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Bill Hudnut '54: Another Charter Alumnus in the Nation's Service

By Clifford L. Karchmer '68

Tributes like this to a Princeton alumnus typically begin with an honoree's unique contribution to public life. In that regard, William "Bill" Hudnut ('54) certainly fits the mold. He was unique, crafting his very own strategy for revitalizing an American city in an era ruefully recalled for widespread urban decline. As one of the few prominent alumni devoting their careers to the nation's *municipal* service, Hudnut made his mark as the innovative mayor of Indianapolis for four memorable terms, a total of 16 years.

Hudnut came to Princeton from the Darrow School where he was valedictorian. His record at Princeton carried all the signs pointing to at least three robust professional careers—Presbyterian minister, government official, and jointly public speaker, author, and professor. His wife Beverly recalls seeing his Princeton academic record which revealed in Bill's upper-class years only one grade below a 1-, and on that occasion, he received a 2+. Bill majored in History, graduating *magna cum laude* with election to Phi Beta Kappa. Returning for a major reunion, Bill insisted on showing Beverly a cherished Princeton venue—his Firestone Library carrel. After college he continued his Princeton academic record, graduating first in his class at Union Theological Seminary where he studied for the Presbyterian ministry and received an MDiv degree.

Though a standout academic, Hudnut was also the quintessential Princeton legacy—familial affiliations now span five generations. That is a lot of Princeton tradition to uphold. The Princeton patriarch was his grandfather, William H. Hudnut Sr. (1884), who graduated *with distinction*. Four generations of Princetonians followed—his father William Jr. (1927); Bill ('54) his brothers Bob ('56), David ('57),

Stewart ('61), and Tom ('69), as well as his cousins Hank ('49) and Herb ('53), his son William H. Hudnut, IV ('84), and grand nephew Adam Hudnut-Buemler ('17).

Among his salient contributions as Indianapolis' mayor:

To reconstitute Indianapolis as a major conference and tourist venue, Hudnut had to build an infrastructure. However, Indianapolis had none of the aesthetic, natural, or historical attributes of other tourist designation cities like Boston, Denver, or San Diego. Under his leadership, the City leveraged its central geographic location, commitment to fitness and health (especially with Eli Lilly headquartered locally), and proximity to academic institutions such as Purdue and Indiana University to amplify their sports programs. He built a new domed roof sports stadium as an expansion of the existing convention center. Without much prompting, he would admit that a strate-



William Hudnut '54

gic \$77.5 million stadium overhaul was expressly designed to lure a major sports team. More than once he recounted how Baltimore lost the Colts—not how he "won" by enticing them to move to Indianapolis. Between the time the new stadium was announced and BEFORE the Colts announced their shuttle to Indianapolis, the city booked millions of dollars in new convention business. Overall, Bill leveraged the then nascent domain of public-private partnerships to make Indianapolis a solid place to live, work, and raise a family.

As a public persona, he was never more than one outfit away from the consummate politician's truly common touch. Every bit a 6'5" larger-than-life figure, he dressed as a leprechaun for annual St. Patrick's Day parades. In the summer he would toss his business suit to run through the sprinkler

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Message from the President



Elizabeth E. Stanley '18
Undergraduate President

From the day I joined Charter, the people here have encouraged me to step outside of my shell whether it's by taking a swing at the piñata, singing just one more song at karaoke, running for an officer position, or making more amazing memories with amazing people. The friends I've made at Charter have helped me grow as a person to become more confident and outgoing,

and are what makes this club so special to me. Undoubtedly, the members are what make the Charter experience exceptional, and although we might lack in number this year, our members more than make up for it in enthusiasm and engagement.

I've been honored to serve as the Undergraduate President this past year, and have enjoyed collaborating with the Undergraduate Officers and the wonderful Graduate Board of Governors to ensure Charter continues to be a welcoming home on campus for our members. This year, we have focused on revitalizing our recruitment process, so that we can continue to increase the number of sophomores who join in the spring. One notable initiative was our "Humans of Charter" Facebook campaign, during which we featured pictures of members in their favorite room in the club and a caption describing why they loved their Charter experience on the Charter Club Facebook page. This campaign was well-received by sophomores, who appreciated the opportunity to gain insight into club life.

