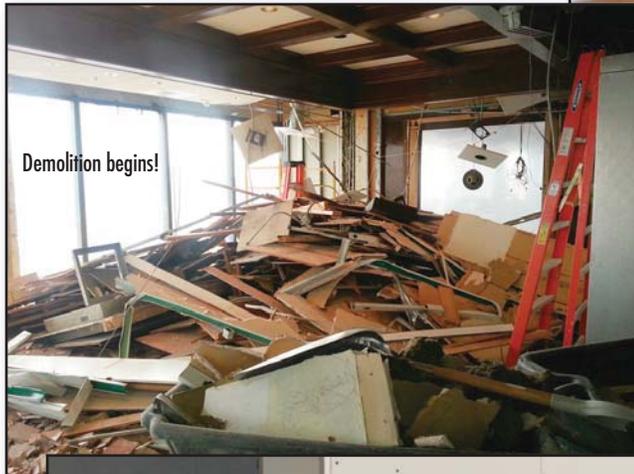


## ◆ NEW BAR ◆

### Show Time

Have you checked out the new vista in the renovated bar adjacent to the Granger Dining room? You may not be there at sunrise but the east windows, obscured for years by the old bar set-up, are ready for prime time viewing when you are.

The former bar configuration was originally part of American Bank's executive dining room. When the Club expanded into the space in the 1970s the bar obscuring the east windows was left in place. As a result, ice and supplies were routinely hauled across the room, sometimes during events.



Moving the bar's location away from those windows and adjacent to back-of-the-house space was investigated by the Board under Chairman Tom Granger and President Meade Bauer. In addition to liberating that view, renovating the back-of-the-

house area adjacent to the bar and expanding the dining area entrance made sense. To absorb some of the expense, the Building Committee negotiated a substantial contribution to the construction costs from the landlord. The bar renovation project was set in motion in 2011. Details were honed; the city's permit process was navigated. Construction began December 26, 2013. Greig Percy Collaborative's design was skillfully executed by Structura, Inc. and our own Gilbert Gallegos kept on top of the project for the Club. On February 7, 2014 the first drink at the new bar was poured.



The new bar would not be possible without the hard work from these guys: (l to r) Eric Cuellar, Project Superintendent from Structura; Brian Etzel, Headliners Bar Manager; Rob Pedersen, Headliners Assistant General Manager; Gilbert Gallegos, Headliners Head of Maintenance and Project Manager for the Club; David Meiske, Building Engineer.

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Changes to the back of the house make a world of difference for the staff. Additional work space in the pantry behind the bar, easy access to supplies and an expanded working area mean bartenders are able to serve even large parties with aplomb. The barrels of ice that were once



Architect Travis Greig, Project Superintendent Eric Cuellar, and Robert Juarez, Project Manager from Structura.



toted though a sea of members and guests to the previous bar location are now contained handily in three ice wells at the new bar, says Brian Etzel, bar manager and “bartenders are no longer bumping into each other.”



Construction always calls for a measure of forbearance but “events continued without a glitch. Amazing!” says Chairman Brian Greig. “The understanding and patience of members and staff has all paid off in spades.” What a success!

And what a view it is!

— Jane Greig

Headliners is proud to say our new bar is done and ready to serve you a drink!