



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
WOMEN'S CLUB

January 2024 Winter Luncheon

The SIU Women's Club kicked off 2024 with its Winter Luncheon on Friday, January 12th. Nearly 50 club members and guests filled the Stadium Club on a rainy winter day, but saw the rain dry up and the sun peak out just as attendees began arriving. A delicious lunch was provided by Deborah K's Catering from Sesser and was enjoyed by all.

A highlight of the luncheon was guest speaker Yemisi Anderson who shared an inspiring message entitled *Who Am I*. Yemisi shared that she is a dedicated wife, mother, and friend. She is a small business owner and mompreneur who manages her own businesses, The Jay Effect and Cherished Gifts, while also helping her 7-year-old son who has published three children's books. She assists other local entrepreneurs as an adviser at the Illinois Small Business Development Center at SIU where she was awarded a 2023 "40 under 40 Award".

Yemisi is a fellow Saluki having earned her master's degree at SIU Carbondale. She shared that she survived abuse while in the foster care system and later engaged in self-destructive tendencies. She is a woman who has faced obstacles and hardships but has emerged victorious. Her story was an inspiration to all, and attendees gathered together after the event for a group photo as a reminder of the event and of the day's encouraging message.



President Deb Barnett and Guest Speaker Yemisi Anderson



Attendees enjoying fellowship and conversation.



Treasurer June Gibbs and Scholarship Director Deb Sarvela

More from the Winter Luncheon



SIU WOMEN'S CLUB INTEREST GROUPS

SIU Women's Club Interest Groups offer members unique opportunities for friendship, sharing, and learning. Groups generally meet once a month, whether in members' homes, restaurants, or other locations. All Interest Groups welcome new members anytime throughout the year. The only requirement for joining an Interest Group is paid membership in the SIU Women's Club. If you are already a paid member of the Club and want to join a group, contact the Interest Group Director April Teske at aprildover@gmail.com. For anyone who is not currently a member, you can select your interest groups on the [membership application here](#).

LEARN MORE AT WOMENSCLUB.SIU.EDU/INTEREST-GROUPS

The Afternoon Bridge Club

The Afternoon Bridge Club is a fun, non-competitive group that meets twice a month. We are welcoming new members at any time. Our members are at all levels so if you don't know how to play, we will help you. There are also excellent free online learning opportunities such as Fun Bridge.



Pictured L to R: Donna Wilson, Olga Weidner, Pat Tindall, Mary Ann Whitley, Carol Stewart, Jean Vancil. Not Pictured: Pat Dougherty, Marsha Ryan, Vivian Ugent

INTEREST GROUP HAPPENINGS

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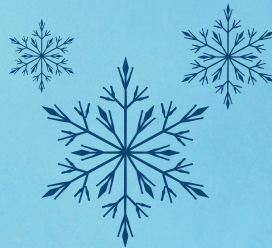
This group met on December 5th at One Hot Cookie in Murphysboro and held a program about holiday ornaments. Members were encouraged to bring a special holiday ornament or other holiday decoration to show the group.

EVENING AT THE CINEMA

On January 7th, the group went to see The Color Purple and went to dinner afterwards at Aban Kitchen.

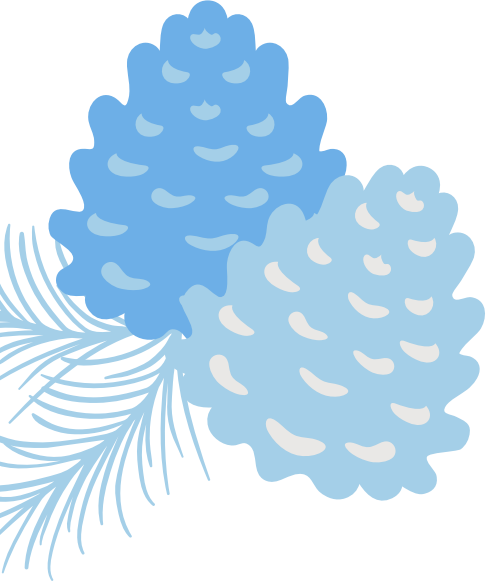
There is consideration of changing the group to "Afternoon at the Cinema" next year, as they aim to choose a movie that starts between 1:00 and 4:00 for an enjoyable afternoon with friends.

