

**Message from  
University Club  
President  
Amy Kramer**

**Dear University Club Members**

*Looking at the Club's offerings for the last months of 2018, the days ahead offer opportunities for every member to enjoy.*

*In particular, I urge you to take advantage of our regular events offered exclusively for Club members and your guests.*

*If you have not participated our November "Duck Dinner" tradition, or if it's been a while since you've thrown a turkey on the floor... you must join us! At 110-years young, the gathering is livelier than ever!*

*Although we all loathe to think about the Holiday Season before Thanksgiving, please mark your calendars for the Club's Family Holiday Brunch event on Sunday, Dec. 2. 11:30am-2:00pm The Club is offering this afternoon of sumptuous fare and festivities complimentary to Members. (sign for drinks).*

*There is no better way to put yourself in the holiday spirit and welcome the season.*

*Additionally, members are encouraged to stop in the Club for a warming and delicious lunch or dinner with family, friends, or colleagues to enjoy Chef Don's creations. My waistline will tell you that sampling Chef's new dishes served at the Club is currently my favorite benefit of membership!*

*Looking forward to seeing you,  
Amy*

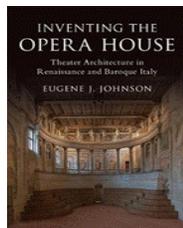
**Mimi's Corner**

As I approach my first anniversary here at the University Club I reflect on what an amazing year it has been and how unbelievably grateful I am to have the opportunity to be a part of this amazing club and be surrounded by wonderful people on a daily basis.

I have had many wonderful career opportunities but this by far is the most unique experience and I am thrilled to come here every day and be a part of this historic club.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors who have all been so welcoming and kind through this first year and especially to Amy Kramer and Teresa Casey who have taught and guided me through the transition and all its challenges. And of course, thanks to Office Manager Dean Karlaftis, my partner in all of this!

As in the great song by David Naughton, we are Makin' It!



**Inventing the  
Opera House  
A Book Talk  
with  
E.J. Johnson  
November 5**

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

The Society of Architectural Historians presents *Inventing the Opera House*, a talk by Williams College Professor E. J. Johnson on his new book of the same title.

Prof. Johnson will discuss the opera houses of Rome, Florence, Mantua, and Venice, among others.

This event is co-sponsored by the University Club Foundation and is open to the public. There is no cost to participate but reservations are requested (online or contact the Club).

**Alexis de Tocqueville's  
*Democracy in America*  
A Series of Conversations  
with Giacomo Calabria  
Wednesday evenings  
November 7-December 12  
5:30-7:30 p.m.**



What better time than now to dust off your "Western Civ" copy of *Democracy in America*, the classic text that described our young country from the perspective of an outsider?

Giacomo Calabria (aka novelist and *Cracked* contributor Jacopo della Quercia) charmed and excited participants in his last series of conversations at the UClub on the Federalist Papers.

This series will invite participants to examine, discuss, and enjoy the history of the United States through the writings of one of its greatest European visitors: Alexis de Tocqueville.

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Participants will read and discuss both volumes of Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, learn background history, compare his theories to the modern era, and ultimately use his writing to better appreciate and understand the world we live in today.

The program is designed to be interactive and engage individuals of all backgrounds.

Each evening's program will begin with a light-fare reception at 5:30 p.m., and the talk will run from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The program will run as follows:

- ◇11/7: Introduction: Alexis de Tocqueville & Democracy in America (Volume I)
- ◇11/14: Influence of Democracy on the Action of Intellect in the U.S. (Volume II, Section 1)
- ◇Thanksgiving Week: No Session
- ◇11/ 28: Influence of Democracy on the Feelings of Americans (Volume II, Section 2)
- ◇12/ 5: Influence of Democracy on Manners Properly so Called (Volume II, Section 3)
- ◇12/12: Influence of Democratic Ideas & Feelings on Political Society (Volume II, Section 4)

Cost will be \$12 per session or \$50 for the full series. Reservations are requested (online or contact the Club).



**Duck Dinner**  
**Thursday, November 8**  
**6:00-9:00 p.m.**

On Thursday, November 8, the University Club will welcome members and guests to one of its longest-standing traditions: the annual Duck Dinner. 110 years ago a group of Club members created the event, on which *The Albany Evening Journal* once reported that there was something doing "from sunset and evening star till the last schooner slipped over the bar."

