As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected all parts of our lives, including classes and groups. We are happy that in the fall of 2022 we will be able to offer some groups in-person again. We will also have a couple that are still online.

These are informal groups of international men and women who meet to gain practical experience speaking English. Classes are FREE, but regular attendance is encouraged. In general, classes start the week of September 6, 2022 and end the week of December 5, 2022, but classes vary so please check carefully. No classes the week of Thanksgiving break, November 21-25, 2022. Please email teacher/group leader to register for each class and to get more information. For more information on these classes, or about inexpensive private English tutoring, please email Vivienne Mackie, vivienne.mackie@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook at International Hospitality Committee. We’d love for you to join us.

A: At Orchard Downs
2044-A South Orchard Street, Urbana
(The 2044-A building is between the Laundry Building and Parking Lot F. Please enter the classroom from the grass courtyard side, not the Orchard Street side)
The following classes/groups are at this address and they will be in-person:

DAY: Wednesday English Class (in-person)
TIME: 2:00-3:30pm
DATES: Starting September 14, 2022. Ending November 16, 2022
LEVEL: Intermediate
TEACHER: Ms. Vivienne Mackie
EMAIL: vivienne.mackie@gmail.com

DAY: Monday Sewing Practice Sessions
TIME: 1-3 pm This group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday in Orchard Downs, at 2044-A S. Orchard Street (but not during Thanksgiving break).
STARTING: Monday September 12, 2022
LEADER: Ms. Christina Myers
EMAIL: ckmyers2@gmail.com
Please email the leader for more information. This is for anyone interested in sewing. Several sewing machines are available for use.

DAY: Saturday Friendship Group (in-person)
TIME: 1-2:30pm This group meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday in Orchard Downs, at 2044-A S. Orchard Street (but not during Thanksgiving break).
LEVEL: Any level is fine
LEADER: Ms. Christina Myers
EMAIL: ckmyers2@gmail.com
Please email the leader for exact dates.
Please note this is for anyone interested in meeting to talk, have Q & A, meet a few other people, have a walk in a park sometimes.

B: Tuesday afternoon English Discussion Group (online)
DAY: Tuesday
DATES: starting September 6, 2022
TIME: 5:30-6:30pm
LEVEL: Any level is fine. Please contact leader to get the online link.
LEADER: Ms. Risham Sidhu
EMAIL: rsidhu3@illinois.edu

C: Wednesday Friendship Group (in-person)
DAY: Wednesdays
TIME: 3:30 pm
DATE: Starting August 31, 2022
PLACE: To be decided---somewhere on campus.
Please email Mr. Todd Epps for details about how and where to meet.
LEVEL: Any level is fine. This is an informal group and a chance to meet some people and to chat.
CONTACT: Mr. Todd Epps
EMAIL: tgepps@gmail.com

D: Thursday Friendship Group—an Online Group
DAY: Every Thursday (online)
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am
DATES: starting September 8, 2022
LEVEL: Any level is fine.
CONTACTS: Please contact Ms. Saiko Rosenberger to get the Zoom link
EMAIL: srsnbrgr@illinois.edu

E. International Book Club
A group has formed an informal book club that will be meeting regularly. The group still needs to plan a list of titles and when they will meet, so contact the group leader in the meantime. Ideas about books are welcome.
PLEASE CONTACT: Adriana Rom
EMAIL: adriana3400@gmail.com
FACEBOOK: Ask to join The Online Book Club (a private group of IHC)

F: Other opportunities to practice your English conversation and to meet other people

1. ETC COFFEE HOUSE
1203 W. Green Street, Urbana, Wesley Foundation, corner of Green and Goodwin
CONTACT: Julie Dowler
Tel: 217-344-1120
Fridays 4-6pm
An opportunity for international discussions and casual refreshments with native speakers of English.

2. Join your local LIBRARY—check out books and audio books, ask a librarian questions about books, CDs, movies and more. To join, you need ID and proof of residence (such as an account in your name with your local address)

3. Krannert Uncorked
This is held in the lobby of the Krannert Center for Performing Arts, Goodwin St. Urbana (on campus)
Free wine tasting most weeks and free music 2-3 times a month, when it takes place. Check the Krannert Center website for dates and details.
Thursdays 5-7pm
Starting Thursday September 22, 2022

GOOD LUCK, AND HAVE A GREAT FALL.
Thanks,
Vivienne Mackie, vivienne.mackie@gmail.com