



AUSTIN CLUBBER

MARCH/APRIL 2025



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FOR DINNER
AND TRY
OUR NEW
MENU!**





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Hours of Operation

Dining Room

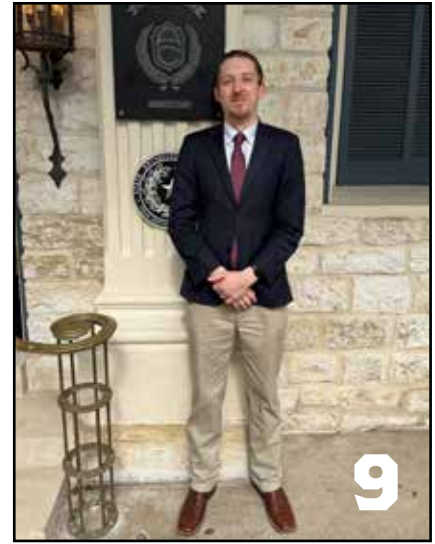
Breakfast.....7am - 11am M-F
 A la Carte Lunch.....11:30am - 2:30pm M-F
 Lunch Buffet.....11:30am - 1:30pm M-F
 A la Carte Dinner.....5:30pm - 8:30pm Tues-Sat

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



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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
 Lamb Chops with a Cabernet Demi-Glace
 Photo by Madison Kriger



A note from Paul Kornfeind, MCM

✉ paulk@austinclub.com

Dear Austin Club Members,

Taking on the role of General Manager at the Austin Club has been an exhilarating and deeply rewarding experience. From day one, the excitement and energy have been both challenging and fulfilling, beginning with the Welcome Back Reception, the largest and most elaborate biennial event we host. This extraordinary gathering brought together 275 members, elected officials, sponsors, and their guests for an unforgettable evening, showcasing the exceptional talents of our staff. The event's resounding success is a testament to the tireless efforts of our incredible team and the generosity of our sponsors. Despite the unexpected challenge of the "Austin Blizzard of 2025" (lol), everyone rallied together to deliver an evening of unparalleled food, beverages, service, and entertainment - truly setting a gold standard. This event proved that when our entire team unites, we can accomplish anything.

Looking ahead, we are already collaborating with President Fuelberg and the Board of Directors to plan the **Annual Membership Meeting**, please mark your calendar for **Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 5:30 PM**. This important gathering will feature complimentary appetizers and cocktails, and we encourage you to make reservations to help us plan accordingly. It promises to be an engaging and enjoyable evening, and your participation will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to the Annual Membership Meeting, we have an exciting lineup of social events scheduled, which are detailed later in this publication. These specialty nights are crafted with thoughtful planning and coordination, and your continued support ensures their success. These events showcase the vibrant community we've built together, and we wholeheartedly encourage everyone to take part in these memorable occasions.

As members, you are the heartbeat of the Austin Club, and your input is essential to our continued growth and success. Soon, we will be sending out a link to a brief 10-minute membership survey. This is your opportunity to share your insights and help shape the future while preserving the cherished traditions of our past. We are aiming for 100% participation, so please take a moment to make your voice heard - your feedback is invaluable.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff for their unwavering support and dedication during my transition from Clubhouse Manager to General Manager. Their professionalism, talent, and commitment have been nothing short of extraordinary. I am proud to say that there is no weak link in this team of superstars. Together with the membership and the Board of Directors, we will elevate the Austin Club to new heights. It is a privilege to work alongside such an exceptional group of individuals and to serve this remarkable community.

Warm regards,

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

GROWING OUR COMMUNITY

Our club has always been a place where friendships flourish, connections deepen, and lasting memories are made. It's a unique community that thrives because of dedicated members like you who value the camaraderie and experiences we share. Today, we're reaching out to ask for your support in ensuring our club's future remains strong and vibrant.



Membership dues are the lifeblood of our organization, supporting the daily operations that make our club so special. While food and beverage service enhances the experience, it's not our primary source of revenue. With rising expenses, growing our membership base is more important than ever. The more hands we have on deck, the stronger we'll be together.

