



ROCKFORD AREA ILLINI CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

### August 2010

### FUTURE FALL EVENTS:

OTWF Beer Tent	Fri., Sept. 3 through Sun., Sept. 5	Various shifts See article
First Football Game	Sat., Sept 4	Missouri
Next RAIC Board Meeting	Wed., Sept. 8	U of I School of Medicine
First Home Football Game	Sat., Sept. 11	SIU - night game
Big Ten Kick-off Dinner	Thurs., Sept. 23	See reservation form in this newsletter

Rosanne Morrison, graduated from Boylan High School and will major in Chemical Engineering.

*Congratulations and best wishes to these young Illini!*

*Note: Until last year the U of I Alumni Club helped pay a portion of the scholarship monies with RAIC picking up 2/3 of the funds. However, this policy has been discontinued and RAIC covers the cost of the scholarships 100%. Our budget allowed \$4000 for scholarship funds this year. The board decided to reduce the amount to \$800 in order to be able to award five worthy applicants. Information on donating to the scholarship fund appears elsewhere in this newsletter.*

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR 2010

The following area students were awarded \$800 scholarships by our club this summer:

**Lauren Delaney**, daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Delaney. Lauren graduated from Guilford High School and will major in Industrial Design within the College of Fine and Applied Arts.

**Paige Diesner**, daughter of James and Susan Diesner. Paige graduated from Hononegah High School and will major in Biology within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Xinnu Hu**, whose parents are Yanhang and Guowi Hu, graduated from Rockford Christian High School and will enroll in General Studies.

**Evan Jarzynski**, whose parents are Mark and Jan Jarzynski, graduated from Jefferson High School and will major in Graphic Design within the College of Fine and Applied Arts.

**Patrick Morrison**, whose parents are Patrick and

### Dinner Cruise on the Rock River

A total of 32 people braved their way through a driving rainstorm on August 13 and gathered on the Pride of Oregon paddleboat for dinner and a lovely cruise on the Rock River. The weather changed for the better and provided our group with a double rainbow and a fabulous sunset (orange and blue were featured colors). The club plans to do this again in a few years during the October colors.



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## On the Waterfront Fundraiser

### *Supporting the RAIC Scholarship Fund*

The Rockford Area Illini Club will be staffing a beverage tent at the On the Waterfront festival in Rockford over the Labor Day weekend. This is the 10th year that the RAIC has had a tent at the festival. This year's festival will run from September 3-5, and our tent will be located at the west end of the State Street Bridge. Volunteers can purchase an admission pass, good for all three days, at the discounted rate of \$7. If you are interested in helping staff the tent, please contact Laura Goodin by phone at 815-637-1447 or email her at lgoodin25@yahoo.com. Otherwise help support the club and stop by for a beverage and Illini fellowship during the festival.

Volunteers still needed for the following shifts:

### **Friday, September 3:**

8:15pm - 11:30pm

### **Saturday, September 4, 2010**

11:15am - 2:45pm OR 5:45pm - 9:00pm OR

8:45pm - 11:30pm

### **Sunday, September 5, 2010**

11:30am - 2:30pm OR 12:15 - 5:30pm OR

5:15 - 8:30pm OR 8:15 - 10:30pm

## August 11 RAIC Board Meeting Review

Jim Waddell, Jr. took over the position of President for the next two years and will be assisted by Dave



*The August board meeting is traditionally held as a dinner meeting with spouses included. Pictured are dedicated members of the board.*

## ROCKFORD AREA ILLINI CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

*All 815 area code if not designated.*

President - Jim Waddell Jr. - 885-2556

Vice President - Dave Johnson - 397-3118

Secretary - Connie Gritton-Winter - 745-2049

Treasurer - Laura Goodin - 637-1447

Membership - Karen Johnson - 229-1365

Media Liaison - Brandon Reid - 985-5416

Website Coordinator - Pete Bultmann

217-341-7282

### **OTHER BOARD MEMBERS:**

Randy Benjamin - 721-6450

Jerry Beger - 226-0824

Phil Dierstein - 877-7693

Dr. Bill Erickson - 332-5919

Brian Lyons - 962-0001

John Paulsgrove - 332-5580

Beth Rydberg - 282-1636

Scott Sanders - 713-9804

Johnson as Vice President. All other officer positions remained the same. Pete Bultmann has joined the Board officially and will continue as our Website Co-Coordinator. He is replacing Jim Reid who has finished his terms. Local landscape architect Scott Sanders has joined the Board, replacing Dean Coppernoll, who is moving to Arkansas. We thank Dean and Jim for their numerous contributions over the past few years.

