

U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

December 2017



Thursday

Dec 14

6 - 9 pm

Please be sure to use your new Club membership badge

The Club is being decorated for the Holidays (thanks Julie McLaughlin!) and is waiting for you to join in the Holiday Celebration.

The Holiday Party is one of our Club's oldest traditions. For this year's Party Chef Jason's menu includes Garlicky Shrimp Cocktail, Crab Cake Bites, Cranberry Brie Crostini, Beef Wellington Bites, Ham and Cheese Sliders, Meatball Parmesan Skewers, Italian Prime Rib Soup and a variety of Antipasto. **PLUS the Harry and David Dessert Room returns with a wonderful variety of delectable treats.**

The Holiday Party is \$35 per person and registration is now open at [Holiday Party](#) or by calling the Club at 541-772-4707.



In This Issue

- Holiday Party - December 14
- Founders Dinner - Huge Success
- Member Spotlight — Rich Karchmer
- November *Lunch & Learn* — Jeri Reno
- Welcome - Charlie Versteeg and Christine Herbert
- Holiday Decorations - Thanks Julie!
- Badges are Important!
- Email privacy
- Bequests

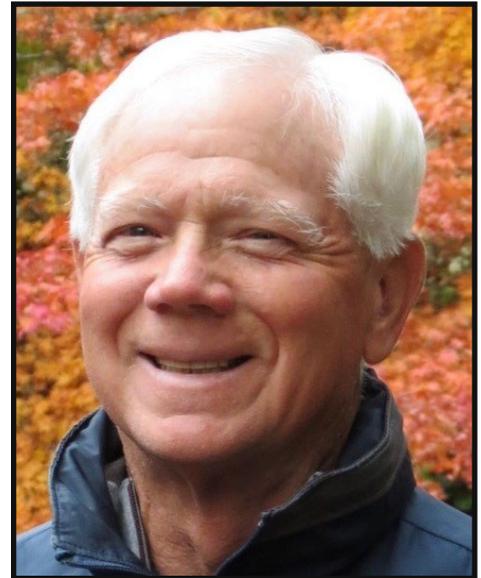
**Make Your Reservation NOW for
the Club's 2017 Holiday Party**

member

SPOTLIGHT

Rich Karchmer

University Club member can still hear a little bit of Memphis, Tennessee in the voice of Rich Karchmer. His father ran a scrap metal yard and he went to Memphis public schools through his elementary education. He finished at a Memphis private school and played as a lineman on his high school team, weighing in at 160 pounds.



He joked that he still had enough intact brain cells to attend Princeton, graduating in the class of 1965. He refused to tell any stories on himself, other than the fact that he played rugby there for four years (no helmet), and that he did not have a car because no cars were allowed. He noted that Princeton was the Ivy League football champion his senior year and their basketball team, led by classmate Bill Bradley, went to the Final Four. Rich did not play on either team.

He attended Medical School at Washington University in St. Louis, then did more study at the University of North Carolina and then the University of Utah. He practiced at the Medford Clinic then at the Hematology and Oncology Associates. He came to Medford to start his practice in 1976, arriving here in a blue Gremlin. He retired two years ago after almost 40 years practicing medicine.

He has been a long time member of the Medford Rogue Rotary Club, and has served on several boards including the Craterian, the Providence Foundation, and the Premier West Bank board. He noted that he had left the bank's board before everything fell apart, but offers this advice to younger University Club members: "Don't give up your day job if you are counting on Premier West Bank stock as the foundation of your retirement income."

He has two children and two grandchildren, He says he is thrilled with them. "None of them are in jail."

With Christmas and New Years falling on Mondays this year, the Club's Annual Holiday Cheer lunches will be held on the preceding Fridays — December 22 and 29. Mark your Calendars!

Leave your
Mark



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.

Why the Club is Now
a

Badge Zone!

Newer Club Members have often expressed discomfort over not readily knowing (and remembering!) the names of other seated at their table. Additionally, one of the prominent comments from newer Members who resign is the "difficulty of fitting in" when not knowing many Members. One long-time Member recently commented that he stopped bringing guests to the Club because he wasn't confident that he could easily introduce his guest to all the people at their table because he wasn't confident he knew or recalled all their names.

These stories point to a significant challenge for the Club. Please do your part in addressing it and wear your badge at all Club events.

About Email...

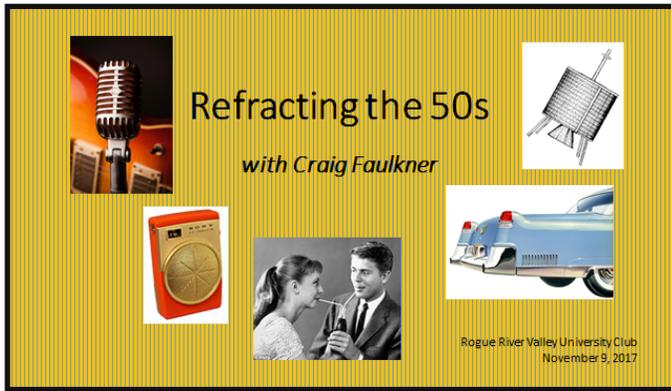


Everyone uses email so frequently that there is a tendency to be very cautious about spam and the concern that uses of your email address could proliferate. **The Club NEVER shares your email address with any outside party.** However, a few points are worth noting about your email.

