

UII Dinner Discussion Groups: Fall 2008 – Summer 2009

Please indicate your willingness to be a Group Coordinator starting at the end of September 2008 by checking the following box:

Yes, I am willing to be a group coordinator.

Name: _____ Phone # _____ e-mail _____

Address: _____

Groups are for adults unless otherwise stated by the host/hostess! Please indicate your participation interest(s) below:

_____ **Book Discussion** - The host/hostess selects the book for discussion, provides the beverages, and coordinates the pitch-in dessert. **Meetings are the third Friday of the month.**

Coordinator:

_____ **Ethnic Sampler** – If you love to prepare and share your favorite ethnic foods, this is the group for you! Each host/hostess selects a cuisine & provides recipes to the participants. If the group becomes large, a rotation schedule is arranged. A rotation schedule is provided at an initial all member pitch-in. This group has 4-6 sub-groups each of which meets with a different sub-group every third or fifth meeting. **Coordinator:**

_____ **Movies and Dinner** – View a favorite film at home, a local cinema, or one of Indy's Arts Theatres. This experience promotes lively discussion and an opportunity to explore the film media. This group will be divided into two or three smaller groups. **Coordinator(s):**

_____ **NEW: Dinner for 10 to 12:**

Sign up for one or more of these small groups to become acquainted with many UII members and friends throughout the year. Each group will meet **once** for dinner or dessert, at the home of a designated host, at UII, or at another specified location such as a park.

Make this opportunity **ROCK**, volunteer to be a host/coordinator. It is **EASY** to pick a date, and contact Julia or Heliene by September 21.

Once you volunteer to host, your name, the date & location of the dinner, and all the particulars of the event will appear on a special sign-up sheet headed "**Dinner for 10 to 12 with 'Your Name'**" on the Dinner Discussion table in the Social Hall starting Sunday, September 14. There will be as many groups as there are hosts. **Host(s):**

Groups usually meet monthly. **Please commit to full participation in whichever group that you choose.**

To assure that your name is included as a participant:

- 1) **Return this form to the Welcome Center in the Social Hall by Sunday September 28, 2008 or**
- 2) Mail your information Heliene Houdek, 7111 Williams Creek Drive, Indianapolis 46240, or
- 3) E-mail your information to: houdek123@sbcglobal.net or JuliaWhiteker@gmail.com

Heliene 255-7119

Julia 818-0554

Guidance for Dinner Discussion Groups

All UUI members and friends are welcome to join a Dinner Discussion Group forming for 2008-2009.

These gatherings provide a unique opportunity to enjoy a relaxed evening of fellowship with UUI members and friends, and to become better acquainted with newer members of the congregation. Discover common bonds, community connections and aspirations. Most groups meet monthly, on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or **any other mutually agreed upon time**. Homes of group members, the church Social Hall, restaurants, movie theaters and parks are examples of sites where groups may meet.

Think out of the box! Anything goes:

- A moonlight picnic;
- A scavenger hunt before or to find dinner;
- Duck pin bowling in Fountain Square;
- Afghani or Thai cuisine.

To assure successful gatherings throughout the 2008-2009 church year, volunteers will be needed as:

Group Coordinators:

- Host the first gathering.
- Distribute the addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of group members prior to or during the first gathering.
- At the first gathering, facilitate scheduling for the rest of the year. Determine the dates and the name of the host/hostess for each gathering.
- Assure that those not present receive the list.
- Coordinators are also asked to maintain changes to the list of group members, and to forward these changes to all group participants.
- Instructions for hosting Dinner for 10-12 appear on the reverse side of this form.

Host/Hostess:

- Contacts the group members 1-2 weeks prior to the dinner and communicates the topic, food assignment, location and other pertinent information. The church Commons or Social Hall may be available as an alternative to your home. To schedule through the church office contact Vanessa Fry, UUI Office Administrator: 317-283-4760
- Responds to any questions regarding the above.

ALL group members are asked to:

- **Please commit to full participation in each group.** Planning is difficult for the host or hostess when attendance is uncertain.
- **Please** provide your group coordinator with any changes in your contact information as these occur.
- **Please** inform host/hostess if you are unable to attend.
- Have a **GREAT TIME** meeting UUI members and getting to know more about them!

To assure that your name is included as a Dinner Discussion Group participant:

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