Prior to 1935, wild duck was provided by Club member Dr. Martin Van Loan, but this year diners will have their choice of farm-raised Roast Duck, Prime Rib, or Salmon.

Duck Dinner traditions have evolved over the years, but you're still certain to see people in "fowl" attire and hear the sound of turkey calls echoing down the Club's historic corridors. Guests may purchase chances to win a frozen turkey - or three and drop them accordingly.

The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a raw bar and cocktails (sign) in the Living Room, and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$35 and will include wine with dinner.

Reservations are required by Monday, November 6th and may be made by contacting the Club.



**Torch Club**  
**Special Presentation**  
**on the Elections**  
**November 12 5:30-**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Professor Clifford Brown will be speaking on the mid-term election. Mr. Brown, is the Robert Porter Patterson Professor of Government at Union College, where he has taught since 1978. He earned his PhD at Harvard in 1970. Among his areas of interest are the US Presidency, Campaign Finance, and Presidential Elections.

Professor Brown has given talks in the past on the Midterm elections, and is teaching a lifelong learning course at Union on this Midterm cycle. By the time he presents to Albany Torch, we will (probably) know the outcome, and Prof Brown will discuss what happened, what will happen, and its relevance.

The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with the presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. To reserve visit [www.albanytorchclub.org](http://www.albanytorchclub.org)

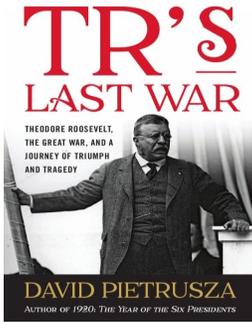
**Albany Roundtable**  
**Welcomes Assemblyman John**  
**McDonald**  
**November 14 noon-1:00 p.m.**

Opioid abuse is by far the fastest growing crisis across New York State. Addiction can happen to anyone, in any family, at any time. NYS Assemblyman John McDonald will talk with the Albany Roundtable about his efforts to address the opioid crisis on Wednesday, November 14 at the Club. The cost for the luncheon, which

will include a hot and cold buffet, is \$20, which may be paid at the door or in advance at [www.albanyroundtable.com](http://www.albanyroundtable.com).

**Book Talk and Signing with David Pietrusza:**

*TR's Last War: Theodore Roosevelt, the Great War, and a Journey of Triumph and Tragedy*



**November 15 5:30-7:30 p.m**

David Pietrusza, noted author and historian, will present a talk on his latest book, *TR's Last War: Theodore Roosevelt, the Great War, and a Journey of Triumph and Tragedy*, at the Club on Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m., with a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m.

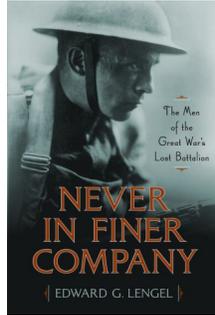
*TR's Last War* is a riveting new account of Theodore Roosevelt's impassioned crusade for military preparedness as America fitfully stumbles into World War I. The book unveils a sweeping epic not of a lion in winter, but a Bull Moose bellowing at a blazing global inferno's very gates—and ready for one final stampede in.

Author Michael Malice said of the book, "David Pietrusza has that rare gift of having history read like a novel. The insults, the egos, the triumphs are all there as we read about the most colorful of all presidents."

This event is sponsored by the UClub Foundation and open to members of the public. There is no charge but reservations are requested.

**Second Members Monthly Luncheon: Book Talk and Signing with Edward G. Lengel**

*Never in Finer Company: The Men of the Great War's Lost Battalion*  
**November 16 noon-1:00 p.m.**



Continuing a new series of members monthly luncheons, author and historian Edward G. Lengel will speak and sign copies of his book, released just last month, *Never in Finer Company: The Men of the Great War's Lost Battalion*, at the Club on Friday, November 16 from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Award-winning historian Lengel presently serves as 2018 Revolutionary in Residence at Colonial Williamsburg, and has served as Chief Historian of the White House Historical Association and Professor and Director of the University of Virginia, Washington Papers.