Although the size of the membership was below average this year, it only served to bring us all closer together. The social calendar from the past year is characterized by many successful new events that originated from the creativity of our members, including competition-based cocktail nights that split the members up into teams to participate in relay races and other fun games. These events are fun ways for all members to get involved and get to know each other, and have been a highlight of the year. As my term draws to a close, I look forward to seeing the directions in which the juniors guide Charter, welcoming a class of new sophomores to the club, and, ultimately, joining the ranks of Charter's alumni. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do to make Charter a wonderful experience for our members. ❖

Message from the Chairman

The year 2017 has been one of opportunity and challenge for Charter Club. The sign-in process that took place in the winter yielded better results than we experienced in 2016. I give the members, both juniors and seniors, enormous credit for making recruitment a priority every day of the year. As the transition in leadership progressed, the members of the Board of Governors were gratified by the efforts of both sets of officers. Membership is a high priority at every Board meeting, and I hope that this will remain a part of our culture.

Nonetheless, Charter's total membership remains low compared to that of recent years. This puts tremendous pressure on the budget, which must be watched very closely. Steve, the staff and the officers must find ways of reducing costs without sacrificing the wonderful quality of meals and social activities. Up to now, they have achieved a remarkable balance of priorities, but accomplishing this has required deficit spending. Obviously, this cannot continue indefinitely. I urge you to look at the *Message from Our Treasurer* presented on page 4 in this report. Because alumni support is critical to Charter Club's financial health, I hope you will remember Charter Club in your giving plans.

On another note, I am pleased to report that relations among the clubs are in excellent shape. Last year, I reported that most of the clubs had created a limited liability company for purchasing insurance for the clubs and that we have experienced meaningful savings. All the clubs are now participating in this program. This year, we have attempted to find other areas where we can work together, which has recently culminated in our signing on to a Statement of Principles relating to student conduct. Consistent with the clubs' rationale in creating the LLC to jointly purchase insurance, our hope with the Statement of Principles is to present a common risk profile to the insurers. Importantly, the clubs did not adopt a common code of conduct. Charter Club believes that it should have its own code tailored to the Club's culture. Several other clubs were of like mind. The level of cooperation among the clubs has been gratifying. In our dealings with the University, all the clubs, even the selective clubs, have advocated policies that will strengthen all the clubs.

I hope you had the opportunity to attend Reunions this past June. We had a large crowd with wonderful food and drink provided by Steve Moskow and his superb staff. For as long as I can remember, Charter's reception has offered a wonderful respite between the P-Rade and the evening parties.

I hope also that I will see many of you at the Yale Game this Saturday, November 11th. As in past years, Charter hosted a reception for alumni and their family and friends. While these events do not draw as many people as do Reunions, they do provide the perfect end to the day, whether the football team

is victorious or is defeated.

In closing, I would like to recognize some retirements from the board, the return of a Charter member, two changes in board leadership, and an important anniversary. Two of our Board members with more than 20 years of service have retired from the Board. Ken Demarest '57 and Rod McNealy '72 have provided the Board with years of wisdom and will be very much missed. On a fortunate note,

Tania Shinkawa '97 is returning to the Board after a short hiatus and will resume her outstanding service. A.J. Kait '84 has completed six years of service as treasurer. He will remain on the board and has been succeeded by Dean Scott '07. In addition, Robert A. DeNunzio '16, the class of 2016 Graduating Governor has served his one-year term. He is succeeded by the class of 2017 Graduating Governor, Matthew T. Daigger '17, to serve a one-year term. Please join me in thanking Ken, Rod, A.J. and Robert for their service and in congratulating Tania, Dean and Matt on their new responsibilities.

Lastly, this fall we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Steve Moskow's service as Club Manager. I cannot overstate the impact of Steve's contribution to our Club. On Steve's watch, Charter Club has the best food on the Street, the most beautiful clubhouse and consistent leadership. We are truly blessed to have Steve as our manager and friend. Please take a moment to express your appreciation to Steve the next time you see him.

I thank you for your continued support. ❖



John H. Beers '76
Chairman

Mentors Wanted

The Board of Governors is creating a mentoring program for undergraduate Charter members. Ideally, we would enlist the aid of alumni in many different fields to counsel undergraduates seeking career advice and guidance.

We are looking for Charter alums who would be interested in sharing their hard-earned wisdom with their fellow—albeit younger—clubmates.

Mentoring could be over the phone, online, or in person. If you are interested in supporting the success of the next generation of Charter members, please e-mail Steve Moskow at cater2u@aol.com.

Please help us shape this new program. As board members, we are privileged to interact frequently with Charter undergrads. We guarantee that this innovative club venture will be rewarding for all involved.

New Detailed History of Princeton's Eating Clubs

Story by Douglas B. Rubin '81

We know from the walk down Prospect to Charter Club that one of Princeton's most special hallmarks is its eating club system. They have thrived as the soul of the University's undergraduate social life since the late 19th century, and continue to provide so many alumni a "home" when they (you!) return to campus. In recognition of unique nature of the clubs, Princeton Prospect Foundation has commissioned historical author **Clifford Zink** to



Charter Club members and their dates, Houseparties 1920

prepare a book to support the recent designation of the Prospect Avenue eating clubs as a historical district.

