

COLONIAL CLUB

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December 2022



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A Letter from THE PRESIDENT OF THE GRADUATE BOARD



Dear Colonial Family,

It's been a truly fantastic year for Colonial Club!

Since reopening the clubhouse in September 2021, COVID-related restrictions have gradually eased and Colonial has begun to feel like Colonial again. Meals and member events are once again in-person and well-attended. Lawnparties, Homecoming, Formals, and Reunions have returned to the social calendar. Membership has grown and even surpassed pre-pandemic levels; at the same time, we not only affirmed but strengthened our commitment to offering generous financial aid. Undergraduates, alumni, and Grad Board members were finally able to mingle at the NYC Networking Event (we needed two postponements, but the third time really was the charm!). Perhaps best of all, we were able to gather en masse at the club for Reunions last May to celebrate recent graduates, reconnect with old friends, and recognize Gil Ramirez for his 20 years of exceptional service as chef to the club!

This long-overdue newsletter is essentially a loving, photographic tribute to our successful reopening and the fact that Colonial is, once again, thriving. As the season of gratitude is now upon us, it seems only fitting that I take a moment to recognize the extraordinary dedication, creativity, and work ethic of Kathleen, Gil, the club staff, and all of our undergraduate members and officers. Their commitment to the club is without parallel, and I am extremely grateful that the club is operating under the guidance of such steady and ready hands.

I would also like to thank my fellow Board members for their work behind the scenes, especially our master of the minutes, Board Secretary Paul Levine '72. With over forty years of Board experience, Paul has acquired an encyclopedic knowledge of Colonial's history, which is just one of the reasons why we are so pleased to feature him in our first-ever Board Member Spotlight on page 3. We look forward to introducing more of the Board members and making our work more visible and accessible in the near future.

Happy holidays, and we look forward to seeing you at the club soon!

Best,

Sean Hammer '08
President, Graduate Board of Governors

Undergraduate PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Dear Colonial Alumni and Members,

As we welcome everyone back to the Club, we hope you are gearing up for a wonderful holiday season! We are starting off the first normal year since the pandemic strong with 173 members. While recruiting new members can be challenging, this year's officer corps and membership did an excellent job bringing new people to the club.

Our social chair, Andrew Alexander, has done a great job of keeping our social calendar full of fun events, both old and new. Continuing the Colo tradition of having the best act on the street for Lawnparties, we had Jenevieve perform to a crowded front lawn. Over Halloween weekend the club was turned into a Haunted House and members spent all night getting scared by the officers. We'll also be holding our second ever International Semis where members can submit food and music from their cultures to be incorporated into the event.

Part of good recruiting is keeping our members engaged and feeling connected to each other and the club. To this end, one of our sophomore representatives, Mark Rosario, relaunched the once-famous Language Tables. Groups of members meet once a week for a meal and speak only the designated language for that meal. We love the camaraderie that builds when our members get to know each other!

Fall recruitment is in full swing in preparation for Street Week at the beginning of next semester. We have held several sophomore dinners already and plan on holding more before the semester ends. It's so great seeing the dining room completely full with members and potential members enjoying amazing food and good music! We also have other fun events planned for both our members and sophomores to enjoy.

It was so nice seeing so many of you at Homecoming on October 29th! (Huge shoutout to Chef Gil and the rest of the kitchen staff for providing a delicious brunch and dinner for everyone!) I hope to see everyone at Alumni Day in February and again at Reunions in May. Remember, you're always welcome to stop by for a meal in the meantime!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christina Diggs".

Christina Diggs '23
Undergraduate President

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Colonial Club Staff Member Retires



Congratulations to **Kevin Riley** on his retirement from Colonial Club's maintenance department. Kevin will be golfing and enjoying life with his wife Denise, his son and daughter in law, and his three grandchildren. Kevin worked hard for 8 years keeping the Club looking its best and will truly be missed!

