historic site are also planned. Yearly dues of \$5 should be submitted to a co-chair.

Co-chairs: Mary Wood 988-4425 marywood01@aol.com
 Helene Jones 331-0226 hhj@bluemarble.net

2. BOOK CIRCULATING

Are you an avid reader with no time for monthly reviews?

This is the group for you. 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. New and continuing members must sign up and pay for books at either the Fall Luncheon or the Welcome Reception.

Co-chairs: Lyn Burleson 339-5019 burleson@indiana.edu
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3. BOOK DISCUSSION

If you love to read and discuss a variety of interesting books in paperback form, this group is for you. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month from September to May to discuss a book selected by members the previous June. Each member reads the book ahead of time and at some point takes a turn at being a discussion leader according to the established group guidelines. Hostess duties rotate on a voluntary basis. The group meets in each other's homes. Meetings begin with socializing at 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Discussion runs from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Co-Chairs: Becky Rusie 332-8138 rarusie@comcast.net
 Flo Davis 332-8788 davisflob@aol.com

4. 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. We meet year round on the 3rd Monday of the month at 11:30 am at Meadowood for lunch and play. Players contribute \$5.00 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.

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

5. DINING OUT

This is a group for anyone who enjoys socializing and a “dining” experience at one of the many local restaurants. The focus has been on independent local restaurants and not on national chain restaurants. Most events begin with a social hour in someone’s home before going to eat. The group has been active for four years and has repeated only one restaurant. It usually meets the fourth Sunday **except** July and August. Singles and couples are welcome; **you must email lcregar@indiana.edu a week ahead to make a reservation for a particular event or to decline.**

Chair: Lu Cregar 912-824-8315 lcregar@indiana.edu

6. DUPLICATE BRIDGE

You need not be an expert to have fun playing duplicate bridge. Members of this group meet at Meadowood at 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month (except during the summer months). There is a 50-cent fee to cover the cost of prizes. Everyone interested in playing bridge is welcome. The first meeting of this group for the 2009-10 Season is on Wednesday, September 16.

Co-Chairs: Frank Prosser 332-5563 prosser@cs.indiana.edu

7. PARTY BRIDGE

Virginia Henderson 824-2955 dove1128@kiva.net This group meets at 11:00 am at Meadowood for lunch, fellowship, and bridge. New members are very welcome. Yearly dues are \$5 to cover miscellaneous costs. In addition at the beginning of each meeting, each player contributes \$1 for the prize for that day.

Co-Chairs:

Elaine Schenck • 339-7366

Judith Granbois • 332-5781 • jgranboi@indiana.edu

8. GARDENING

This group meets on the second Monday of the month and either invites a speaker to discuss gardening ideas or plans a trip to visit gardens. This group is inactive at the moment, but can be activated with a volunteer chair person

8. GOURMET DINING

This group is for people who enjoy preparing and partaking in fine gourmet cuisine with a touch of fun and conversation. Members are divided into groups of four or five couples and meet in members' homes with everyone sharing in the preparation and cost of the meal. An Opening Get-Together and an End-of-Year party are held for the entire group.

HOW TO JOIN: Members sign up in August or September. If you wish to join after September, please call April or Carol to be put on the list for next year.

Co-Chairs: April Legler 876-9951 aalegler@indiana.edu
 Carol Pierce 333-3047

9. 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, 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 Center for the Study of Global Change, and Meadowood will offer the following programs for the 2009-10 year. Meetings will be held in the Terrace Room at Meadowood at 1:15 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month (October through May). The cost of the series is \$14.00 which includes a book of readings.

Co-Chairs: Donna Smith 331-0311 yhsmith@indiana.edu
 Mike Chiappetta 337-1884 mchiappe@indiana.edu

10. HIKING IN SOUTHERN INDIANA

If hiking off the usual paths interests you, join Eleanor Lahr and others as we check out the hikes in Alan McPherson's *Nature Walks in Southern Indiana* and other interesting places. Hikes vary in length and difficulty. The group is limited to ten people. So make your reservation early! Eleanor walks rain or shine. Dress for the weather, and bring water and snacks. Four hikes are planned.