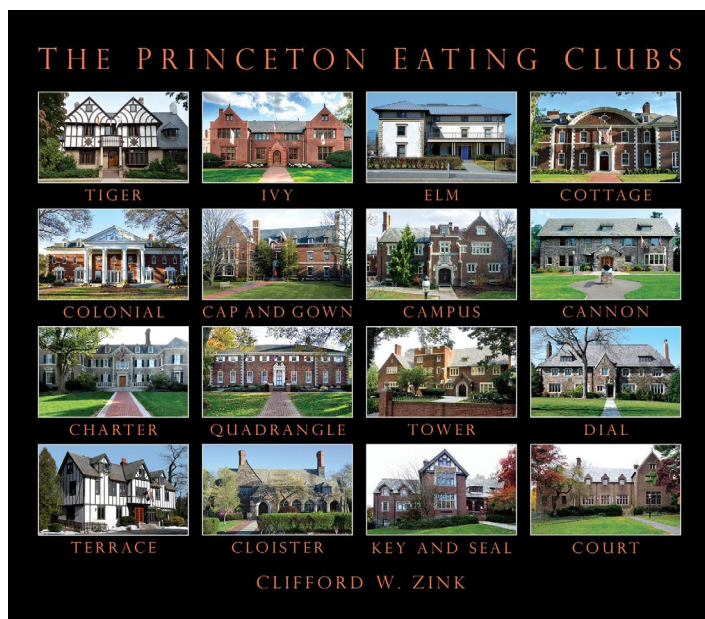
The Princeton Eating Clubs portrays not just the eleven extant eating clubs, but also those that no longer exist, as all the buildings bring character and aesthetic appeal to this part of the greater campus community. Those of us who have supported Mr. Zink on this new publication can testify to the captivating way the various eating clubs have been described, with many displays of wonderful archival images and exclusive photos obtained and used through the coop-

erative part of the development and content of this volume. *The Princeton Eating Clubs* was conceived last year when the historic district was being approved, partially to support the expanded mission of the Foundation "to facilitate the preservation and restoration of the historically and architecturally significant buildings." The Clubs provide an extremely rich and diverse part of the Princeton University experience to many/most undergrad-

uates, yet many people in the town and even at the University regard them as somewhat mysterious.

This is a serious, well-illustrated, suitable-for-display and gifting volume, prepared in a hardcover 12" by 9" landscape format with a four-color cover, detailed bibliography and index. It is 192 pages, four color, with over 500 historic and current images. It will have a suggested retail price of \$75.

Charter Club is pleased to obtain a number of copies of the initial printing that will be preliminarily reserved as gifts for our most loyal supporters. The book will, eventually, also be available for purchase via Amazon and/or Princeton's Labyrinth book dealers. ❖



Front cover of the beautifully illustrated coffee table book by Clifford W. Zink

eration of all the clubs. This is truly a special publication prepared for an important reason.

As a member of the Princeton Prospect Foundation and a co-sponsor of this book, Charter Club is excited to be a signif-

Message From Our Treasurer

Dean R. Scott '07

Treasurer, The Board of Governors

At our current low membership levels, Charter operated during the 2016-2017 school year at an operating deficit, and is projected to do so again in 2017-2018.

While the board has taken actions to actively manage our variable expenses, the club's very substantial fixed cost base means that operating deficits have been unavoidable at the current low membership levels. By way of example, real estate taxes at ~\$75K, utility costs of ~\$45K and insurance costs of ~\$40K are annual costs the club faces each year before we open our doors to our members and alumni. At our current membership level of 76 students, these three expenses alone represent over \$2,100 per undergraduate member.

Additionally, as a 103-year-old historic building, the club has substantial ongoing maintenance expense (both planned and

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War Time Twin Tigers

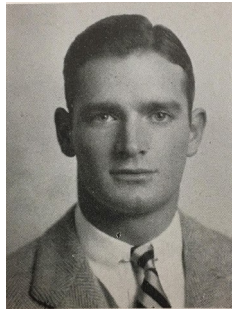
The Story of Bill & Talbot Adamson '44

Story by A.J. Kait '84

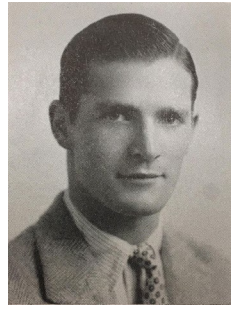
Imagine, if you will, entering Princeton in the fall of 1940. The world is at war from Asia to Europe to Africa and the Middle East. The Battle of Britain is raging. And throughout the United States, citizens are engaged in a soul-searching debate about whether to aid Britain at the risk of being drawn into the war. A Gallup Poll released on September 23rd finds that 52% of Americans say help England, while 48% say keep out. Things are not, shall we say, normal, as twin brothers William (Bill) and Talbot Adamson, '44 begin their Princeton careers. And things will be even less normal before their time at Princeton is done.