If you change your email address we have no way of knowing unless you tell us. Sometimes Members write and say "I stopped receiving Club email some months ago — and we discover they had changed their address without notifying us.

Occasionally someone will tell us that they haven't changed their address but stopped receiving Club email and it turns out that they have clicked on "unsubscribe" at the bottom of Federal regulations are VERY strict about this and when someone unsubscribes, we neither know about that nor are we able to re-subscribe them. We have to delete their entire record and enter them as a new Member — so please don't "un-subscribe!"

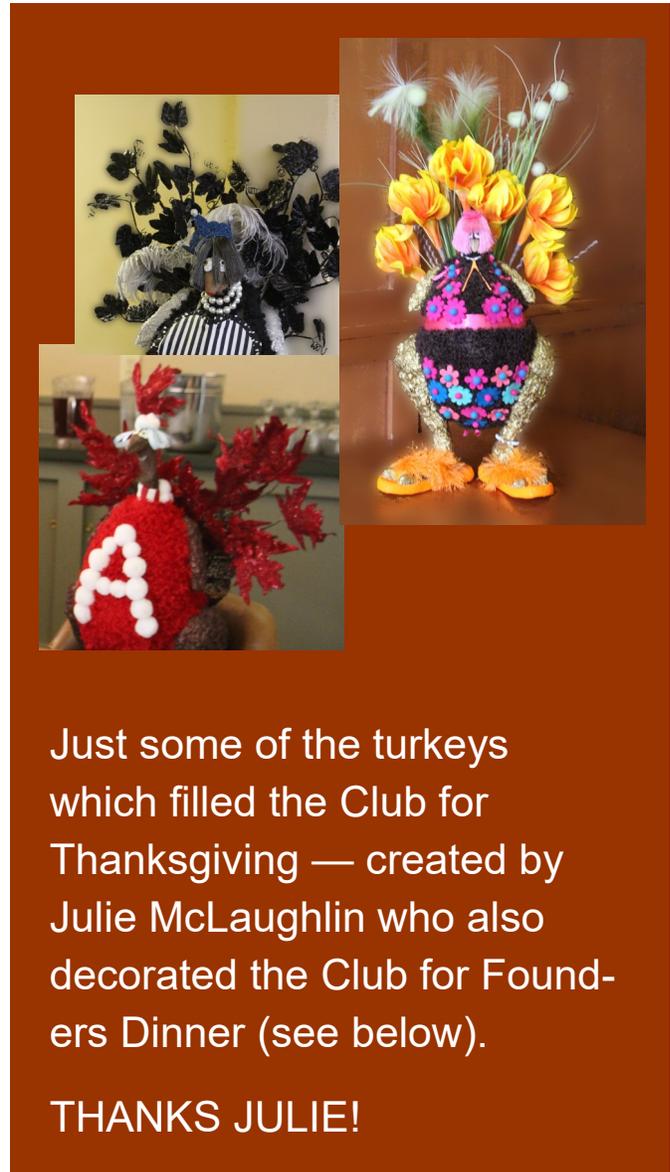
**Welcome to New Member Charlie Versteeg and
Returning Member Christine Herbert.**



Founders Dinner - November 9

This year's Founders Dinner - focusing on the 1950s — was enjoyed by a full house of Members. Another GREAT meal by Chef Jason was followed a the most unique remote video presentation of the Bull Thrower Award to Jack Day (who was in Mexico)!

The evening finished with a "Refracting the 50s" presentation by Craig Faulkner, host of Jefferson Public Radio's *American Rhythm*. Lots of Elvis, Bill Haley and the Comets, Fats Domino and Chuck Berry filled the air as Craig explained the evolution of music in that era.



(left) Carol Fischer (seated next to Betty Root) won the Best Costumed prize at Founders Dinner for the second year in a row. (right) One of Julie McLaughlin's wonderful table settings.

MEMBERSHIP

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

A Personal Membership Application can be downloaded at:

[**Personal Member Application**](#)

Lunch and Learn - November 14



November's *Lunch and Learn* featured People's Bank's Jeri Reno who facilitated a discussion on "Women's Leadership in the Workplace."

Thanks Jeri! And thanks to Jason Reno who has coordinated *Lunch and Learn* throughout 2017.



(top) Jeri at the helm of the discussion. (left) Two participants (from Lithia) making a point.

Annual Staff Holiday Gratitude

Our *wonderful* hard-working staff is what makes the University Club a fine experience for our Members enjoy and each year Members voluntarily send them a Holiday Gratitude gift to help thank them for all they do for us.

Contributing to their Holiday gratuity is optional fbut you are encouraged to send some Holiday cheer their way. If you have already done so, THANKS! If you would like to newly do so or add to a previous gift, you can do so with your December billing. .

The Club hopes you will help recognize our truly stellar staff with a generous Holiday Gratitude gift.

Rogue River Valley University Club

218 West Sixth Street
Medford, OR 97501

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services and products

Rogue River Valley University Club
218 West Sixth Street
Medford, OR 97501

(541) 772-4707

admin@medforduclub.org

Visit us on the web at
www.rvuclub.org