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Our hours of operation are:

Monday: 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Chef Zachary Szabo, Chris Colley, Zachary Hoffman.

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ear Fellow Members,

As you read this letter, we hope you and your loved ones are Heathy and Safe.

We are excited about the outcome of the November Elections! Although we will miss the many Members of Congress who have chosen to retire, we are looking forward to getting to know all the new Members. As you meet the new Members of Congress, please encourage them to join the National Democratic Club.

The Club continues to grow in membership and we continue to make improvements for member experience. As the season changes, so does the menu. Club Manager Zac Hoffman & Executive Chef Zach Szabo have created a fresh new set of inspired dishes that are sure to elevate your day.

After hearing requests from many members, we decided to make breakfast available

Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. when Congress is in session. Please come in and support your Club for its continued success. The NDC is in the process of creating a great new al fresca dining experience outside on the sidewalk, having ordered new furniture. Look for this to open early in the spring.

You will also notice the return of entertainment at the Club! Check out the calendar as you walk into the dining room, or navigate over to the Member Portal on the Club website. We welcome your suggestions for what and who you would like to see as we get deeper into the spring and summer months, as well as hearing ALL of your comments and suggestions so we can continue to improve your experience here at The National Democratic Club.



All the Best,

Stephen J. Dodd, President

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Letter from the General Manager

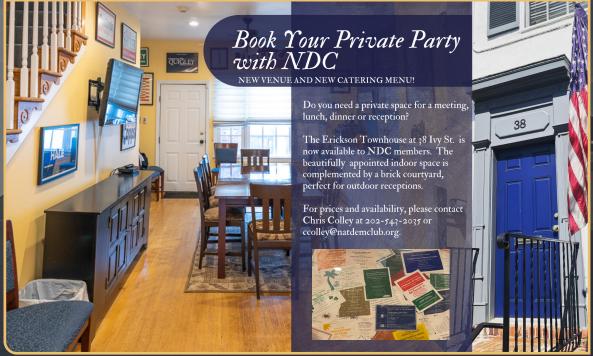
It has been an exciting winter here at the NDC! Club renovations continue with more updated equipment in the kitchen and new paint and furniture in the front hall. We have also had our Presidential and political portraits reframed and displayed throughout the Club. We are also planning on new outdoor furniture and a new storage shed for the back this spring.

After several member requests, we instituted Breakfast service at the end of February. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday through Friday whenever Congress is in session. This provides a quiet space for Club members to have breakfast and meetings. Reservations are encouraged so that we may be best prepared to serve you. The dining room will also be open for private events starting at 7:30 a.m.

If you are looking for a private space for your meeting, meal, or reception, please note that the Erickson Townhouse, located conveniently right next door at 38 Ivy St., is available by reservation. The Townhouse is outfitted with historic political memoribelia and also includes a back patio that is great for outdoor events as the weather gets warmer. Please contact me to book this space at 202-543-2035 or by emailing me: ccolley@natdemclub.org.



Sincerely, Chris Colley General Manager



Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the National Democratic Club? Please contact Chris Colley at 202-543-2035, ccolley@natdemclub.org for information.

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Tuesday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Monday - Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.





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If you need assistance with making a Dining Room reservation, please contact our Hosts, Boris & Jessica, at 202-543-2035, maitred@natdemclub.org.



Spring/Summer Club Dates to Note More information at www.natdemclub.org

APRIL: MON · 10TH

Club Closed Easter Break

MAY: MON · 29TH

Club Closed Memorial Day

JULY: TUES • 4TH

Club Closed **Independence Day** SEPT: MON · 18TH

45TH Annual Golf **Tournament**

See Pg. 8 for details.







ver the last year, NDC has started building a world-class wine list for our members. In late 2021, the Club held a small and unremarkable collection of wines that failed to live up to the expectations and stature of our historic institution. Many will have noticed upon our return from the winter recess in January 2022 that the wines offered by the glass have been expanded and the quality therein has exponentially improved. It was an important first step in our journey to begin offering top quality wines from around the world and focusing on expressions that showcase quality and value.

A notable addition to our list due in part to how popular it has become at the Club is the Thibaut-Janisson Blanc de Chardonnay from the Monticello District of Virginia. It is an exciting brut sparkling wine produced by a pair of brothers hailing from Champagne, France who fell in love with the rolling hills of Virginia and quite literally put down roots.

This wine has not only captivated members but has been used as a shining example of domestic wine production, even being featured at White House State Dinners, once under President Obama and again with President Biden. Any opportunity to appreciate the wines that speak to this new era of American winemaking we find ourselves in is a special thing, it is something we are focusing our

attention on with every addition to our list.

After the initial push to expand the by-the-glass offerings, NDC has continued to build a robust and comprehensive wine list from the ground up. We have worked with a new crop of distributors, sought direct input from members, and slowly put together the list we have today.

The collection has grown from 10-15 labels to well over 120, representing more than 50+ wine growing regions worldwide. Through our new relationships we have even been able to secure allocations of sought-after wines that are very rarely offered for sale to the public, such as Chateau Latour, RDV Vineyards, and select Stag's Leap Wine Cellars products.

It can take years to collect and catalogue a truly spectacular list, and often the limiting factor is proper storage to house our wares, however NDC is without a doubt on the right path and will continue to develop our offering for years to come. We encourage everyone to ask for a wine list the next time you dine with us or inquire with a staff member to browse our offerings.

Thus far we have only recapped the progress of the Club, and now we are happy to announce a new service for members moving forward. Beginning April 1st, we are launching the **NDC Monthly Wine Club**. This exciting subscription will allow members to build their own wine collection with a curated selection each month accompanied with tasting notes. Each month we will dive deep into a specific style or region with 3 hand-picked bottles.

Whether you are looking to build a respectable home cellar or share with friends and family, our hope is to provide members with some incredible wines every month. We are so thrilled to share this new Club offering with you. Members can contact Zac Hoffman for more information or visit **bit.ly/NDCWineClub** to sign up. The subscription will cost \$100 a month, plus all applicable taxes, and is only available to active NDC members over the age of 21.

Best,

Zachary Hoffman Club Manager











A Message from the Kitchen

y philosophy on food was born from watching my father work long hours before coming home to cook for his family. I am the youngest of seven so he spent a lot of time in the kitchen! My father made sure of two things: that we ate well and that we ate as a family.

We have adopted this formula for our members here at NDC. In our eyes, you are family. It is the Club's mission to provide you the highest quality, globally-sourced ingredients at an approachable price point. We greatly appreciate your positive feedback and support.

New to the Club is our Breakfast service. We'll have a straightforward menu to start where you may expect all of the morning staples. Next, we'll develop our menu to serve a quintessential Washington, DC brunch here at the NDC. We are excited for this new offering and encourage you to come by, whether it be for a bite of breakfast or even just a cup of coffee. Service begins at 8:30 a.m. whenever Congress is in session.

Weekly Specials are our opportunity to give you a unique dining experience using exclusive ingredients and innovative techniques. For example, we source our A5 Wagyu from top prefectures in Japan and Carabinero shrimp from the Spanish sea. We procure these elusive ingredients to provide you a substantial and memorable fine dining experience. Come try these chef-prepared specials and enjoy the stories of the dish that accompany them!

Happy Hours & Seafood Towers- NDC has also premiered its Happy Hour bar menu which has many fun bites to explore. Keep your eyes peeled for our Colossal Seafood Towers making their way out of the kitchen and onto your table. This will be another exciting opportunity to indulge in caviar and other seafood favorites such as: fat baby oysters, Alaskan king crab, stone crab, king salmon, and more.

See you in the dining room!





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