

# COLONIAL CLUB

Spring Newsletter



May 2014

## A Letter from the President of the Graduate Board

Fellow Members,



I am pleased to report that your Club is doing very well. Our membership numbers are strong—I recently spoke to over 250 members (including sophomores) at dinner—and our undergraduate members are enthusiastic, active, and happy with their club. The building is in the best shape in its history, the undergraduate

officers and our professional management team are working together and doing an excellent job running our Club.

When I took on the role of Board President, we had just successfully sold our VC-backed financial services software company. I never imagined that the next business to wrangle would be in the specialty hospitality sector—i.e. Colonial Club. Fortunately, some fundamental management principles seem to apply everywhere:

- Instituting formal financial discipline and controls (i.e. managing to a budget, refreshing our capital reserves, accounting for long term capital expenses, etc.)
- Hiring and retaining a great management team—in our case, Kathleen Galante, who has a background as a professional club manager and Gil Ramirez, our fine executive chef.

The results have been very gratifying to all of us who have worked hard over the years to preserve and improve our Club. We are seeing a sustained period of growth and success for Colonial, and it is due in no small part to the generosity and commitment of our alumni members and Board, who really wish to make sure that present and future undergraduate members will be able to enjoy the same experiences and camaraderie that we (increasingly hazily) recall and value.

For Colonial,

Joe Studholme '84  
President, Graduate Board of Directors,  
Colonial Club of Princeton University

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# Colonial Club history

## Did you know?



**1890**

...that the founders of Colonial had previously regularly dined together on campus as the "Plug and Ulster" club?

**Pre-1897**



...that the current location, though not building, had previously been the home of Ivy Club?

**1891**



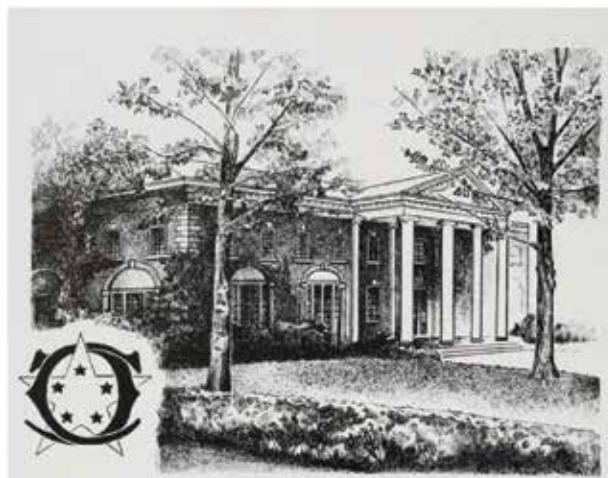
...that Colonial Club is a misnomer? The founders of the club intended to name the club after the architectural style of the first building at Nassau & Queenston, without realizing that the style was in fact from the Federal, not Colonial, period.

**1917**

...that 13 undergraduate members left the club to serve in World War 1?

**1933-1989**

...that Colonial had a squash court out back for 53 years?



**1971**



Photo by Rex Latta  
Colonial: 'It takes guts to get in'

...that after ending Bicker and pioneering co-education on the street, Colonial was so popular that for the following years, students would sleep out on the porch in the freezing cold so they could sign in when the club opened in the morning?

**1974**



RED AND BROWN: Colonial Club members are considering building a dormitory on our property in the next few years.

... that in 1974 members voted to build a Spelman-like dorm out the back for members to live in?

**Ca. early 1980s**



...the Club Fool was a live-in officer position with ICC privileges?



Compiled by Julian Dean '13





## *A Visit to Colonial Club Today!*



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# Undergraduate President's Address

Dear Colonial Alumni,

My name is Sarah Pak, and it is my honor and pleasure to serve as the new president of Colonial Club. I was born and raised in Roslyn, New York, and was recruited as a saber fencer. I'm a Woody Woo major, with certificates in Neuroscience and Korean Language, and will be spending this summer as a sales intern at AppNexus in New York. It is my pleasure to give a brief update on the goings-on here at Colonial Club, which I'm sure will bring back fond memories for many alumni!



I am proud to say that this February we welcomed 100 sophomores to the Colonial family, as well as 10 juniors. Our newest members are already making active use of the clubhouse, from attending our weekly study breaks, to working in our newly renovated computer cluster (donated by alumnus Eric Schmidt '76). We are proudly carrying on the tradition of "Casual Wednesdays" and are continuing the duopoly on Fridays (see 2012's thesis phrase: "The monopoly on Fridays has come to an end").

To instill in our newest members a strong sense of club pride and tradition, we have held events like "Fall in Love with Colonial" and invited Graduate Board President Joseph Studholme '84 to address us during a club-wide dinner. Members enjoyed hearing about Colonial's traditions, from its thesis phrases (the first of which was "Bourbon is our friend") to the annual Medieval Feast, to Hotel Colonial (and the record spent on drinks for one room is \$8,000, by Bill Eldredge '91, for White Russians). To top it off, we recently held our spring semester Hotel Colonial, and all of our members had a fabulous time traversing the third floor (albeit some more slowly than others) meeting our new officers. Upcoming events include Houseparties weekend, the Medieval Feast, Taproom Olympics, and Speakeasy Night.

Alumni Day on 2/22 was a wonderful time to meet alumni returning to the club and to hear firsthand stories of their time in Colonial—we can't wait to see more alum return this May at Reunions!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at [spak@princeton.edu](mailto:spak@princeton.edu). I look forward to hearing from you!



Warmly,  
Sarah Pak '15  
Undergraduate President

PS—Julian Dean '13 is compiling a history of Colonial Club, and if you have any leads or stories to share, please reach out to [julian.dean@gmail.com](mailto:julian.dean@gmail.com).



