July 2021



THE SUTTER CLUB SERVING IT'S MEMBERS, GUESTS AND FAMILIES, SINCE 1889

Family Focus this Summer

This summer, The Sutter Club is focused on providing opportunities for your families to get together.

Our Farm-Fresh Family Wednesday Dinners will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 5:30pm – 7pm and will include a three-course menu created by Chef Ryan featuring seasonal, local produce, and a separate kids' menu. July 14th is our first Wednesday dinner back after our July closure, and we are celebrating by having a shaved ice truck and showing a movie after dinner. Bring the entire family for dinner, movie, and shaved ice!

Here is a round-up of the upcoming Club events, in which your entire family is encouraged to join:



Family Day at the Sacramento Zoo

Start off Sunday, July 25th, at The Sutter Club for breakfast (\$19 adults, \$11 children) and then head to the Sacramento Zoo for a taste of the wild. You'll have until 5pm to explore the zoo at your own pace. Visit giraffes, lions, leopards, lemurs, and all

the rest of the animal crew at the 14-acre property right here in Sacramento. Separate tickets are available to attend one of the twice-daily scheduled Giraffe Encounters at either 10 am or 2 pm. Don't miss a great opportunity to explore this local attraction!



Family Bingo Night

Come to our annual night of B-I-N-G-O to see if you can come home with some fun prizes (or just the fun of playing). Kids can win electronics or gift cards, and the adults may end up going home with some prizes from The Sutter Club wine cellar. Don't

miss this Sutter Club tradition with dinner and games for the entire family.



Wild Things

September brings a new school year, but also a chance for your family to see some wild animals up-close and personal while the adults enjoy cocktails. Children can sit close to the animals while they learn about their history, habitat, behaviors, and anything

else they can think to ask the animal handlers about. Dinner will be served after the show so you can talk about your favorite animals.

PRESIDENT'S **MESSAGE**

By Chris Holben



With California now fully reopened and Independence Day just passed us, I hope all of you are in

a celebratory and optimistic frame of mind. If you have spent time at the Club recently, you have felt the mood shift as we return to a level of normalcy that we have not experienced since early 2020.

As I write this note, the Board is preparing for its annual retreat to be held on June 24th and 25th at the Pacific-Union Club in San Francisco. Traditionally, the Board holds its retreat at California city or country clubs to provide comparisons and offer inspirations for the operations, amenities and services of The Sutter Club.

During the retreat we will learn from the general managers of the Pacific-Union and Olympic Clubs, hold our monthly Board meeting, discuss the Club's master planning process, obtain insights and recommendations from past Sutter Club presidents and finalize and adopt a 5-year strategic plan for the Club. As I mentioned previously, the plan will address five pillars of organizational performance and success includ-



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"The Sutter Club provides a sophisticated, inviting gathering place for Members, their families and guests to enjoy camaraderie, honored traditions, fine cuisine and unrivaled service."

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ing Brand Position and Marketing, Recruitment and Retention, Operational Effectiveness and Flexibility, Sustainable Financial Modeling and Effective and Agile Governance. My thanks to all Members who participated in strategic planning focus groups or provided guidance and recommendations as the Board moved through this process. I also extend a special thank you to past president Anthony Van Ruiten whose leadership and vision jump-started the strategic planning process last year.

As the summer season progresses, you will also see major improvements to the Club. A rooftop tent has been purchased and installed to provide permanent seasonal dining and event opportunities for you and your guests. New chairs will arrive this summer from Spain to provide cushioned comfort in all dining and meeting spaces in the Club – as we all know, this upgrade is long overdue. The Governors Room will be converted to a formal dining space – more details to be provided next month. And, most exciting to me, and perhaps many of you, is the re-opening of the Game Room in the basement – expect this to be completed by early fall.

Importantly, these upgrades, along with the recent carpet installation, have, or will be, completed within budget and in spite of the disruptions caused by the Pandemic. This, along with the continued accelerated pay-down of the kitchen loan, speaks to the fiscal discipline and stewardship of the Board on behalf of all Club Members. As we look toward adoption of a Club Master Plan and future improvements to our building infrastructure, and event, dining and meeting spaces, the same level of fiduciary responsibility and full transparency will be the guiding force for this and future Boards.

Enjoy your summer and please take advantage of Club dining, event and meeting opportunities. This is your club, and its success depends upon your engagement and use of all it has to offer. Let the Roaring 20's begin!

