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MESSAGE FROM THE President

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope you are enjoying the fall season and looking forward to the holidays. May this time bring you joy with loved ones, and I encourage you to experience the vibrancy of The California Club during this special season.

As November marks the close of our fiscal year, I am pleased to report significant progress in strengthening the Club's financial health. With transparency and candor, we addressed economic realities and, thanks to your tremendous support, have made meaningful strides in improving our working capital and overall financial condition. While our work continues, these achievements are vital steps toward preserving our exceptional Club for the future.



Our long-awaited Elevator Modernization Project will begin in January, starting with two of our six elevators. We expect full completion within eighteen months. In our commitment to stewardship, we revisited prior proposals, launched a new bidding process, and—with the help of dedicated Members—selected a vendor who meets our high standards for quality and safety. This effort also reduced cost estimates by over \$1 million. I deeply appreciate the diligent work of several Members and wish to express special thanks to Frank Gonzalez for generously contributing time and expertise as he leads this important project.

Next year's annual Capital Contribution amount will be determined and announced in early 2026 and is not expected to exceed the July 2025 amount. For 2026, rather than making this cash contribution, Members may fulfill their capital obligation by successfully proposing a new member in their respective category who is initiated before July 1, 2026. Please consider proposing outstanding candidates and contact our Director of Membership, Stephanie Shriver, for assistance.

Thank you for your support, questions, and input as we continue to build upon the Club's proud legacy. I look forward to hosting more coffee and wine discussions, where I hope to connect with many of you directly. Dates will be shared soon. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

With appreciation,

Patrick Niemann
President, The California Club

The California Club Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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

6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting & Dinner

We look forward to seeing you at The California Club Annual Meeting this January. The Annual Meeting will be preceded by the annual cocktail party from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and followed by dinner. Although only Regular Members are entitled to vote for the election of Directors, all Members are invited and urged to attend the cocktail party, dinner and meeting.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Members,

As autumn settles over Los Angeles and we prepare for the winter season ahead, I am pleased to share a reflection on the past quarter at The California Club. It has been a period marked by progress, renewed energy, and thoughtful planning for the future.

One of the most significant capital undertakings of the year, the Elevator Modernization Project, has officially commenced. Equipment has been ordered, and work on the first two elevators is scheduled to begin in January. This project represents another step toward elevating the member and guest experience throughout our historic Club.

During this past quarter, we were also delighted to welcome two new leaders to our management team. Mr. Wayne Duprey joined us as Assistant General Manager, bringing extensive experience in Food, Wine, and Beverage. Chef Too Luna joined as Executive Pastry Chef, and has already begun contributing remarkable culinary creations. Both individuals bring exceptional talent and dedication, and their presence will further strengthen the Club's commitment to excellence, particularly in our food and beverage operations.

To those who completed the Member Survey distributed in June, please accept our sincere gratitude. Your feedback serves as an important guidepost as we continue refining services, amenities, and programming. We recognize that Food and Beverage remains the foremost priority among the membership, and you will see continued enhancements in menu offerings, wine and spirits, presentation, and service standards in the coming months. We have also taken note of your interest in broader cultural, educational, and social programming, and look forward to offering a variety of new series, lectures, and member events throughout 2026.

In addition to the rebirth of our Gin and Jazz Nights and our July Jazz Festival, we are pleased to share that once each quarter, we will reintroduce a timeless tradition: the Saturday Night Supper Club, an elegant evening of dining and dancing in the spirit of generations past.

Looking forward, we are excited to celebrate the arrival of 2026 together. Our New Year's Eve Gala will offer a festive evening of dinner, music, and celebration—an exceptional way to welcome a new year in the heart of our city.

The Club's momentum continues to build, and our community remains strong. Thank you for your continued engagement, your thoughtful feedback, and your trust in the stewardship of this extraordinary institution.

Warmly,

Janis Clapoff

Chief Executive Officer, The California Club



The Member Survey

Over the past several months, we invited our Members to participate in the California Club Member Survey: Guiding the Future, Together. The purpose of this survey was to better understand what our Members value most about their Club experience and to identify opportunities where we can continue to grow, strengthen, and enhance the Club for generations to come.

