

The Austin Club

JOURNAL

Chronicles of Connection, Culture, and Club Life

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY

Treat the most important woman in your life to an unforgettable dining experience in the elegant surroundings of Austin's premier private club. *Page 6*

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May/June 2025



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Hours of Operation

Dining Room

Breakfast.....7am - 11am M-F
A la Carte Lunch.....11:30am - 2:30pm M-F
Lunch Buffet.....11:30am - 1:30pm M-F
A la Carte Dinner.....5:30pm - 8:30pm Tues-Sat

1878 Lounge

Breakfast.....7am - 11am M-F
A la Carte Lunch.....11:30am - 2:30pm M-F
A la Carte Dinner.....5:30pm - 8:30pm Tues-Sat
Beverages.....11am - 6pm Monday
Beverages.....11am - 8:30pm Tues-Sat

Office Hours

Accounting.....9am - 5pm M-F
Catering.....9am - 5pm M-F

Service Charge

The service charge calculated on all food and beverage transactions is applied toward offering employees a higher hourly rate and used toward offsetting costs associated with employee benefits.

Member's Moments



Survey Winner: John Carlton

Thank you to all who participated in our recent Austin Club member survey! Your feedback is invaluable and helps us continue to grow and improve.

We're excited to announce that John Carlton was the lucky winner of a \$200 Food & Beverage Certificate randomly drawn to enjoy a dining experience at The Austin Club.

Bon appétit, John!





A note from Paul Kornfeind, MCM

 paulk@austinclub.com

Welcome to the Inaugural Edition of *The Austin Club Journal*!

At the Austin Club, tradition isn't something we preserve behind glass—it's something we live, celebrate, and continually shape together. The Austin Club Journal is your new monthly window into that vibrant legacy, spotlighting the events, stories, and shared moments that define our community. From elegant dinners and engaging lectures to personal milestones and behind-the-scenes glimpses, this journal chronicles the culture, connection, and club life that make the Austin Club more than just a destination—it makes it home.

The members have spoken, and we will be taking action! We extend our heartfelt thanks to all members who took the time to complete the 2025 Membership Survey. Your thoughtful feedback plays a vital role in shaping the future of the Austin Club. Because of your participation, we are better equipped to enhance our offerings and create meaningful experiences that reflect your preferences and priorities. A full report of the survey findings, along with our action plan, will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for being an essential part of our ongoing journey to make the Austin Club the very best it can be.

It is Prime Time at the Austin Club- After analyzing food dinner entrée sales over the past four years, one thing is abundantly clear: Austin Club members enjoy a good steak! Our top three best-selling entrées—Filet, Ribeye, and New York Strip—speak for themselves. To elevate your dining experience even further, we are thrilled to announce an exciting partnership with Gourmet Beef Ranch, located right here in Texas! More importantly, we are proud to serve **USDA Prime-grade beef**, the highest grade awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Prime beef is known for its superior marbling, which results in exceptional tenderness, juiciness, and flavor. As always, we encourage you to pair your prime steak with a world-class selection from our extensive wine cellar for an unparalleled dining experience.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our members- We had over 250 people attend our Sunday Easter Brunch here at the Club. Rave reviews are still coming in about the food, service, and the joy of children getting their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. One of the biggest hits was our newest culinary offering: the French Toast Carving Station. This gourmet French toast was carved to order, batter-dipped in a custard base, filled with your choice of fillings, and topped with an array of decadent toppings to create a breakfast masterpiece. If you missed this new sensation, don't worry—it will return as the focal point of our upcoming Mother's Day celebration.

With Austin boasting an incredible restaurant scene, we are honored that you continue to choose the Austin Club as your preferred dining destination. We look forward to serving you the finest cuisine, wine, and hospitality in the months ahead.

See you at the Club!

Paul N. Kornfeind, MCM, CCE, CCM
General Manager



To celebrate Opening Day, our General Manager stepped up to the plate to craft over 100 Chicago Dogs for our members and guests to enjoy. A true masterpiece of hometown pride!