Born and raised in Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia, the twin brothers were inseparable. They attended the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia, prior to decamping at the age of 13 to St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. An avid sportsman, Talbot as a senior would participate in six sports on 10 teams. They learned to skate and ski in New England, which helped them make the hockey team at Princeton, where they were both accepted.

They arrived in September of 1940, where they roomed together as freshman off campus, which was common at the time, in a place called Libby House on Bayard Lane. In their sophomore year, they moved to Jolene Hall, where they again were roommates and where they would live for the rest



Lee Talbot Adamson '44



William Adamson '44

Photos from the 1944 Nassau Herald,
Courtesy of Princeton University Archives

of their time at Princeton. The brothers bickered and were both accepted into Charter Club. But by the time they joined in the spring of 1942, the attack on Pearl Harbor changed everything. As Talbot recalls, "That changed everything at Princeton. What happened was, we were all accelerated. Everybody!"

"So, we got out in September of '43. We went there summer, winter, the whole time. And that screwed up all kinds of things. A lot of the eating clubs were taken over by Howard Johnson." (Note: Our research shows the University announced its first war time catering contract with Howard Johnson's in 1943, ending it in 1960, when they again established its own food services department. We found no reference to Howard Johnson's ever serving at the eating clubs).

"They were the oldest living identical twins in Princeton history"

So, all that business of living at clubs, and camaraderie and everything else, was completely gone. Because it was all acceleration. You went to the club and ate... You didn't have a lot of socializing during World War II. And it ruined a lot of sports...the buses didn't have enough gasoline to get around, so they had to change the schedules of sports for more colleges nearby, like Rutgers."

At the time, Princeton was "a simple little country college." The campus was open, with far fewer buildings, and people biked around campus (without the bikes being stolen). There were about 700 students per class. It was wartime, and everything was different. Both brothers majored in Chemical Engineering and it was a lot of work. Everyone's thesis in the department had to do with the war effort. Talbot was assigned to try to increase the octane rating of gasoline beyond the typical 87 to help fighter planes escorting bombers reach farther into Germany from England. Talbot worked with his advisor, Professor Wilhelm (who was German!), and they were successful in making 94 octane gasoline using a fluid catalyst process instead of the standard solid catalyst of the time. Despite being a "B student," Talbot received a 1+ on his thesis, "to everyone's surprise in the class." Years later, he would meet a former

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Gift from the collection of William Adamson, Jr. '44 (1922-2017),
donated by his twin brother L. Talbot Adamson '44 on March 1, 2017

with inner city kids. There seemed to be no subset of the Indianapolis demographic to which he did not reach out with a sincere and unique voice. His program kickoffs were often as amusing as they were clever. To underscore the importance of litter control in fighting urban blight, he showcased what became the iconic “Hudnut Hook”, skillfully lobbing wadded paper into city trash receptacles. The evening news would often lead with these marquee initiatives.

He raised over \$4 billion to revitalize the downtown sector, triggering one of America’s most successful and enduring urban facelifts. At Bill’s memorial service in Indianapolis, then-Indiana Governor and now Vice-President Mike Pence captured what Indianapolis residents perhaps remember best about Hudnut: because of him, “Indianapolis was headed to be a global city of enormous influence.” One of Bill’s former Corporation Counsels Sheila Kennedy recalls both the Presbyterian minister and mayor: “[He] believed his religion required him to work for the well-being of others, particularly the marginalized and disadvantaged, and to respect political and religious differences.” In fact, Hudnut was a municipal leader in affirmative action and though his voice may be characterized as moderate, demonstrated support for civil rights and opposed discrimination against gays—as early as 1984. It is notable that in this era of vitriolic polarization, Bill’s memorials echo a common uplifting theme: he was a uniter and healer whose consensus approach to political leadership is sadly missed. When the *Indianapolis Star* or a newscaster wants to comment favorably on a government proposal, the narrative reads, “that sounds a lot like something [Mayor] Bill Hudnut would do.” The appellation uttered most frequently to describe him is “visionary”.