Membership Milestones in July

10 years ≈ Since July 2011 Phil. D Oates

5 years ≈ Since July 2016

Eddie Bernacchi Kevin Reikes

Mark Ellinghouse Daniel Weitzman

Joshua Hunt Mark Wiese

3 years ≈ Since July 2018

Nancy Fisher Cheri Simmons

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Eric Solis

Kristi Foy Eric Solis

Katherine Bardis-Miry

1 year ≈ Since July 2020

Dennis Albiani Shelley Laurel

This Month at The Sutter Club



Farm-Fresh Family Wednesday Dinners

\$29 per person, ages 13 and up, \$15 per child 5-12 yrs. Come with your family and enjoy a three-course menu created by Chef Ryan featuring seasonal, local produce at a great price and a beautiful setting. July 14th, 5:30 – 7pm • July 28th, 5:30 – 7pm

Friday Night Dinners

Items are a la carte, with unique menus posted on our Club Calendar each week so you can find out which night suits you best. Come start your weekend with us on the Rooftop each Friday starting at 5:30 pm.

July 16th, 5:30 – 7pm - Havana Heat! July 23rd, 5:30 – 7pm • July 30th, 5:30 – 7pm





Family Day at the Zoo

Sunday, July 25 | Start 9 – 10am

Start your day at the Club with a deliciously filling brunch before heading to the Sacramento Zoo for a scheduled show at the zoo's pavilion then self-guided wildlife adventures throughout the zoo's 14 acres. The new cheetah exhibit, home to four-year-old brothers Rowdy and Zigzag, will have you roaring with delight.

The timeline is organized with group activity at the beginning of the day so you can depart the zoo on your own schedule once your little ones have had enough adventure for the day. Check the Club calendar for more information. Register online or call (916) 596-6300.

Club Sutter on the Rooftop

Friday, July 30 | 6:30pm Cocktails and Food, 8pm Dancing

Event Chairs: Jacqueline Gage & Frank Udvarhely III

Say goodbye to self-isolating and hello to a Club Sutter dance party featuring music from the 70s, 80s, 90s and even some modern music on the rooftop under our new tent. Appetizer and small bites will be available for your dancing breaks.



\$35 per person. Guests welcome. Casual attire accepted, including nice jeans and shorts (no torn or frayed jeans; no cut-offs or cargo shorts allowed). Cancellation policy applies. Register online or call (916) 596-6300.

Empowering Survivors, Saving Lives

By Frank Udvarhely III

As a long-time board member, I am proud to introduce you to Stand Up Placer. We are a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to empowering Placer County survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking to heal from the trauma and create new lives of strength and self-sufficiency. We take pride in our community, engaging and inspiring area residents to end the legacy of abuse.

Here are just a few of the services we offer:

- Safety
- Gender-inclusive, pet friendly emergency shelter
- Transitional housing
- Emergency food, clothing, and transportation
- Legal assistance
- Advocacy and accompaniment
- Peer counseling and clinical therapy
- Educational workshops and classes
- Age-appropriate children's services

Stand Up Placer firmly believes that everyone deserves to live a life free from violence. Everyone--regardless of age, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. We are committed to providing trauma-informed, diverse, and culturally responsive services to all survivors.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking, Stand Up Placer is here to help. Contact our 24-hour helpline at 800 575-5352.

Stand Up Placer is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) (Tax ID 94-2578871)



August Events:

Virtual Wine Tasting featuring Honig Vineyard & Winery

Thursday, August 5

6 p.m. via Zoom Link

Event Co-Chairs: Neal Smith and Ryan Hooper

Time for a wine picnic! Pick up a wine tasting kit and cheese board from the Club and get your friends together for a virtual tasting hosted by an

expert from Honig Vineyard & Winery. Don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity for Sutter Club members.



Family Bingo Night

Sunday, August 22

5 p.m., Dinner, 6 p.m. BINGO games begin

B-I-N-G-O! This favorite family events returns, for the young and young at heart, and with fabulous,

age-appropriate prizes including gift cards, toys and electronics for kids and selections from the Club cellar for of-age winners.



Symphony Under the Stars

Saturday, August 28

6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner, 8:30 p.m. showtime

The Camellia Symphony Orchestra returns to the Club for a night of award-winning music and an unmatched atmosphere. Conducted by Maestro Christian Baldini, the event will mark the 56th season of the group and its mentoring of young musical talent. The performance will begin on the rooftop (theater-style seating) at sunset after dinner.