Unveiling a Lost Treasure:

The Theatrical Legacy of the Austin Club Murals

A remarkable piece of history has been rediscovered within the walls of the Austin Club—a breathtaking mural that has remained hidden away like a time capsule for over 30 years. Originally painted in the early 1990's by acclaimed artist Richard Anderson, this stunning work of art transports viewers to the grandeur of the late 19th century, a time when traveling performers and vaudeville troupes mesmerized audiences with their craft.

The mural was inspired by *La Velada* by Roberto Alejandro, reflecting the vibrant theatrical culture that once flourished at the Millett Opera House.



At its heart, a group of elegantly dressed figures gathers around a flickering fire, their gestures alive with the passion of performance. The presence of a wagon—possibly a traveling stage—suggests the nomadic spirit of entertainers who brought art and spectacle to eager audiences across the country.

This captivating scene aligns with the Austin Club's storied past, paying homage to the rich history of plays and performances hosted here at the Millett Opera House. As we continue to honor the artistic and cultural heritage of our club, this mural stands as a powerful tribute to the performers who once graced these very halls.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Charles Peveto for bringing this hidden masterpiece to our attention.



Pictured: Muralist Richard Anderson (left) and Club President Curtis Fuelberg (right)

THE AUSTIN CLUB EXPERIENCE

EVERY NIGHT

FREE EVENING PARKING

We Heard You—Free Evening Parking Is Here!

You spoke, we listened.

Parking was a top concern in our recent member survey, and we're excited to announce a solution: complimentary evening parking is now available for Austin Club members, thanks to our renewed partnership with Peak Parking, located right next to the Club.

Here's how it works:

- Park in the attached garage after 5:00 PM
- Enjoy dinner—any entrée qualifies you for a voucher
- Stop by the front desk for your parking voucher
- Scan the voucher when you leave—your parking is free
- Vehicles must exit by 7:30 AM the next day
- Escorts to your car available upon request

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD @ 4:00PM

DERBY DAY WATCH PARTY

Get ready for an evening of Southern charm, high-stakes excitement, and unforgettable evening at the Austin Club! Join us on Saturday, May 3, as we celebrate the most thrilling two minutes in sports—the Kentucky Derby!

Kick off the festivities at 4:00 PM with complimentary appetizer buffet (if you stay for dinner) while you cheer on your favorite horse. Sip on specialty cocktails featuring Kentucky Bourbon, including the classic Mint Julep, and soak in the energy of the race.

Come dressed in your Derby Day Best, whether it's a show-stopping hat, a seersucker suit, or a classic sundress—because style is part of the tradition!

Reservations are a must—secure your seat today for this unforgettable Derby Day experience!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

WROE JACKSON

Wroe Jackson is a seasoned legal and policy professional with a distinguished career in Texas public service. He has served as Chief of Staff to Texas Senator Joan Huffman and as General Counsel to three Texas Secretaries of State. His dedication to the legal field was recognized in 2017 when he was honored as the Distinguished Young Alumnus by St. Mary's University School

of law. In addition to his public service, Wroe is an advocate for civic engagement and equality. His personal journey and advocacy for marriage equality were highlighted in a 2019 article, where his fiancé shared their story of hope and resilience following the legalization of same-sex marriage.

Wroe's multifaceted career and personal advocacy reflect his deep commitment to both his profession and the broader community. We are proud to spotlight his contributions and look forward to his continued impact in the years ahead.





Mother's Day **BRUNCH**

Make this Mother's Day truly special with a lavish brunch at The Austin Club on Sunday, May 11, 2025. Treat the most important woman in your life to an unforgettable dining experience in the elegant surroundings of Austin's premier private club.



May 11th, 2025

Reservations available every half hour
from 10:30AM -1:00PM

BRUNCH HIGHLIGHTS:

- Made-to-Order Omelets
- Fluffy Pancakes
- French Toast Station
- Fresh Salads
- Charcuterie
- Dessert Table

ADULTS: \$55

KIDS 5 - 12: \$21

4 AND UNDER: FREE

To make your reservation:

512-477-9496

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CRAFT BEER SHOWDOWN



FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MAY 16TH & 17TH
5:30PM - 8:00PM

Get ready for the ultimate coast-to-coast craft beer battle at the Austin Club! Join us on **Friday and Saturday, May 16–17**, for an epic East Coast vs. West Coast Craft Beer Tasting—a showdown of bold flavors, hop-forward brews, and regional brewing mastery.

