

The Admiral’s Club Welcomes New Members



Don Mauro, Seth Johnston, Chris Bourne, Louis Granger, Eric Smith, Lance Thompson, Chris Atwell, Reagan Nash, Josh Galatzan, Lawson Brice, Chris Breckwoldt, John Price Jr.

By Molly Kendrick

The Admiral’s Club welcomed new members at their annual Spring Party on April 26. Admirals and their spouses sipped cocktails as they admired the view of the city from the top floor of a downtown high-rise.

The Admiral’s Club is one of Austin’s most exclusive clubs, and they limit their membership to around 350 members. Once joined, Admirals remain members for life. This club has been a part of Austin society since 1962, and is best known for their debutante ball. The Admiral’s Club took their name from the boat races that they held as part of a bygone annual event called Aqua Fest.

Mark Chandler, the club’s Chief of Naval Operations, welcomed the new members. These new members are joining a prestigious list — many prominent Austin men have joined the club over the years. As Chandler pointed out, “They’re names you see on buildings, names that are synonymous with Austin.” Now with three generations of members, Chandler says the club is “stronger than ever.”

Chandler also urged the new members to get involved. “The more you put into it, the more you can get out of it.” This is especially true for members who have daughters who want to participate in the debutante ball.

The Admiral’s Club debutante ball is well known in Austin’s high-society circuit, and it draws young women from all over the country. Chandler emphasizes that Admirals don’t just introduce the girls to Austin society, saying, “We introduce Austin to the girls.” Members are well equipped to help other member’s daughters find internships and make connections.

At the conclusion of his welcome, Chandler mentioned that since the club began, the Admiral’s have had a “reputation for putting on a good party,” encouraging guests to refill their highballs before sitting down to dinner.



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