Here's where you come in: Over 85% of our membership growth comes from member referrals. Discounts, coupons, raffles, and gimmicks may capture attention, but nothing is as impactful as your personal recommendation. It takes a community to sustain and support our club, and we need your help to welcome new members who will contribute to the vibrant atmosphere we cherish.



Achieving a Strong and Vibrant Future

Do you have a friend, family member, or colleague who might enjoy everything our club has to offer? We'd love to connect with them! Please share their contact information or encourage them to reach out to Jessica Wood via email; [**membership@austinclub.com**](mailto:membership@austinclub.com)

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Carson Watson

A LEGACY OF SKILL, SERVICE, AND HEART!

This month, we proudly recognize Carson Elliot Watson, whose dedication and expertise have been instrumental to the Austin Club for over 30 years. Born in Teague, Texas, Carson's remarkable journey from a small-town upbringing to becoming the backbone of our historic club is truly inspiring.

After attending Jewett High School in Jewett, Texas, Carson enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as a tank mechanic with the rank of Specialist Five during the Vietnam War (1969-1970).



Following his honorable discharge, he brought his mechanical talents to NASA in Houston, later becoming the building engineer for the prestigious Houstonian Club.

In Austin, Carson's skills found a home at the Austin Club, where his unmatched expertise ensures our 150-year-old building operates efficiently. From electrical, HVAC, and plumbing to painting and interior design, Carson can solve any challenge and bring equipment back to life. His tireless efforts keep the Club running smoothly for both members and staff alike.

Carson's passions extend beyond his work. Certified in dance, he began dancing in 1998 and later became the owner and CEO of Uptown Dance Club in Austin, which he ran until 2021. A scuba diving enthusiast and former professional racquetball player, Carson is as dynamic outside the Club as he is within it.


Happily married to Kristy Watson for 25 years, Carson enjoys life with his wife and their two dogs. When it comes to favorite meals, he keeps it classic: a well-done hamburger, crispy French fries, and a refreshing Sprite.

Carson's dedication, hard work, and passion make him an invaluable member of our team. The next time you see him, be sure to give Carson a well-deserved pat on the back for his exceptional contributions to the Austin Club.

March 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 CLUB CLOSED	3 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	4 <i>Mardi Gras</i> LUNCH BUFFET	5	6	7	8
9 CLUB CLOSED	10 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	11 <i>Prime Rib</i> LUNCH BUFFET	12	13 BRIDGE NIGHT	14 FRESH LOBSTER <i>Friday</i>	15
16 CLUB CLOSED	17 <i>St. Patty's</i> LUNCH BUFFET	18 <i>Prime Rib</i> LUNCH BUFFET	19	20	21 MARCH AROUND THE WORLD 5:30PM - 8:00PM 	22
23 CLUB CLOSED / 30	24 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY / 31	25 <i>Prime Rib</i> LUNCH BUFFET	26	27 CHICAGO DOGS LUNCH BUFFET	28 SEAFOOD <i>Extravaganza</i>	29


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

April

2025

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SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
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20 <i>Easter</i> BRUNCH 11:00AM - 1:00PM	21 BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE ONLY	22 <i>Prime Rib</i> LUNCH BUFFET	23	24 <i>Young Professionals</i> CONNECT 5:30PM - 7:30PM	25 SEAFOOD <i>Extravaganza</i>	26
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CHICAGO DOGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH
ALONGSIDE THE LUNCH BUFFET

CELEBRATE
OPENING DAY
WITH A
BALLPARK
CLASSIC!

NO
KETCHUP

CONGRATULATIONS Alex Petrash

We are thrilled to announce a major milestone in the career of one of our most dedicated team members. Congratulations to Alex Petrash, who has been promoted to the esteemed position of Assistant General Manager! This well-deserved promotion is a testament to Alex's unwavering commitment, exceptional leadership, and significant contributions to the continued success of The Austin Club.