Sample an exceptional selection of craft beers from both coasts, featuring the crisp, balanced, and malt-forward styles of the East going head-to-head against the big, hoppy, and citrus-packed brews of the West. Whether you're a fan of New England hazy IPAs or West Coast piney bitterness, this tasting will take your palate on a flavor-packed journey from shore to shore.

The best part? It's FREE!

That's right—this exclusive beer tasting is **complimentary if you stay for dinner!** Savor a delicious meal from our chef-curated menu while you sip, compare, and decide which coast reigns supreme.

Bring your friends, raise your glass, and join the fun at the Austin Club. May the best coast win!

Reservations required, 512-477-9496

May

2025

SEASONAL CREATIONS AT THE AUSTIN CLUB

Join us for dinner & savor the creativity of our talented chefs with one or two exclusive daily specials showcasing the finest seasonal ingredients.

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 <i>Derby Day</i> WATCH PARTY
4 CLUB CLOSED	5 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	6	7	8 BRIDGE NIGHT	9 FRESH LOBSTER <i>Friday</i>	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> BRUNCH 10:30AM - 1:00PM	12 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	13	14 <i>The Annual</i> MEMBERSHIP MEETING 5:00PM - 7PM	15	16 EAST COAST VS. WEST COAST <i>Beer Tasting</i>	
18 CLUB CLOSED	19 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	20	21	22	23 SEAFOOD <i>Extravaganza</i>	24
25 CLUB CLOSED	26 CLUB CLOSED FOR <i>Memorial Day!</i>	27	28	29	30	31

HAPPY HOUR EVERY DAY 4:30PM - 6:30PM

June

2025

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SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 CLUB CLOSED	2 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	3 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	4 <i>High Roller</i> HAPPY HOUR	5	6	7
8 <i>Sunday</i> BRUNCH 11:00AM - 1:30PM	9 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	10 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	11 <i>High Roller</i> HAPPY HOUR	12 BRIDGE NIGHT	13 FRESH LOBSTER <i>Friday</i>	14
15 <i>Father's Day</i> BRUNCH 11:00AM - 1:30PM	16 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	17 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	18 <i>High Roller</i> HAPPY HOUR	19 CLUB CLOSED FOR <i>Juneteenth!</i>	20 USDA PRIME <i>Steak Night</i> 21	
22 <i>Sunday</i> BRUNCH 11:00AM - 1:30PM	23 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	24 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	25 <i>High Roller</i> HAPPY HOUR	26	27 SEAFOOD <i>Extravaganza</i>	28
29 CLUB CLOSED	30 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY					

HAPPY HOUR EVERY DAY 4:30PM - 6:30PM



\$26.95

11:00AM - 1:30PM

SUNDAY BRUNCH

is coming back!

**EVERY 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY
FROM JUNE THROUGH AUGUST**

**WE'RE SERVING UP ALL YOUR FAVORITES THIS SUMMER!
ENJOY FLUFFY PANCAKES, CUSTOM OMELETS, PERFECTLY
COOKED EGGS, AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
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**OPEN TO THE
GENERAL PUBLIC**

THE AUSTIN CLUB

Employee Spotlight

DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, AND NEW ENERGY

For more than 30 years, Virgilio Villegas has been a cornerstone of The Austin Club's culinary team—a quiet force of consistency, dedication, and heart. Originally from San Luis, Mexico, Virgilio came to the U.S. chasing the American dream. He began his journey at the Club as a dishwasher and, through grit and a deep love for cooking, worked his way up to line cook—a role he has proudly held for decades.

What's kept him here? "The people," he says without hesitation. The camaraderie with coworkers, the friendships with members, and his passion for cooking have made The Austin Club his second home. He thrives under pressure and respects the demands of the kitchen: sharp knives, hot flames, and constant motion. "You have to respect the kitchen," he says. "It keeps you sharp—literally and figuratively." He especially loves preparing meals for big events like Santa Brunch, Thanksgiving, and weddings. His cooking style is deeply rooted in his heritage, drawing from Tex-Mex traditions passed down from his mother and grandmother.

