



Columbian Club of Chicago

Founded 1939

In September, 1939, eight Italian-American businessmen founded the Columbian Commercial Club as a means of staving off the difficult times the Depression brought and creating an atmosphere of mutual support and goodwill. Today, the Columbian Club of Chicago is recognized as a prestigious organization of Italian-American business leaders limited to 100 active members representing virtually every business and profession.

Through the years, the Columbian Club and its members have flourished as they've helped meet the social and professional needs of their changing community. More than half a century later, the goals and objectives of the club still reflect the brotherhood and ideals of its founders. The Columbian Club continues to promote the adaptation and application of higher social, business and professional standards; provide a practical means to form endearing friendships, render humanitarian service and build a better community; and cooperate in creating and maintaining the high idealism which makes possible the propagation of justice, patriotism and goodwill.

You are now a member of this prestigious group and we welcome you and thank your sponsors for giving us the opportunity to vote on your membership.

With our membership come some obligations that you will recognize as time goes on to be the life blood of our future. First, we need your involvement. Throughout our calendar year we endeavor to meet every first Wednesday of the month for a Board Meeting. These meetings are open to the general membership so please try to make them often. On the last Wednesday of the month and some weekends we arrange to be together in a number of venues that bring the membership together along with spouses and friends. Take a look at our calendar and come to these events as often as you can.

As a new member, the best way to get started is to participate in one of our functions. Depending upon your time commitments we will assign you to be part of a committee for an event. This will also provide you with a great way to meet other members in the Club. Last, and most important, take the time to review the by laws which gives additional insight to your responsibilities to pay your dues timely.