Thursday, 08/13/09, 7:30 am, Birding Walk - Griffy Creek

Meet at Griffy Creek boat house. Time: 1-3 hours (depending on interest and heat). Distance: 1-4 miles. Difficulty: easy, uneven surfaces. Formerly a water source for Bloomington, Griffy Creek Lake, surrounded by mixed forest and brushy meadowlands is home to raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks, deer, and many birds. Depending on the time and temperature, we may drive up the hill where Bob Dodd will lead us along the Indiana University Research Trail. Individuals may return to their cars at any time. Binoculars will be helpful.

Saturday, 10/10/09, 9:00 am, Yellowwood Lake Loop

Meet at Bloomingfoods/K-Mart parking lot and leave at 9:00 am. Time: 3 hours. Distance: 4 miles. Difficulty: moderate, uneven terrain. Snow prevented us from walking this trail last winter. Can you think of a better way to spend a Saturday in October than to walk a foot trail

through Brown County's rolling hills, mostly above the timbered shoreline of the 133 acre Yellowwood Lake? Fall colors should be near their peak in this beautiful hardwood forest.

Sunday, 01/31/10, 1:00 pm, Scarce-O-Fat Trail

Meet at Bloomingfoods/K-mart parking lot and leave at 1:00 pm, weather permitting. Time: 3-4 hours. Distance: 5-6 miles. Difficulty: moderate, up and down ridge walk. When walking a ridge top in winter, one can see views, branching systems, and topography that is unseen when covered by the green leaves of summer. The route is entirely along a fire lane/logging trail with relatively easy walking, even in winter.

Thursday, 04/15/10, 7:00 am, Hemlock Cliffs (and maybe Wyandotte Woods)

Meet at Kroger, South Walnut & Roeher Road (northwest corner toward Wendy's) and leave at 7:00 am. Time: all day; estimated return 4:00 pm. Distance: 1.4 miles for Hemlock Cliffs walk. Difficulty: Difficult. Lunch at The Lookout Restaurant.

Alan McPherson in *Indiana Best Hikes* said to expect high places, climbing on rocks and walking over loose rocks as we descend into a rocky canyon. Continuing along the stream expect to see hemlocks, mountain laurel, maidenhair fern, and hydrangea. Wyandotte Woods, east of Hemlock Cliffs, has several trails from easy to rugged that we will explore as time allows. Most are less than 2 miles.

Chair: Eleanor Lahr 339-4209 elahr@indiana.edu

11. INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Come be a part of this group and enjoy conversation over lunch with an interesting international student. Culture, customs and interests can be shared through friendly conversation. The luncheons [Dutch treat] will be held at Chapman's on the third Friday in October, November, January, and February. The March luncheon will be on the fourth Friday. The yearly registration fee is \$5.

Co-Chairs: Kate Kroll 332-4018 kkroll@indiana.edu
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12. LUNCHETTES

We gather for lunch and friendship on the last Friday of each month. We choose a different and interesting restaurant each time and order from the menu. It's fun sampling the many dining spots of Bloomington. Reservations may be made several days in advance. You will be called before each luncheon as a reminder. We go to a variety of local restaurants on the last Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. When you'd like to join us, call or e-mail a co-chair.

Co-Chairs: Shirley Pugh 336-6560 shirleypugh@webtv.net
 Kay Carey 332-7238 kecarey1@comcast.net

13. PARTY BRIDGE

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Judith Granbois 332-5781 jgranboi@indiana.edu

14. YOGA

You need not feel intimidated by yoga! If you are interested in improving balance, breathing, flexibility, and mind calming, this is the group for you. No previous knowledge of yoga is necessary. This group meets each Tuesday from 10-11 am at St. Thomas Lutheran Church (intersection of Smith Road and E. 3rd Street). Wear comfortable clothes to permit easy movement. Bring a yoga mat and a stretchy band or belt. We have three instructors taking turns teaching: Louise Kirke, Mark Day, and Louray Cain. Poses and exercises will differ from week to week. There will be breathing exercises and a bit of Pilates also. No reservations are necessary. If you have questions, please call Louray at 339-9841.

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Louise Kirke 331-5450