Breakfast Club December 2023



L to R: Sue Burroughs, Evangeline Chugh, Vivian Ugent, Cheryl Schmit, Lynnette Knowles, Janet Banerjee, Susie Phillips





Suitcase Sisters



Suitcase Sisters continue to plan for travels near and far. In April a group will head for a day-trip to St. Louis to see The Book of Mormon at the Fox Theater and then dine in one of the many interesting restaurants. In May we will go international again for a 9-day adventure in Iceland where we'll experience dramatic landscapes and stunning natural beauty.

Plans are now underway for a summer overnight trip to the Quilt Gardens in Indiana to explore the quilt-inspired gardens, and arts and culture of the area. There will always be an open chair for you at our meetings!

China Dongxi

China Dongxi, one of our newest groups, meets the 3rd Monday each month, 1:30-3:00. The group will take a look at one aspect/facet of China, including a hands-on element, and of course, a cup of Chinese tea and a snack. Considered topics include: eating with chopsticks, paper cuts, shadow puppets, toys and games, money, batik, silk, language, maps and geography, scrolls, painting, holidays, food, language, sites, temples, transportation, names, animals, and other areas that might be suggested or requested. For more information, contact Kitty Trescott (618-203-1807, trescott@midwest.net).





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**WE'RE CLOSING IN ON OUR \$6000 GOAL
FOR 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS!
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**CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THE
SIU WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS FUND ON
SIU'S DAY OF GIVING - FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

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Want to make a gift before SIU's Day of Giving?

Visit <https://siuf.org/give> and select Count toward Day of Giving

**Be sure to designate the tax-deductible gift to
SIU Women's Club Scholarships Fund.**

**HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
DONATED TO SIU WOMEN'S CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**YOUR DONATION
IS SO
APPRECIATED!**



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Spring Business Meeting & Scholarship Reception

Thursday, April 25, 2024

University Museum, North Hall

1000 Faner Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901

4:45-5:30 p.m. Wine Down Social (optional)

5:30-7 p.m. Meeting & Reception

featuring guest speaker

SIU Provost Sheryl Tucker

and presentation of scholarship winners

\$15 per person

Cash/check at the door or credit card online

RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/swcspring24> or to

Gena Albert gena.albert@siu.edu or

618-616-6926





REMINDER

The SIU Women's Club's annual membership renewal cycle begins October 1st of each year. New members joining up to four (4) months prior to this date shall have courtesy membership extended to them for those four months, in addition to their full year membership beginning October 1 of the same year.

In other words, any new members joining June 1 - September 30 will automatically be renewed for the next year. Members who joined prior to June 1, 2023, will need to complete the renewal form and pay the membership fee for the 2023-2024 new year.

To renew or join, simply click JOIN at <https://womensclub.siu.edu>. For those who prefer a hard copy form, simply email your request to siuwomensclub@siu.edu.

The image shows a design for an info card. On the left, a white section features the text "SIU WOMEN'S CLUB SINCE 1937" above a silhouette of diverse people, and "NEW MEMBERS WELCOME" below. A yellow arrow points from this section to a dark red section on the right. This red section contains a "SCAN ME" label above a QR code, and a "Find us on FACEBOOK" button with the Facebook logo. To the right of the QR code is another dark red section with the text "MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB DETAILS AT WOMENSCLUB.SIU.EDU". Below this, in a white section, are the items "Scholarships", "Social Events", and "Interest Groups", each with a red dot. At the bottom, it says "CONTACT US AT SIUWOMENSCLUB@SIU.EDU".

SPREAD THE WORD!

We've made it easier than ever to share the SIU Women's Club. Our new info cards are a great way to invite others to join the club, find an interest group, attend an event, and support SIU student scholarships.

Our 2023-2024 goal is to reach 250 members strong!

Help us reach this goal by spreading the word. Info cards are available at events or upon request at siuwomensclub@siu.edu.