

***Message from University  
Club President  
Amy Kramer***

Dear University Club Members:

I hope the summer months have been relaxing, and in between the rain drops you've stopped by to enjoy the new outdoor seating in our Club's delightful backyard.

Throughout the season, the Club provides a restful retreat no matter the weather. Vacation season is quiet for the Club, and we miss our members.

***Please join us in August for a delicious meal or the perfect cooling refreshment.***

Your Club's Board and staff have been hard at work this summer, addressing our financial health and planning for the year ahead.

We've approved a 2018-19 budget, reduced expenses, executed a plan to address taxes in arrears, and led with our own contributions to those payments.

As we discussed in detail with you at our Annual Membership meeting, while we strive to grow our ranks, unfortunately membership did not increase rapidly enough in 2017. We also experienced several unanticipated expenses and had to work through the turnover of several key personnel positions.

Addressing these issues meant we didn't have the funds neces-

sary to pay our 2017 taxes in full as required. In July, the Club entered into a payment plan for that bill. To aid the Club in knocking out these payments, your Board members have pledged generous contributions to the tax fund. We'll be creating various opportunities for members and friends to also support this effort.

Last year was a challenging year for the Club, but your Board and General Manager are committed to doing everything possible, with your support, to set us on a positive trajectory for the future.

The Board also spent hours crafting, discussing, and approving a 2018-19 budget. This plan seeks to direct as much revenue as possible to payment of our taxes in arrears, and importantly, prioritizes fully funding the tax fund to pay our upcoming property and school taxes in 2018.

This budget also incorporates the excellent expense-reducing measures implemented by General Manager Mimi Fahy. She has examined our expenditures from top to bottom, resulting in much needed cost savings for the Club.

Your Board and Club staff strive to set the Club on the best financial path possible. However, we need your help.

***A membership club needs the fierce patronage of its***

***members.***

***We'll make it easy for you . . . for starters, just come in and enjoy your Club!***

***Now's the time*** to plan work or personal gatherings at the Club, come by for regular lunches, dinners, and drinks, and stop by our events. Invite potential members to join you.

***Can you take your support a step further?***

Make a tax-deductible contribution to the University Club Foundation to support costs necessary to maintain our historic clubhouse, or make a direct contribution to help us clear up our delinquent taxes more quickly. These contributions boost our ability to better stay on course and address expenses that might derail our good financial progress.

Please call upon me or Club staff at anytime with your questions. Let me know how I can help you fully utilize your membership, plan events, and bring in new members to join us.

Reach me at 518-650-4656 or amyhkramer@icloud.com.

***Happy August, and see you in the backyard,***

***Amy Kramer***

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## MIMI'S CORNER

*Dear University Club Members:*

*It is hard to believe we only have one month of summer left and soon we will be enjoying falling leaves and apple picking.*

*But for now, read on in this newsletter to learn about our summertime buy-one-get-one-half-price lunch special (Monday-Wednesday), and our phenomenal happy hour specials. And don't forget about our birthday drink and dinner specials!*

*We've enjoyed outside seating in the backyard for the first time this summer, which will remain available into the fall — as long as Mother Nature permits! Speaking of the backyard, our Fourth of July gathering was great fun.*

*Your Club continues to grow and evolve, and we are going into the Fall season with some great events (see save-the-date announcements on the last page).*

*We will also be announcing a new food and wine menu soon.*

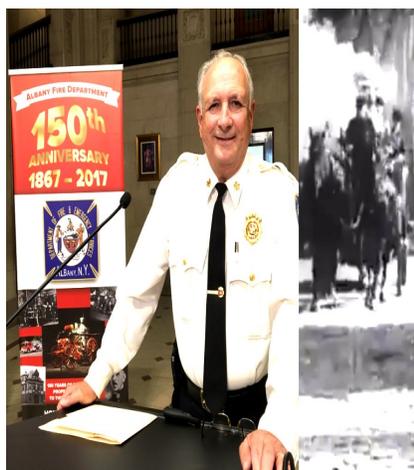
*As always it is a great pleasure serving you, and I am always available to discuss your ideas, feedback, or concerns.*

*Mimi  
mfahy@universityclubalbany.com  
518-463-1151*

## ***Congratulations to Chief Abriel on his Retirement!***

The University Club would like to congratulate our Past President and long-time member Albany Fire Department Chief Warren Abriel on his retirement.

We at The University Club wish Chief Abriel the best of luck as he enters into this new phase of life.



Chief Abriel dedicated 46 years to the city of Albany and has been the Fire Chief since 2014.

## **Napa vs. Sonoma**

### ***Wine Tasting Luncheon Friday, August 24 12:00-1:30***

Have you ever wondered about the differences between the wines of California's Napa and Sonoma Valleys?

Which region dominates Cabernet? How about Pinot Noir?

Join us for a Napa vs. Sonoma Wine Tasting Luncheon on August 24 at noon, where we will taste and learn about wines from both regions.

There will be a family-style luncheon with popular dishes from both valleys.

The cost is \$20 for Club members and \$25 for nonmembers. This event is sponsored by the UClub Foundation and open to the public.

You can decide whether Sonoma or Napa is more your style.

"Napa Valley feels like Wine on the Ritz, while Sonoma Valley has a laid-back country feel."

Please contact Mimi Fahy for reservations by August 22.

