

U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

December 2019



There's still time to make your reservation for the Club's Annual Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 12!

- ⇒ Baked Brie Wrap with Fig; Shrimp Cocktail; Cranberry Meatballs; Prime Rib Croustini with Goat Cheese and Pesto; Caprese Bites; Ham & Leek Soup; Antipasto; Herb and Nut Cheese Ball with Crackers; Christmas Turkey Sliders,
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- ⇒ **Back Again — the GREAT Harry & David Dessert ROOM** with Cheesecakes, Cupcakes, Eggnog Bundt Cake, Ultimate Chocolate Cake and Gourmet Brownies
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- ⇒ ***GREAT FOOD, GREAT FELLOWSHIP and all for \$35 per person.***
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- ⇒ The Fun starts at 6PM!

Reserve Now at [Holiday Party](#) or by calling the Club at 541-772-4707.

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member



Christine Herbert

Christine Herbert moved to Medford in January 1998, to be near her then-boyfriend and now husband. They met when Christine was 16. They were both Youth Leaders at a Youth Conservation Corps camp in Eastern Oregon, Camp Cody. We asked what attracted her to him. "He was good at everything you do at a camp," she said. "I, by contrast, was sort of prissy."



Born in Southern California, Christine spent her junior high and high school years with a foster family in Milwaukee, Oregon. She ran cross-country and the 220 but says she has no idea what times she ran them in. "I came in third once, I think," she said. "It was a small track meet. It was a long time ago."

She was already a lawyer when she arrived in Medford, having had to do it the hard way, working full time as a legal secretary while going to college and law school, primarily attending classes at night.

Her own difficult childhood and foster home experience inspired the direction of law she has been doing for 20 years here in Medford - juvenile law. She explained that there were two main features to that practice, delinquency issues (when young people get into trouble) and dependency issues (when there is a problem in the home and the state needs to make a determination of the best situation for the young person.) "That practice area puts me into court a lot. These are the kinds of cases that go to trial. I am a trial attorney."

We asked if she has any particularly interesting cases. She said she was assigned the high profile case of Susan Monica. We said we didn't remember that one. "This was the case where the defendant was accused of killing two people and feeding their bodies to the hogs." Oh, yes, we said. We remembered that one. "She was convicted."

The fact that she was assigned to that high profile case is a tribute to her reputation doing criminal defense. She is the Administrator for Rogue Valley Defenders, which is a group that gets court assigned cases when for reason of conflicts of interest the Southern Oregon Public Defenders cannot handle the case.

We asked what she did for fun. "All I do is work. That is what I do for fun." There must be something, we said. "Well, I travel internationally with friends. I enjoyed Ireland and Scotland a lot. We laughed, drank, visited sites. And I go to the beach. My two collies love the Oregon coast, so we go there."

When she is not in court you might find her at the Club, especially on days when your Board of Trustees meet. Christine Herbert is one of the Trustees.



Peter Sage - Recap

Up Close New Hampshire Madness:

Fresh from his latest Political Tourist expedition on November 21 Peter shared his observations on the Granite State's complex 2019 primary election with a rundown on all of the candidates, the strengths and weaknesses of their campaign presentations and gave Club Members a great sense of what the New Hampshire primary was like for the candidates and the voters.



Peter also predicted the winner of the 2020 presidential election (Trump)!

Join us for Peter's Up Close views on those races!

Thanks for sharing your travels Peter!

Unfortunate News

The Club's refrigerator is dying!.

It was purchased used nearly 20 years old so this might have been expected — but it is a very inopportune \$3000-plus budget development!



Please Remember to Include a generous HOLIDAY BONUS for Jason and Lori in your December Club Payment.
They do SO MUCH for us it's important to recognize that at the end of each year.

Founders Dinner - November 14



This year's Founders Dinner was held on November 14 and — in addition to great company and an extraordinary Fillet Mignon dinner — focused on the history of our Club house, the 1910 Home Telephone and Telegraph Building.



Jim Maddux was pretty surprised when MC Jerry Lambo announced his winning this year's Bull Throwing Award!

The RRV University Club Foundation raised over \$1700 for its new Historic Building Preservation Fund designed to

help maintain our Club House with tax-deductible contributions (see page 5 of this month's Newsletter).

And the wonderful *Passing Notes* female barbershop quartet closed the evening with a great performance!



In Memoriam

Club Member

Steve Hess (1931 - 2019)



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

Big Thanks to Nancy Brewald-Johnson for a generous contribution to the Scholarship Fund in memory of our former Club president Leigh Johnson! Nancy's multi-year gift will help fund scholarships for a number of deserving local college-bound high school seniors.

HISTORIC BUILDING PRESERVATION FUND: November's Club Founders Dinner produced over \$1700 in donations to the Foundation's Historic Building Preservation Fund. Thanks to all who contributed!

You can support either the Club's Scholarship Fund or the Historic Building Preservation Fund (which helps maintain the Club's 1910 historic building) or both.

CONTRIBUTE: Contributions to the RRV University Club Foundation are tax-deductible and this is a great time to make a donation.

Contribute to either the Foundation's Scholarship Fund or the Historic Building Preservation Fund at: [DONATION FORM](#) Please note that, if you wish to contribute to both, you will need to click on the link and issue each contribution separately.

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New Members

Welcome to the U Club

Eric McLaughlin

and Crater Lake Charter Academy (its COO Jonathan Bilden and staff)



"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 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 541-773-2727.

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