Since joining our team, Alex has consistently exemplified an unwavering commitment to excellence. His tireless work ethic, innovative mindset, and remarkable ability to manage complex projects have established him as an indispensable member of our club. Whether he's solving intricate problems, streamlining operations, or spearheading new initiatives, Alex's capacity to balance a focus on both the big picture and the finer details has been instrumental in our success. He has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and leaders alike, not only for his expertise but for his ability to build meaningful, lasting relationships that foster a collaborative, inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

As Alex steps into his new role as Assistant General Manager, he brings with him a wealth of knowledge and a forward-thinking vision that will undoubtedly continue to propel the club forward. His keen understanding of the organization's needs, combined with his ability to navigate and adapt to the ever-changing business landscape, makes him the perfect fit for this leadership position. In this expanded role, Alex will play a central role in enhancing operations, supporting the growth of our team, and ensuring that we continue to meet and exceed the goals we've set.

This promotion not only honors Alex's past contributions but also signals an exciting new chapter full of opportunity and growth. As Assistant General Manager, Alex will be a driving force behind strategic initiatives, optimizing processes, and leading the ongoing development of our talented team. His relentless focus on innovation, efficiency, and high standards will ensure that the club remains ahead of the curve, ready to meet future challenges and seize new opportunities.



We are thrilled about the potential impact Alex will have in his new role, and we look forward to seeing the continued growth of The Austin Club under his capable leadership. As Alex embarks on this next step in his career, we take this moment to celebrate his many accomplishments and to eagerly anticipate the fresh ideas and positive changes he will bring to the table. Alex's promotion is not just a milestone for him personally, but a significant moment for the entire team, signaling our collective drive to continue moving forward. With Alex at the helm, we are confident that we will not only thrive but also create a culture of success and innovation that will propel us into the future.

SPRING INTO FUN

03/21 & 03/22

MARCH AROUND THE WORLD

Get ready to embark on a culinary adventure as The Austin Club takes you on a passport-free journey around the globe. Indulge in an exceptional prix fixe menu showcasing international favorites. From Italian pasta and Japanese sushi to Mexican tacos, Indian curries, and French pastries, your taste buds will travel the world without ever leaving your seat!

For just \$65 per person, you'll enjoy a delightful mix of world-class flavors. Want to elevate your dining experience? Optional wine and specialty cocktail pairings will perfectly complement your global feast.

But don't wait—space is limited! Be sure to reserve your spot today by emailing frontdesk@austinclub.com.

Trust us, this is one event you won't want to miss!



04/18 & 04/19

SPRINGTIME IN PARIS

Paris—romantic, charming, and full of flavor. Experience the magic of the *City of Light* at The Austin Club with a two-night dining event featuring a French-inspired menu. The prix fixe menu is \$65 per person, with optional beverage pairings. It's the next best thing to being in Paris! Reserve your spot by emailing frontdesk@austinclub.com.



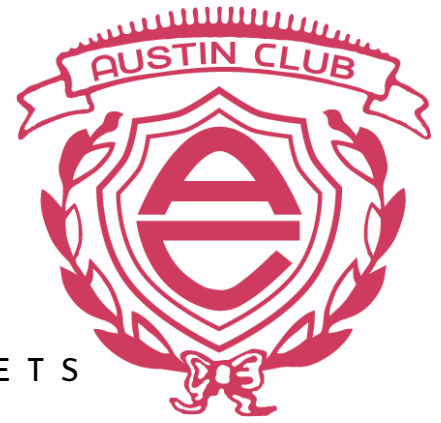
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EASTER BRUNCH

Celebrate Easter Sunday with your loved ones at The Austin Club, where our cherished Easter Buffet brings together the best of tradition and taste. Enjoy a generous spread of holiday favorites—from savory classics to indulgent desserts, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Reservations are available from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, with pricing at \$55 per person for adults, \$21 for children aged 5-12, and free for kids under 5. With Easter quickly approaching, we encourage you to reserve your table early, as space fills up fast. Let us help make this Easter Sunday truly special!