We are very pleased to share that participation was strong and that the feedback was thoughtful, candid, and deeply appreciated. Members expressed tremendous pride in the Club's history, traditions, culture, and sense of community. Words such as "elegance," "prestige," "ambiance," "tradition," "comfort," and "outstanding service" consistently emerged as top reasons why the Club holds such meaningful value in our Members' lives.

One of the most significant positive indicators from the survey is that the vast majority of our Members stated they would feel comfortable recommending the California Club to friends or family. In industry terms, this reflects a very high Net Promoter Score (NPS), which is the strongest metric of trust, satisfaction, loyalty, and long-term member commitment. In the private club world, NPS is considered one of the most critical performance measurements, and this overwhelmingly favorable result reinforces both the strength of our community and the pride our Members feel in one of the most iconic and respected clubs in the United States.

Alongside the positive sentiment, Members also shared thoughtful suggestions for improvement —and we are grateful for every one of them. A common theme members highlighted was the desire for enhanced and diversified dining experiences, expanded social and networking opportunities, and increased accessibility to Club services. Members also expressed support for cultural programs, special interest groups, and continued focus on younger-member engagement. Many Members asked insightful questions about the Strategic Plan and requested follow-up conversations, which we welcome.

Most importantly, the survey reaffirmed that our membership is deeply invested in the Club's success. We are listening carefully, and we take every comment to heart. Every suggestion is being reviewed, and many initiatives are already underway or in active planning stages. As always, our goal remains consistent: to honor our history and traditions while ensuring the California Club continues to evolve as a world-class, relevant, and vibrant institution for today and tomorrow.

We extend our sincere thanks to every Member who participated. Your voice guides our work, and your support ensures that the California Club remains an extraordinary place—defined by excellence, strengthened by community, and committed to the highest standards of hospitality.

The California Club Employee Christmas Fund

As we enter the holiday season, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible dedication and hard work shown by the staff. We invite you to join in our annual tradition by contributing to the 2025 Employee Christmas Fund as a special thank you to our wonderful team.

If you would like to contribute, please click or scan the QR code to make your donation online. Every contribution is deeply appreciated and will help make this holiday season extra memorable for our team.



Employee Spotlight

MEET WAYNE DUPREY | ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Tell us a bit about your prior experience!

I grew up in an environment where food was life. My parents wanted me to be a chef. After exploring the Culinary Arts, I preferred face-to-face service, and so I have dedicated my life to hospitality. I have worked in many places, both domestically and abroad, that has shaped who I am in many ways. I've had the fortune of several years of international experiences as well as my own business. I owned and managed my own restaurant on the east coast about 10 years ago. When it closed, I came to California for a fresh start and have not left since.



How is The California Club different from other places you've worked?

Most of my experience has been in hospitality, although I have been an Assistant Food & Beverage Director for a private club in Hawaii. The California Club is so special because of how long the Club has existed. The storied history just within its walls is so historic. The generations of Members who have helped build this place to what it is, is just so incredible.

What's been your favorite thing about working at The Club?

In my first few months, the highlight has been getting to meet as many Members as possible. Although I have not been able to meet everyone yet, I am excited to eventually connect with everyone along the way. The staff and management teams have also been extremely gracious and welcoming, and I am so grateful for that!

Anything else you'd like Members to know?

I am a huge baseball fan. I grew up playing ball on the east coast, but I do love watching the Dodgers too! Going to Dodger Stadium still gives me goosebumps. I just enjoy watching the games and highlights. I am super active and I am outside every chance I can get. Also, I will never turn down a chocolate chip cookie - my ultimate fave!

MEET TOO LUNA | EXECUTIVE PASTRY CHEF

Tell us a bit about your prior experience!

My background includes over 9 years in luxury hotel environments working as a pastry chef. I have directed pastry departments for restaurants in-room dining, cafes, banquets, and large-scale private events. I have developed desert menus for every occasion and am truly passionate about the creative process behind them. My past roles have also involved overseeing the training of a team of 5-7 pastry cooks and assistants, maintaining high standards for quality and presentation.



