Lunch and Learn and Chat Presentation--“Blanket Fort Radio Theater”
Tuesday, December 15, Noon

Are you a local history buff? Fan of audiobooks or podcasts? Listen to WSIU and have heard about the oddly named Blanket Fort Radio Theater project? Or maybe none of the above, but you just want to connect with your Southern Illinois University Women’s Club friends?

No matter your reason, we hope you will join us for a virtual “Lunch and Learn and Chat” on Tuesday, December 15, at noon. Pinckney Benedict, Professor of Creative Writing in the SIU Department of English, and Amy Etcheson, Interim Co-Director of SIU University Press will offer a brief presentation on the new podcast initiative “Blanket Fort Radio Theater.” Afterwards, we’ll have the chance to catch up, over Zoom, and reconnect with friends you may not have seen for a while.

Registration is NOT required, but email Kathryn Sime (kathryns@foundation.siu.edu) OR look for SIU Women’s Club on Facebook if you would like a reminder with the zoom link the day before. Otherwise, just make a note to join us on Tuesday, December 15, at 12:00 Noon on Zoom using the link on the following page.

Chancellor Austin A. Lane to Address SIU Women’s Club on January 5, 2021, 5 – 6 p.m.

Dr. Austin A. Lane became SIU’s chancellor on July 1, 2020. He will give a special presentation via Zoom to SIU Women’s Club members on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, from 5 – 6 p.m. He is interested in learning the ongoing role of the SIU Women’s Club in the mission of Southern Illinois University. We know he will be delighted to learn about our scholarship program and the generosity of our members in supporting the program. Zoom information will be provided in the December issue of the newsletter—mark your calendars now.
SIU Women’s Club Membership Information

- If you have not yet renewed your SIU Women’s Club membership, this is the last chance for you to receive SIU Women’s Club communications and information. The Membership Application form is located at https://womensclub.siu.edu/_common/documents/membership-form.pdf

- To join the Lunch and Learn and Chat “Blanket Fort Radio Theater” presentation at noon on Tuesday, December 15, go to:
  - Join Zoom Meeting
    https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84521825604?pwd=Ty9KWnVVEp2a3cvYjZpTmZE0U5kQT09
  - Meeting ID: 845 2182 5604
  - Passcode: 131003

- SIU Women’s Club Scholarship Update—Thanks to our donors, we have raised nearly $6,000 in scholarship funding. The Scholarship Committee has launched the process to solicit scholarship applications through SIU’s Academic Works online system. Applications and references are due February 1, 2021. Thank you to Susan Pearlman, Debra Sarvela and Deborah Barnett for serving on that committee.

- The 2021 SIU Women’s Club Membership Directory was sent electronically to members at the beginning of November. A special thank you goes to Deborah Corker for her work in providing this publication for our use.

- Scholarship Contributions since last list was published: Mary Beth Aguilar, Karen Hartlieb, Pamela Kelley, Elise Wheaton.

- Members Update Request!!! What are you doing—reading/cooking/learning—these days? Email (siuwomensclub@gmail.com) a short update, and we will include it in the December or January newsletter.

Life Long Learning Opportunities

Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR) is offering online monthly meetings and classes to members 50+ years and older. Since March, 2020, this organization has transitioned from in-person events to those available via ZOOM. Classes and lectures are presented by members, usually retired university or public school teachers or community members, experts in their fields. Topics include the arts, science, law and history.