Graduate Board Member — SPOTLIGHT



► PAUL LEVINE '72, SECRETARY

Paul grew up in Spring Valley, NY. At Princeton, he majored in Electrical Engineering. Despite multiple laboratory courses, he found time to accompany sing-alongs at the Colonial piano. He signed into Colonial because he appreciated the arts-and-crafts atmosphere prevalent at the time (music, theater, writing). He remembers watching a movie in the Library with a new girlfriend.

After graduation in 1972, he continued computer hardware and software studies at Stanford. Paul returned to central NJ in 1976 to work full time at RCA AstroElectronics (eventually Lockheed Martin) on weather and communications satellites. He continued to work at aerospace and defense companies throughout his career.



► Colonial Section Picture 1972-73



► Entertaining at a Benefit



► Reunions 1988



► Reunions at Colonial

Paul was recruited to join Colonial's Board of Governors in 1980 by his undergraduate roommate, Norman Flitt. He became the Secretary in 1984 and has failed to convince anyone else to take over that position. He speculates that the Secretary provides the glue that holds the Board together.

Paul particularly enjoys the Colonial brunches at Homecoming and Reunions. In addition to music, his interests include do-it-yourself projects, running, and spending as much time as possible at the beach.



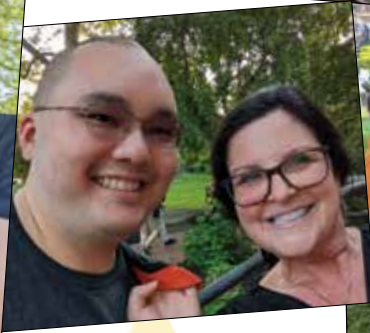
► Cape Cod 2005



► Graduation P-Rade 1972

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REUNIONS WEEKEND 2022



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Colonial Celebrates THE CLASSES OF 1970, 1971 & 1972 AT REUNIONS



Colonial Club Lawn Parties 2021

RETURNED WITH SMALL POOLS TO START OFF THE FALL SEMESTER!



Homecoming Fall 2021

COLONIAL CLUB WELCOMES ALUMNI BACK TO THE CLUB



New York Alumni And Member Networking Event

MARCH 24, 2022 AT TRIBECA 360



Give to COLONIAL

Colonial has continued to thrive over the years by the generous support of our alumni! Please continue to make your dues payments and thoughtful donations to the Club.

► DUES

The dues structure is now \$25.00 for all those who graduated within the last ten years and \$50.00 for all those who graduated eleven plus years ago. Paying your dues provides admission to all alumni events at Colonial, including meals at Reunions and Homecoming. Dues may be paid at the door, at any event or online. Non dues payers will be asked to pay their dues before visiting for a Club event. If dues are not paid, the member and his/her guests/family members will be charged an event fee. Guests and family members of dues-paying alumni are always welcome free of charge. We look forward to seeing you!

► ANNUAL GIVING

Now, more than ever before, Colonial Club needs your support. We need your help to sustain our wonderful reputation on the Street and to offer our current student officers the marketing tools necessary to support and increase membership. Please make your unrestricted gift today!

You can donate a tax-deductible gift to the Princeton Prospect Foundation (PPF)/Colonial Account to support our educational spaces or you can donate a gift directly to The Colonial Club for its immediate use toward the general upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the Club. The [Pay Club Dues](#) tab on our website will guide you. You can also email, call or use the envelope provided. Colonial Club thanks you for your generosity and support to the Club!

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Alumni INTERVIEW SERIES

- This interview in our alumni series is with **Katherine (Kaki) Elgin '13**

Q: Tell us a bit about what you did at Princeton.

I am so grateful for my time at Princeton, in part for the range of interests it allowed me to pursue. My membership in Colonial was a vital part of my undergraduate experience, allowing me to cultivate friendships with people I might not have met otherwise. I was also an RCA in Butler and played the French horn in the Princeton University Orchestra (PUO). Additionally, I was a fellow at the Center for International Security Studies (CISS) – which I would direct as a graduate student. CISS really put me on my current career trajectory, shaping my interest in foreign and especially defense policy. I was furthermore an editor at *The Daily Princetonian* and played on the club tennis team. As a graduate student, I continued a lot of those activities: I directed CISS, played in PUO and Sinfonia, and was an RGS in Butler. I also caught a few lunches at Colonial!