Following the performance, Members and guests will have an opportunity to meet the conductor and musicians.



Sutter Club Member Chuck Halnan's Side Job is Monumental

By Ed Goldman

Since the early 1980s, Chuck Halnan has had a side job that's absolutely monumental.

Chuck -- a longtime Member of The Sutter Club who helps arrange many of our theater trips and other entertainments – is a retired lobbyist for Amazon and other major corporate players. In 1984, he founded a company that came to be called U.S. Monuments Plus. He serves as the middleman when companies, universities, governments and nonprofits want to create a statue or other testimonial to honor everything from fallen soldiers to iconic symbols – in the latter case, the famed UCLA Bruin, which the Huffington Post has called one of the country's most beloved mascots, and the UC Irvine Anteater, also popular but not up there with that golden bear, which was Chuck's first commission more than 35 years ago.

"It was dedicated by the late Tom Bradley, a graduate of UCLA and, not incidentally, the mayor of Los Angeles at the time," Chuck says., "I'm still very proud of that one."

When an individual or organization wants to create a lasting, three-dimensional tribute or symbol, Chuck meets with them to set a budget, learn whatever "back stories" will inform the creation, then hires a designer, fabricator and, ultimately, moving crew to crate and deliver the finished product.

While Chuck claims to not be an artist, his intense involvement with his clients' projects over the years has made him an acknowledged expert on materials and existing monuments.

In the past couple of years, when I wrote about him for my daily column in the Sacramento Business Journal and for a feature story in Sacramento Magazine, the best part for me was that Chuck took me on a tour of Capitol Park and pointed out the statues = created with purpose and reverence for their subjects, and those that he said were



Chuck Halnan, Sutter Club Member

"kind of slapped together using existing heads and bodies the sculptor had on hand." You'll have to ask him for those specifics; I was sworn to semi-secrecy because, as he said, "I don't like to mock other people's work. But I sure don't ever deliver anything shabby. It just insults people's memories and taste."

Chuck turned 65 last month and has been using retirement and a wanderlust shared by his partner of 25 years, Dorothy "Dot" Rothrock -- who also recently retired, as president of the California Manufacturers and Technology Association – to crisscross the country, hiking trails along the way both famous and obscure. They document their adventures on online posts that comprise a gratifying travelogue, especially during the COVID-19 shutdown, for the reluctantly house-bound and eternally curious.

As for creating new monuments, Chuck says that just before COVID, "I had about 30 potential projects in various stages of discussion or approval. I have a beautiful one now that honors a fallen undercover law enforcement person in the North Bay Area, someone who gave his life in the line of duty in 1973. I think that'll be delivered relatively soon, and I'm going to trade shows to talk about the work and meet people."

You can check out Chuck's work at his website, <u>usmonumentsplus.com</u>. It represents a tribute to others – and to his own abundant humanity.

Cars and Coffee on the Rooftop

Saturday, October 9, 2021 | 9am – 11am | \$10 per person Event Co-Chairs Patrick Graffis and Frank Udvarhely III

Members start polishing that car to get it ready for the Annual Sutter Club Cars and Coffee event on the Rooftop of the Sutter Club garage, Saturday, October 9th. If you have a "sweet ride", if you have an "angry ride", if it's shiny, matte, loud, fast or slow car we want to see it. Get ready to expose that car to the public.

This year's event will include the extremely coveted awards that will be voted on by the attendees including, but not limited to, best of show, worst of show, and best jury bribes.

To participate, please contact Jackie Young at the Sutter Club and we will provide further details. As in the past we will be contacting other auto collectors, aside from members, so please let us know if you have interest in being a part of this special club event. Casual attire permitted, including nice jeans and shorts (no torn, frayed jeans; no cut-offs or cargo shorts). Cancellation policy applies. Register online or call 916-596-6300.



Website and Mobile App

We are continually making improvements to the Sutter Club website and mobile application including up-to-date menus and event details. Have you logged in lately or downloaded the app? Here are some instructions to get you started:

Our website:

www.SutterClub.org

If you need assistance resetting your login credentials, please email <u>concierge@sutterclub.org</u> and Elyse can help you.



Downloading the Mobile App:

The Sutter Club app makes it easy for you to view the Club calendar and register for events, access the Member directory, receive push notifications, access statements, make payments and more.

