

U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

October 2019



YP Social Event

The Club's Young Professionals Recruitment committee has scheduled a YP Social for Friday, October 18th, 5 to 7 pm.

Selected young professionals in the community will be invited to this first-ever U Club event which will feature whiskey, wine, appetizers and, of course, great conversation!

Highlights include:

- A variety of wines sourced from Medford's own Urban Pallet;
- Whiskey tasting with the head distiller of Pioneer Whiskey, a micro-distillery based out of Talent, OR;
- A variety of delicious appetizers created by Chef Jason.

The event will also include a tour of the Club and invitation to consider joining. Existing Club Members are welcome to attend and mix with these prospective Members. Please register at [YP Social](#) if you would like to attend.

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**Speaker Lunch
October 17**

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Bob Methvin

Robert Methvin grew up in Medford, and attended Roosevelt, Griffin Creek, McLaughlin, and then Medford High School, class of 1964.

He played right tackle under the coaching of Fred Spiegelberg. He and the left tackle were called "the horses." Bob opened up the holes for fullback Bill "Earthquake" Enyart, who went on to glory as an All American at Oregon State. "I weighed 195 back then, all muscle," Bob said.

"During summers through high school I worked with my father, who did a lot of roofing. I would carry the bundles of asphalt shingles on my shoulders and go up and down the ladders all summer. It paid for gas for my car."



He got a scholarship to what is now SOU, and earned spending money doing the night shift at the Chevron station across from the entrance to the Jackson County Expo. "I could do a little homework when it was quiet, but I also kept busy doing engine overhauls over a weekend. I learned how to do it in 9th grade auto shop. That was all the training I had, but it was enough."

After college he worked for a few years as an auditor for the Oregon Department of Revenue in Salem, but came back to Medford, met up with Randy Jones and went to work with him at Investors Marketplace starting in 1980. "I'm actually a very shy person," he said. "I have to get up in the morning and say to myself, 'You're in sales, So get out there and get the job done!'"

For some 28 years he has been in partnership as a realtor with his wife, Judy. "And we're still married!"

Len Merriman said the Member Spotlight wouldn't be complete without mentioning that Bob has lots and lots of toys. We ask what kind. Bob said, "motorcycles, E-Bikes, snowmobiles, ATVs, ski boat, and a motor home. Things to have fun with the grandchildren."

**Please consider introducing a friend (and prospective Member)
to the U Club!**



Alison Carey - Oregon Shakespeare Festival

September 19

RECAP

Alison Carey, a 12-year veteran of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's senior staff, spoke before the Club on Thursday, September 19. Carey is principally in charge of the Festival's groundbreaking *American Revolutions: United States History Cycle* which has produced, among other results, two nationally-recognized plays about Lyndon Johnson's presidency.

Carey spoke with great enthusiasm about many new developments at the Festival including new staff and the Festival's plans for dealing with potential smoke problems during the summer season.

"We are going back to the Elizabethan Theater."

she said, saying that they will take their chances with the smoke in future years.



When a Club Member asked her "what are the elements of a show that turns out to be a hit, her answer was to laugh. "That," she said, "is the biggest question in theater. No one knows." She went on to say that people do like comedies and they do like musicals, that those are better than average audience pleasers. She said that their recent show about genocide in Cambodia, "Cambodian Rock Band," it seemed a far out and potentially unappreciated show but turned out to be a real hit with sellout performances.

She spoke of her long professional association with Bill Rauch, saying that he was an "extraordinary talent" and that his move to the new theater in New York was testament to how widely his talents were recognized.

Carey's presentation provoked a lively and much-appreciated discussion with Club Members.

U Club Holiday Party - December 12 - Save the Date!



Matt Sayre - Southern Oregon University

Thursday, October 17

Now in his 10th year as SOU's Athletic Director, Matt Sayre, the SOU Athletic Department has seen unprecedented success under Sayre's leadership. After finishing with back-to-back 50th place finishes in the annual Director's Cup standings following the 2008-09 and 2009-10 campaigns, the Raiders finished 29th in 2010-11, 21st in 2011-12, 18th in 2012-13, 32nd in 2013-14 campaign and sixth in 2014-15. The 6th place finish is the best in school history and the best in Cascade Conference history. SOU Athletics followed that up in 2015-16 with an 8th place finish and 13th place finishes in each of the last three years.



Sayre has also overseen record fundraising efforts, including a \$1.5 million dollar gift for the new Lithia Motors Pavilion and record-setting scholarship fundraising years.

Sayre was named in the Cascade Conference Athletic Director of the Year following the 2014-15 season and then again following the 2015-16 season.

The Athletic Department has also turned in record fundraising campaigns and is known for many of the Character initiatives that Sayre started upon taking over the reigns.

Sayre was also instrumental in the remodel of Raider Stadium, which added a multi-use turf, new track, locker rooms for football and track and offices for football and track and also the new Lithia Motors Pavilion - which will house a new gym, athletic offices, training room and locker rooms.

During October 17 lunch, Sayre will bring Club Members up to date on new developments at SOU and, in particular, the school's athletic program.

Register for this event by Monday, October 14 by clicking on [October Speaker](#) or by calling Lori at the Club at 541-772-4707.

RRV University Club Foundation



While the Foundation is a separate enterprise, it is obviously closely associated with the University Club and we will, therefore routinely devote a portion of the Club's monthly Newsletter to reporting on developments at the Foundation.

NEW ADDED GOAL: The Foundation's board voted in September to establish a new, added goal to the Foundation's purposes. While the Foundation's traditional Scholarship Fund will continue as separate element of the Foundation's work, the Foundation has newly established a Historic Building Preservation Fund which will support appropriate preservation and maintenance costs of the University Club's National Register of Historic Places-listed home. Funds contributed to the Historic Building Preservation Fund will be used exclusively for that purpose and funds contributed to the Scholarship Fund will continue to exclusively support that endeavor. Proceeds from the U Club's Summer Party auction will continue to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

NAME CHANGE: In light of the Foundation's creation of the Historic Building Preservation Fund, the Foundation is changing its name from Rogue River Valley University Club Scholarship Foundation to Rogue River Valley University Club Foundation.

Both of these steps are consistent with the handling of such matters by other University Clubs throughout the nation.

Contributions to either the Scholarship Fund or the Historic Building Preservation Fund will continue to be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

OFFICER CHANGE: At the Foundation's August board meeting president Jack Day submitted his resignation as Foundation president and Greg Koenig was then elected Foundation president. The Foundation salutes Jack for his years of dedicated leadership of the Foundation. Thanks Jack!

Badge Zone!

Wear Your Badge — and Protect Your Badge

The U Club's badge program is now about 18 months old and most Members have been GREAT about wearing them which helps both new Members (and old ones!) keep names straight and elegantly handle introductions for guests.

Yes, we know they are small and — if you're like your editor — you may have forgotten to leave it in the basket on your table and, on at least one occasion, walked out of the Club still wearing it.

BUT — please don't lose your badge! While the Club has supplied each Member with a badge, the Club can't afford to replace lost ones and ordering a single replacement badge runs \$22.50 (including postage). So please don't lose yours!

MEMBERSHIP

Do You Know Someone Who Would Like to Join the Club?

A Personal Membership Application can be
downloaded at:

[Personal Member Application](#)

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