

## MIMI'S CORNER

*As we enter Spring, the Season of New Beginnings, I want to share that I still arrive at the Club every morning feeling so fortunate to call The University Club my work home! I am truly enjoying getting to know you and your families as individuals, your Club as an institution, and your Clubhouse—Remember I work for all of you and if there is an idea or any kind of input please do not hesitate to reach out. I will do my very best to execute anything you all have in mind!!!*

*We have been busy at the Club in recent weeks on improvements to the Club Member and Guest experiences, which we are happy to share with you now.*

## NEW HIGH SPEED WIRELESS INTERNET

*Under the leadership of Board Member Damon Stewart, the Club has invested in technology that has led to a six-fold increase in our wireless Internet capacity. This has already dramatically improved the Club experience for our residents, private event guests, and Members working or catching up on email inside the Club.*

*Our IT vendor who built the new system, Ray Suen of Suen Solutions, said he enjoyed working in the historic Clubhouse, which gave him a chance to both experiment and draw on his many years of experience building wireless networks. Suen also noted that a key benefit of the upgrade is that a single network now serves the whole Clubhouse, for seamless roaming.*

*When you are in the Club, check with the front desk for new log-in information.*

## SPECIAL DRINK PRICING FOR MEMBERS

*We are pleased to introduce special beverage pricing for Club members. Whether you are coming in for dinner in the Grille Room, or participating in one of our Foundation events, you are entitled to special lower prices on all beverages! All drinks vary from 6 dollars and below, 6 being top shelf. And as always everything goes down during our happy hour from 4-7 daily*

## AND SINCE WE HAVE SO MUCH TO SHOW OFF...

*We hope you will join us for a Prospective Member Party on Wednesday, April 18 from 6-8 pm. Please come by and bring anyone you think might enjoy Club membership as much as you do! There will be food and drink specials AND if you bring*



*in a new member, you will get \$50 off one month's dues AND the new member will get a \$50 gift certificate to spend however they like in the Club!*

## First Friday: April 6

Since the March First Friday snowstorm kept some of you (and our scheduled musical guests) at home, we have rescheduled the performance and invited our Artist in Residence to return for a second Meet-the-Artist reception, both in conjunction with First Friday, Albany's lively monthly arts walk.

## Cabaret with Eileen Egan Mack Accompanied by Scott Bassinson

**Grille Room 7-9 p.m.**

With a background in classical music and Broadway, Eileen Egan Mack explores the Great American songbook with accompanist Scott Bassinson. The performance will run from 7-9 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Come early for dinner!

Vocalist Eileen Egan Mack has a background in classical music and Broadway and enjoys working with jazz guitarists, pianists, and bassists. She is known for her lyrical and emotive interpretations of music and the words that give the notes meaning — the words that tell the stories.

## Meet Megan Ruch

**Artist in Residence, Presented in Conjunction with the Albany Barn Living Room 6-8 p.m.**

Come out and let the sun-drenched work of Megan Ruch warm you (on the off chance March has NOT gone out like a lamb) during a Meet-the-Artist reception from 6-8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Ms. Ruch is the Club's twelfth Artist in Residence.

### ***St. Patrick's Day at the UClub***

The Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style, as is our tradition!

We rolled out a few new menu items in addition to the always beloved corned beef and cabbage. The Irish beef stew served over garlicky herbed mashed potatoes were a particular hit.

And participants young and old enjoyed cake and a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" honoring Board member Frank Nemith, who was born on St. Patrick's Day.

The bowling alleys were open, which was a special treat for first-time guests, as well as some members who enjoyed the lanes for the first time. Thanks to **Tom Bramfitt** on our staff and Board Member Tim Varney for all they do to keep the lanes in good shape and in use!

And two lucky families went home with fabulous raffle prizes, including a basket of Irish whiskey and a beautiful decorative wine rack pre-loaded with ten bottles!

### ***Dyngus Day at the UClub: Polish Platters for Lunch and Dinner on Monday, April 2***

In what we hope will become a NEW tradition, we are celebrating Dyngus Day — a Polish Easter Monday celebration — in the Club, with Polish platters at lunch and dinner! Come by for kielbasa, pierogis, golabki, sauerkraut and fresh rye bread!

While you're in, ask Mimi to tell you about the children's pussy-willow flirting tradition on Dyngus Day!

### ***Torch April 2: Dr. Michael Holland on the Opioid Crisis***

UClub members are invited to attend the Torch Club meeting at the UClub for a most timely talk as Michael Holland, M.D., shares his views on ways we can address the opioid epidemic plaguing our communities, our families, and our healthcare system.

Visit [AlbanyTorchClub.org](http://AlbanyTorchClub.org) or email [albanytorch@gmail.com](mailto:albanytorch@gmail.com) for more information.

### ***Erie Canalway's Bob Radliff at the Albany Roundtable April 11***

UClub members are invited to the Albany Roundtable when it welcomes Bob Radliff to discuss both the historic preservation and the future of the Erie Canal.

Radliff is Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, a public-private partnership that works to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources of the 524-mile-long corridor. Prior to joining the Corridor, Radliff served as Executive Director of the Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region, and of the Albany Center for Economic Success. He has an environmental science undergraduate degree and received his MBA from the State University of New York system.

The luncheon event is scheduled to begin at noon on April 11 and costs \$20. Visit [www.AlbanyRoundtable.org](http://www.AlbanyRoundtable.org) or email [AlbanyRoundtable@gmail.com](mailto:AlbanyRoundtable@gmail.com) for more information.

### ***May 2: Carmie & Frieda — Born to Drag***

The UClub Foundation is thrilled to announce that fierce and fabulous duo Carmie and Frieda are bringing their show "Born to Drag" to the UClub on Wednesday May 2nd. They will sing, dance and share stories from the sixties, seventies and eighties.



