SIU Women’s Club Interest Groups
“Our Foundation”

SIU Women’s Club interest groups are at the heart of membership activities. During the pandemic, many groups were on hiatus or changed how they approached their activities. Here’s an update on a few of our interest groups that have been meeting or that have plans for later this year:

BOOK DISCUSSION. Winning the prize for meeting consistently throughout the pandemic, the Book Discussion Interest Group continues to have an attendance of nearly 20 for its virtual sessions. Leader Janet Earnest provides thorough information prior to each meeting to guide members, and all members have input regarding the monthly reading selections. The November book discussion will be *Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee* by Casey Cep.

ADVENTURE GALS. Leader Donna Wilson reported that on September 18, the Adventure Gals met to participate in the Crab Orchard Lake Clean-up. Members getting out were Carolyn Ferdinand, Anne Marie Hamilton-Brehm, Amelia Ketzle, Susan Pearlman, Sharon Smaga, and Jan Weiss. Donna said, “We were given bags, gloves, and safety vests and were assigned a section of Spillway Road. We had beautiful weather and were treated to the sight of many migrating pelicans on Crab Orchard Lake. By the end of the morning, we were hot and tired but proud of our contribution to the project.”

WELCOME NEWCOMERS DINNER GROUP. According to Amelia Ketzle, Group Leader, this group is open to everyone, but is especially meant for new members of the SIU Women’s Club to find a welcoming interest group to begin their social networking. She went on to say, “We plan to continue meeting monthly, either in restaurants or members’ homes (when a hostess is available), pending COVID restrictions, case rates in the area, and members’ level of comfort with group gatherings. When case rates are higher, we strive to meet outdoors, and if comfort levels don’t allow for a group meeting, we skip that month and hope for better conditions in the near future.”

Celebrate
SIU Points of Pride
The Performing Arts

**Southern Illinois Symphony Series**

*Tuesday, November 2*
“Reawakening”

*Tuesday, March 29*
“Hooray for Hollywood”

*Tuesday, April 12*
“Mozart Requiem”

*Tuesday April 26*
“Tchaikovsky 5th”

Tickets at: [https://cola.siu.edu/music/ensembles/orchestra](https://cola.siu.edu/music/ensembles/orchestra)

**SIU Theater & Dance**

*December 2 – 5*
“Hay Fever”

*February 24 - 27*
“The Big Muddy New Play Festival”

*April 21 - 24*
“Lucky Stiff”

Tickets at: [www.theater.siu.edu](http://www.theater.siu.edu) (click on Productions—Tickets)
SIU WOMEN’S ATHLETICS GROUP. Support SIU Women’s Athletics! Julie Bohnsack stated that this group plans outings to various SIU women’s athletic events. Save this date for the first event of the year:

We will be meeting to watch the SIU Women’s Basketball Team vs. Quincy on Sunday, December 12, at 2 p.m. We may meet together for a bite to eat before or after the game.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES. Leaders Carol O’Donnell and Vivian Ugent have planned the annual program for the Antiques and Collectibles Interest Group. The first meeting of the year was a presentation by Susan Pearlman on “Baskets and Textiles from Botswana.” She displayed the collection of craft items she gathered when she was in Botswana doing volunteer work for several years.

The next meeting of the group will be a trip to Marsha Ryan’s home who will be sharing her “Home to Remember.” Marsha is the immediate past president of the SIU Women’s Club.

KNITTING AND STITCHING. Leaders Sue Burroughs and Lee Swayze are wondering if any current members of the Women’s Club who cannot meet during the day would be interested in an evening group. If interested, contact Sue at newmyerburroughs47@frontier.com or Julie Bohnsack at jaweilbrenner@gmail.com.

THE SUITCASE SISTERS. This group will be taking a break until January, according to Leader Julie Bohnsack. Hopefully, by then, the group can safely begin making some plans for destinations.

QUILTING. A new leader is needed for this group, and the group hopes to have something organized by January.

EVENING AT THE CINEMA. This group has plans to begin meeting in January.

Other Member News and SIU Points of Pride

Welcome New SIU Women’s Club Members! Here is the list of first-time new members as of October 14, 2021.

Amanda Ashby
Vicky Beers
Heidi Coons
Camille M Davidson
Rebecca Dycus
Audrey Haar
Kathleen Hall
Jeanne Jones
Cathie Mieldezis
Stacy Morgan
Ellin Smith
Jackie Welch
Wenona Whitfield

SIU Points of Pride. SIU’s recent Glass Pumpkin Patch event attracted all ages:
### SIU Women’s Club Interest Groups
November 2021

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

- **Facility update:** SIU Women’s Club may continue to use The Faculty House (810 South Elizabeth St.). Additionally, meeting rooms and parking are available at the SIU Alumni Association. Contact Michelle Rust (micheller@alumni.siu.edu) to schedule those rooms.

- **Some groups may still be “on hiatus” – check with group leader first. We continue to urge caution when meeting in person.**

- **SIU Women’s Club has a Zoom account. If you would like to hold your group via Zoom, contact: Deborah Corker, phdcorker@gmail.com, 907-248-1236.**

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|                                   | Vivian Ugent 457-5258
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| Book Discussion                    | Janet Earnest 549-0416
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| Breakfest Group                    | Janet Banerjee 687-3582
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| Bridge - Afternoon                 | Olga Weidner 549-7527
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- Attendees may change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Use caution when meeting in person.
Meet 'n Eat
Tedda Becker
457-8903
beckertedda02@gmail.com
Meet 2nd Wednesday, Noon, at various local restaurants

Monthly Dinner Group
Sue Whitlock
534-2376
kirkman061056@gmail.com
Meets in members' homes—next gathering to be announced

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

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

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

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

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

Welcoming Newcomers Dinner Group
Amelia Ketzle
924-0145
aketzle@siu.edu
Meets 4th Thursday in homes and restaurants
For newcomers and not-so-newcomers

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.

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City, State, Zip ___________________________________________________________________
Email Address _____________________________________________ Check Amount $___________

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