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THE CALIFORNIA CLUB

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MESSAGE FROM THE President

Dear Fellow Members,

This holiday season created so many memories for friends and family alike. Each holiday season I am reminded of the power of The California Club to foster connection, celebration, and to create treasured experiences that last a lifetime. As we turn to the start of 2025, we look ahead to the Club's future.

The Club is hosting its annual meeting on January 22nd, delivering important updates on the Club's year ahead, honoring our Members, and welcoming our new President, Patrick Niemann. Patrick Niemann has been a dedicated Member for the past 17 years, serving as our Vice President and as the leader of our Search Committee that installed our new CEO Janis Clapoff. I look forward to seeing what he brings to The Club as our incoming President. We also look forward to recognizing our 50-Year Plus Members and our exceptional committees as well as paying tribute to those Members we lost in 2024. We cordially invite you to this important dinner and meeting.

I am honored to have served this Club for the past two years as your President and look forward to being a part of the fabric of this institution in the years to come. Thank you for the support you have given me and for remaining committed to the ideals of excellence that The California Club upholds.



Mark Hutchins
President, The California Club

The California Club 138th Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cocktail Party

6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting

followed by Dinner



Please join us to consider and act upon such business as may properly come before the Membership. RSVP by emailing reservations@californiaclub.org.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for all that you do to make The California Club the exclusive, welcoming home away from home that we pride ourselves on being. Your continued support and engagement are what truly make our club the vibrant and prestigious community it is today.

We are thrilled to share that this year promises to be one of excitement, enrichment, and connection. Our team has been hard at work planning a multitude of special events and enhancements designed to elevate your club experience. Just a few highlights to look forward to include:

- **Wellness and Longevity Weeks** – Focusing on health, well-being, and personal enrichment.
- **Lunch with an Author Series** – Engaging conversations with celebrated authors.
- **Conversations with Chefs Series** – Unique culinary experiences with extraordinary chefs.
- **Piano Bar Nights** – Unwind with live music and ambiance.

And that's just the beginning! In our ongoing effort to serve you better, we will soon be sending out a Member Survey to gather your valuable feedback, cares, and concerns. Your input is vital as we strive to ensure The California Club not only meets but exceeds your expectations. Our goal is to continuously enhance member engagement and operate at a truly world-class level.

Thank you again for your unwavering support. We look forward to seeing you often and sharing in all the wonderful experiences that lie ahead. Wishing you a year of joy, health, and prosperity!

Warmest regards,

Janis Clapoff, CEO



The Travel Corner

The Club is constantly looking for ways to improve the value of Membership. We are excited to introduce "The Travel Corner," which will feature luxury hotels in prime destinations that offer Member-exclusive rates.

First up is the Genevieve Hotel in Santa Barbara Wine Country. The code **CALCLUB** will give you 25% off your next stay. [Click here to learn more.](#)

The Genevieve Hotel

3627 Sagunto St, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

www.thegenevieve.com

THE
GENEVIEVE
HOTEL



Sustainability & Corporate Responsibility

The California Club recognizes the increasing importance of sustainability and corporate responsibility in sharing the future of both business and community well-being. As a prominent institution in Downtown LA, The California Club leads by example, aligning our operations with environmentally and socially responsible practices that reflect the evolving value of its Members and the broader public. By launching a sustainability program and engaging with local Corporate Responsibility groups, The California Club seeks to reduce our environmental impact, support local communities, and enhance our reputation as a forward-thinking organization committed to positive change. This initiative not only fulfills The Club's ethical obligations, but also fosters long-term value for Members, the city, and the planet.

As we enter the New Year, we are excited to share our commitment to becoming more environmentally conscious in all aspects of our operations.