Bill became the longest serving Indianapolis mayor, completing four terms. Like many big city mayors who grew

restless and sought statewide office, he sought statewide office, chasing exurban and small-town voters who proved unsympathetic to his urban victories. Dedicating his senior years to capturing replicable wisdom to inform the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, he served as a Chevy Chase town council member and mayor, which qualified him to rejoin the National League of Cities Board and Executive Committee due to his previous role as President of that organization. Bill also worked for a string of prominent think tanks like the Indianapolis Hudson Institute and the progressive Urban Land Institute. In the final phase of his career, he worked at Georgetown University. In 1986, Princeton presented Bill with the prestigious Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service, which annually honors the alumnus making the most outstanding contribution to American public life. Several fellow Charter Club members recall Bill as a “pleasant, friendly guy” who was above all, an extremely serious student”. To one classmate in his 1954 section, he appeared to be so smart that he “probably cultivated a low profile by design.” Another fellow ’54 alum (non-Charter) confessed that he only got to know Bill after graduation, remarking “I became one of his biggest fans...Bill was one of the most genuine of human beings.” His “generous spirit” and “love of life” were especially contagious.

With that sentiment in mind, it is notable to remember a Hudnut family tradition. No matter what songs the kids were prompted to sing in the home of generations of Presbyterian ministers, they ended with a hearty rendition of “Old Nassau.” ❖

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unplanned) that must be completed regularly. As an example, this summer cracks were discovered in one of our sewer pipes that dated back to the building’s construction over 100 years ago - necessitating a \$40K project over the summer to dig up and replace the pipes. In total, the club has spent nearly \$900K over the last 10 years on renovations, maintenance and repairs. To maintain competitive pricing with the other eating clubs and to not unduly burden our undergraduates with assessments, these very significant expenditures have been predominantly funded by alumni donations.

The ongoing support of alumni donations, whether made directly to *Charter Club* or through the *Princeton Charter Foundation* or the *Princeton Prospect Foundation*, have provided critical support as the club manages through the current low membership levels and maintains our historic clubhouse. If you have already donated this year, thank you for your support. If you have not, donation information is included on page 10 of this report. ❖



At age 82, Bill Hudnut attends his statue dedication in Indianapolis on December 14, 2014, with statue artists Ana Koh Varilla and Jeff Varilla of Koh-Varilla Guild of Chicago.

P-51 pilot who at one point had found that the planes could go farther, but never knew why. “You’re looking at the guy who did it” was his response.

Upon graduation, Bill and Talbot interviewed for jobs, but everyone knew they would join the service, so the interviews were “quite relaxed.” After a brief break following graduation, the brothers received orders to attend Naval Officer training in January of 1944, conducted on an old battleship docked on the Hudson River in New York. After three

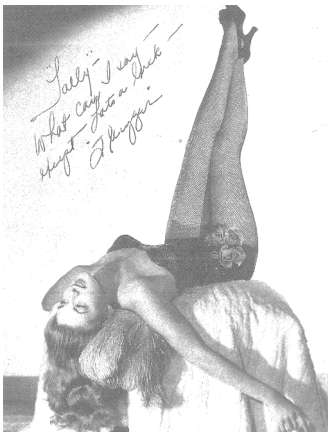


At age 95, Talbot Adamson '44

months they graduated as Ensigns, upon which they went to small craft training in Florida followed by diesel engine training at General Motors in Cleveland. Talbot was sent to Portland, Oregon where they were billeted in a country club with two other officers

while their ship was being built at the Willamette Ship Works. The ship launched Christmas Eve, 1943, with Talbot as the ship’s engineer and damage control officer.

After sailing to San Francisco and then Los Angeles they spent a month shaking out the ship and preparing the crew. On weekends, however, the officers would spend time with a friend of Talbot’s who was a top film editor at 20th Century Fox, mostly at parties in Brentwood where they rubbed shoulders with the likes of Tyrone Power. It was during this time that his Captain commissioned a “pinup” picture of one of the young actresses they knew, Marguerite Chapman, to be posted in their wardroom once they went to sea. We share a copy of the picture below, with all due apologies to our modern sensibilities!