Outside the kitchen, Virgilio is just as meticulous—his immaculate yard is the envy of his neighborhood. His dream dinner guests? The entire Dallas Cowboys organization—players, coaches, and cheerleaders. If he weren't a cook, he imagines he might've been a major league baseball coach.

His guiding wisdom: **"Work hard, stay positive, and always respect the kitchen."** And here's a little-known secret: he often wears mismatched socks—his own playful nod to keeping life joyful.

Virgilio Villegas is more than a cook—he's a keeper of tradition, a role model of perseverance, and a treasured part of The Austin Club family.



We're excited to shine a light on two incredible team members who are making a meaningful impact every day.

Jamie Thorton joined our team in early 2024, and from day one, she has brought an energy that inspires everyone around her. Her dedication, leadership, and genuine care for our members and staff have not gone unnoticed. Jamie has recently been promoted to a daytime dining leadership role, where she works closely with our morning crew to enhance both daily operations and the overall dining experience. With a rich background in production, coaching, and hospitality, Jamie brings a thoughtful, people-first approach to her work—and it shows in everything she does. We're lucky to have her passion and positivity on our team.



We also want to warmly welcome **Lauren Worsley**, our new Director of Catering. Lauren brings with her over 15 years of experience in event planning, community engagement, and hospitality, and a heart for creating memorable, meaningful experiences. Her impressive resume includes leadership roles at Wild at Heart Events, Brushy Creek MUD, the American Cancer Society, and Aramark's DELL Catering operations. With a BA in Photo Communications from Cal State Fullerton, Lauren combines her creative eye with strategic insight and a deep-rooted connection to the Central Texas community. Her enthusiasm, vision, and collaborative spirit have already started to elevate our catering program—and we're so excited for what's ahead.

HIGH ROLLER

— HAPPY HOUR —



Get ready for a night of luck, laughter, and big wins at High Roller Happy Hour—**every Wednesday in June through August from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM** at The Austin Club. Take your shot at the new and improved *"Pot of Gold"* and let the good times roll!

- **Roll a lucky 7, and your appetizer buffet is FREE!**
Enjoy Happy Hour pricing on beer and house wine from 4 PM to 7 PM, plus exciting raffle prize drawings throughout the night.
- Every guest receives a **free raffle ticket** for a chance to win bottles of wine, Sunday brunch certificates, lunch buffet vouchers, and more.
- Adding to the excitement, every half hour, we'll draw a name for a chance to spin the prize wheel. Land on the jackpot spot and win a \$25- \$500 food & beverage credit.

- Want to take your luck even further?
Enter the **Extra Special Blue Ticket Raffle for just \$10 per ticket**—at 8:00 PM, one lucky winner takes the entire jackpot! The more tickets we sell, the higher the pot!

Join us for an evening of fun, great drinks, and the thrill of winning. Bring your friends, roll the dice, spin the wheel, and see if luck is on your side!



THE MILLETT LEGACY COMMITTEE

A New Chapter in Preserving Austin's Historic Gem

Support the
Foundation
for the
Preservation
of the Historic
Millett Opera
House



We're excited to share an important update in our ongoing mission to preserve and celebrate one of Austin's most treasured landmarks. As part of a renewed vision and strategic focus, we've officially rebranded our committee as the **Millett Legacy Committee**.

This new name reflects a broader and more dynamic goal: not only to gain full control of the Millett Opera House but also to revitalize it and restore the vibrancy and elegance that defined its glory days. Built in 1878, the Millett Opera House has long been a cultural cornerstone in Austin and proudly holds the distinction of being the city's first music venue along with being the first desegregated theater—a powerful symbol of progress and inclusion.



The **Millett Legacy Committee** is now focused on raising funds to take control of the facility, restore the building's historic charm while modernizing key features to ensure it remains a thriving venue for the arts, education, and community gatherings. From critical structural preservation to enhancements that will elevate the guest experience, our work is driven by a deep respect for the past and a passionate investment in the future.

