

U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

September 2022

Thanks to All who made the Club's Summer Party happen.



Rick Millward's music was great. Chef Brandon prepared our meal which was, as always, great as well. But it was really special to see so many friends some of whom we hadn't had a chance to visit with for a while.

In fact, everyone was having such a good time that we all forgot to take any pictures — which is why we don't have any to share (as we often do after a Club event).

We'll do better next time!!

And **BIG Thanks** to Chad Day/RoxyAnn for hosting the party again this year!

Women Member Mark Your Calendars!

Lunches start September 21

We're restarting Women Member lunches. We like the tradition of having women Members gather but we're moving our standard monthly Women's Lunch meeting date to a monthly Wednesday.



*Informal - Easy - Interesting! No agendas or lists of things to do.
Just a chance to get to know each other.*

If you'd like to bring a friend please feel free to do so. And don't forget to text Chef Brandon to let him know you'll be attending (and if you're bringing a guest) at 541-864-0161.

Any questions? Feel free to contact Angela Thorndike, littlefieldthorndike@gmail.com 541-944-1877 or Cristina Sanz, sanzm@sou.edu, 541-301-2797.

P.S. And it goes without saying - all Members welcome!

With this month's return of Women's Lunches, it seems timely to look back at both the U Club, and its female equivalent, the Colony Club.

The following is taken from oral histories done by the Southern Oregon Historical Society in the 1980s.



Participants are Mabel Ruhl (wife of Mail Tribune owner/publisher Robert Ruhl); Alicia Ruhl McArthur (Mabel and Robert's daughter); Lillian Westerlund Salade (a great aunt of Club Member Bill Thorndike); Nan Parsons (mother of former Club Member Jack Day) and Ruth Browne Preston.

MR: The University Club often had musicals. They had them at every annual dinner at the University Club - they had a play. And it was the same sort of thing that we did at the Colony Club, you know. Sort of take-offs of people there. And they wrote awfully good verses to certain music. The verses had nothing to do with the original verses, but it was they take-offs of the town, and I think they were very un-

Long ago....
But not so far away

popular, too, for a while. There were quite a few people that took great exception. They didn't identify people personally, [like] the council and the chamber of commerce and various organizations, but they took them off a little bit - and some of them didn't like it. Others roared with laughter and loved it. But there were some of

them who took great exception to it, so I think they got into a quite a bit of hot water.

Now, the Colony Club I know more about, which is kind of in conjunction with the University Club at that time because the husbands would come in and spend a great deal of time in the University Club and so these women would come in and do their shopping and so forth--and of course, horse and buggy--so they formed the Colony Club in 1913. We had Cargill Court. You [to Lillian] were too young [to remember].

RP: I changed my clothes to go Cargill Court Apartments to go dancing school.

MR: I once read the whole history of the Colony Club and it was fascinating because they started in an apartment; first had a room in the Medford Hotel, then they took an apartment, and then went from a small apartment to a bigger apartment. And they called it the Colony Club because the wives would come in and they

figured this was kind of a colony; so the Colony Club was in conjunction with the University Club.

And we had a supper the same night the University Club did its annual meeting. Ours wasn't an annual meeting. And then we began having little plays or skits or something. They weren't what you'd call real plays. And so forth. One time we had a dinner instead of a play in which everybody took the part of some personality. Mabel Clark was Eleanor Roosevelt and she read, "My Day." She read that. Do you remember? You weren't here then. And it was wonderful because "My Day" was one of these things that took in the personalities of the Club.



Colony Club on Geneva Street

AM: Do you remember Eleanor Roosevelt's column?

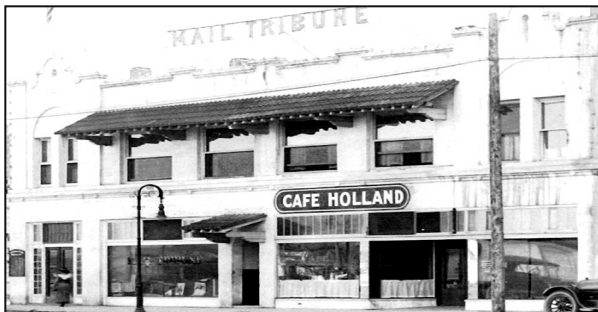
RP: Yes.

MR: And Mabel was wonderful and she got up there and read this thing. I can't do it a proper imitation but she did it [lower teeth in front of upper teeth]. This way the whole time. She spoke exactly like Eleanor, she spoke rather easternly anyway. Harriet was Hitler, who was Ruth Sparrow?

AM: Mussolini

LS: This is ancient history, actually!

AM: Mother, do you remember that story that Dad used to tell about the University Club? Somebody was fighting with Eddie Burgess on the stairs when the Club was in the Mail Tribune quarters.



The U Club's quarter were on the second floor.
The staircase referred to is at far left.

MR : They weren't really fighting but they'd had an argument, and one of them rolled all the way down the stairs to the sidewalk. They were narrow stairs. (Laughter)

AM : Then he turned to the other and said someone up there doesn't like us!"

MR : That was awfully funny.
(Laughter)



“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

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