



AUSTIN CLUBBER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025



**2025
HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**





The Austin Club
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Executive Committee

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Paul Kornfeind, MCM, CCE.....General Manager
 Duane Nunn.....Chef
 Clemente Casanova.....Co-Chef
 Julian Hurst.....Daytime Manager
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 Alex Petrash.....Banquets/Evening Manager
 Taylor McVey.....Exec. Assistant/Design
 Sarah Bass.....Catering Director
 Jessica Wood.....Member Services
 Dwayne Anderson, CPA.....Controllor

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

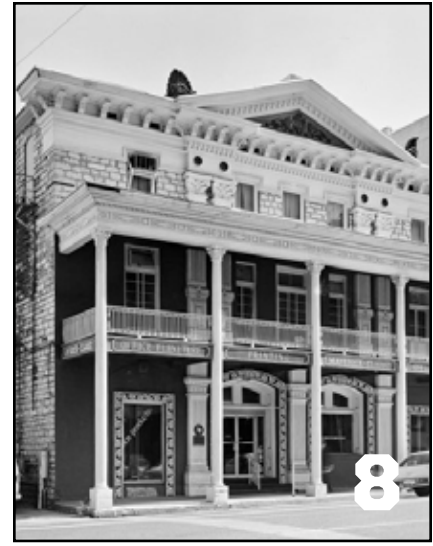
Breakfast.....7am - 11am M-F
 A la Carte Lunch.....7am - 2:30pm M-F
 A la Carte Dinner.....5:30pm - 8:30pm Tues-Sat
 Beverages.....11am - 6pm Monday
 Beverages.....11am - 8:30pm Tues-Sat

Office Hours

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



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Austin Club Mission Statement

To provide its members and their guests an environment to promote friendship and camaraderie in an elegant and secure environment while enjoying the many aspects of service, entertainment and fine dining.

Service Charge

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



ON THE COVER
 A champagne toast to the New Year!



A note from Paul Kornfeind, MCM

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Dear Austin Club Members,

As we usher in 2025, I would like to take this moment to thank all of you who joined us for our Annual Member Open House where we honored Ken Richardson for his historic tenure as General Manager and the remarkable legacy he leaves behind.

I want to personally express my gratitude to Ken Richardson for reaching out to me during a pivotal moment in the Austin Club's history. His foresight and dedication have set the stage for what promises to be a seamless transition. Over the past year and a half, it became crystal clear to me that the Austin Club is steeped in history and tradition. This foundation of stability and heritage is something I deeply respect and will build upon. My commitment is to enhance these long-standing traditions while elevating the club's fine dining experience to new heights.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to reaffirm the areas we will focus on:

- **Improved Communications:** We will strengthen our communication channels for both staff and members, including expanding our presence on social media to keep everyone informed and engaged.
- **Dining Experience:** Every aspect of your dining experience will be refined to ensure it exceeds expectations.
- **Onboarding Process:** We are streamlining and enriching the onboarding experience for both new members and staff to foster a sense of belonging from the start.
- **Staff Retention:** By implementing targeted strategies, we aim to reduce staff turnover and cultivate a loyal, dedicated team.
- **Operational Consistency:** Tremendous improvements will be made to ensure consistency across all aspects of club operations.

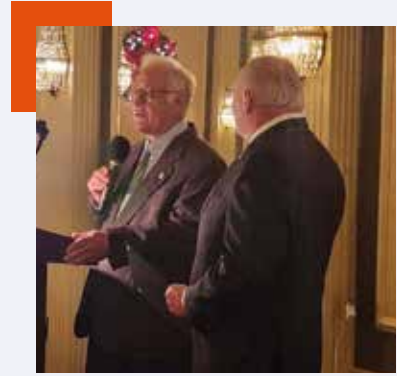
By staying true to our traditions while embracing thoughtful enhancements, we will ensure the club remains a beacon of excellence for years to come.

I am genuinely honored to step into the role of General Manager and look forward to collaborating with all of you. Together, we will elevate the Austin Club to new heights and continue its proud legacy.

Warm regards,

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

A Legacy of *Leadership*



On Thursday, December 5, 2024, a momentous milestone was celebrated as the Austin Club and its community gathered to honor the incredible contributions of Ken Richardson, CCM. The evening, rich with heartfelt tributes and deep appreciation, marked a fitting tribute to a leader whose impact will be felt for decades to come.

Ken's journey with the Austin Club began more than 30 years ago when he assumed leadership during a time of profound uncertainty. Through resilience, unwavering dedication, and a clear vision for the future, he navigated the club through challenging times and elevated it to an enduring institution.