Logging in to Clubessential App:

If you have an iPhone, search "clubessential" in the Apple App Store and download the app.

If you have an Android device, search "clubessential" in the Google Play Store and download the app.

Enter the following Club ID on the sign-in screen: "sutterclub" exactly in that format but without the quote marks. Then, use the same Username and Password that you use to log in to the full Club website.

After you open the app, we recommend you allow for push notifications and location services so that you may receive important communications from the Club.

New Members, Welcome

Edward J. Wright, Jr.



Sponsors: Jeffrey Setzer and Christopher Taylor

Edward Wright has been practicing law with Martensen Wright PC for fourteen years, and attended UC Berkeley and University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. He

was born and raised in the culinary wonderland that is Sacramento, and has a keen interest in wine-making, with his own vineyard in Amador County.

His civic interests include the Children's Theater of Sacramento and the Rotary Club Sacramento (Downtown Chapter). A longtime Sacramento resident, he has seen the transformation of the downtown restaurant scene blossom and remains a supporter of local cuisine. He enjoys history and literature and goes golfing and cycling as often as possible.

Marie Mitchell



Sponsors: Judge Brian R. Van Camp and Claudia Cummings

Marie Mitchell is the owner and President of CII Tech, Inc and has almost 30 years of design experience in the architectural hot spot of San Francisco. After graduating from Western

Design Institute in San Francisco in 1982, she worked independently before founding her current company.

She is currently the Vice President of the Folsom Lake Symphony Board of Directors and is active in the music and preforming arts community locally. She loves being involved in fundraising and politics and is a member of the Serrano Country Club. Marie is described by fellow members as someone who is generous in both her community and with her free time. She is looking forward to attending events and dinners as a member after getting to know The Club as a guest the past few years.



From the Desk of the General Manager Tom Narozonick, CCM



Dear Members,

Our adjustments continue after this most challenging year, this time in a much more positive manner. Now it's time to ramp *up*.

We welcome Amitesh Diyal to the position of Sommelier as one of our first steps towards a more refined and appealing member experience. We have two more important positions - Commu-

nications Director and Catering and Events Director - to fill to be ready for the renewed interest in the Club, dining and events of every kind. The enthusiasm *for being social* again has just started and we will continue to build on this 'renewal'. Bottom line for us, it is simply great to have Members back enjoying your Club and we want it to be even better than you remembered.

At the end of June, we will be installing our rooftop tent for more dining and event activities for the summer and into the Fall. With our annual scheduled closure from July 5 to 9 for a number of projects, you can expect for us to be back up on the rooftop for dinner the week of July 12th.

During that week in July we will be resurfacing the floors in the Library and Card rooms. With the help of our friends at the Crocker Museum, we will also be moving a number of our California themed paintings to the California Room, apropos to our beautiful ballroom.

There are other smaller projects in the works to provide more entertaining and dining options for you. We remain prudent with our expenditures to keep us on track to fulfill the published goal of retiring the kitchen loan. We are well on pace to do that and are excited about the potential of further improvements - large and small - once that is completed.

While summer is usually a slower time for the Club, we will continue to create more opportunities for some simple 'fun'. We can all use some of *that*.

In the meantime, we will continue to practice our safety measures with staff. Your support has been and remains very much appreciated. Please be sure to let us know how we are doing and what you would like to see happen at your Club!

As always, we hope to see you soon.

FIGHT NIGHT IS BACK!
Friday, October 1, 2021



PANNER PATTER



Simmer in the City

By Ed Goldman

July in Sacramento in a drought could be worse. We could instead be spending the month in Death Valley in a drought. Or Fallujah, Iraq. Or Phoenix, Arizona.

With the exceptions of catastrophic illness, genuine suffering or death itself (which a friend of mine calls "the ultimate inconvenience") here are 10 other things that could be worse:

