The Union League Club Boys Club No. 1 opened in 1919. Now the Union League Boys and Girls Club, the foundation has 10 locations serving 13,600 at risk Chicago youth.
Now known as Luminarts Cultural Foundation, the Union League Club Civic & Arts Foundation helped launch the careers of notable musicians such as Rachel Barton Pine in 1990.
The Chicago Engineers Club became the Union League Club’s Chicago Engineers Foundation in 1975 and supports scholarships for aspiring engineering students. The narrow building south of the clubhouse originally housed the Chicago Engineers Club.
The Union League Club George Washington Birthday celebration started in 1887. It grew to become an annual event featuring high profile speakers, poster contests, and patriotic music.
Shortly before her plane’s 1937 disappearance in the Pacific Ocean, Amelia Earhart spoke at the Union League Club and appeared with blind virtuoso pianist Alec Templeton.
The ULCC Library has been an amenity of the Club since 1879 when the Club was founded.
Union League Club leaders were largely responsible for Chicago’s award of the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition. Member Daniel Burnham supervised the entire design and construction of the Fair.
UNION LEAGUE OF AMERICA

ON JUNE 25, 1862, THE UNION LEAGUE OF AMERICA WAS FOUNDED AT PEKIN, ILLINOIS, TO PROMOTE PATRIOTISM AND LOYALTY TO THE UNION. ITS MEMBERS HOPED TO COUNTER NORTHERN DISILLUSIONMENT WITH PRESIDENT LINCOLN’S MILITARY POLICIES AFTER EARLY UNION DEFEATS IN THE CIVIL WAR. ALTHOUGH CLOSELY ALLIED WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, THE LEAGUE SOUGHT TO ENROLL ALL UNION SUPPORTERS, REGARDLESS OF PARTY. THE LEAGUE DEVELOPED INTO A STATEWIDE AND THEN A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION. BY DECEMBER, 1863, IT CLAIMED 140,000 MEMBERS IN ILLINOIS AND ALMOST A MILLION NATIONWIDE. AFTER THE WAR, THE LEAGUE COUNCILS IN THE SOUTH WERE CONCERNED WITH FRANCHISING THE NEGRO AND WORKING FOR THEIR EDUCATION.

ERECTED BY THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF CHICAGO AND THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1975
The Union League Club of Chicago traces its origins to the Civil War and many of its ideals to the Union League of America. Many of the founding members of the ULCC had been members of the Illinois chapter of the ULA.
CHARTER.

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Department of State.

GEO. H. HARLOW, SECRETARY OF STATE.

To all to whom these Presents shall come—Greeting:

WHEREAS, A certificate, duly signed and acknowledged, having been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 14th day of December, 1872, for the organization of the Chicago Club of the Union League of America, under and in accordance with the provisions of "An Act Concerning Corporations," approved April 18, 1870, and in force July 1, 1872, a copy of which certificate is hereto attached:

NOW, therefore, I, GEORGE H. HARLOW, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said Chicago Club of the Union League of America is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Springfield, this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fourth.

GEORGE H. HARLOW,
Secretary of State.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Secretary's Office.

I, HENRY D. DEMMENT, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that a certificate changing the name of the Chicago Club of the Union League of America to the Union League of America was filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, on the 14th day of January, 1882, and is now on file in this office.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Springfield, this 14th day [deal] of January, 1882.

HENRY D. DEMMENT,
Secretary of State.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

The condition of membership shall be absolute and unqualified loyalty to the Government of the United States.

The primary objects of this association shall be:

1st. To encourage and promote, by moral, social and political influence, unconditioned loyalty to the Federal Government, and to defend and protect the integrity and perpetuity of this nation.

2d. To inculcate a higher appreciation of the value and sacred obligations of American citizenship; to maintain the civil and political equality of all citizens in every section of our common country, and to aid in the enforcement of all laws enacted to preserve the purity of the ballot box.

3d. To resist and expose corruption and promote economy in office, and to secure honesty and efficiency in the administration of national, state and municipal affairs.
Throughout the years, the Union League Club has had significant involvement in encouraging responsible voting practices.

The ULCC Articles of Association include the objective to preserve the purity of the ballot box."
The inscription on the fireplace in Presidents Hall mirrors the inscription chosen by members and carved on the mantelpiece in the original Clubhouse. It reads:

*Welcome to Loyal Hearts*

*We join ourselves to no party which does not carry the flag and keep step with the music of the Union*

The mural entitled “Patria” was painted by Edwin Blashfield to symbolize these words.
The skylight over the pool was originally open to the sky for natural lighting. During World War II when there was concern that enemy planes could fly in over Lake Michigan, the skylight was painted over to conform to city-wide blackouts.