Membership in SILIR is $25 per year. Included is access to a monthly speaker and a newsletter. While events remain online, unlimited classes are also included at no extra cost. Once in-person contacts resume, SILIR will again offer day trips, a wider range of classes, events, and interest groups such as book clubs and movie groups. For more information or to register, contact Jackie Welch at the SIU Conference and Scheduling Services office via email (silir@siu.edu) or 536-7751.
SIU Women’s Club Interest Groups
November 2020

Interest Group Director, Julie Bohnsack (jaweilbrenner@gmail.com)
The Faculty House, 810 South Elizabeth Street, Carbondale

Most Interest Group meetings are on hold due to the COVID-19 Virus Outbreak (We care about your health and safety)

Adventure Gals
Next date, time, and location to be announced
Donna Wilson 559-0830
dmwilson@siu.edu

Antiques and Collectibles
Meets 1st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
Hope to resume in the spring
Carol O’Donnell 549-2287
odonnellcj@yahoo.com
Vivian Ugent 457-5258
vivianugent@gmail.com

Book Discussion
Meets 2nd Thursday, 1 – 3 p.m.
Discussion Leader: TBA; Zoom Coordinator: Deborah Corker
“Virtual” version of the annual gifts exchange.
Janet Earnest 549-0416
jandaearnest@gmail.com

Breakfast Group
Meets 3rd Friday, 7:30 a.m., at Denny’s Restaurant
Janet Banerjee 687-3582
janet.banerjee@gmail.com

Bridge - Afternoon
Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1 - 3 p.m., in members’ homes
Olga Weidner 549-7527
oweidner@siu.edu

Bridge - Couples Evening
Meets 3rd Saturday, 7 p.m., Faculty House
Kitty Trescott 203-1807
trescott@midwest.net
Peter Gregory 541-602-6732
peterg@humidtown.com

Cooking Lunch with Friends (First Group)
Meets 4th Wednesday, four times a year in members’ homes
Sue Whitlock 534-3932
kirkman061056@gmail.com
A.M. Hamilton-Brehm 702-419-2493
amhamib@gmail.com

Cooking Lunch with Friends (Second Group)
Meets 1st Thursday, four times during academic year
Lyn Knowles 529-3229
lknowles114@gmail.com

Evening at the Cinema
Meets 1st Thursday at local theaters
Thursday, December 3, 7 p.m., Zoom meeting to discuss a movie that is yet to be decided.
Laura Helsel 559-4541
lahelsel@yahoo.com

Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga Techniques (GTSY)
Meets every Thursday, 5:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church
Nelda Hinckley 549-5588
neldahinckley@jalc.edu

Knitting and Stitching
Meets 4th Thursday, 1 - 3 p.m., in members' homes
Sue Burroughs 203-2360
newmyerburroughs47@frontier.com
Lee Swayze 549-1017
lswayze1200@gmail.com
Meet 'n Eat
Meets 2nd Wednesday, Noon, at various local restaurants
Tedda Becker 457-8903
beckertedda02@gmail.com

Monthly Dinner Group
Meets in members' homes—next gathering to be announced
Sue Whitlock 534-3932
kirkman061056@gmail.com

Newcomers Dinner Group
Meets 4th Thursday in homes and restaurants
Amelia Ketzle 924-0145
aketzle@siu.edu

Opera Group
Selected Saturdays in Cape Girardeau
Olga Weidner 549-7527
oweidner@siu.edu

Quilting
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 1 - 3 p.m., in members' homes
Pat Tindall 549-2427
dp.tindall@outlook.com

Scrabble
Meets 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m., at the Faculty House
Mary Pohlmann 549-5077
maryp@siu.edu

Secrets of Ethnic Cuisine
Meets 4 times a year to prepare unique dishes
Olga Weidner 549-7527
oweidner@siu.edu
Amelia Ketzle 924-0145
aketzle@siu.edu

Travel—The Suitcase Sisters
Meets 1st Monday, 5:15 p.m., at Pagliai’s Pizza, Carbondale
Julie Bohnsack 534-4618
jaweilbrenner@gmail.com

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SIU Women’s Club Scholarship Fund
Donations

Scholarship donations are always encouraged to meet our annual minimum $4,000 goal to fund two $2,000 scholarships. Scholarship donations may also be made as memorials.

Name__________________________________________Phone___________________
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Email Address ________________________________ Check Amount $__________

Return form with check (SIU Women’s Club) to:
SIU Women’s Club, P.O. Box 1226, Carbondale, Illinois 62903-1226