- 1. Finding out that someone took and rang up \$450,000 in charges on your credit cards -- and you happen to be married to that someone.
- 2. At your 4th of July block party, you noticed as several strangers with the acronym "FBI" emblazoned on the back of their windbreakers intensely examined your next-door neighbor's fireworks.
- 3. The uneasy feeling this gives you doesn't abate when that next-door neighbor took you aside and said he needed to run out for a few minutes to get more sodas, asking to borrow your car, passport and \$30,000.
- 4. Your accountant calls you to remind you that the fiscal year began on July 1 for the nonprofit organization you head. And you have to explain that your organization wasn't intended to be a nonprofit.
- 5. Just as you were getting excited about going back to movie theaters, you find out there really is a film sequel due out this summer called "The Hitman's Bodyguard's Wife" and you get the sinking feeling that this will soon be followed by "The Hitman's Bodyguard's Wife's Extended Family and the Gang from Accounting."
- 6. Your grown kids and their own kids ask to spend their summer vacation at your second home. You're only too glad to comply until you remember you don't own a second home.
- 7. Once the family arrives, you surprise yourself by adjusting to the noise and chaos -- even the nightly sing-alongs around the backyard firepit. Then you remember your backyard has never had a firepit.
- 8. You draft an extensive summer reading list for yourself and find out all of the books are available only in electronic form. So you buy a Kindle and cause not only a small fire in your den but also numerous glass cuts on your fingers when you try to dog-ear one of the pages as a book marker.
- 9. You good-naturedly give \$10 to a guy standing at a freeway off-ramp and as you drive away and look in your rear-view mirror as he waves his thanks, you realize it was just a guy crossing the street.
- 10. At a backyard summer soiree, you give the young valet \$20 to park your car. Then, when you compliment your host for having brought in a valet service for the soiree, he tells you he did no such thing.

Wine Corner

First and foremost, thank you all so much for the warm welcome to the Club! One of my hopes for you and me is to develop a relationship of trust and as we do so, I'd love to introduce you to some wines that are few and far between but well worth your attention. As such, I'm excited to present Railsback Frères. It began as a rosé project in 2015 by brothers Lyle and Eric Railsback. Lyle did National Sales for legendary French importer Kermit Lynch for twelve years! Eric founded Lieu Dit Wines in Santa Barbara and also owns Verve Wine in NYC and San Francisco. The brothers have partnered with Presqu'ile Winery in Santa Maria where they make their wines. All wines go through native yeast fermentation. As you'll soon experience, the wines are absolutely delightful! From the Vermentinu, laced with white flowers and pink grapefruit, to the Comme Vous Voulez "Like You Want" Rouge, riddled with chewy tannins and notes of blueberry and bacon, you are sure to fall in love with this winery! My personal favorite is going to be the Le Carignan, featuring a light body and notes of plum, cranberry, and sandalwood! See you in the Grill soon!

Tesh Diyal Sommelier





In Memoriam



We are saddened to report the recent passing of a Member of The Sutter Club.

Mr. Horace B. Wulff – Member of The Sutter Club since 2008.



COMING EVENTS

JULY

Fri 2 Friday Dinner

4-11 Club Closed for Independence Day

Wed 14 Farm-Fresh Family Wednesday Dinner

Fri 16 Friday Dinner - Havana Heat!

Fri 23 Friday Dinner

Sun 25 Family Day at the Sacramento Zoo

Wed 28 Farm-Fresh Family Wednesday Dinner

Fri 30 Club Sutter on the Rooftop

Fri 30 Friday Dinner

AUGUST

Thu 5 First Thurs. Virtual Wine Tasting— Honig Vineyard and Winery

Fri 6 Friday Dinner

Wed 11 Farm-Fresh Family Wednesday Dinner

Fri 13 Friday Dinner

Thu 19 Ad Vivum Wine Dinner

Fri 20 Friday Dinner Sun 22 Family BINGO!

Wed 25 Farm-Fresh Family Wednesday Dinner

Thu 26 Poker Night Fri 27 Friday Dinner

Sat 28 Symphony Under the Stars

SEPTEMBER

Fri 3 Friday Dinner

Mon 6 Club Closed in observance of Labor Day

Wed 8 Farm-Fresh Family Wednesday Dinner

Thu 9 Whiskey/Smoker Dinner

Fri 10 Ladies Night on the Rooftop

Fri 10 Friday Dinner

Tue 14 Speaker Lunch – Anne Marie Schubert

Thu 16 Members-Only Lobster Dinner

Fri 17 Friday Dinner

Wed 22 Farm-Fresh Family Wednesday Dinner

Fri 24 Friday Dinner

Sat 25 Community Service Event

Sun 26 Family Night with Wild Things

Thu 30 Macauley Wine Dinner

The Club will be closed July 5-9 for Independence Day and Club Clean-Up



"It may be the 4th of July for you—but my in-laws went home June 28th. Now, that's Independence Day."