Q: You went back to Princeton for your Ph.D. in Public Affairs. How did the experience of being on campus as a graduate student compare to that as an undergraduate?

The graduate and undergraduate experiences at Princeton are vastly different, though my time at Princeton as an undergraduate did shape my Ph.D. experience. My 'insider knowledge' of Princeton gave me a leg up in understanding how the campus worked, helped me connect with my students, and kept me involved in activities that I love. But as an undergraduate, most of us rarely interact with graduate students and so, for me at least, coming back as a graduate student was like discovering a whole new side of Princeton. From departmental lunches to the D-Bar (the "Debasement Bar," the bar inside the Graduate College), graduate students have a much different social and academic life than undergraduates.

Q: How was your Ph.D. defense and your second Princeton graduation? What have you been up to since?

Defending and graduating during a pandemic was a unique experience. In October 2020, I defended my dissertation on Russian foreign policy via Zoom from my childhood bedroom, with lots of friends and colleagues in attendance. After the defense, some good friends of mine put together a virtual celebration. It was really special – and people were able to attend that would not have been able to come had we done it in person. For example, my first grade teacher, a high school mentor, and family from Sweden and New Zealand all called in. My second Princeton graduation was also virtual, in spring 2021. While I could have attended in person, Marcus (my now fiancé) and I instead celebrated in Sweden, where he lives. I did not have my academic regalia with me in Stockholm, so the day of my hooding, Marcus "hooded" me with a sweatshirt. Hopefully we'll all be able to properly celebrate during Reunions 2022!

After my Ph.D, I completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., though the postdoc was virtual so I split my time between Virginia and Sweden. In August, I moved to D.C. full time and am now a fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA), a defense think tank. I work on U.S. and allied defense strategy, with a particular focus on defense issues in Europe. We have a small but mighty staff, including quite a few Tigers! There are still too few women in the defense community, and I hope I can play a small part in growing representation in the field.

Q: You have spent some time over the last few years living in Europe. How was that experience?

I've been truly fortunate to be able to travel as much as I have, both for work and pleasure. I have family in Sweden, and during my Ph.D. I was able to spend six months in Stockholm conducting dissertation research. (That's when I met my fiancé, Marcus!) Research has also brought me across Europe, and Princeton in both my undergraduate and graduate experiences supported travel to places like Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Belgium, France, Germany, Sweden, and Italy. I've long believed that making good foreign and defense policy requires understanding others' perspectives, and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to improve my knowledge through travel. Hopefully I'll be able to continue to spend time abroad!

Q: You are also a passionate photographer. What are some of the favorite scenes you've shot?

I love photography because it allows us to pause a moment in time and see things from a different perspective. At Princeton, I was the photography editor of *The Daily Princetonian*, and I loved capturing sports and events



► Taking photographs at a Princeton football game (courtesy of Meredith Whitaker)

through new angles. One of my favorite assignments was photographing Antonin Scalia. Most of the time, you focus on a speaker's face or their presence in front of a crowd. But I was drawn to Scalia's hands, which were very expressive. We ended up publishing a full series of just his hands, and I think we told a really powerful story. Another highlight was traveling to Florida to photograph the men's basketball NCAA tournament. I got to sit on the court next to photographers from *Sports Illustrated*, *TIME*, and other big outlets. Princeton lost in a tough, close match against Kentucky in the first round, and the photographs I was able to capture of the team's emotions were heartbreaking.

More broadly, I'm drawn to photographing everyday moments. I love capturing people's joy, and my apartment is filled with landscape scenes that capture simple beauty.

Q: What memories do you have of Colonial Club?

Colonial Club for me is always about the people – the members and the staff. My favorite memories involve long meals (ideally outside) with meandering conversations or just hanging out around the club. I made incredible friends playing intramural sports, especially wallyball. I still wear my Colonial IM shirt on a regular basis! I also wrote most of my thesis in Colonial, fueled by late night coffee, dance breaks, and lots of shared support among the seniors.