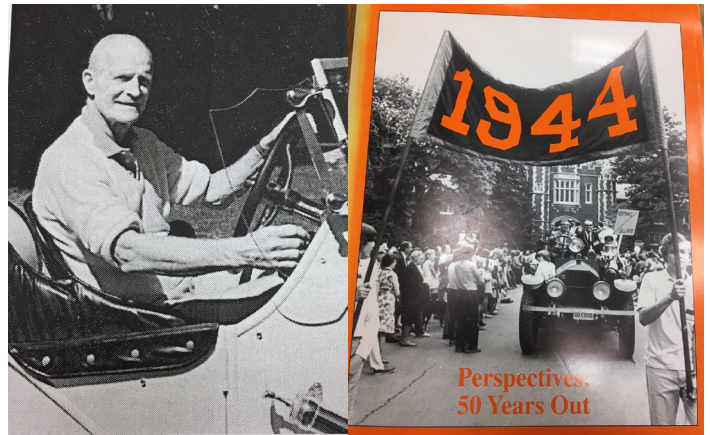
After a month at sea, they reached Pearl Harbor where they were assigned mine sweeping duties, which included detonating mines with rifle shots. Months later, near Okinawa, his fleet was attacked by kamikazes, in actions where 4,500 men were lost. Luckily, his ship was never hit, and at one point they saved 72 men from a pair

of destroyers that were destroyed nearby.

At war’s end, Talbot’s ship was sent to clear all the mines between Korea and Honshu, Japan, then on to the Philippines. With so many servicemen waiting to return home, it took him nine months to accrue enough points to return. Amazingly, both brothers were offered jobs at the Bakelite plastics company after the war, so once again they were together.

Fast forward to 2017, after long and varied careers in engineering and finance, with forays into painting (Talbot) and car collecting (Bill), the brothers were again together in the Waverly Heights retirement community in Gladwyne, PA. Prior to Bill’s death at 95 in January of this year, the brothers were informed by Princeton that they were officially the oldest living pair of identical twin alumni in the history of the school.

Bright eyed and energetic at 95, Talbot Adamson continues to live in Gladwyne with his second wife, Maisie.



Bill Adamson '44 at his 50th Reunion.

Courtesy of Princeton University Archives.

A born raconteur, he greatly enjoys the opportunity to share his stories with his neighbors via the “resident tales” program (he regaled me with stories for well over an hour!). I will leave you with one of his favorites.

Finding himself in rough seas on a steamer from Calais to Dover in 1952, Talbot ventured out on deck for some fresh air. An unshaven chap approached from the other direction and they struck up a conversation. “You won’t believe this, but you look like that actor Ronald Reagan,” says Talbot. “You’re talking to him,” says Reagan, who, having lost his shirt in a poker game in Paris, proceeds to bum 25 bucks from Talbot for the train to London. What a ride that was! ❖

Staff Profile: Cedric De Leon

Interviewed by Elizabeth Stanley '18 and Sarah Tian '18



Cedric De Leon

How did you first get involved with Charter?

That was almost 18 years ago. One of my friends was working here at the beginning of the year, in September, I was looking for a part time job, so he called me because one of the people quit two weeks after they had opened. I came and filled out the application and I got an interview with Steve.

A couple of days later, he called me and I started working downstairs washing pots. Two months later, one of the servers quit, so I was moved up to serving food. The same year, the chef was only here for only four months and she quit after that. Steve was cooking for three months again, until he found another chef.

What do you do at the club?

During the week, I serve the dinners and supervise in the kitchen. Some days we have special buffets, but on Pub Nights, we have student servers.

On Saturday, I cook breakfast and lunch omelets and specials on the grill to order. Then, I serve at night. I also work all the special events like sophomore nights, alumni parties, Houseparties and any other outside catering jobs throughout the year.

What was your first impression of Steve?

It was a good impression. The funny thing was that at my first job, the name of my boss was also Steve. But it's a big difference. The Steve here is a nice and calm person but my other boss had an attitude. Steve is a good club manager because he likes to teach you a lot of stuff. I've learned a lot of things here. Every day to me is like school, because you learn something new every day. Especially with Houseparties...Steve always tries to do fancy buffets and even fancier menus so people can see items in different ways and learn about new types of food. When we do the setting up, he is always changing his mind. So, after he tells us one way, then he changes his mind after seeing it all set up. The whole staff is used to that!

How has the Club changed over the last 18 years?

It's changed so much. The computer room was two bedrooms. They had a computer room before that but it was a small room, I think it's the game room now or something.

Every summer, they do renovations like the computer room, the TV room, the pool table room. They sent the pool tables out for three months to do a full restoration. They spent a lot of money on the new member's lounge in the basement next to the bar, the old work shop, and all the bathrooms.

What do you find most challenging about working here?

I would say pleasing the students, because it's hard to please everybody all the time. To me, that's the most challenging part—trying to please everybody.

Every year, we get a different crowd and we always try to do our best. We try to work as a family and we try to see every student as part of the Charter family. During Houseparties, we try to improve and impress the members and their guests, who come from outside the Club. We hope they can also become members of Charter Club. During special parties, we do the omelets in front of people and we flip the eggs up in the air. It's a good experience working here. Everybody is different and we have mostly good memories...and some bad memories.