How is The California Club different from other places you've worked?

All the places I have worked demanded exceptional service standards; however, working at a private club is defined by long-term relationships and a familial atmosphere.

What's been your favorite thing about working at The Club?

After two months of working here, I am consistently impressed by the talent, kindness, and dedication of the people I get to work with every day and get to know all the Members.

Anything else you'd like Members to know?

I would like to thank you to all our Members for being here with us, building strong relationship as a family together and I will do my best to create desserts that will bring happiness and unforgettable memories to our Members.



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. In this issue, we're spotlighting one of our London offerings: The Carlton Club.

THE CARLTON CLUB

Founded in 1882, the Carlton Club is one of London's foremost members-only clubs. In the days of Georgian London, it was founded as the original home of the Conservative Party before the days of Conservative Central Office. Today the club continues to uphold these values in its day to day activities.

Located on St. James's Street, the Carlton Club is located near the hustle and bustle of the Pall Mall, close to London's West End Theatre District.



The Carlton Club Exterior

The clubhouse itself features multiple dining rooms, bars, and private meeting spaces. Members refer to the club as a home away from home.

Members and guests can enjoy daily changing menus and a



Wellington Dining Room at the Carlton Club

carefully selected wine list. Locally sourced fresh and seasonal produce are used to create innovative dishes. Celebrating the best of British produce is the essence of the club's cuisine.

The Macmillan Terrace bar and Drawing room offer an extensive selection of beverages. The award-winning club gin is a popular choice for those looking for refreshment or others may enjoy the club wines specially selected by the wine committee.

Overnight guests can also stay in one of the newly refurbished bedrooms with all the amenities expected of deluxe accommodation. We hope the next time you visit London you take advantage of everything the Carlton Club has to offer.

You can learn more about the Carlton Club at <https://www.carltonclub.co.uk/>



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Reciprocal Clubs.**

Spotlight: The Women's Committee and The Food & Wine Committee

THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Women's Committee fosters fellowship among women Members by planning events, creating opportunities for connection, and increasing their use and enjoyment of The California Club. This year, they hosted a variety of events from networking breakfasts, fashion shows, tea parties, to iconic speakers. We have highlighted just a few of them below. Thank you to Chair Tricia Grey and the amazing committee members for all of their wonderful work!



In March, the committee hosted iconic jewelry brand Seamen Schepps & owner Anthony Hopenhajm.



Our popular cooking class, In the Kitchen with Chef Roy, this past June!



September was a busy month for the Women's Committee with an overnight retreat, wreath making class, and the favorite afternoon tea party.

THE FOOD & WINE COMMITTEE

The Food & Wine Committee works with the CEO, Executive Chef, and Wine Director on providing Members and their guests with an exceptional dining experiences consistent with the image and reputation of The California Club. Particular Committee attention is focused on (1) standards of culinary quality and creativity and (2) innovative programs and activities designed to enhance the Membership's interest in and enjoyment of food and wine. This year, they hosted a number of memorable wine dinners at The Club. Thank you to Chair Nishan Partamian, Vice Chair Chiara Shannon, and the amazing committee members for all of their wonderful work!



The Annual Summer Smoker was a smashing success with special guest Ettore Gabriele Moraschinelli, CEO of EGM Cigars. Pictured with Chair Nishan Partamian & committee member Mark Chazaud.



This past October, the committee hosted a one-of-a kind master class and tasting with Bouchard Père & Fils.