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**New Business**

*Are you or someone you know looking to book a fabulous and unique event?*

*Members can always book events at the University Club, or sponsor events for those they know (all events require a member sponsor).*

*You can reserve our elegant Living Room, Dining Room or Terrace Room, hold a small meeting in the Remington Room, or book a gathering in the bowling alley or billiards room! And don't forget the newly-opened backyard!*

*We will help you select the menu, flowers, linens and music.*

*Weddings, showers, birthday, retirement, and holiday parties — if you can think of it, we can plan it!*

**Contact Mimi Fahy**

Marketing Birthday Gala Graduation Holiday

Family Reunion **WEDDING** Banquet

Homecoming Prom **V** Quinceañera Sorority

Bachelorette Festival Sweet 16 Fundraiser

**CORPORATE** Gender Reveal Rush

Baby Shower Party **N** Anniversary Church

Dances Engagement Oktoberfest Socials

Bid Day **PRIVATE PARTIES**

Community Events **S** Awards Barkfest NYE

Christmas Employee Appreciation School

[mfahy@universityclubalbany.com](mailto:mfahy@universityclubalbany.com)

**Final Month of Summer Lunch and Happy Hour Specials**

Spend your summer days and evenings at the Club! Enjoy our air conditioning and fabulous backyard!

Through Labor Day, come in any Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday for buy-one-lunch entree-get-one-half-off.

We also have buy-one-get-one happy hour specials on house wines, beer, and well cocktails Monday-Thursday 4:30-6:30



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**Summer Dining Hours**

**Lunch Monday-Friday**

**11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

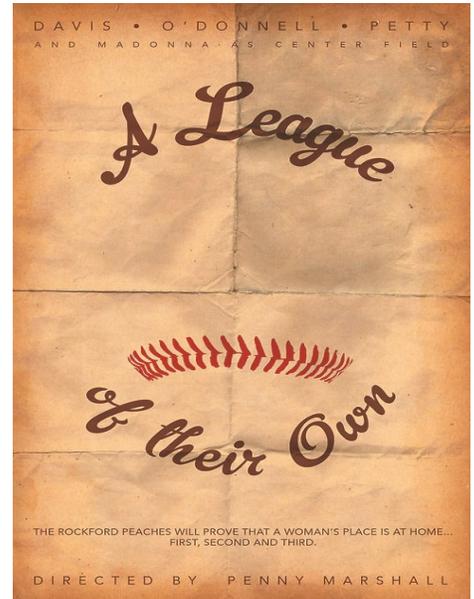
**Dinner Monday-Thursday**

**5:00—8:00 p.m.**

**Happy Hour**

**Monday-Thursday**

**4:30 —6:30 p.m.**



**Movie Night August 15th**

*Come celebrate America's favorite pastime as we screen "A League of their Own."*

*This feel-good movie about women "coming to the plate" during World War II will be a terrific continuation of our fun movie night series taking advantage of our giant Grille Room TV!*

*There will be a themed menu and cocktails.*

*Dinner and cocktail specials will start at 4:30, and the movie will start at 7:00 pm.*

## MORE GREAT EVENTS

### Call for Committee Volunteers

As you know, the backbone of any volunteer or membership organization is its committees. The University Club is no different.

Please consider joining any of these committees by emailing

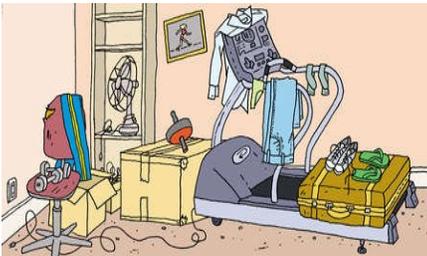
Mimi Fahy  
at [mfahy@universityclubalbany.com](mailto:mfahy@universityclubalbany.com) You are also invited to contact the committee Chairs for more information.

#### ***Many hands make light work!***

Membership Committee: Chair, David Hochfelder, [dhochfelder@albany.edu](mailto:dhochfelder@albany.edu)

Events Committee: Chair, Teresa Casey, [tcasey@mackinco.com](mailto:tcasey@mackinco.com)

House Committee: Chair, Jim Davies, [jim.davies@nycap.rr](mailto:jim.davies@nycap.rr).



#### ***Do you have one of these?***

In the next few months we will be converting the bowling locker room into a small workout area.

If you have any workout equipment that has become a clothes rack please think about donating it to this cause. Any donations will be tax-deductible.

Please contact Mimi Fahy.

*In honor of our  
smart and distinguished  
Treasurer*

**Chuck Seifert**  
— *who happens to fancy a  
fine Irish  
Whiskey* —

*come in and enjoy this month's  
featured cocktail.*



#### The King Jameson

1 3/4 oz. Jameson Irish Whiskey  
Juice of 1/2 lemon  
3 dashes Angostura bitters  
Club soda



In a tall glass filled with ice, add whiskey, lemon juice and bitters. Stir, top off with club soda, garnish with a lemon

#### ***Having a Birthday?***

Celebrate at the UClub and let us make you a giant birthday martini.

Stay for dinner and receive half off your meal.



### ***Save the dates!***

August 24/ Napa vs Sonoma wine tasting luncheon 12:00-1:30  
(see article—Foundation event)

Thursday evenings September 6-October 11/ A Series of Talks on Giving and Philanthropy by Erszebet Fazekas, cosponsored by Humanities New York  
(Foundation event)

Wednesday, September 26/ Paint Like Palmer, an art-making event with the Arts Center of the Capital Region and the Albany Institute of History & Art  
(Foundation event)

Friday, October 19/ Virginia Eubanks book event: *Automating Inequality: How High Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor*. Cosponsored by the NYS Writers Institute.  
(Foundation event)

October 28/Pumpkin carving with wine and whiskey  
(members and guests)

Wednesday evenings November 7-December 12/ A Series of Talks on deTocqueville's *Democracy in America* by Giacomo Calabria, cosponsored by Humanities New York  
(Foundation event)

November 8/Duck Dinner  
(members and guests)

We will keep you posted as we schedule our next cheese tasting