THE AUSTIN CLUB *Catering*



WHERE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE MEETS UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES

As the 2025 legislative session gains momentum, we've been constantly engaged with emails, phone calls, and meetings. It's a busy time of year, but one thing that remains constant amidst the hustle and bustle is our unwavering commitment to delivering outstanding service at The Austin Club. Regardless of how busy the season gets, our Austin Club Catering Team is always ready to help you plan and host an unforgettable event, one that will leave you and your guests with lasting memories.



When it comes to hosting an event, finding the perfect space is essential—and at The Austin Club, we offer a range of elegant settings designed to suit any occasion. Whether you're celebrating a wedding, graduation, baby or bridal shower, birthday, or a family gathering, we have a variety of versatile spaces that will make your event as unique and special as the occasion itself. Our team is dedicated to ensuring that every event is executed flawlessly, and with several prime weekends still available, now is the perfect time to secure your spot for the year ahead.



While it may feel like the holiday season is a long way off, now is the time to begin planning your holiday parties. Every year, we receive numerous inquiries from members who waited too long to secure their preferred dates and were disappointed when our spaces were already booked. Don't let that happen to you. By planning ahead, you can ensure your event is scheduled for the perfect date.



By choosing The Austin Club, you're not just booking a venue—you're investing in an experience. Let us help you create an event that will leave a lasting impression on your guests and provide you with memories to cherish for years to come. Contact us today and begin your journey toward hosting the perfect event.

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONNECT

ARE YOU READY TO EXPAND YOUR NETWORK AND MEET LIKE-MINDED PROFESSIONALS? THIS EXCLUSIVE EVENT FOR MEMBERS AGED 40 AND UNDER IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GROW YOUR CIRCLE!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- WELCOME DRINKS
- LIGHT BITES
- ICEBREAKER ACTIVITIES
- FEATURED YOUNG LEADER OF AUSTIN
- RAPID FIRE CHAT
- RAFFLE PRIZES, LIVE MUSIC, AND MORE!

**THURSDAY
APRIL 24TH
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**REGISTRATION FEE:
\$15/PERSON**

TO REGISTER:



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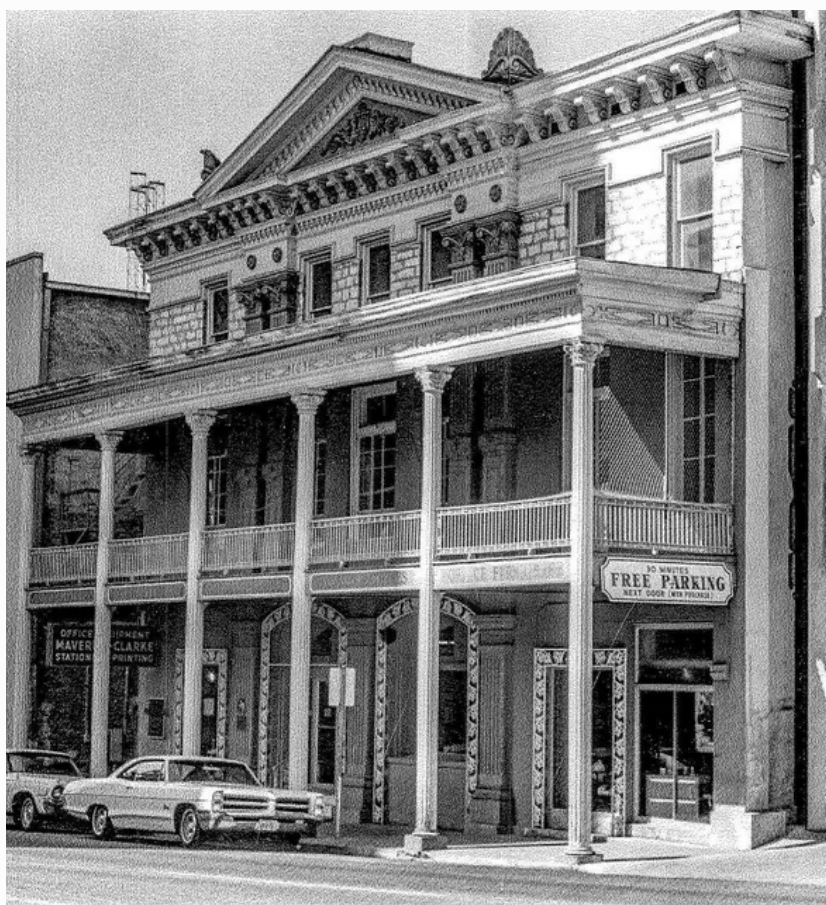
Preserving History & Investing in the FUTURE