What's the best and worst thing to happen to you since starting to work here?

The best thing, to me, is that it is good to see everyone coming in here and talking to you and thanking you for the things you do for them. You try to do your best and a lot of people come back and say, "Thank you". By the end of the year, everyone is so happy and saying, "We're going to miss you!". When they come back for Reunions, they are so happy to see everyone.

The worst day working here was when they had a big food fight in the Dining Room...

Can you tell us more about this food fight?

That was on a Thursday night and we had our famous "Bucket-O-Food" Night. That was like 12 or 13 years ago. We were serving fried chicken, ribs and French fries in the chicken buckets. The students had to wear white t-shirts so we put little wet towels on the table, but they didn't use them! After they ate, they cleaned themselves with their t-shirts and everyone would have barbeque sauce on their shirts. They were drinking...beer, so they were probably drunk. That night, they started a food fight, so we stopped serving. To me, that was unfair because the chef had to spend all day making the dinner, which was a big job. The students came and started throwing food...there was barbeque sauce all over the curtains and walls. The funny thing

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is, when I went downstairs and told Steve, Steve walked into the dining room and the president threw a cherry tomato towards him and hit him right in the face. That night, we stopped serving dinner and the students had to clean the mess. After that, Steve said no more “Bucket-O-Food” Night. We do it occasionally, but we used to do it a lot more often. That was my worst experience!

Do you have any special talents or hobbies that we might not know about?

Special talents? I’d say sports—I like to play basketball, and I like to play soccer. I especially like to watch soccer... my favorite Spanish team is *Real Madrid*...my favorite English team is *Manchester United*.



Cedric DeLeon and Alex Reyes

Tell us about some of the people you’ve met while working here at Charter.

Like I say, I’ve met so many people working here. Especially, with the staff, I’ve worked with people from Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Mexico. I’ve

become friends with many staff members, like Lydia Santiago, who went back to Costa Rica a few months ago. Our housekeeper Alex Reyes, chef Tom, and Hugo Del Cid, who makes our salad bar. I always look up to Joy Gillette, who the staff always calls “Mami”. She has been here more than 30 years. I met her before I came to work at the Club when I worked at *The Nassau Inn* in downtown Princeton. I worked there for three months with her. My first job working in food service was for the *Bristol Myers-Squibb* cafeteria. It turned out that the Club’s weekend chef Vicente Rodriguez was also working with me at that job. I had no idea he also worked at Charter until I started.

Do you mind telling us about your family?

I’m single now. I got divorced 10 years ago. I wanted to keep the family together but it was hard. I remember how long I’ve been working here because my youngest daughter, Tamara, was about two months old when I started working here. She’s 18 now, and just graduated from high school. My son, Cristian, is 23 years old and is a private in the Marines. My oldest daughter, Angelica, is now 24, and working as a bookkeeper at a local car dealership. I came from Guatemala when I was 17 years old. Most of my life has been spent here in the United States. Most of my family, like my sisters and brothers, are all here. My mother just passed away a few months ago. It’s hard being

without her and I think about her every day. But, I’m happy the way my life is right now. I always pray every day and thank God for another day. Whatever comes each day is just a bonus. The big thing to me is that I’m happy and healthy, and that’s what really counts.

Do you have a favorite memory of Charter?

One of the students got married here at the club and she asked me to dance with her at her wedding. That was a great memory because her wedding was in the middle of the summer. We had a big giant tent outside and a lot of guests attended. The party was amazing!

Do you have a favorite Charter meal?

The one I like, and that everyone likes, is our newer *Artisan Taco Nights*. I also love when we have Greek nights, because of chef Tom’s Baklava...always very popular! ❖

Charter Alumni Notes

“It is said that upon reaching 95 years of age on January 31, 2017, Bill and I are said to be the oldest living identical twins in Princeton alumni history! “identical” being the key.”

— *L. Talbot Adamson ’44 & William Adamson ’44*

“Nice, interesting annual report.” — *Ted Kase ’54*

“Long ago & far away. It was fun.”
— *George J. Reindel III ’57*

“Keep it Up!” — *Wesley Wayne Lake Jr ’59*

“The Club looks absolutely gorgeous!!!”
— *Clifford L. Karchmer ’68*

“Many good memories! Strengthened too by the excellent article on Ellen (Sha’Ana) and Angie.”
— *Peter S. Heyl ’71*

“I’ll get back there some year.” — *Jeffrey D. Junker ’74*

“In honor of John Bruestle and his many years of service to Charter Club.” — *Eric R. Lewis ’79*

“To make it a million.” — *Carol C. Cronheim ’86*

“Keep up the great work!” — *Thomas M. Peralta III ’96*

“I have such fond memories of sitting around the dinner table at Charter, chatting for hours before diving back in my studies. I hope generations of Princetonians after me have the opportunity to make the same memories!”