In an effort to reduce paper waste and minimize our environmental footprint, we will be transitioning this January to **email only for sending out our Quarterly Newsletters, invitations, and monthly statements.** *However, if you prefer a hard copy, please let us know, and we will be happy to accommodate your request.*

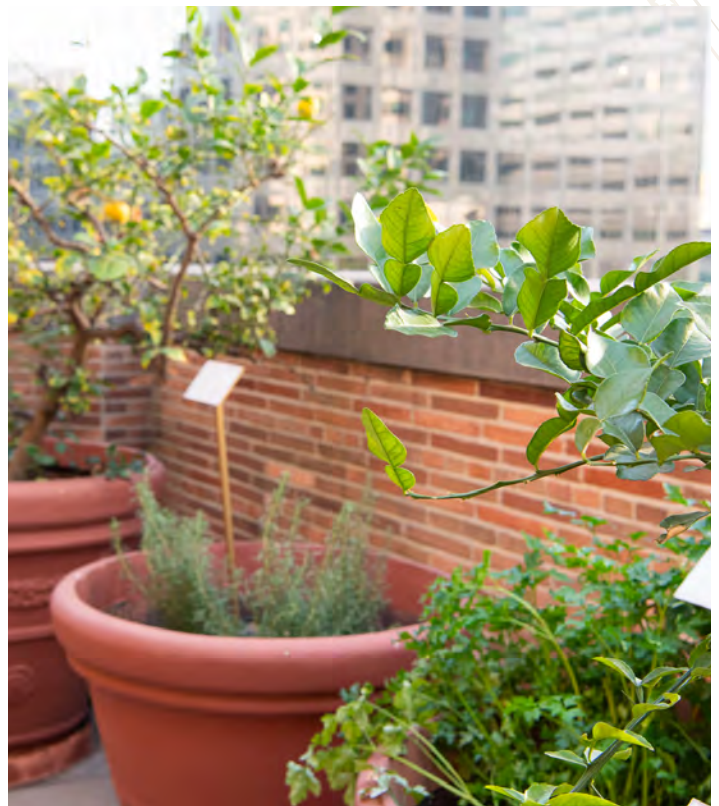


Additionally, we are taking significant steps to reduce plastic use within our organization, starting with the replacement of plastic water bottles with sustainable aluminum alternatives.



We are also carefully reevaluating the products we use, making a concerted effort to partner only with companies that align with our sustainability goals.

Thank you for your support as we work toward a greener, more sustainable future.



Employee Spotlight

THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Each Quarterly we spotlight an employee or team that stands out for their contributions to The Club. For our winter Quarterly, we are pleased to spotlight our dedicated Accounting Team.

JODI HOROWITZ | Director of Finance | *Joined April 2021*

As our Director of Finance, Jodi is responsible for overseeing the entirety of the Club's accounting and financial reporting functions as well as our information technology systems. She also safeguards all company assets and ensures that the financial reporting is in compliance with all The Club's financial policies. Jodi additionally hires and trains the most professional and service-oriented staff available.

LIOR WESSELS | Accounting Manager | *Joined April 2023*

As the right hand to the Director of Finance, Lior ensures that all internal controls and operations within the Accounting Department are maintained. She also oversees the timely completion of all reports generated by the accounting staff.

MARCO SOTELO | Accounts Receivables | *Joined March 2018*

As Accounts Receivables, Marco handles all Member Club charges and sees to it that Member statements are updated on a daily/weekly and monthly basis.

THOMAS CHO | Accounting Clerk | *Joined April 2023*

As the Accounting Clerk, Thomas is responsible for making sure that all bills are accurate and paid on time and that any invoices received are authorized. Thomas also posts all the Membership payments into The Club software.



Jodi Horowitz, Lior Wessels, Marco Sotelo & Thomas Cho

What does an accountant do on a typical day?

The daily routine of an accountant is a dynamic blend of organizing invoices, preparing statements, analyzing information, supervising systems, number crunching, data analysis, and strategic financial planning, ensuring accuracy and compliance with relevant regulations.

What is something you would like Members to know about the Accounting Department?

Accountants play a pivotal role in decision-making and helping businesses thrive. Continuous learning and adaptability are vital, making it an intellectually rewarding field.

What do you love about working at The California Club?

We love working at The Club and helping our members with any questions, concerns or billing issues. Within accounting, there are many opportunities to truly help people and make a positive impact on their lives, which is extremely rewarding.