Q: What's your favorite place on campus?

This is a hard one. I always find myself drawn to the benches along Scudder Plaza, especially when the magnolias are in bloom. As a graduate student, I came to appreciate even more the nature around Princeton - from the tow path to the woods behind the Institute for Advanced Study. I'll also always call Colonial and Butler home. ■



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to add your company and available
positions to our ongoing Job Board.



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Colonial Investments is a student-led investment group that actively manages over **\$100K worth of assets** on behalf of Colonial through a diversified portfolio driven by fundamental research. The team divides its work among sectors.

In addition to providing returns for Colonial Club, the group serves as an educational platform for its members to learn more about the financial world. After a review of the current positions, each team formally presents their new stock ideas to the Graduate Board and other club members.

If you would like to learn more or get involved with the Investments Club, please contact David Genetti '98 at dgenetti@alumni.princeton.edu

Colonial Club Celebrates our Graduates



Welcome Back Classes of 2021 & 2022



► Engagement

Lucas Zavala '13



Lucas Zavala '13 and Amanda Zheutlin met while pursuing their PhDs at Yale. Having both served as social chairs in college, they applied to work as event planners for the graduate school. They made an amazing team and, before long, a happy couple. In 2017, they took their first vacation together to Portland, Maine, and four years later they returned to exchange gifts and get engaged. Now they're teaming up again to plan the biggest event of their lives — the wedding!

Congratulations from your friends at Colonial Club!



► Wedding

Misha and Kassandra Semënov-Leiva



Seven years after our prank April Fool's Day engagement party at Colonial on 04/01/2015 (a prank which many apparently fell for!), we finally got hitched for real on October 9, 2022 at Sun One Farm in Bethlehem, CT. We were blessed with sunny fall weather and an abundance of warmth from friends and family. Colonial members pictured here are Jake Miller '15 and Miles Yucht '15, who sang in the choir, and Holt Dwyer '15, who helped to hold the Chuppah (wedding canopy). Also in attendance was Sharon Gao '15.

Congratulations from your friends at Colonial Club!

► Birth Announcement

Andy & Katrina (Maxcy) Hawley '14



Andy & Katrina (Maxcy) Hawley '14 were thrilled to welcome their daughter Celine Hazel Hawley to the world on November 10, 2021. Celine is growing fast (so much hair!) and enjoying the sights and sounds of babyhood. She can't wait to visit campus to meet & greet her new Colonial family — see all of you soon!

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► Other News...

Hugh Richardson '53

"My father, Hugh Richardson, Class of 1922, was a member of Colonial Club, and I was in the Class of '53. In those days, Ernie Luginbuhl was the Colonial Club Manager, and Princeton was all male. House parties were the big thing then because girls were there for the weekend and were able to stay on the third floor of the Club. When my father was there from 1918-22, Colonial, Ivy, and Tiger shared meals and dances at house parties. The floor of Colonial was opened up, and the swinging doors were moved, and the entire first floor at Colonial was a dance floor for these three clubs. When I was there, Princeton had great football teams, and special trains on the Pennsylvania Railroad would haul fans from New York and Philadelphia all the way to the little Princeton station."

(Pictured right, Hugh Richardson '53 sporting his new Colonial Club cap)



David A. Chamberlain '71

Colonial Club proudly houses a work of art (anonymously donated to Colonial Club) by Princeton artist David A. Chamberlain '71.

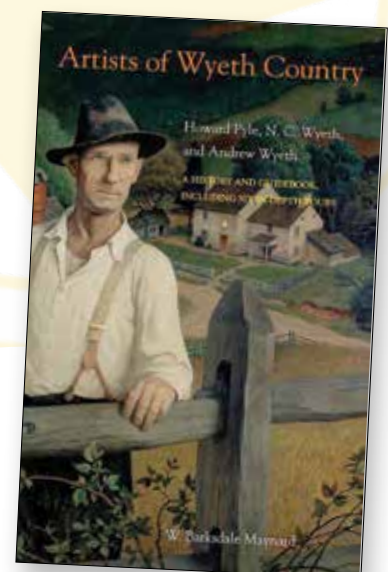
(Pictured left, David A. Chamberlain with his O & B series #0767!)

