THE Fortnightly OF Chicago

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Dear Fortnightly Member,

One of the greatest pleasures of being a member of the Fortnightly is entering Lathrop House, especially on a cold, dreary, winter's day, and immediately being immersed in cozy, warm comfort and then enjoying the perfect meal with an exquisite dessert. We have our wonderful staff to thank for that as month after month they provide outstanding service to meet all our needs.
So, how do we thank them for this gift? The Fortnightly has a strict "no tipping" policy, so your annual one time gift to the Fortnightly Employee Appreciation Fund is your sole opportunity to thank each and every staff member for thoughtful and impeccable service all year long.
Listed below, in order of the length of service, are the names of the fine individuals who make it possible for us to enjoy our home away from home.

Full Time Employees

Kerie Zadrozny	General Manager	4 Years	Ed Gilardon	Executive Chef	21 Years
Lindsey Herbert	Member Experience Manager	3 Years	David Rivera	Culinary Team	4 Years
Chris Conwell	Food and Beverage Manager	<1 Years	Karyn Hobfoll	Culinary Team	1 Year
Treavon Walker	Hospitality Supervisor	7 Years	Jose Medina	Building Management	18 Years

Part Time Employees

Martin Sandoval	20 Years	Lucero Sandoval	4 Years	Fernando Marcial	1 Year
Fraser Lynn	14 Years	Matthew Abrams	4 Years	Maria Martinez	1 Year
Erin Borelli	9 Years	Emily Youkers	2 Years	Paul Palos	1 Year
Brandi Frattini	5 Years	Sevastian Guillen	2 Years	Elizabeth Villarreal	1 Year
Diana Jimenez	4 Years	Yvonne Enslen	2 Years	Shannon Mauer	<1 Year

Members sometimes ask how this fund differs from the service charge listed on our statements. For your information, the service charge is not a gratuity for our employees, but it helps keep salaries and wages at a competitive level so that we can retain well-trained staff. The sole service bonus our staff receives comes entirely from your once a year gifts. To help you determine an appropriate amount, please know that last year, the average gift ranged from $350 to $550.

Because we distribute the Employee Appreciation Fund in mid-December, it is helpful to have your contribution by December 1. Funds received after that date are distributed later in the year.

Please join me in generously supporting the Employee Appreciation Fund by returning the card you received in the mail along with a check, or by emailing services@fortnightlychicago.org with the gift amount to be charged to your account.

Sending you warm holiday greetings,

Joan Myers,
President, 2025-2027