

R.A.I.C. NEWSLETTER

January 2006

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 3 - VARSITY MEN'S GLEE CLUB, THE OTHER GUYS, AT ST RITA SCHOOL. CALL 398-3466 FOR TICKET INFO (NOT AN RAIC EVENT)

FEBRUARY 11 - VOCAL GROUP "NO STRINGS ATTACHED" AT ROCKFORD COUNTRY CLUB - SEE INFO IN THIS NEWSLETTER. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

FEB. 19 - SPECIAL TV GAME - ROGER POWELL, FORMER ILLINI AND CURRENT LIGHTNING STAR, WILL BE A SPECIAL GUEST AT THE TV GAME - IL VS INDIANA

FEBRUARY 21 - ILLINI NIGHT AT THE ROCKFORD LIGHTNING GAME - ILLINETTES DANCE TEAM PERFORMS - SEE DETAILS - RESERVATIONS THROUGH THE LIGHTNING.

MARCH 7 - ILLINI DAY AT MONICAL'S PIZZA - SEE FLYER

APRIL 18- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS PRESIDENT JOSEPH WHITE RECEPTION AT GIOVANNI'S - 6 P.M. - SEE DETAILS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

CHECK OUT OUR RAIC WEBSITE!!!

The RAIC website features information about our club as well as upcoming events. More detailed information about our club projects will also be available. (Rockfordillini.com)

BASKETBALL GAME WATCHES

We are having great attendance at our 2006 game watches. It is fun to watch the Illini with other Illini fans. Someday we will be without the Dee and James show, so watch them in action as long as you can. Check the schedule below and join us! All sponsored game watches will be at Old Chicago, 6280 East State Street, Rockford, IL. There are many TVs for viewing and Old Chicago will provide drink specials, Illini shirts, and good food. They have already donated generously to our scholarship fund.

Special tv game watch on Sunday, February 19. Special guest Roger Powell will also be in attendance to help us cheer on the Illini in the rematch with Indiana!

The remaining game watches will be held on the following dates: *(More may be added).*

Jan. 25 (Wed.) - Minnesota - 8 p.m.

Jan. 31 (Tue.) - Wisconsin - 6 p.m.

Feb. 19 (Sun.) - Indiana - 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 25 (Sat.) - Iowa - 5 p.m.

March 4 (Sat.) - Michigan State - TBA

Mark your calendars and enjoy Illini basketball with the club!

AND SPEAKING OF ROGER . . .

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JOIN US FOR THE FEBRUARY 21ST ROCKFORD LIGHTNING GAME - AN RAIC SPECIAL EVENT!

Please consult the flyer attached with this newsletter. Mail or fax the flyer to or call (mention Illini group) the Rockford Lightning for reservations and join us for our RAIC Night at the Lightning. Reserved tickets will be available at the box office beginning at 5:45 p.m. We will have a private room pre- and post-game for Illini and Roger Powell fans. A catered chicken dinner begins at 6:00 with the game at 7:05 p.m. The Illinettes Dance Team will be joining us for a meet and greet beforehand and performing at the game as well. We have up to 120 center court seats (rows 1-10) reserved for Illini fans that make a reservation with the Lightning. Wear your Blue and Orange and receive a Roger Powell trading card. The cost is \$18 for the meal and the game ticket. The Lightning play the Gary Steelheads and the first 1000 fans will receive a Lightning drawstring bag. The halftime show features the Extreme Team Dunking Specialists as well as our own Illinettes. A great family event! For those who want to watch the Illini - Michigan game that night, it will be available on TV during our pregame meal. (ESPN @6PM) Set your VCR or TIVO for the second half of the Illini game that night, as you will not want to miss this Lightning event!

ROCKFORD AREA ILLINI CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

A board of 15 individuals, who reside in our geographical area (Winnebago, Boone, Ogle and Stephenson Counties), organizes the events and operations of our club. The RAIC Board meets approximately 6 times per year to review finances and organize events of interest for our Illini friends. Board members serve for three years, with five board positions up for review every year. Please consider being an RAIC Board Member. Contact any of the board members below if you are interested in more information or want to attend an up-coming board meeting.

President - Jerry Beger - 226-0824

Vice President - Jim Waddell, Jr. - 885-2556

Secretary - Connie Gritton-Winter - 745-2049

Treasurer - Laura Goodin - 637-1447

Membership - Karen Johnson - 229-1365

Media Liaison - Brandon Reid - 985-5416

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS:

Patti Bishop - 815-885-3042

Dean Coppernoll - 815-734-6345

Sam Darby - 885-3219 (Past President)

Phil Dierstein - 877-7693 (Scholarships)

Dr. Bill Erickson - 332-5919 (Special Events)

Dave Johnson - 397-3118 (Scholarships)

John Paulsgrove - 332-5580 (Newsletter)

Jim Reid - 226-4952 (TV games,

Special Events)

GO ILLINI!!!

“No Strings Attached”

Saturday, February 11

Rockford Country Club

2500 Oxford Street (west of Rock River)

6:00 p.m. Cocktails, light dinner, socializing

7:00 p.m. “No Strings Attached” performance

\$19.00 for food and performance

Cash bar available.

Questions? Contact:

Karen Johnson (815) 229-1365 or Laura Goodin (815) 637-1447

Please mail the form below and your check made payable to RAIC to:

Laura Goodin 3114 Carefree Drive, Rockford, IL 61114

Name(s) _____

(as they should appear on name tags)

Phone # _____-

in party _____ @ \$19 per person = Total Amount _____

DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 3!!!!

