



Value!

Value has been a watchword in the UClub's programming this year! Value is always a laudable objective; especially so in this era of financial challenge. Happy-nings have been a major value—FREE! These informal gatherings with a short, diverse program each Thursday from 4 – 7 are designed to introduce member prospects to the beauty of the club and the friendliness of its interested and interesting members.

Be sure to be a part of this scene weekly and to bring member prospects or provide names of people the club can invite. All the club luncheons, parties, and activities are priced as low as possible to give members special value from membership.

Recruitment of new members to the club is essential to preserving the value of the club. Volunteers have processed hundreds of invitations to join the club to faculty and staff of IU and of Ivy Tech and members of the community. We hope an article about the club in the February Bloom Magazine and an ad in the same edition (fully paid for by anonymous donors) promoting membership and room rentals will introduce new members to the club. Sponsorships are now available to businesses, professionals, and others to provide a special presence to Club members. The sponsorships help underwrite expenses, thereby giving extra value to club members. American Family Insurance sponsored the first Happy-ning of the new semester on January 21st, joining the appreciated sponsorships of Meadowood Retirement Community and Home Instead. Let's express appreciation to all the Club's sponsors. Members add value to the club through their volunteer service. This volunteer service by members is the life-blood of the club and there has been a lot of it this volunteer support this year as has been traditional in all years. Many thanks to all those who are providing governance, organizing and helping with events and activities, and assisting with the chores that make the club function.

A form in this newsletter provides you with an opportunity to say what you are willing to do next year. This will be valuable input as the nomination process for club leaders in the new year gets underway.

Travel talks presented by members are also a great value—FREE! Trips, theatre outings, and excursions organized by Meadowood and the Antiques Interest Group are always a great bargain.

A new cruise initiative by Don Gading also promises to be a great value. Don has agreed to apply ALL financial incentives resulting from group sales to a reduction of the cost of the cruise to the members participating. As more participate, the cost to everyone goes down. And, trip orientation sessions prior to the trip will enhance the camaraderie of the group reinforced by group activities on the cruise. A flyer in this newsletter provides details about the planned cruise. I know that Carolyn and I personally value the friendships and relationships that result from our membership in the club and trust that you too value the club.

Ronald Kovener

President of the University Club

PLEASE contact me by email at rrkovener@aol.com or by phone at 337-8920 if you have concerns, suggestions or ideas for the board to discuss or consider. Member input is important.

- Feb. 11th – Speaker Luncheon
M. Grace Calhoun
Associate Athletic Director for Academic
and Student Development Services
- Feb. 12th – Performance
Broadway Cabaret
With George Pinney Dancers
- Feb. 19th – Speaker Luncheon
Laurie Burns McRobbie
“First Ladies of IU”
- Antiques Trip - April 22nd