Under Ken's guidance, the Austin Club achieved the historic purchase of its building—a milestone that secured its place as a cornerstone of Austin's cultural and social heritage. Beyond this achievement, his foresight led to the establishment of a foundation that guarantees the club's financial stability and long-term success. His leadership has ensured that the club will thrive for generations to come.

The accolades delivered during the event celebrated more than just these milestones. They recognized the countless lives Ken has touched throughout his career. His mentorship, compassion, and unwavering dedication to excellence have left a profound and lasting impact on all who have had the privilege of working with him.

As we celebrate Ken Richardson's remarkable career, we also celebrate a man who has truly made a difference. Ken, your future is sure to be as inspiring as the legacy you leave behind. You have shaped not just an institution but an entire community, and your contributions will forever be a testament to what it means to lead with heart, purpose, and integrity.



Ken Richardson Day

The night's most notable moments included a proclamation from Mayor Kirk Watson, officially declaring **December 5, 2024**, as Ken Richardson Day in Austin.

This honor was complemented by recognition from the Texas State Legislature, further cementing Ken's legacy as a visionary leader and a community pillar.

Congratulations Ken!

TITO'S VODKA TAKES CENTER STAGE



THIS WINTER, THE AUSTIN CLUB IS PROUD TO FEATURE TITO'S HANDMADE VODKA AS OUR SPIRIT OF CHOICE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. KNOWN FOR ITS SUPERIOR QUALITY, SMOOTH FINISH, AND TEXAS ROOTS, TITO'S WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY POURED FOR ALL VODKA ORDERS UNLESS YOU REQUEST ANOTHER BRAND.

AS AN ADDED TREAT, TITO'S VODKA WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THESE FOUR WINTER-PERFECT COCKTAILS, CRAFTED TO WARM YOUR SPIRITS:

Tito's Winter Mule

- 2 oz Tito's Handmade Vodka
- 4 oz Ginger Beer
- 1/2 oz Fresh Lime Juice
- Garnish: Lime Wedge & a Sprig of Rosemary

Tito's Cranberry Sparkle

- 1.5 oz Tito's Handmade Vodka
- 3 oz Cranberry Juice
- 1 oz Sparkling Water
- Garnish: Sugared Cranberries & a Sprig of Mint

Tito's Fireside Martini

- 2 oz Tito's Handmade Vodka
- 1 oz Espresso
- 1/2 oz Coffee Liqueur
- Garnish: Coffee Beans or a dusting of Cocoa

Tito's Spiced Pear Fizz

- 2 oz Tito's Handmade Vodka
- 1 oz Pear Nectar
- 1/2 oz Cinnamon Simple Syrup
- 3 oz Club Soda
- Garnish: Cinnamon Stick & a Pear Slice



January 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
<p>• HAPPY • <i>New Year</i></p>			<p>1 CLUB CLOSED FOR <i>New Year Day!</i></p>	2	3	4
<p>5 CLUB CLOSED</p>	<p>6 LUNCH SERVICE ONLY</p>	7	8	<p>9 BRIDGE NIGHT</p>	<p>10 FRESH LOBSTER <i>Friday</i></p>	11
<p>12 CLUB CLOSED</p>	<p>13 LUNCH SERVICE ONLY</p>	14	15	16	17	18
<p>19 CLUB CLOSED</p>	<p>20 CLUB CLOSED FOR <i>Martin Luther King Jr's B-Day!</i></p>	<p>21 <i>Welcome Back Reception</i> 5:30PM - 7:30PM</p>	22	23	<p>24 SEAFOOD <i>Extravaganza</i></p>	25
<p>26 CLUB CLOSED</p>	<p>27 LUNCH SERVICE ONLY</p>	28	29	30	31	

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

February

2025

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9 CLUB CLOSED	10 LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	11	12	13 BRIDGE NIGHT	14 <i>Sweethearts Dinner</i> 5:30PM - 8:00PM	
16 CLUB CLOSED	17 CLUB CLOSED FOR <i>President's Day!</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23 CLUB CLOSED	24 LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	25	26	27	28 SEAFOOD <i>Extravaganza</i>	

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



PRESERVING OUR HISTORIC HOME

By Craig Casselberry, Co Chairman

The building that houses the Austin Club is more than just a venue—it is a cornerstone of Austin’s cultural and historic identity. Constructed in the 19th century, it stands as a testament to the city’s vibrant past and a cherished “one-of-a-kind in Texas” treasure.

As many of you know, in 2017, the Millett Foundation took a pivotal step in purchasing this historic structure to ensure it remains the home of the Austin Club for years to come. This bold action preserved the integrity of our club’s heritage while setting the stage for a thriving future. However, we now face a critical financial milestone. The outstanding mortgage on this building is approximately \$1.7 million. While our current interest rate remains favorable, it is set to adjust in December 2027. To safeguard our financial stability and secure our legacy, we’ve set an ambitious goal to pay off the mortgage within the next three years.