*"I love how it (drag performance) changed me. . . I can keep the curmudgeonly away as long as I keep Carmie around," Carmie said of her drag persona during the pair's last performance at*

The event will begin with cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and dinner and show beginning at 6:00. p.m. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds will benefit the UClub Foundation. Visit [www.UniversityClubAlbany.com](http://www.UniversityClubAlbany.com) or email [mfahy@universityclubalbany.com](mailto:mfahy@universityclubalbany.com) for more information.

### ***Cocktail Corner This months cocktail is for our favorite V.P Teresa Casey***

#### ***"Casey Smash"***

***2oz bourbon  
Mint leaves muddled  
1oz mixed berry simple syrup  
Splash club soda  
(muddle mint, add  
all other ingredients,  
shake, serve over  
ice. Garnish with a  
mint leave***



## MORE GREAT EVENTS

### ***First Friday May 4: An Amazing Double-Header at the UClub!***

The UClub Foundation is proud to announce two great events on First Friday May as part of the Club's participation in Albany's lively monthly arts walk.

Read on to learn about a terrific local history event organized by our own Ann Pfau and David Hochfelder, which will be followed by a performance by local faves Off The Record!

Both events are free but reservations are required.



### ***Albany History: Lost and Found 5:30-7:30 p.m.***

Everyone who has studied local history has had the experience of finding a document, an artifact, a landmark, a recording, some piece of evidence that helps us see with new eyes the 400+-year-old city that surrounds us. The excitement of discovery is the focus of this program.

We've invited six Albany historians to talk about their research finds and explain their significance.

Spectrum News's Matt Malette (a.k.a. Albany Archives) will m.c. this event and share his own story of discovery.

*Other presenters include:*

Bill Brandow, associate architect, John G. Waite Associates; vice-chair, Albany Historic Resources Commission.

Maeve McEneny-Johnson, education and heritage coordinator, Discover

Albany.

Aaron Noble, senior historian and curator, New York State Museum.

Akum Norder, author, *The History of Here: A House, the Pine Hills Neighborhood, and the City of Albany*.

Paul Stewart, co-founder, Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region.

*And Then...*

***Get Your Groove on with Albany's hot 60s Trio Off the Record @ 8 p.m.***



In case you don't know them:

**Joanna Palladino** uses her theatrical background to deliver memorable performances. Joanna breathes life into each song — letting the song tell its own story.

**Bob Resnick** creates a sound that supports Off The Record tunes perfectly, primarily using the djembe while adding textures from his customized drum set-up

**Billy Harrison** and his twangy guitar have worked with a slew of Capital region rock 'n' roll combos.

### ***Hide and Seek Riddle***

***IN A ROOM WITH A VIEW,  
SITS A GIRL WITH A  
TWIRLING SHOE, LOOK  
AROUND AND YOU WILL  
SEE, A SET OF THREE.  
WHICH ONE WILL IT BE?  
Can you be the first to  
solve?***

***A warm welcome to our newest members:***

***Jim Featherstonhaugh  
Elizabeth Clyne  
David Fleming, Jr.***

***Introduce yourself when you see them (or any friend you haven't met) in the Grille Room!***

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***Save the Dates!***

***Monday, May 7:*** Torch Club featuring "The Supreme Court vs. the President," a talk by Dr. Laura Wittern Keller, UAlbany

***Sunday, May 13th:*** Mothers Day brunch buffet

***Wednesday, May 16th:*** Members annual meeting and dinner

***Wednesday, May 23:*** Albany Roundtable featuring "Race, Place, Power & Privilege," an evening talk by Daniel D'Oca

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## APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH 10-2	2 LUNCH/DINNER TORCH CLUB— OPEN TO UCLUB MEMBERS	3 LUNCH/DINNER	4 LUNCH/DINNER	5 LUNCH/DINNER	6 LUNCH/DINNER FIRST FRIDAY: MUSIC & ARTIST RECEPTION	7 CLUB CLOSED
8 CLUB CLOSED	9 LUNCH/DINNER	10 LUNCH/DINNER	11 LUNCH/DINNER ALBANY ROUNDTABLE- OPEN TO UCLUB MEMBERS	12 LUNCH/DINNER	13 LUNCH	14 CLUB CLOSED
15 CLUB CLOSED	16 LUNCH/DINNER	17 lobbyist happy hour 5-7 LUNCH/DINNER	18 LUNCH/DINNER	19 LUNCH/DINNER	20 LUNCH	21 CLUB CLOSED
22 CLUB CLOSED	23 LUNCH/DINNER	24 LUNCH/DINNER	25 LUNCH/DINNER	26 LUNCH/DINNER	27 I LUNCH	28 CLUB CLOSED
29 CLUB CLOSED	30 LUNCH/DINNER	1 LUNCH/DINNER	2 LUNCH/DINNER CARMIE & FRIEDA!	3 LUNCH/DINNER	4 LUNCH/DINNER FIRST FRIDAY LOST & FOUND HISTORY EVENT & OFF THE REC- ORD	5 CLUB CLOSED

As a reminder, the Grille Room is routinely open Monday-Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for lunch, dinner, and happy hour. On Fridays the Grille Room is open for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Grille Room may be open at other times for special events like First Friday. And 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)!

***Tax time got you down? Consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the UClub Foundation to help yourself with next year's tax bill!***

***The UClub Foundation***, supported by tax-deductible contributions, is a key fundraising tool for the Club. The Foundation helps pay for capital expenditures in your Clubhouse. We never know when an expense might occur, so please consider making a donation today, to help us prepare for the next old building surprise!

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