October also played host to a lovely black tie evening featuring Champagne Billecart-Salmon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

CLOSED

Friday, November 28: Club Closed

DINING

Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving Dinner

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, November 12: Distinguished Speaker Series *featuring Art Critic Brian Allen*

Wednesday, November 12: Business Leaders Dinner- *Fireside Chat with Fellow Members James G. Ellis & Lewis C. Horne*

Monday, November 17: Holiday Baking Class

Monday, November 17: Distinguished Speaker Series *featuring Art CEO of Port of Long Beach Mario Cordero & International Relations Expert Dr. Jerrold Green*

Friday, November 21: Lounge 1887 Winter Smoker



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27:
THANKSGIVING DINNER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16:
HOLIDAY BUFFET

CLOSED

Thursday, December 25 - Tuesday, December 30 : Club Closed

DINING

Monday, December 1: Joyeux Noel Dinner

Tuesday, December 2: Holiday Buffet

Monday December 8: Christmas on the Coast Dinner

Tuesday, December 9: Holiday Buffet

Monday, December 15: Nutcracker Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 16: Holiday Buffet

Monday, December 22: Candlelight Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 23: Candlelight Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Dinner

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, December 9: The 4 Oz Pour Luncheon *with Anna Maria Ponzi*

Thursday, December 11: European Christmas Market

Saturday, December 20: Children's Christmas Brunch

Wednesday, December 31: New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January



CLOSED

Thursday, January 1 - Friday, January 2: Club Closed

Monday, January 19: Club Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



DINING

Tuesday, January 6: Tuesday Night Buffet



SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, January 6: The Harvard Krokodiloes A Capella

Tuesday, January 13: Lunch with an Author *featuring Ann Hood, "The Stolen Child"*

Wednesday, January 14: The Library Committee presents Book Discussion Dinner

Wednesday, January 14: Architecture Series: Docu Movie

Friday, January 16: Three Martini Luncheon

Wednesday, January 21: The California Club Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 22: Art Patrons Dinner

Friday, January 23: The Cabot Group presents Casino Night

Wednesday, January 28: Distinguished Speaker Dinner *featuring leadership expert Ed Mady*



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21:
THE CALIFORNIA CLUB ANNUAL
MEETING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6: OPERA SERIES
DINNER**



CLOSED

Monday, February 16: Club Closed for President's Day



DINING

Tuesday, February 3: Tuesday Night Buffet



SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, February 3: Salon Series with Colburn School of Music

Friday, February 6: Opera Series Dinner

Tuesday, February 10: Lunch with an Author *featuring Janelle Brown, "What Kind Of Paradise"*

Tuesday, February 10: Architecture Series Dinner *featuring Timer Low Carbon*

Saturday, February 14: Valentine's Day Dinner

THE CALIFORNIA CLUB

In Focus



The Weiss Family at Family Bingo Night



Our trivia winners, Diane Hawley, Kathy Thompson, Kate Galbraith Hult, Amy Webb, & Guests at the "All Creatures Great & Small" Afternoon Tea



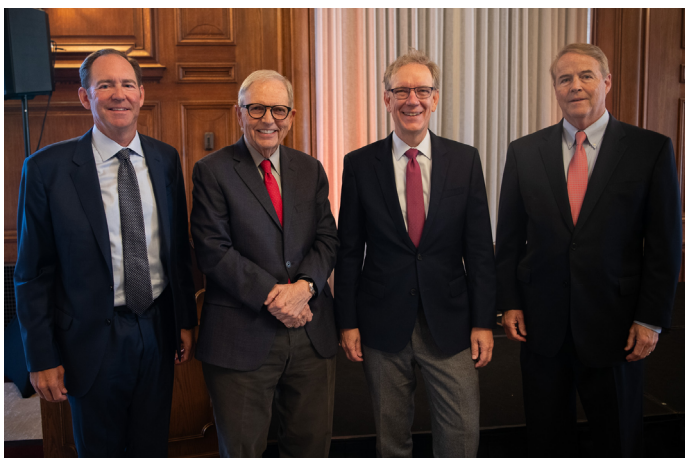
Karen Park & Guests at Distinguished Speaker Luncheon featuring USC Interim President Kim



Bruce Meyer, Valerie Foster Hoffman, Alyce Williamson, Eric Laykin & Guests at the Annual Classic Car Concours



Betsy Bogue & Guests at the Andrew Morton "Winston & the Windsors" Luncheon



Martin Caverly, Dr. Jerrold Green, Rob Lovelace, and Walter Mix at the Fall Executive Forum Kickoff Luncheon



The Porter Family & Guest at "That's Amore" Italian Family Night