



Security Related Changes at the Club

Your board has decided to implement several security-related improvements to the Club during February. These steps were taken in light of growing problems with unauthorized entry to the Club by local transients as well as an attempt by one person to set fire to the building a few months ago. We are now in the process of installing several systems to better protect our staff and our Club house. Motion-activated, high intensity lights are being placed along the alley, a new video system will record motion on the front porch and a keypad front door lock will replace the existing key lock.

The front door will remain unlocked from about 11:45 until 12:45 each weekday but access at other hours will require keying in your Member number with a leading digit (which will be provided to you in advance). Special arrangements will be made for evening events.

Discussion about the need for such measures began during a spontaneous lunch conversation with Ken Pons and John Snider. The board moved forward when Snider offered generous financial help with the project.

**Thanks for your inspiration
and your help John!**



**Club Annual
Meeting**

Thursday

March 30

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SPOTLIGHT

Sue Kupillas



Sue Kupillas was a Jackson County Commissioner for 16 years and was the first female member of our University Club.

She started out life in Fruitland, Idaho, near the Oregon border and graduated in a high school class of 25 students. She said she was not the smartest kid in her class—but she had the "disadvantage of not studying."



Instead, it was her goal to read every book in the tiny Fruitland High School Library, so she spent her classroom hours with a library book in her lap paying attention to her book rather than class.

She describes herself saying "I was the trouble maker as my sisters were smart and followed the rules. Being creative, I was always in trouble. I was always defiant, especially against authority."

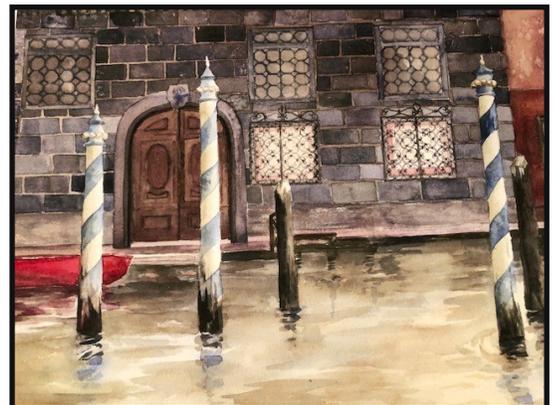
Sue attended school in the pre-Title-Nine era. There were no girls' sports of any kind. She spent her summers picking plums and apples in the family orchard and, along with her sisters, spent evenings in the packing house boxing Red Delicious and Rome apples.

She went to Moscow to go to college—Moscow, Idaho — where she studied architecture and art, which was her preparation for a job as an accountant and bookkeeper for Boise Cascade in Independence, Oregon.

Her artistic talent led to work as a teacher, substituting for Judy Morris at North Medford High School, and then full-time jobs teaching art at Medford and Talent schools.

As a Jackson County Commissioner she took special interest in White City. She established the Rogue Family Center, a one-stop center for public services including community policing. Currently she advocates for rebuilding the Butte Creek Mill. In 2017 she received the Governor's Award for Civic Leadership and was the Grand Marshall of the Eagle Point 4th of July Parade.

Sue travels the world doing art the old fashioned way: she finds scenic places, sits herself down to sketch and paint what she sees. She has been everywhere: Japan, Korea, China and all over Europe. She says that painting allows her to edit on the spot. In Venice, for example, she was in a beautiful spot but shortly after getting started garbage boats pulled up in front of her and workers loaded garbage in ugly bags. Then they left. No need to include them in her painting.



(top) Sue and her sisters. (bottom) Venice canal sans garbage scows.



Previous Club Members have 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.

MEMBERSHIP

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

A Personal Membership Application can be downloaded at:

[Personal Member Application](#)

Welcome Morgan Stanley!

The Club's newest Business Member is the Cedar Ridge Group at Morgan Stanley. Joining under the Business Membership are Elliott Stone, Paul Smith, Norman Fincher, David Sayler, Shane Sevcik and Ellery Kaiser.

Please join your Board in extending a hearty welcome to these new Members!

February 15 Speaker

Implications of the New Tax Law for Individuals

With Eric Foster



Eric is an attorney whose practice focuses on taxation, estate planning and probate and trust administration at Foster Denman, LLP, in Medford. A longtime Rogue Valley resident, he earned his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Oregon and his Master of Laws in taxation from the University of Washington and is a member of the Oregon and Washington Bar.

Eric has also been an active member of the community, serving as part of numerous organizations including the ACCESS, Inc. Board of Directors, Southern Oregon Head Start Board of Directors, Oregon Community Foundation's Walker Fund, the American Red Cross-Southern Oregon Chapter, Medford Rogue Rotary, Rogue Valley Medical Center Bioethics Committee and the Jackson County Cultural Coalition. He is also a past president and longtime Board member of the Southern Oregon Estate Planning Council.

Eric will present his thinking on the massive new tax law and its potential effects on individuals. Registrations are due by Monday, February 12 and can be made online at [February Speaker Lunch](#).

Welcome to the Club

Morgan Stanley - Cedar Ridge Group



Décor by Julie!

Our wonderful bookkeeper, Julie McLaughlin, is also an extremely talented party planner who has voluntarily decorated the Club House for our most recent evening events (including Founders Dinner, the Holiday Party and Thanksgiving). Her inventive additions to our tables, walls (and pretty much any open space) have brought a wonderful element of color and whimsy to our surroundings.

Thanks Julie!

Rent the Club for your Party!

Members can rent the Club for a bargain rate of \$50 and enjoy the Club House and great catering from Chef Jason! It's a great, extremely affordable space for a family event, business gathering or a corporate holiday gathering next December. It's easy to schedule (contact Jason) and allows you complete control over your event (something that commercial party locations sometimes don't provide).

And don't forget you can also use the Board Room for small meetings (no charge!)



Photos of Holiday, Founders Dinner and Holiday Party decorations which Julie created over the past few months. Thanks Julie!

February 13 Lunch and Learn

Travis Snyder

Work Hard — Play Harder



February's *Lunch and Learn* will be held on Tuesday, February 13th led by Travis Snyder, CEO of Precision Electric, and owner/operator of Snyder Creek Development and Snyder Creek Properties.

As a leader at Precision Electric, an entrepreneur, a very active member of the community serving on the Boards of Grace Cascade Christian Schools, the local chapter of the American General Contractors Associations, Builders Association of Southern Oregon and the Medford/ Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, as well as being a full time father and husband, Travis is always pressed for time. However, over the years he has learned how to manage time and/or goals to be certain there is always time to play hard. He'll speak to his methods and how he structures free time to motivate him daily to do his best. This is sure to be a great event, especially for those want to ensure free time is always a priority!

Registrations due by Monday, February 12 and can be made at [February Lunch and Learn](#).

The Economic Impact of Smoke in S. Oregon



On January 11 realtors Claudette Moore and Terry MacGregor presented their study of the economic effects on the region of last summer's extensive smoke. Their research included

data from major institutions in Jackson County and provoked a lengthy and informative discussion among our Members.

Thanks to them for a great presentation!

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