Author, W. Barksdale Maynard '88

Artists of Wyeth Country: Howard Pyle, N. C. Wyeth, and Andrew Wyeth has just been published by Temple University Press.

The book features a groundbreaking biographical account of Andrew Wyeth based on numerous interviews with people who knew him in Chadds Ford. It has already attracted attention for its many new discoveries about the famous and unconventional artist.

Artists of Wyeth Country could not have been written without the help of kind friends in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere.





20 Year Anniversary — CHEF GILBERTO RAMIREZ

THANK YOU, CHEF GIL, FOR 20 YEARS OF LOVE AND MEALS!





My Colonial MEMORIES

• By Laurence Day '55

Our spring evening initiation after the bicker acceptance to Colonial was handshakes all around with the upper classmen, many from the Upper east side and mainline Philadelphia. With a gentle query, "You want a Club tie? Ok, great, that'll be \$5.00!" THAT was the initiation! Best looking tie I ever bought and I had and still have a drawer full from Brooks Brothers and Langrocks. Colonial was considered one of the five top clubs as it was among the oldest, and with great architecture, that red brick and those columns!! That mattered not to us, but you had to belong to one club as there were no other dining facilities for upperclassmen then, and no residential colleges.

Our soph section was about 45-50 guys. We all had many close friends in other clubs from our first two years, but you can only join one. All of us from 48 states at Princeton then dressed in tan khakis, polo shirts, loafer shoes, crew-neck sweaters — never blue jeans — all week long. That was an influence of WWII. Few ever studied in the club, though 5-6 lived there senior year, me included.

In my '54-'55 years at Colonial, we dined in the front living room facing Prospect Street on round tables for six with white table cloths, served three meals by four white-jacketed uniformed waiters. It felt just like Scott Fitzgerald's, *This Side of Paradise*. The squash court was a separate rear building, but I don't recall many used it — at least for squash!

Colonial had among the best bands on The Street where many other envious street clubbies were always invited,

and piled in. Saturday night visitors from Ivy football games came to listen and dance with their weekend dates. Those dates came from innumerable eastern colleges to Baltimore's known by every Boston to Richmond preppy, the coolest Cole Porter songster, River Chambers and his seven piece orchestra, or the incomparable debutante favorite NYC east coast legend, a Lester Lanin quintet. And there was House Parties spring weekend that filled Colonial inside and out. The rest of the week we studied 'til midnight — Firestone our second home.

All in Colonial were similar in many ways, preppies and high-schoolers and all got along so well, making many lifelong close friendships. One of my Colonial roommates, Willis Mills, from the private Kent School and Darien CT was Captain of the golf team and often jokingly asked me, "where IS St. Louis?" — just my hometown! I rubbed elbows in Colonial with the likes of Sam Stone from Costa Rica and the Groton School of FDRs in MA, Charlie Conrad who went on to be an early astronaut, Pete DuPont, later Delaware governor, Whitey Willauer who had flown in Burma-China with the secret OSS in the WWII, one fun-loving guy from Iraq, Charlie Robinson, President of the Triangle Club in '53. In Triangle Club, I was in the by audition-only nine-member all dressed as gals, the "female" singing and dancing chorus my senior year in "Tunis Anyone?" Four of us and me did a softshoe number on the Sunday evening Ed Sullivan TV "Show of Shows" in Nov '54 and toured the Christmas break in 14 cities with 17 performances all in Shubert downtown theatres via two Penn Central RR Pullman cars. Colonial Club members greeted us with cheers in three performances at the Hunter College Playhouse in NYC.

Am sure Colonial has the same ambiance as it did during my two years — like yesterday. ■



...gone but never forgotten

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NEWSLETTER



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