## Football Game Watches

We plan to organize a few football game watches during the season. One likely game watch will be the Northwestern game at Wrigley Field on November 20. Dates, times and locations will be announced in the next newsletter and on the website.

Annual Rockford Area

# 2010 BIG TEN KICKOFF DINNER

**Thursday, September 23, 2010**

**Rockford Country Club**

*Hosted by the Wisconsin Alumni Club of Rockford*

6-7 p.m. - Cash Bar Social Hour

7 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

7:45 p.m. - Honored Guest Speaker - Mike Leckrone  
Director of the Wisconsin Marching Band since 1969

Cost \$30 per person

Dress is Casual (*Orange and Blue suggested of course!!!*)

**RSVP by September 7, 2010**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Big 10 University Attended \_\_\_\_\_

# Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: RAIC  
Mail to: Jim Waddell, 5048 Telluride Ct., Caledonia, IL 61011  
Phone: 815-885-2556

or rsvp online at [www.rockfordillini.com](http://www.rockfordillini.com)



## Sam Darby Honored

The University of Illinois Alumni Association recently awarded the Lou Liay Spirit Award to RAIC member and loyal Illini, Sam Darby. Sam is a distinguished local architect and past president of our club. We will provide more information about this honor in a future newsletter.

## Donations to the RAIC Scholarship Fund -

If you are interested, you can now donate directly to RAIC scholarship fund through the University of Illinois Foundation. Donations made through the UIF for Rockford Area Illini Club scholarships benefit alums as:

- Donors will receive an official tax receipt for their gifts to the U of I .
- Donor's gifts will be credited to their record in the University, Foundation and Alumni Association donor database for recognition and acknowledgment of their total support to the University and its students.
- Donors can be assured their transactions will be handled securely with the upmost attention to insuring their gift will be spent for the scholarships they are supporting.

*If you would like to make a gift to the Rockford Area Illini Club Scholarship fund through the University of Illinois Foundation, there are two ways to do so.*

If you want to write a check to the UIF that is designated for RAIC scholarships you can write a check payable to UIF, note Rockford Scholarships on the memo line, and mail the check to:

Attention: Cindy Schweighart, Alice Campbell  
Alumni Center, 601 South Lincoln Avenue,  
Urbana, IL 61801.

If you would like to use your credit card, you can go to:

<http://www.rockfordillini.com>, and on the menu bar, point to "Scholarships" and then click on "Donate". Click on the orange button in the lower right corner of the donation page and you will be directed to the UIF page that is dedicated to Rockford Area Illini Club Scholarships.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES STRUCTURE

Class of 2010 - free membership for a year

Classes of 2005-09 - \$10 individual/\$15 family

All others - \$20 individual / \$35 family

Lifetime Memberships -

\$200 individual / \$350 family

You can now pay your membership dues on line with a credit card by using our website, or you can contact Karen Johnson at 1364 Featherstone Road, 61107, or e-mail her at:

[katlady217@aol.com](mailto:katlady217@aol.com).

***Check your mailing label to see when your membership expires and renew if necessary. Many memberships are due for renewal on September 1!!!!***

### ***Have alumni friends in the area?***

If you know anyone who are alumni of the U of I or are supporters of the Illini, please encourage them to become members of the RAIC. Contact our member chair, Karen Johnson, and she will be happy to send them a copy of this newsletter. Or pass on the top portion of the last page of this newsletter which includes a membership form. Perhaps gift them with a membership for the first year - we think they will be hooked and continue to be a part of our group. The more members, the more activities we can support and the healthier our treasury to help us support more scholar

### ***Did you know?***

A Lena-Winslow grad is one of the drum majors of the Marching Illini? Ben Randecker, a senior majoring in music education, became one of three drum majors after auditions in the spring. The past three years Ben has played trumpet in the Marching Illini. He plans to teach music following graduation.

*The Board tries to plan a variety of events throughout the Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone and Ogle County area. New ideas are always welcome, just give one of our board members a call with your suggestion.*



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## 2010/11 RAIC Membership or Renewal Form

Please make your check payable to RAIC (Rockford Area Illini Club)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Alum      ☐ Parent of UI Student      ☐ Friend/Fan

☐ Class of 2010 - Free for One Year

Classes of 2006-2009: ☐ \$10 Individual Membership    ☐ \$15 Couple Membership

Annual Membership: ☐ \$20 Individual Membership      ☐ \$35 Couple Membership

Lifetime Membership: ☐ \$200 Individual Membership      ☐ \$350 Couple Membership

**Mail membership to: Karen Johnson, 1364 Featherstone Rd., Rockford, IL 61107; 815/229-1365**

*Remember you can also renew or join online at [www.rockfordillini.com](http://www.rockfordillini.com)*