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## Graduate Board of Governors

Joseph Studholme '84—President  
David Hou '11—Vice President  
David Genetti '98—Treasurer  
Paul LeVine, Jr. '72—Secretary  
Julian Dean '13  
Norman Flitt '72  
Sean Hammer '08  
Nicholas R. Karp '84  
Sev Onyshkevych '83  
Angelica Ortiz '12  
Edward Ritter '83  
Andrew Stein '90  
Hal L. Stern '84  
Ramsay Vehslage '59  
Andrew Weintraub '10

## Undergraduate Officers



2014-15 Officer Corps

President: Sarah Pak  
Vice-President: Brittany Ko  
Treasurer: Matan Appelbaum  
Social Chair: Miriam Pearsall  
House Manager: Miles Yucht  
Beverage / Assistant IM's Chair: Warren Crandall  
Finance / Food Chair: Vivian Gao  
IM's Chair: Jose Alvarez  
Technology Chair: Brendan Chou  
Assistant Social / Communications Chair: Edgar Wang  
Assistant Social / Community Service  
Chair: Kevin Larkin  
Sophomore Representative: Swetha Doppalapudi  
Sophomore Representative: Daniel Chen

## In Memorium

### Mr. David K. Reeves '48

Colonial Club fondly remembers David K. Reeves, Class of 1948. Mr. Reeves was a long time friend and supporter of Colonial Club.



We are grateful for the many years of dedicated service and time he gave to the Club as an esteemed Board Member.

One fellow Board member and dear friend, Ramsay Vehslage, recalls Mr. Reeves being the first person he saw on the train platform when

he moved to Princeton in 1981. David insisted that Ramsay rejoin the Colonial Graduate Board, where he has been ever since, serving most of his time with David Reeves. Mr. Vehslage remembers how his friend loved Colonial and inspired him and others to do their best for the Club.

### *We honor those who have recently passed*

Mr. Charles W. Pratt '56  
Mr. Peter H. Gott, M.D. '57 \*58  
Mr. David P.F. Hess '57  
Mr. Charles H. Willauer '59  
Mr. Oliver H. Keep '64  
Mr. Lex Allen Passman '66  
Mr. Charles Lockwood '70  
Mr. Peter Corbin Kohn '96  
Mr. George H. Boynton '35  
Mr. Oscar S. Straus, II '36  
Mr. Edward C. Page, Jr. '42  
Mr. Richard Myrick '43  
Mr. Stephen C. Voorhees '43  
Mr. Donald D. Dodge, Jr. '45  
Mr. Hallett Johnson, Jr. '46  
Mr. William T. Fleming, Jr. '47  
Mr. Henriques C. Hamilton '48  
Mr. David K. Reeves '48  
Mr. F. Lee Hawes '49  
Mr. Richard L. Hilliard '52  
Mr. T. Kirk Parrish, III '52  
Mr. Whiting R. Willauer, '53  
Mr. John C. Cooper, III '55

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## Chef's Corner

Gilberto Ramirez, Executive Chef

We all know that Chef Gil considers Colonial Club his second home! Remembering 13 Graduations past, he is looking forward to seeing many more and making new great friends and memories.

Colonial Club would like to congratulate Chef Gil and his wife, Monica, on the birth of their daughter, Gabriella! And a special congratulations to her big sister, Arianna! Best wishes to the Ramirez family!



Chef Gil offers an easy, healthy snack recipe from his kitchen!

### Fresh Baby Kale Chips

Fresh Kale, washed and dried  
Olive Oil  
Salt and Pepper

- Remove the rib or stem of the kale
- Place on a cookie tray, drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper
- Place in the oven at 275 degrees for 8 minutes or so.

Enjoy a healthy, salty, crunchy snack!

## The History of the Club

Colonial Club would like to welcome our own Will Wild '14 as he takes on the exciting and important role of Club Historian this summer. He will work under the direction of Colonial alumnus Julian Dean '13. We are very lucky to have two talented Colonialites working on this important project to keep the memories and history of Colonial Club alive!



## Host your next event at Colonial Club!

*Colonial Club offers a classy, unique venue for your upcoming corporate or social events. Reach out to our Club Manager, Kathleen, for menus and event planning assistance, [manager@colonialclub.com](mailto:manager@colonialclub.com)*





## 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 and Donations

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 continue and increase membership. Please make your unrestricted gift today!

You can donate a tax-deductible gift to the 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!

## Reunions 2014

Friday, 5/30 - Sunday, 6/1

"GOING BACK...GOING BACK...  
GOING BACK TO...  
COLONIAL CLUB!"

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT COLONIAL

Friday, May 30th

10:00 pm - 3:00 am  
TAP ROOM IS OPEN

Saturday, May 31st

10:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Milk Punch Brunch ...you know you love it!

2:00 pm  
P-Rade

3:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
Smokin' BBQ Feast...After the P-Rade

10:00 pm - 3:00 am  
TAP ROOM IS OPEN

Sunday, June 1st

10:00am - 12:30pm  
Homeward Bound Brunch Buffet.

## Job Board

Colonial Club offers a job board to our members to help secure internships and career opportunities. Please contact our Club Manager, Kathleen Galante, [manager@colonialclub.com](mailto:manager@colonialclub.com), to add your company and available positions to our ongoing Job Board.





## Share Your Experience!

Join our LinkedIn group to offer career and networking advice to Colonial Undergraduates:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=7423124>



## Stay Connected!

Be sure to update your contact information at [www.colonialclub.com](http://www.colonialclub.com) so that you may continue to receive news from the club. Keep us updated on your life and we may post it in the next newsletter! Send your life news and celebrations to [manager@colonialclub.com](mailto:manager@colonialclub.com).



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