

# U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

September 2017

## ***Steve McCandless September 14 Speaker***



The Club's monthly speaker series, organized by Sue Kupillas, returns this month with Stephen McCandless presenting "The Craterian: Past Present and Future."

McCandless, who has nearly 40 years of management experience in the for-profit and not-for-profit performing arts industries, is the founding executive director of Craterian Performances Company, having been hired to oversee the theater's

\$5.2mm renovation and the re-opening of the theater. He is responsible for administration, staffing, financial management, programming, facility development, and marketing for the Craterian organization. In addition, he has instituted three in-house producing companies: the Teen Musical Theater of Oregon, Next Stage Repertory Company, and the Craterian Music Hall.

Reservations for this Thursday, September 14 lunch are due by Monday, September 11 and can be made by calling Lori at the Club at 541-772-4707 or online at this link: [September Speaker.](#)

## **Coming Events**

**Founders Dinner**

**November**

**Date TBA**

**Celebrating the 1950s**

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## **HOLD THE DATE**

**The Club's 2017 Holiday Party will be held on  
Thursday, December 14**

member



## Bill Purdy

Bill Purdy started out as an Iowa farm boy, went to Iowa State and became a civil engineer working for Chicago Bridge and Iron. Then he went to law school and became a lawyer practicing with the Schwabe law firm in Portland. Then he made his way to Medford where he has stayed put.

Did you know:

- At Iowa State he mailed his laundry home every week. His mother would do it and mail it back. Bill says this is completely normal.
- His boss at Chicago Bridge and Iron would approach Bill, ask if he were still single, and when Bill said he was, Bill would immediately get sent out of the country for some multi-month project. Bill got tired of that.
- He met Nancy during law school and together they decided they wanted to live where they liked to vacation. They liked Oregon and Montana, but Bill decided there weren't enough people in Montana to get into lawsuits with one another, so they chose Oregon.
- Bill and Nancy traveled out to Oregon in a TR-4, a tiny Triumph 2-seater convertible.
- He practiced law with Stuart Foster for decades, then did *pro bono* work for the Center for Nonprofit Legal Services before deciding to run for an open judge spot. He had to run two campaigns because in the primary he failed to get his name in the Voters Pamphlet. He needed the second election to get an outright majority but he did so and served 6 years. He said his biggest disappointment in retirement from his judgeship was having to give up the couch in Chambers, on which he would catch a fifteen minute snooze after lunch.



*"Let us remember that the University Club has been here since 1910. The culture of the Club may need to change with the times but the tradition and fellowship needs to carry on for future generations." — President Jack Salter, August 2002*

Many Club Members have previously provided for the Club's future in their estate plans and their generosity has helped create the experience you've enjoyed here.

Please consider helping to strengthen the Club's future by securing a bequest invitation form from [Jerry Jacobson](#) at 542-773-2727.

# Summer Party 2017

Once again held on the wonderful grounds of RoxyAnn Winery, the Club's August 17 Summer Party was a grand success. Beautiful weather, great wine, great food, great company and a generous, spectacular performance by our Members who contributed a record \$10,415 to support the RVUCC Scholarship Foundation's program for helping local students' collegiate success. Raffle tickets deftly sold by Sandy Abell helped raise that record amount as did the silent auction items donated by our Members. Auctioneer Peter Sage then led a spirited, humorous Paddle Donation round which capped off the evening with a grand flourish. Club former president Cristina Sanz bought the winning 50/50 raffle ticket — and then donated her winnings back to the Foundation handily boosting the evening's fundraising total to a new record.

All in all — a grand event as appropriate for a fifty year old Club tradition!



(from top left) Betty Root and Tom Upton; Steve and Lori Furst, Karen and Bob Doolen; Bob Methvin, Birk Birkenshaw and host Jack Day; Sandy Abell placing purchased raffle tickets in a Member's hands and Peter Sage leading the Auction to a new record total. *Photos by Steven Addington*



# Meeting in Progress

Did you know that the Club's second floor conference room is available for private meetings at no charge? The room is quiet and is suitable for groups of as many as eight. And if you schedule your meeting during the noon hour, you can serve your guests lunch at the Club's customary \$12.50 per person. The conference room is also available during off-hours but food served other than at lunch requires special catering arrangements with Jason.

The Club's conference room is a quiet, private space — and it's available to Members at no charge as an added Membership benefit. And don't forget that the COPCO Library is just around the corner and is a perfect place for an informal visit in its easy chairs.

Just call Lori or Jason at 541-772-4707 to schedule the conference room.

## First Come — First Serve!



## Kupillas To Receive Governors' Award

Our own Sue Kupillas will receive the Al and Pat Risser Civic Leadership Award at the 2017 Governors' Gold Award ceremonies to be held in Portland on October 21.

Hosted by Governors Kate

Brown, John Kitzhaber, Ted Kulongosky and Betty Roberts, the Gold Award ceremonies began in 1972 and

benefit the Oregon Special Olympics. The awards celebrate Oregonians who have significantly contributed to the State's greatness.

**CONGRATULATIONS SUE!**



## Lunch and Learn with Sandy Abell - September 12

### ***“Managing Conflict in the Workplace”***



*Lunch & Learn* returns this month with Sandy Abell facilitating a discussion on “Managing Conflict in the Workplace.” A co-founder of the Club’s *Lunch and Learn* series, Sandy is a bestselling author, coach, educator, speaker, and owner of Inside Jobs Coaching Company. She has been a counselor and Business and Life Coach in Southern Oregon for over 25 years and concentrates on helping people improve their business, reach goals and maximize their potential in every aspect of their lives.

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



### **Recruit a former Member to return?**

Do you know a former Club Member who might be interested in returning? Perhaps they were a Member when actively involved in business and just didn’t have time to enjoy the Club but are newly retired and have time to again enjoy Club fellowship.

Many things may have changed since they were Members including the extensive remodeling over the past 15 years. If you think they might be interested in re-joining, bring them to lunch **and the Club will pay for their lunch**. Just note their name on your chit as a prospective returning Member.

The former Member and the Club both benefit!.

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