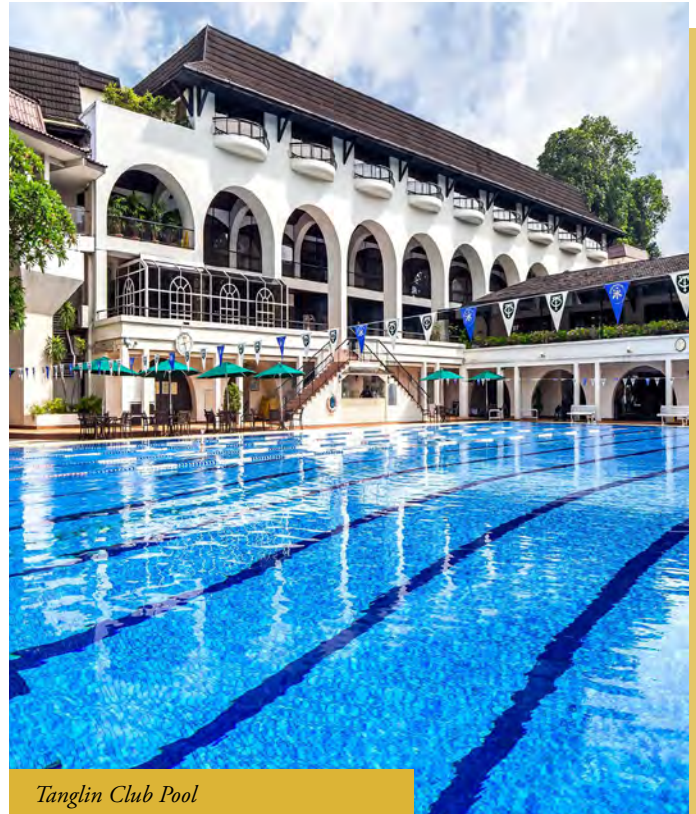
Reciprocal Club Spotlight

Membership at The California Club includes access to 34 leading domestic and international private clubs thanks to the reciprocal agreements we maintain. Members can visit or stay at reciprocal clubs while traveling, enjoying the exemplary services they offer. Below, we spotlight the Tanglin Club, located in Singapore, a center for international business.

THE TANGLIN CLUB

The Tanglin Club is an inviting oasis for relaxation and rejuvenation while its ambiance still evokes the grace and charm of the past. Founded in 1865, the Tanglin Club is Singapore's leading private members' club with members from more than 70 countries. In October 1865, "forty good men and true" convened a meeting for the purpose of forming a suburban social club to meet the wants of the British living in the settlement and founded the Tanglin Club. A property in the District of Claymore was purchased in 1866 and this is the current site of the Tanglin Club today.

The Tanglin Club reflects Singapore's rich heritage, a city where historic architecture, monuments, and cultural heritage sites sit seamlessly alongside state-of-the-art buildings, vibrant nightlife, and world-class shopping destinations.



Tanglin Club Pool

The Tanglin Club offers a diverse range of social and sporting amenities in the exclusive Claymore district, along with reciprocal partnerships with the world's greatest private members' clubs. Members can take advantage of the 27 overnight guest rooms, a swimming pool, gymnasium/fitness center, tennis/squash courts, billiards room, lawn bowls, library, hair salon and 8 dining options ranging from casual to formal. Overnight guests have full use of all Club facilities.

Visit www.tanglinclub.org to learn more about this esteemed club.



Tanglin Club Exterior

Scan or click the code for the list of
Reciprocal Clubs.



