

Chicago Chapter



History of Chicago Chapter

The Chicago Chapter of National Epicureans was inspired by a 2002 visit to her daughter, Camelita's home in Washington, DC, by Founder, Mamie Grady.

At an Epicureans meeting, hosted by the National President, Carolyn Rudd, Mamie bonded with this group of extraordinary women; and the idea of starting a new chapter in Chicago took hold.

In early 2003, Mamie Grady invited sixteen of her dear friends to a meeting at her home in Chicago. "The Bon Vivant Social Club" of Chicago was formed as a result of this meeting.

On Saturday, September 25, 2004, Bon Vivant Social Club members were inducted as the twenty-fifth (25th) Chapter of the National Epicureans at the Union League Club of Chicago (under the great sponsorship of the Washington, DC Chapter).

The Chicago Chapter hosted the Annual National Epicureans Conclave in 2014, "Celebrating the Magnificence and Splendor of Chicago" at the Downtown Chicago Renaissance Hotel.

Chicago Chapter Epicureans continue to grow and provide humanitarian services to their respective communities and beyond. Chicago Chapter members participate in the annual 5K Cancer Walk/Run; make annual monetary contributions to Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois; and provide support to the "Gift of Hope" Organization for organ donors.