



SIU WOMEN'S CLUB WINTER MEETING BRINGS MEMBERS TOGETHER



Nearly 50 women gathered at the Gower Translational Research Center on Friday, Feb. 27, for the SIU Women's Club Winter Meeting, enjoying an afternoon of conversation, connection and updates from across campus.

Members and prospective members began arriving at 11:30 a.m., filling The Meeting Place with warm greetings, laughter and the unmistakable camaraderie that defines the SIU Women's Club. Over a delicious lunch catered by Crystal's Catering, attendees reconnected with friends, welcomed new faces and spent time catching up with fellow Saluki women.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Dr. Kristina Boone, dean of the SIU College of Agricultural, Life, and Physical Sciences. Dr. Boone shared exciting updates about the college's programs, research initiatives and student opportunities, highlighting the many ways the college continues to advance innovation and prepare students for careers that impact agriculture, science and communities throughout the region and beyond.



Winter Activities Keep SIU Women's Club Interest Groups Busy

Cold temperatures did little to slow the energy and enthusiasm of SIU Women's Club interest groups this winter. From concerts and lunches to travel planning and community service, members continued gathering across Southern Illinois to enjoy shared interests, strengthen friendships and support their community.



Winery of the Month

The Winery of the Month Club gathered in January at StarView Vineyards for an afternoon of conversation and relaxation. Members enjoyed mulled wine, delicious food and live music from B.J. Reach while taking in the welcoming atmosphere of the vineyard.

Suitcase Sisters

The Suitcase Sisters closed out 2025 with their Secret Suitcase Sisters Gift Exchange on Dec. 3. The evening included games, prizes and plenty of laughter as members celebrated the holiday season together.



Travel continues to be a highlight for the group. Two groups are visiting Magnolia Manor for a holiday luncheon, while members are also preparing for upcoming international adventures, including a trip to Peru in April and Ireland in June.

The group also enjoyed a fun outing to see Yacht Rock Ambrosia & Friends in Paducah. Attendees enjoyed a nostalgic evening of music from the 1970s and 1980s and were impressed to see the musicians still rocking the stage decades later.



Interest Group Activities Cont.

Cultural Activities of Southern Illinois

Members of the Cultural Activities of Southern Illinois interest group recently attended two performances at Shryock Auditorium: the SIU Symphonic Band and the U.S. Air Force Shades of Blue jazz band. Both concerts showcased outstanding musicianship and provided an enjoyable evening of live music.

The group is now looking ahead to the SIU Wind Ensemble's "Star Wars" concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Shryock Auditorium. Members plan to meet for dinner before the performance and welcome others to join.



Community Service Interest Group

The Community Service Interest Group recently demonstrated the club's commitment to helping others by leading the SIU Women's Club team in the Coldest Night of the Year walk in Carbondale.

The event brings communities together across the country to support individuals and families experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness. Through the group's leadership and outreach, 13 donors helped raise \$775 in support of the Carbondale Warming Center.

Vallerie Wallin and Pam Altman represented the SIU Women's Club as walkers during the event. Their participation, along with the support of donors, helped ensure that vital local resources remain available to neighbors in need.



Interest Group Activities Cont.

Meet n' Eat

The Meet n' Eat lunch group gathered at several local restaurants throughout the winter. In December, the group met at Pagliai's Pizza in Carbondale, reserving a private room where members enjoyed lunch together and held a white elephant gift exchange.



The group traveled to Cindy B's Café in Murphysboro in January, where members enjoyed a delicious meal and lively conversation. Despite another large group dining at the restaurant, the staff handled both gatherings with excellent service.



In February, Meet n' Eat members gathered at The Turn Restaurant at Kokopelli Golf Club, where they enjoyed a beautiful view along with their meal and conversation.



Get Involved: Join an Interest Group!

SIU Women's Club Interest Groups are a wonderful way to connect with fellow members through shared interests, friendship, and fun. To join a group, simply reach out to the Interest Group chair listed on the Membership Application. Scan the QR code to view the list. We hope you'll find a group—or two—that's just right for you!

Member Support Makes Scholarships Possible



The generosity of SIU Women's Club members plays a powerful role in changing the lives of SIU students.

Every contribution to the SIU Women's Club Scholarship Fund helps ease financial burdens, strengthen confidence and allow students to stay focused on achieving their goals.



Make your gift today at siuf.org/give by selecting **SIU Women's Club Scholarships Fund**, or scan the QR code to support students directly. Your contribution empowers Salukis and creates opportunities that last a lifetime.



You're Invited!

Spring Business Meeting

& Scholarship Reception

Thursday, April 30, 2026
4:30-5:30 p.m. Conversation & Cocktails
5:30-7:00 p.m. Program

Glenn Poshard Transportation Education Center
545 North Airport Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966
\$20 per person (includes food and drinks)



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