Celebrating the Season



The Amaral Family at the Dickens Christmas Dinner



Susan Galofaro with her children Luca & Mila at the Children's Christmas Brunch



The Bob Baker Marionette Show at the Children's Christmas Brunch



Romy Lonergan (granddaughter of Jim & Dianne Lonergan) with Santa at the Merry Family Christmas Dinner



Jonathan Wheat & fiancé Justine Phan at the Feast of the Seven Fishes



Clifton & Stella Albright & Guests at the Candlelight Christmas Dinner



The Barth Family & Guests at the Holiday Buffet



The Jackson Family & Guests at the Merry Family Christmas Dinner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1 - Saturday, January 4: New Year's Closure

Monday, January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

DINING

Friday, January 17: Chef Roy Khoo's Best of the Best Dinner

Saturday, January 25: Bordeaux Wine Tasting *curated by Duclot*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, January 8: An Evening of Fine Food, Fellowship & Intellectual Sustenance *with David Martin "Legacy: David C. Martin at AC Martin, Works from 1966-2016"*

Wednesday, January 15: Library Committee Speaker *Todd Lerew author of "Also On View: Unique and Unexpected Museums of Greater Los Angeles"*

Friday, January 17: Dominoes Strategy Learning Luncheon

Wednesday, January 22: The 138th California Club Annual Meeting

Friday, January 24: Speaker Luncheon with Anna Maria Ponzi "The Four-Ounce Pour"

Wednesday, January 29: Trivia Night

Thursday, January 30: Lunar New Year Celebration



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22:
THE 138TH CALIFORNIA CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING

Piano Bar Nights
Tuesdays & Fridays in the Third Floor Bar
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Starting January 7, 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 18, 25:
BEGINNER MAHJONG LESSONS

CLOSED

Monday, February 17: President's Day

DINING

Tuesday, February 4: Tuesday Night Buffet

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, February 4: Salon Series *featuring the Colburn School of Music*

Tuesday, February 11: Lunch with an Author *featuring Annie Barrows, author of "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society"*

Tuesday, February 11: Book Discussion Dinner

Friday, February 14: Valentine's Day Dinner

Tuesday, February 18-21: Wellness Week

Wednesday, February 19: Wellness Speaker *Dr. Doris Taylor on "Creating Hearts:"*

Wednesday, February 26: Trivia Night

CLASSES

Tuesday, February 11, 18, & 25: Beginner Mahjong Lessons

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March



DINING

Tuesday, March 4: Tuesday Night Buffet



SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, March 4: Seaman Schepps Jewelry Luncheon

Tuesday, March 4: Salon Series *featuring USC Thornton School of Music*

Wednesday, March 5: An Evening of Fine Food, Fellowship & Intellectual Sustenance *with author Paul Haddad on "Freewaytopia"*

Wednesday, March 11: Lunch with an Author *featuring Jennifer Clement, author of "The Promised Party"*

Wednesday, March 19: Opera Series

Tuesday, March 25: Library Committee Speaker *Douglas Woods, Club librarian and author of "Santa Barbara: At Home in Paradise"*

Wednesday, March 26: Trivia Night

Saturday, March 29: Classic Car Affinity Group Trip *to Bruce Meyer's Garage Collection*



SATURDAY, MARCH 29: CLASSIC CAR AFFINITY GROUP TRIP TO BRUCE MEYER'S GARAGE COLLECTION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April



SUNDAY, APRIL 20: EASTER BRUNCH



DINING

Tuesday, April 1: Hamilton Russell Oregon Wine Tasting

Tuesday, April 1: Tuesday Night Buffet



SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, April 3: Spring Executive Forum Kickoff *"The Journey to bring Giant Pandas back to the U.S." with San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance CEO & President Paul Baribault*

Sunday, April 20: Easter Brunch

Monday, April 21-25: Wellness Week

Tuesday, April 29: Mahjong New Card Social

Wednesday, April 30: Trivia Night

In Focus



Our 25+Year Members at the 1887 Society Luncheon



James & Kristen Finch, Nick Johnson & Guests at the Beaujolais Wine Dinner



Kathleen & Robert Campos at the 95th Clubhouse Anniversary Gala



Shirley She (right) & Guest at the Charcuterie Luncheon



Aaron Weiss (middle left), Blaine Fetter, Joe Tseng & Guest at the 16th Annual Classic Car Concours



Erin LaCombe, Tricia Grey, & John Holloway at the CEO Welcome Reception



Mary Urquhart (center), Beth Price & Guest at the Tabletops Luncheon



The Smith Family at the 95th Clubhouse Anniversary Gala