As Austin's social landscape evolves, we must preserve our historical gems while ensuring they remain relevant and vibrant to maintain our standing as one of the city's premier cultural and social destinations. By investing in this restoration and revitalization project, we safeguard the Historic Millett Opera House as a symbol of Austin's past, present, and future.

Stay tuned for more updates, opportunities to get involved, and ways you can help us ensure its legacy continues to inspire for generations to come.

For additional information or to make a donation visit millettoperahouse.com

Pictured, Millett Legacy Committee:

Top Left: Paul Kornfeind

Middle Right: George Vrba

Top Right: Lance Lively

Bottom Left: Michael Marks

Middle Left: Craig Casselberry

Bottom Right: Ken Richardson

Middle: Curtis Fuelberg





THE AUSTIN CLUB PRESENTS

FATHER'S DAY

BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

**RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE EVERY HALF
HOUR FROM 10:30AM -1:00PM**

THIS FATHER'S DAY, TREAT YOUR DAD LIKE ROYALTY WITH A SPECIAL BRUNCH EVENT AT THE AUSTIN CLUB, TAKING PLACE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH FROM 10:30 AM TO 1 PM. AFTER A LONG HIATUS, THIS MARKS THE RETURN OF THE FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH, AND IT'S SET TO BE AN UNFORGETTABLE CELEBRATION!

BRUNCH HIGHLIGHTS:

- Made-to-Order Omelets
- Fresh Salads
- Fluffy Pancakes
- Charcuterie
- French Toast Station
- Dessert Table

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Member's Area



What's Your Quarter?

- If your last name starts with A-G your 3-month minimum dining spending ends May. 25th.
- If your last name starts with H-O your 3-month minimum dining spending ends June 25th.
- If your last name starts with P-Z your 3 month minimum dining spending ends July 25th.

Online Account Access

To access your online account, please visit our website and click Member Login where you will need to create an ID and password. Please note, the member number field needs to have a 0 (zero) in front of it (Ex: 1234 = 01234).

For assistance, contact:

Jessica
membership@austinclub.com
512.477.9496 Ext. 233



Reciprocal Club Usage

Dine, host meetings, work out, stay overnight and so much more at one of our reciprocal clubs, in the states or abroad!

To utilize one of the clubs please contact membership@austinclub.com for your letter of introduction today!

For a current list of reciprocal clubs please visit austinclub.com/reciprocal

We want to hear from you!

The Austin Club Journal is not only to inform you of club events, but to put the spotlight on members. Have you or a loved one won an award? Is there an event you want to see happen or a member of the staff you want to commend? Whatever ideas or accomplishments you have we want to know!

Contact:

Victoria
clubadmin@austinclub.com
512.477.9496 Ext. 218

Happy May. Birthday!

Choose a day to celebrate with a complimentary dinner or luncheon from the standard menu or lunch buffet when you present this certificate to your server.

*Certificate is valid for entree, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverage. Not valid for use with any dining promotion. Can be used on Sunday Brunch (excluding special events).

Member Number _____

Happy Jun. Birthday!

Choose a day to celebrate with a complimentary dinner or luncheon from the standard menu or lunch buffet when you present this certificate to your server.

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Member Number _____

Please Make Reservations

In order to address the costs of lighting, labor, air conditioning, etc., we ask that you attempt to make dinner reservations if possible. Based on the number of reservations, or lack thereof, the manager has been given authorization to close the main dining room/kitchen after all reservations have been addressed or all guests currently dining have been served.

*The lounge will remain open as long as there are members & guests in the Clubhouse.



People with mobility disabilities and other patrons who cannot use stairs can gain access to the Austin Club through the west entrance in the alley. For more information on access issues, call 512.477.9496 or email paulk@austinclub.com.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 14th @ 5:00PM

Attention All Austin Club Members:

You're invited to a special club meeting—**members only, no guests please.**

Club President Curtis Fuelberg will:

- Announce the results of the Board of Directors election
- Share an update on the club's current status
- Recognize our Member of the Year

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres reception to follow
We hope to see you there!



**RSVP
NOW!**

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