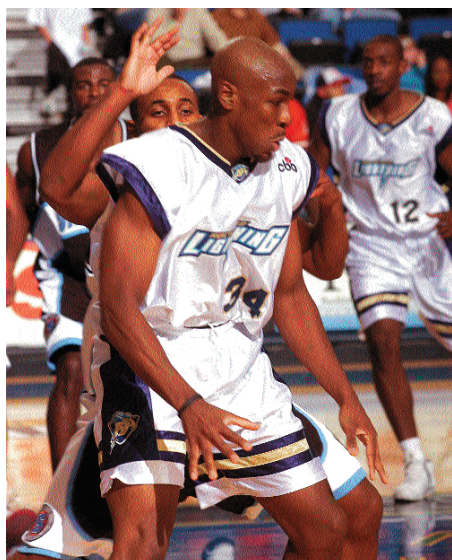


The Rockford Lightning Presents ☐

ROCKFORD AREA ILLINI CLUB

FIGHTNING ILLINI NIGHT!

Rockford Lightning vs. Gary Steelheads
Tuesday, February 21, 2006 @ 7:05 P.M.
At the Rockford MetroCentre



Reasons to take a fun break with the Lightning :

- * Party with friends and family during the exciting Rockford Lightning 20th anniversary season!
- * Meet and Greet with the **Illinettes Dance Team** and enjoy a fried chicken dinner at 6:00 p.m. , with the Illinois vs. Michigan game televised in VIP Area prior to the Lightning game!
- * The first 1,000 fans in attendance will receive a **Rockford Lightning Drawstring Bag!**
- * Enjoy championship-style basketball as former Illini star Roger Powell leads the Lightning to a 14th straight playoff appearance and back-to-back Eastern Conference Championships!
- * Wear your Illini Blue and Orange and get a free **Roger Powell U of I trading card!**
- * **Extreme Team Dunking Specialists** and **Illinettes** halftime performance!
- * **Catered food with drinks** in VIP Area and **Center Court Seating** included in price of ticket!
- * All tickets must be purchased through the Lightning office to receive the discount!

Rockford Area Illini Club Night with the Lightning!

Name _____	
Address _____	
City _____	
State _____	Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____	

Special ILLINI Price (Reg Price)	Payment Type	Total Payment
VIP CLUB: _____ x \$18.00 (\$20.00) Seating is center court across the floor from the Lightning bench. (So Roger can see all of the Orange!) Filled on a First Come First Serve Basis!	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">All Tickets Will Be Held At WILL CALL (Pick-up @ 5:45)</p>

*MUST FILL IN BOX BEFORE MAILING FORM
 PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **ROCKFORD LIGHTNING**
 Credit Card Information:
 Visa _____ MC _____ Discover _____
 Acct. #: _____
 3 Digit number on back of card: _____ Exp. Date: _____
 Signature: _____

MAIL TO:
ILLINI Night
 Rockford Lightning
 3660 Publishers Drive
 Rockford, IL 61109

PHONE, FAX, OR MAIL ORDERS ACCEPTED
 DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS 02/10/06
 For more information, call Jeff at (815) 874-4232
 Fax: (815) 874-3421

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"NO STRINGS ATTACHED" SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 ROCKFORD COUNTRY CLUB

One of the university's newest a capella groups will perform for us at Rockford Country Club (2500 Oxford Street) on Saturday, February 11. Cocktails and a light dinner begin at 6:00 p.m. with the performance at 7:00 p.m. Paula Havlik, UIAA Associate Director for Club and Constituent Programs, will provide a campus update that evening as well. Cost is \$19 per person. Send your reservations to Laura Goodin by February 3rd! See attached flyer.

MONICAL'S PIZZA WILL DONATE TO CLUB

A new Monical's Pizza has opened on Rte. 173 in Machesney Park. On March 7 they will donate 20% of their proceeds from the checks of all customers who bring in the special flyer from this newsletter. So go eat pizza and help support the club!

THANKS TO COPPERNOLLS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

Sue and Dean Coppernoll recently made a \$1000 donation to our scholarship fund. This donation will cover one of our

2006 scholarships as well as provide a small donation to our scholarship endowment fund that we are planning to develop in the near future. More information on the endowment fund will be presented as it is developed.

DONATIONS TO THE ALICE CAMPBELL ALUMNI CENTER STILL BEING ACCEPTED

The club purchased a 24" by 24" paver that will be placed on the patio to this new alumni center on campus. The paver will have our club name and our geographical region engraved upon it. We are still accepting donations to defray the cost of this paver. This will be a permanent recognition of one of the best Illini clubs in the state. We want generations of Illini to know about our support of the university here in the northern counties. Send any amount you care to donate to Laura Goodin, 3114 Carefree Drive, Rockford, IL 61114.

Is your RAIC membership current?
Please check the expiration date
on your address label.

Memberships run Sept.-Aug. -
if your label says '05 - you need to
send your dues to Karen now to be
a member in good standing and
to continue to receive this
newsletter!

Membership application on back
of this sheet -

2005/06 RAIC Membership or Renewal Form

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

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address _____

() Alum () Parent of UI Student () Friend/Fan
() \$15 Individual Membership () \$25 Couple Membership

Membership in the University of Illinois Alumni Association does not include membership in the Rockford Area Illini Club and vice versa. We coordinate activities with the Alumni Association, but we are separate organizations. Please share an invitation to join our club with a friend who would like to support the University of Illinois and its students, as well as be informed about ILLINI activities in the area. 75% of these dues go to our scholarship fund. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.

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

*Note: The expiration date of your membership appears in the upper right corner of the mailing label.
To keep receiving this newsletter and notices of upcoming events, you need to keep your membership current (i.e. 9/06 expiration), so if you haven't sent yours in, please do so now!*



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