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



The Millett Opera House has long stood as a beacon of history, culture, and community. This magnificent structure, rich with stories of performances, gatherings, and artistic expression, is a testament to our shared heritage. Today, we need your support more than ever to ensure its preservation for generations to come.

The **Foundation for the Preservation of the Historic Millett Opera House Committee** is dedicated to securing the future of this cherished landmark. We are actively fundraising to purchase the building. By eliminating this financial burden, we can reinvest our savings into vital enhancements, including structural improvements and restoration of the building's elegant furnishings. Every dollar raised brings us closer to maintaining and enhancing the beauty and functionality of this historic venue.



Preserving cultural landmarks is not just about safeguarding bricks and mortar; it's about protecting the stories, the identities, and the memories woven into the very fabric of our communities...

Enhancing the facility ensures that it remains a vibrant hub for the arts, performances, and community events. Every contribution helps preserve the cultural legacy of our city, ensuring future generations can enjoy and appreciate this historic treasure. You can help by donating today - every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful impact. Consider making a one-time donation or setting up a recurring gift.

Spread the word by sharing our mission with friends, family, and local businesses!

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

Michael Marks
Foundation Chairman

Craig Casselberry
Foundation Co-Chairman





SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE AUSTIN CLUB

As we embark on an exciting new chapter at The Austin Club, we are eager to hear from you—our valued members. Your feedback is essential in guiding us as we work to enhance your experience and ensure the highest level of service. To make sure your voice is heard, we encourage you to participate in our upcoming member survey. Your insights are key in helping us create a club that continually exceeds your expectations.

At The Austin Club, we believe in the importance of a strong and dedicated team. That's why we're committed to building a staff of hospitality professionals who not only take pride in their work but also strive for excellence every day. This passion for service is what drives us to consistently deliver an exceptional experience for you.

In addition to a stellar team, our culinary offerings are designed to excite and delight. Our nightly specials feature a carefully curated selection of dishes crafted by our talented chefs. With something new to savor each evening, there's always an opportunity to explore bold flavors and innovative creations. To ensure that we maintain the highest standards, our team undergoes ongoing training, staying at the forefront of the latest in hospitality and culinary trends.



Your continued support means the world to us, and we want each visit to The Austin Club to be an unparalleled experience. Whether it's an unforgettable meal or personalized service, we are here to make your time with us memorable. Should you have any special requests, please don't hesitate to reach out—we will do our very best to accommodate them with just a few days' notice.

As your Assistant General Manager, I am here to ensure your experience is nothing short of exceptional. If there's anything I can do to enhance your time at the club or if you have any suggestions, I would love to hear from you. You can always contact me directly at alex@austinclub.com.

Thank you for being an integral part of The Austin Club. We look forward to welcoming you and continuing to provide you with the best dining experience in the city.



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 Mar. 25th.
- If your last name starts with P-Z your 3 month minimum dining spending ends Apr. 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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 512.477.9496 Ext. 233

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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:
 Taylor
clubadmin@austinclub.com
 512.477.9496 Ext. 218

Happy Mar. 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 Apr. 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 kenr@austinclub.com.

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Coming up soon!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 14th @ 5:30PM

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**RSVP
NOW!**