This effort is a collaborative one, led by our Club President Curtis Fuelberg, Millett Foundation President Michael Marks, my committee co-chair George Vrba, our GM Ken Richardson, and the dedicated members of the Foundation board. Together, we are committed to ensuring the long-term preservation of this iconic structure.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We invite you to join us in this vital endeavor. By contributing to the Millett Foundation’s mortgage payoff campaign, you not only support the preservation of Austin’s history but may also benefit from a tax-deductible donation.

Your generosity will ensure that this historic building continues to host the Austin Club’s many celebrations, member gatherings, and countless memories for years to come.



A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST & FUTURE

The Austin Club has marked two monumental milestones in its 75th anniversary year—events that celebrate both the club's storied past and its enduring legacy for future generations.

The highlight of the 75th anniversary celebrations concluded when Club President Curtis Fuelberg, Chairman Michael Marks, and Austin Club General Manager Ken Richardson gathered to view the brass time capsule plaque, a symbol of the club's rich history and a beacon for the future.

Located in the heart of the club, the plaque will soon be installed in the Austin Club lobby wall, permanently sealing the time capsule that holds mementos and documents from this significant moment in time. This unique artifact will remain closed for the next 50 years, preserving a snapshot of the club as it stands today for future generations to uncover.

As Fuelberg, Marks, and Richardson reflected on the club's impressive journey over the past 75 years, the sealing of the time capsule became a powerful symbol of continuity—connecting the club's history to its future. The time capsule is a testament to the club's commitment to preserving its traditions while looking ahead to the next 75 years and beyond. The anticipation of what will be discovered in half a century adds a layer of excitement and mystery to the occasion, sparking curiosity about what the world will look like in 2074.



In a fitting tribute to the club's past, another special milestone occurred, the mounting of a brass plaque dedicated to Captain Charles Millett, a key figure in the club's history. The plaque was placed by club historian Laura Fowler, alongside Club President Curtis Fuelberg and Chairman Michael Marks, in recognition of Millett's enduring contributions to the Austin Club.

Captain Millett's legacy, marked by his leadership and influence, is honored through this historical plaque that will forever be a part of the club's storied walls. Members will take a step back to appreciate the historical figures and moments that have shaped the club's identity over the years.

As the plaque was mounted in a prominent place within the club, it serves as a reminder of the long and storied history of the Austin Club, where every corner holds a piece of the past, and every moment brings the promise of future milestones.

For now, the members of the Austin Club can rest assured that their legacy is being preserved for both today and the next 75 years. And, in the future, when the time capsule is unearthed, it will offer a fascinating glimpse into the Austin Club of 2024, a time that will surely be as historic as the future it helped to shape.

As the Austin Club continues to evolve, one thing is certain: its storied past will always be a part of its future.

FAREWELL

Dear Austin Club Members and Staff,

As we've closed another year out, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire membership, staff, and management team. It was an incredible year, one marked by collaboration, growth, and shared accomplishments. I am truly grateful for the contributions and dedication of each and every one of you in making 2024 so memorable.

It is with great excitement that I introduce your new General Manager, Paul Kornfeind. Paul has been working diligently to build a talented management team and staff who will lead the club into an exciting new chapter. I cannot thank him enough for stepping into this leadership role with such ambition, vision, and dedication. I am confident that under his guidance, the club will continue to thrive and reach new heights.

As we embrace this new era, I encourage you all to say hello to Paul and welcome him to the team. His leadership promises to bring a fresh perspective and energy that will be instrumental in our future success.

As for me, the time has come to step into a new chapter of my own—retirement. I look forward to spending more time with my family and pursuing personal passions, including enjoying some time on the slopes in Taos.

I extend my very best wishes to all the members and the dedicated staff. May the club continue to prosper, and I look forward to seeing all the wonderful progress in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Ken Richardson, CCM, CCE

BEYOND THE SIGN-UP

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Building Community and Values

As we step into a new year, we are filled with excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead. The year 2025 promises to be one of fresh experiences, new faces, and exciting possibilities. To kick off this promising year, we have an exciting lineup of social gatherings and professional networking events designed to bring our community closer together. Whether you're looking to experience new cuisine, expand your social circle, or simply unwind, the Austin Club has something special for everyone.

A Warm Welcome

To our newest members, we are thrilled to have you join the Austin Club family! We hope you find a space here where you can connect, grow, and enjoy all the wonderful opportunities the club offers. Our members are what make this community truly special, and we encourage you to dive right in—whether it's enjoying a relaxing evening in the dining room, attending a lively networking event, or hosting a private gathering in one of our elegant rooms. The Austin Club is here for you, and we are all eager to get to know you and help you feel at home.

