

# U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

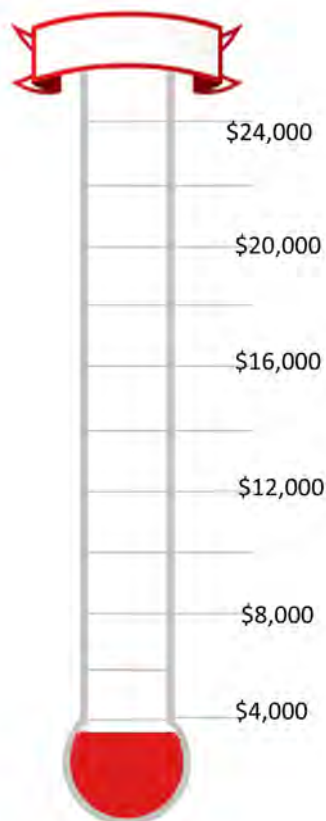
September 2016

## Club Improvement Campaign

The Club Improvement Campaign was announced by the Board on August 20 and, in just 10 days, has reached 13% of its \$25,000 goal. The Campaign's purpose is to fund some needed capital improvements in the Club. Jason reports: *"The carpet has many areas where the thread is showing and is coming up to a point where the company we have used for cleaning does not feel comfortable using industrial machines on it any longer. I have used adhesives recently to try to keep it down but even vacuuming pulls the carpet up."* The Campaign will hopefully allow us to replace the main dining room carpet (we'd like to do that before the December Holiday Party) and a very aged dishwasher.

Other improvements under discussion include installing a defibrillator (both Lori and Jason have been trained in using one), improving the Club's security system and the sound system. The Campaign is also designed to help stabilize the Club's finances.

All Club Members are asked to contribute to this effort. Pledge cards are located at the Club or you can contact Campaign co-chairs Greg Koenig or Jerry Jacobson to make a pledge. A pledge card can also be downloaded at [Improvement Campaign](#) which can then be printed and the card and returned to the Club.



**We hope your summer has been pleasant and rewarding. With Fall arriving, this month the Club resumes its customary monthly activities including Speaker lunches and the Lunch and Learn series.**

**We look forward to seeing you at the Club and at these events.**

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Please Pledge Now!



# Summer Party 2016

The Club's 2016 Summer Party was held on August 18 at RoxyAnn Winery. A huge turnout, larger than any in recent years, avoided the 108 degree heat with the party having been moved indoors to the winery's well-cooled Production Room. A great BBQ dinner with RoxyAnn wines was enjoyed by Club Members and their guests. As has been the custom in recent years, the Party included a silent auction for the benefit of the Rogue River Valley University Club Scholarship Foundation. Auctioneer Dom Campanella, Secretary of the Foundation's Board, energetically and humorously garnered auction and associated pledges of support totaling a record \$9400 for the Foundation.



(upper left) Rob Kemper-Pelle, Ian Bachtel, Emily Bachtel and one of the Club's newest members, RCC President Cathy Kemper-Pelle. (middle left) Gary and Diane Newland (with Dave Straus in the background) with the auction basket they won. (lower left) RCC's Lisa Dunagan and husband Brian with their Barrel Stave coat rack auction winning. (upper right) Host Jack Day. (middle right) Carol Fischer and Doug Smith exploring the auction table. (lower right) Sue Kupillas, Ken Brandt . [Photos by Steven Addington]



Previous Club Members included the Club in their estate plans and their generosity has helped create the experience you've enjoyed here.

Please consider leaving your mark on the Club's future by requesting a bequest invitation from [Jerry Jacobson](#) at 542-773-2727.

## Sept 15 Speaker — Bob Russell and the Butte Creek Mill

Eagle Point's Butte Creek Mill burned to the ground on Christmas Day, 2015. Described by fire officials as "the heart of the community," it was also declared a "total loss." The last water-powered grist mill to commercially operate west of the Mississippi River, the 1872 property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Following the fire, owner Bob Russell quickly declared his intention to rebuild and the community has been clear in its desire to make that happen. On September 15, he'll describe the Mill's significance and the community's effort to reclaim it.

Register Now at: [September Lunch Speaker](#)

### In Memoriam



Dr. John R. Watson followed his medical school friends, (and U Club Members) Donald McGeary and Eugene Meyerding, to the in 1959. He co-founded the OBGYN Clinic with Dr. Bud Emig, and practiced medicine until his retirement in March of 1986. Having joined the Club in 1964, he maintained his membership for four decades and was awarded Senior Member status in 2012.

Frank Hopewell moved to the Rogue Valley in 1950 where he and his wife, Ellie, raised three boys on his dairy, Bunny Crest Dairy, which was his lifelong passion. He later transitioned to his final career in investment and wealth management. Frank joined the U Club in 1966 and maintained his membership for four decades. On retirement he moved to Des Moines, Washington and was awarded Senior Membership status in 2009.



**Hold the Date**  
**Third Annual Founders Dinner, November 17!**

# Lunch and Learn — Sept 13

## *The In's & Outs of Non-Profit Board Service*

The Club's Lunch and Learn series resumes this month with a session, facilitated by Karen Doolen, devoted to the issues associated with non-profit board service. A Rogue Valley resident since 1995, Doolen has served on a wide variety of non-profit boards including municipal, higher education, arts and other community-based non-profits. She will lead a discussion in which she poses questions to attendees about non-profit board service issues. The only charge for the event is the Club's customary \$12.50 lunch charge. The session is open to the general public but attendees are requested to register in advance so the Club can adequately plan for the session. Club Members can charge their meal to their account. Non-members will pay at the event. .



**Karen Doolen**

Registration is now open at: [September Lunch and Learn](#)

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