

Princeton Terrace Club

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER * FALL 2013

Dear Fellow Terrans,

Your favorite Princeton eating club currently enjoys what is believed to be our largest contingent of students ever with 230 full-time members (120 juniors and 110 seniors) and another 13 social members on campus this fall semester. Our high popularity is due to many factors: the most dynamic music entertainment program by far of any eating club, our diverse membership and welcoming environment, excellent food, an extra meal on Sunday through Wednesday evenings, interesting and varied members-only events, a pleasant and very capable staff, and exceptionally talented, enthusiastic students. A sampling of recent activities at the Club includes regular visits by therapy dogs, hosting the Princeton Equality Project and an interclub Community Service Dinner, and yoga sessions on Saturday mornings.

During this past summer, a long list of projects was completed, including, but not limited to, reconstruction of the kitchen loading dock, construction of a new Club Manager's office and an undergraduate officer storage room in place of the old Computer Room, creation of a passageway wall along one side of the Green Room, extensive repairs to the roof, staining of wooden walls and floors, upgrading of cabinetry in the kitchen server, and planting of low-lying shrubbery along the sloped front of the property. Collectively, these projects were done well under budget and have engendered many positive remarks by students and alumni alike.



Although the clubhouse and grounds look better now than they have in a long time, substantial renovations and some modest expansion to our aged building are necessary in order to sustain it and the Club's large membership. The long-term capital fundraising campaign that is being planned is intended to address such critical need. A return envelope is enclosed if you are inclined to contribute to Terrace Club at this time.

On a separate note, I'm pleased to report that the Club has been memorialized in rock and roll history. Dead Head Night, our outdoor concert at Reunions 2012, brought together legendary Grateful Dead bassist Phil Lesh, his two sons (including Brian Lesh '12, a Terran who graduated a few days later), and famed fusion guitarist Stanley Jordan '81 (also a Terran), whose amazing performance that night can be heard online at princetonterraceclub.org. A Dead Head Night T-shirt and poster were recently put on display at the Grateful Dead Archive in the McHenry Library at the University of California Santa Cruz, where they will remain in perpetuity.

Please be sure to stop by Terrace whenever you visit Princeton for any reason. As long as school is in session, you can enjoy a delicious complimentary meal for yourself and guest(s), and meet our terrific students and staff.

Sandy Harrison '74
Chairman, Board of Governors

Save the Date!

Third annual *Terrace Night* at the Princeton Club of New York:

Wednesday, April 23, 2014: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Meet and greet fellow Terrans of all ages!

62 Washington Road, Princeton NJ 08540
www.princetonterraceclub.org

State of the Club

Introducing Rick Daniels, Head Chef

Hello Terrans!

Now that Steve Krebs has moved into the role of Club Manager, I am excited and honored to take on the responsibilities of Head Chef. I hope to continue improving the food coming out of the Terrace kitchen and making sure it is as fresh and delicious as it has ever been.

In 1992, I began my culinary career by earning a degree from the Florida Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach, Florida. As a young chef, however, I still had much to learn. After an internship at the Breaker's Hotel on Palm Beach, I began work as a trainer for Brinker International, the parent company of Macaroni Grill, Chili's, and On the Border. Although this job may not have been the most glamorous, it was there that I learned many of the key skills needed to run a successful kitchen.

Next, I returned back to more serious culinary pursuits by becoming Sous Chef for the historical Belleview Biltmore Hotel in Belleair, Florida. At the same time, I became an active member of the American Culinary Federation. Soon after, I was hired as the Executive Banquet Chef of the luxury yacht *Starship* which sailed from Tampa Bay, Florida.



After my time with the *Starship*, I moved to the Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa as the Executive Chef. The Sanibel, in Fort Myers, Florida, is a Conde Nast Top Ten Hotel and pushed me to learn quickly. It was here that I learned how to construct the seven course dinners and wine pairings that are expected for their fine dining restaurant, Courtside.

After several years at the Sanibel, I opened Rocco DiSpirito and Jeffery Chodorow's China Grill & Kobe Club as Head Chef and cooked for regulars such as Kobe Bryant, Diana Ross, and Gloria Estefan. Later, I also worked at Devito's as Executive Sous Chef where I worked alongside celebrity chefs such as Jayme Oliver, Mario Batali, and Guy Fieri.

I now live in Lawrence Township with my fiancé Helene. In addition to my work at Terrace, I also work part-time as a culinary instructor. I'm looking forward to my new life here in NJ, and many years of prosperity in the Terrace kitchen.

Culinary Regards,
Rick

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In Memoriam

Clifford I. Nass '81, a Terrace Club alumnus who majored in math at Princeton and later became a well-known Stanford professor of communications, died of a heart attack near Lake Tahoe on November 2nd. Dr. Nass pioneered research into how fast-paced modern technology counteracts the ability of people to effectively concentrate or even feel empathy. In 2009, his highly-publicized findings concluded that "multi-taskers are terrible at ignoring irrelevant information, keeping information in their heads neatly organized, and switching from one task to another". This phenomenon leads to concerns that rampant multi-tasking may be creating people who are unable to think clearly.



A Note from Alex Daifotis '14, Alumni Relations Chair

Fellow Terrans, It is my pleasure both to formally address you for the first time, and to report that the clubhouse is as awesome as ever. As you know, Steve Krebs and Rick Daniels have taken up the roles of Club Manager and Head Chef, respectively, and their hard work and talent are visible throughout the club. I often hear members commenting on the improvements in nearly every room. For instance, just this summer we refurbished the tap system and sound setup downstairs. The Terrace kitchen has been producing what I think is now unquestionably the best food on the street. Every time I walk through the kitchen, Chef Rick is not only personally investing himself in making every meal unique, but also making sure that in typical Terrace fashion we also have the most sustainable, organic, and vegan accommodating food as well.

Aside from these happenings, you can tell that the active membership is as strong as ever by noting the changes that are coming from students. Fourth Course Chair Rachel Alter has been spearheading this uniquely Terrace event and making sure members have a place to refuel as well as relax during work nights. Music Chair Phil McNeal has been filling the club with the funkiest funk, hardest hitting EDM, and most melodic rock as well. Terrace, as always, is the preeminent music venue, and in my four years at



Princeton I've never seen the Club so consistently packed on Thursday and Saturday nights. Farhan Abrol and I, in the role of Beer Chairs, have also brought the tradition of Fine Beer Night to the Club every Wednesday. We have been working hard all semester to supply members with quality, small batch brews that are often only found on tap and at specific bars, supporting our local NJ and PA breweries in the process. As should be expected then, Terrace is supplying Princeton with the best food and drink, as well as the most excellent music, but more important than all this, is that Terrace is still the place, as it has always been, with the most love.

It is this last thing that is most important to me, and to the membership as well. When I was a sophomore trying to figure out what to do about eating clubs, I found myself disillusioned with bicker and frustrated by the staidness of Princeton. However, Terrace offered a place with not just passionate and talented peers, but people who actually welcomed you into the community rather than closing themselves off with cliques. So while Terrace changes, both in people and substance, after talking to alumni I still think the fundamental nature of the club is unchanged—passionate, diverse, caring, and always unafraid to just be itself. Come visit anytime and see this for yourselves.

Food = Love, Alex



Brooklyn, NY band Grooms performed at Terrace this fall. More details on concerts, including a selected audio archive, are at princetonterraceclub.org.

Terrace Class of 2013



Belated but no less heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2013, an extraordinary bunch. Hope to see you back at the Club soon ... don't be strangers!

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