

~ Banquets & Events ~ University Club Event Planners



Marilyn K. Mays
Director of Catering

As the Club's Director of Catering, Marilyn Mays brings over 30 years of hospitality experience to event planning at the University Club. She oversees the Club's catering team, ensuring outstanding meeting planning, banquet services and celebration events for Club members and guests. With a strong background in food service

management, meeting and event planning, Marilyn is well-equipped to lead the event planning team with creativity, excellent communication skills and meticulous attention to detail.

With her long tenure of service to the University Club, interrupted briefly by a two-year stint with the Cork & Cleaver Restaurant, Marilyn is thoroughly versed in club operations. Her early experience as a banquet and dining room manager, and club assistant manager, led to her current position. With a foundation of course work at Lansing Community College, Marilyn is enrolled in the Business Management Institute (BMI) of the Club Managers Association of America. She is working to further her management education through completion of this nationally recognized educational development program, with the goal of achieving the industry recognized designation of Certified Club Manager.



Janice McNeely
Assistant Catering Manager

With over 12 years of experience as a University Club event planner, Club members still often recognize Janice's cheerful voice on the phone, for she began her tenure here as one of the Club's front office reception staff in 1985. During her tenure at the Club, she has come to know many of the members and their families through

her superb attention to detail in coordinating reservations, her work as an accounting clerk, and as the catering office secretary.

In 1996, Janice earned a promotion to Catering Sales Associate, and later to Assistant Catering Manager. Janice's special talent is working with members to coordinate the most exquisitely beautiful wedding receptions. A graduate of Lansing Community College with a focus in business and sales, Janice also has a strong family history in customer service and club hospitality. She comes by her club skills through a well-respected mentor – her mother, Betty McNeely, served as the Manager of the City Club of Lansing for many years. Janice brings that same graciousness and attentive service to the members of the University Club in planning their business functions and family celebrations.



Torry Gekle
Administrative Assistant

Torry Gekle joined the U-Club's Catering Department in October, 2009, serving as the Department's Administrative Assistant. Torry often will be the first person you speak with when calling for event information and often is also the person who will confirm your final guest counts and last minute details.

Torry brings with her a wide variety of experience from Sparrow Health System, where she recently left after 30 years of dedicated service. Torry decided to start a new career path, and felt the U-Club was exactly what she was looking for with its elegance and upbeat environment. She loves the friendly and professional staff here at the Club, and looks forward to getting to know the Club's members. She says she 'feels very lucky to be part of such a wonderful group of people!'



Amy Grey
Catering Sales Associate

Amy joined the University Club Catering team in September 2006, bringing years of hospitality experience with her. She previously served as catering director and assistant manager at a private women's club in the metro-Detroit area, as well as director of dining at a contract food service company. After spending some time working as a stay-at-home

mom, Amy was eager to return to event planning – she enjoys forming special relationships with the members as she coordinates their unique events.

With her previous experience in the Detroit area, Amy says she was instantly impressed with the U-Club's beautiful event venues and friendly professional staff. She's made her first impressions last, and consistently demonstrates her pride in the U-Club when working with members. Amy is responsible for booking a multitude of events: business meetings, weddings, corporate events, showers, bar and bat mitzvahs, luncheons, and holiday events.