— *Laura B. Ruppalt ’02*

2016 Challenge Grant

The Graduate Board of Governors as well as the Princeton Charter Foundation was issued a challenge during the Fall of 2016 by one of our leading and long-standing members who wishes to remain anonymous.

He challenged:

- Every board member of the Princeton Charter Club and The Princeton Charter Foundation to participate in this challenge by donating to Charter by the end of 2016
- That together, these two boards would donate at least \$50,000 to match his gift

He also stipulated that, should this challenge be met, that a portion of these funds would go towards a special Charter Club dinner with Professor Robert George, founding Director of the James Madison Program.

We are happy to report that this challenge was met and that as word spread via the newsletter, telephone and email, more than \$150,000 was raised through the Spring of 2017. This was \$100,000 more than was raised during recent similar periods (November 2014–June 2015 and November 2015–June 2016) and has allowed Charter to continue to maintain its physical infrastructure, retain staff and make membership affordable despite a down year in overall Sign-In Club membership. The dinner with Professor George in the Upstairs Dining Room was received enthusiastically with 25-30 undergraduate members and their guests enjoying a very special evening with one of Princeton's most impressive scholars.

We are extremely grateful to our leadership donor, to our generous board members for their 100% participation, and to all those noted on page 11 for ensuring that Charter's members, both undergraduate and alumni can continue to enjoy the most beautiful and welcoming eating club in Princeton. ❖

New Financial Aid Challenge Grant

We want you to be up to date regarding certain happenings at Princeton that affect the eating clubs.

The University continues to admit more students from financially challenged families. Accordingly, many desirable member candidates cannot join eating clubs due to financial considerations. To address this situation, Charter desires to offer some select candidate's financial assistance so they can enjoy the Club experience at Charter. Presumably, as alumni, they will give back to Charter for the support the Club offered them while at Princeton.

One of our graduate board members has made a challenge grant where the board member will match grants for this purpose up to \$25,000. The graduate board firmly believes the financial aid facility will help the Club distinguish itself from the other clubs.

Our Club officers are enthusiastic about this initiative. This facility will only be employed selectively to seal a membership of a leader amongst prospective members. Again, funds raised in this manner will be segregated from the Club's general accounts and will only be used for the purpose described in this paragraph. Importantly, Club's officers will only focus this assistance on leaders amongst prospective members and it will only be used when the Club officers believe the Club will get a valuable new member.

Those desiring a tax-deductible gift please donate to the *Princeton Charter Foundation*, a 501 (c) (3) entity at the Club's address. **Please note that your donation is for this purpose.** ❖

Make a Gift To Charter

For your convenience, we offer three ways to give a gift to help Charter Club, either through one of two tax-deductible foundations or directly to the Club. Each method has its own advantages, but either way your donation helps ensure the quality of the undergraduate experience and maintain our beautiful and historic clubhouse.

For information on donating appreciated securities to the Princeton Charter Foundation, please contact ppf@princeton.edu or dbrubin@alumni.princeton.edu

The Princeton Charter Club

- Your gift can be used without restrictions, allowing us to apply it to where it is most needed.
- Your gift is not tax deductible.

The Princeton Charter Foundation

- The PCF is a 501(c)(3) foundation, which is run by its own board and makes grants for educational purposes only to Charter Club
- Your gift can only be used to defray costs that are educational. Gifts can also be designated for the endowment fund, the interest of which serves the Club in perpetuity.
- Your gift is tax deductible.

The Princeton Prospect Foundation

- The PPF is a 501(c)(3) foundation, run by its own board that makes grants for historical preservation purposes to all of the Eating Clubs. Its broad mission allows gifts to Charter to be used for most building maintenance, repair, and construction projects, as well as many aspects of the Club's operations.
- Your gifts can be designated to go to Charter Club.
- Your gift is tax deductible.

To make your donation online, please visit <http://alumni.charterclub.org/page/donations>

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to our next event during Reunions.



*Charter Club's Annual
Post P-rade Reception*

Saturday, June 2, 2018

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

\$20 per Adult • \$10 per Child
— No Charge for Drinks Only —

*Prior Post P-rade receptions have had attendance
of over 1100 with alumni and their families.
The nominal entrance fee makes this event self-sustaining.*

Please Note:

Due to this event, parking is prohibited
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