

**1. Where are the Dept. of the Month Certificates? Shouldn't we've rec'd them by now? *KeepingItReal*. 9/27/2006, 11:12:37 AM.**

By the time this response is published on the Support Staff Advisory Committee's (SSAC) webpage, the problem that you identified should have been corrected. Thanks very much for expressing your concern and for helping us to perform our job better.

**2. Although I appreciated the thought . . . I would like to know if the staff can vote on the type of food to have at this year's Christmas . . . Oops, I mean Holiday Party? The only thing interesting at last year's party were the hot wings. Also, a lot of people don't go to bars, and everyone wasn't even able to attend last year's party (somebody had to stay behind and work the office). Let's have the party at Daley and LHS, at least everyone will have a chance to attend. *Anonymous*. 9/27/2006, 10:40:36 AM.**

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the Library Holiday Party. While we were not able to incorporate all of the ideas you mentioned into this year's planning, we can assure you that each your concerns was discussed at some length during the discussion surrounding this year's event. There were a number of people, who also expressed the desire to change the menu and venue for this year's party. It is the Sense of community Committee's (SOCC) intention to rotate the location of the party, say between Daley, LHS and Science, over the next several years. This year, the money we saved by not renting an external venue has been used to support a menu with a greater variety of foods.

**3. No offense to anyone, but I found the Dept. of the Month to be quite a bore. First of all, each dept. should have been recognized individually, since each dept. operates differently. Also, the Dept. of the Month should not be rewarded with more work. The reason I say this is because several staff complained about the amount of work that went into putting together their "open house." I feel the creator of the Dept. of the Month should be the one informing the Library about the dept. that's being recognized. To be quite honest with you, I don't even like the idea of Dept. of the Month because everyone will get recognized eventually, what's so exciting about that? Why can't we just have a staff appreciation month where everyone gets honored? *Anonymous*. 9/27/2006, 10:24:31 AM.**

With those kinds of suggestions – solution in hand – you should be a member of the SOCC! Seriously, we appreciate *all* comments, especially critical ones, particularly when they point out real problems and offer potential solutions. We imagine there are others who feel the same way as you but have not contributed to effective change, simply because they did not participate in the process by speaking up. Your suggestion to have a general kind of “staff appreciation month” is an intriguing one. We shall keep this in mind going forward.

**4. Last year, the University or the Library offered a UIC night at a Bulls game. I think we should do this again but maybe offer a couple of nights as options. How successful was this event last year? Maybe we can have UIC nights to Blackhawk games as well. Getting a good group rate will sound attractive to many. Also, maybe we can get a good group rate to see the Rockettes at the Rosemont Theatre in November 2006-December 2006. *AConcernedWorker*. 9/25/2006, 6:33:29 AM.**

It is our understanding that any individual or organization, provided they are able to assemble the required number of persons, can obtain a group rate. The real experts on events titled "UIC Night" are found within the Office of Campus Programs and may be reached at campus telephone 3-5070. Another option is to contact directly those box offices serving the events in which you are interested.