Fostering Connections

The strength of our community lies in the connections we form, and this is where the true beauty of the Austin Club shines. To our long-standing members, we ask for your continued warmth and hospitality as you help welcome our newest members. Your presence and involvement have played a crucial role in making the Austin Club a unique and thriving space, and your ongoing engagement will ensure that our community remains vibrant and inclusive.

Take a moment to say "hello," share a story, or invite a new member to one of your favorite club events. Offering guidance and encouragement to newcomers will help them navigate their new home away from home, and foster a sense of belonging from day one. The friendships and bonds that are formed when we take the time to connect with one another are what truly make the Austin Club special.

As we look to the year ahead, let's continue to build on the welcoming spirit that makes our club stand out. Together, we can foster new relationships, create unforgettable memories, and make 2025 a year to remember. We look forward to celebrating the joys of the new year with you and to continuing to nurture the connections that define our community.

Timeless Elegance: The Austin Club Legacy



Photo Courtesy of the Austin History Center

Modernizing Tradition

The Austin Club has undergone a thoughtful modernization, blending contemporary amenities with the timeless elegance that has defined the club for decades. While embracing new technologies and design trends, the club remains committed to preserving its rich history and classic charm. This careful balance ensures that members enjoy both the comfort of modern conveniences and the enduring sophistication that has made the Austin Club a distinguished gathering place for generations.

SWEETHEARTS DINNER *Feb. 14th & 15th*



Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate love, and the Austin Club invites you to make this year truly unforgettable. Treat your special someone to an elegant evening filled with romance, exceptional cuisine, and the charm of timeless service. Our exclusive Valentine's Day menu will delight your taste buds with expertly crafted dishes and wine pairings at special prices. The soft melodies of a live pianist and a fresh rose for every lady will add an extra touch of magic to your evening.

Whether it's your first Valentine's Day together or a cherished tradition, this evening promises to be one to remember. Let us handle every detail while you focus on creating memories with the one you love.

Elevate your experience!



For an additional \$125, elevate your evening with our Enhanced Package, which includes a dozen chocolate-dipped strawberries and a dozen red roses waiting at your table. Be sure to request the Enhanced Package when making your reservation. The Enhanced Package must be selected by 02/12 no later than 5 PM. Reservations are available from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Call the front desk at 512.477.9496



Thank You

Dear Members,

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the staff's holiday fund. Your kindness and support mean the world to us, and your gesture truly helped make this season special for our entire team. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and wish you a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Austin Club Staff



Chef Deane Nunn
 Daniel Vorquez
 Heidi Bustalson
 Virginia Villegas
 Sarah B
 Thomas W. Howard
 Christie Casanova
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Minty Mysteries

CAN YOU GUESS HOW MANY?



This holiday season, we embraced the festive spirit at the club by continuing our cherished tradition of decorating the lobby with delightful holiday mints. Your attention to detail could lead to a fantastic opportunity—guess the correct number of mints taken during the holidays and you could win a \$50 dining certificate!

To participate, simply share your estimate with us
at frontdesk@austinclub.com.

Need a hint? It's well over 2,000 mints. Best of
luck, and we look forward to your guess!



Member's Area



What's Your Quarter?

- If your last name starts with A-G your 3-month minimum dining spending ends Feb. 25th.
- If your last name starts with H-O your 3-month minimum dining spending ends Mar. 25th.
- If your last name starts with P-Z your 3 month minimum dining spending ends Jan. 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:

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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 Clubber's goal is to not only 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:

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clubadmin@austinclub.com
 512.477.9496 Ext. 218

Happy Jan. 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 Feb. 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 _____

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 kenr@austinclub.com.

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We'd like to extend a special welcome to our new members:

Harry Dearing	Will Wilson	Lee Bratcher	Keith L. Wall
Patrick Curry	Lauren Fairbanks	Adam Leggett	Matthew Eagan
Bake Powell	Armaan Choudhary	Patrick Lancton	Ari Cuenin
Jill Nicholson	Dan Shelley	Jose De La Fuente	Judd Stone
Sally Aiello	Kelly Rasti	Emily Kleine	Chris Hilton
Ben Utley	Haynes Dallas	Will McAdams	Ryan Fisher
David Andrews	Mathew Watkins	Jesse Ander	Whitney Jenkins
Chris Furlow	Jesse Ozuna	David Jannotta	Lindsey Munoz
Martha Golden	Elizabeth Puthoff	Jimmy Hsu	Ashley Myers
Mark Engelbrecht	Ryan Gravatt	Edward Burbach	Joseph Pitts

Thank you for choosing the Austin Club as your private club!