He has authored numerous books, including *First Entrepreneur: How George Washington Built His—and the Nation's—Prosperity*, and *Thunder and Flames: How Americans in the Crucible of Combat, 1917-1918*, which won the Army Historical Foundation's Outstanding Book Award.

Lengel is a faculty member of America's History LLC, the history travel company owned by Club member Bruce Venter.

This event will cost \$20 and include a hot lunch. Reservations are required.

**Prohibition Distillery Talk and Tasting**

**November 27 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Robert Mack from Prohibition Distillery in Roscoe, New York, will be in the Grille Room Tuesday, November 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a talk and a tasting of Prohibition's Bootlegger 21 line of spirits..

Come hear about how Prohibition Distillery is on the forefront of the craft distilling revolution, and taste why it is one of New York's most recognized brands in the spirit world.

This event is for members and their guests. There is no charge but reservations are requested.

**Member Appreciation Family Friendly**

**Holiday Brunch**

**Sunday Dec. 2 11:30–2:00**



In a new twist on a traditional Club event, we will hold a **complimentary brunch** for Club members and guests on Sunday, December 2 from 11:30a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The day will feature a delicious buffet brunch, truffle-making with CIA-trained pastry chef Meaghan McGugart, cookie decorating for the kids, and a whiskey tasting for the grown-ups.

## MORE GREAT EVENTS

**University Club Board of Directors 2018-2019**

**Officers:**

Amy Kramer: President  
 Jim Davies: Vice President  
 Chuck Seifert: Treasurer  
 David Hochfelder: (acting) Secretary  
 Rob Crudden: Secretary (on leave)  
 Nate Maloney: Past President

**Directors:**

Teresa Casey  
 Jeffrey Hill  
 Geoffrey Hoderath  
 Michael Lieberman  
 Bob Sheehan  
 Damon Stewart  
 Tim Varney

**Save the dates!**

Sunday, December 2  
 Complimentary Member Appreciation Holiday brunch  
 (see article in this newsletter)

Tuesday, December 4  
 Beer history talk and tasting with local amateur brewer Mark Miller

Tuesday, December 11  
 Wreath making event with Arts Center of the Capital Region

Wednesdays Nov. 7—Dec. 12  
 Giacomo Calabria series on Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*  
 (see article in this newsletter)

Saturday, December 29  
 Parallel Lives, A play presented by Creative License

Friday, January 25  
 The Burns Supper

**Watch for dates for these events still in development:**

Wine Spectator dinner and tasting coming in January

Game of Thrones evening to gear up for the new season

Cheese tasting

# November 2018

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				1 Lunch/ Dinner	2 Lunch	3 Club closed
4 Club closed	5 Lunch/ Dinner <i>The Opera House-</i>	6 Lunch/ Dinner	7 Lunch/ Dinner/ <i>Giacomo Calabria</i>	8 Lunch/ Dinner/ <i>Duck Dinner</i>	9 Lunch	10 Club closed
11 Club closed	12 Lunch/ Dinner	13 Lunch/ Dinner	14 Lunch/ Dinner/ <i>Giacomo Calabria</i> 5:30-7:30	15 Lunch/ Dinner/ <i>David Pietrusza</i> 5:30-7:30	16 Lunch/ <i>Ed Lengel</i> Book Talk 12-1pm	17 Club closed
18 Club closed	19 Lunch/ Dinner	20 Lunch/ Dinner	21 Lunch/ Dinner	22 Closed <i>Thanksgiving</i>	23 Lunch	24 Club closed
25 Club closed	26 Lunch/ Dinner	27 Lunch/ Dinner/ <i>Robert Mack</i> <i>Whiskey Tasting</i> 5:30-7	28 Lunch/ Dinner/ <i>Giacomo Calabria</i> 5:30-7:30	29 Lunch/ Dinner/	30 Lunch	1 Club closed

As a reminder, the Grille Room is routinely open Monday-Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for lunch, dinner, and happy hour. On Fridays the Grille Room is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Grille Room may be open at other times for special events. The Clubhouse is open all day Monday through Friday if you want to come by and work, relax, or socialize (or even shoot pool or bowl a few frames)!