

U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

June 2018

“Scholarship Luncheon”

June 14

The RVUCC Scholarship Foundation will hold its ninth annual luncheon honoring local high school students selected to receive scholarship awards supported by U Club Members.

From a fairly modest dinner conversation in 2008, the Foundation has developed into an important source of support for our community’s best students who face financial challenges in pursuing higher education.

Eight students from the community, their parents and high school guidance counselors will be the Foundation’s guests on June 14 — to lunch with Club Members. We encourage you to attend, to meet these wonderful young folks and share in their beginning of this next phase of their lives.

Join us for Jason’s Split Pea soup and Crab Cakes with Salad (or whatever sandwich or salad you might prefer),



Register now by calling Lori at 541-772-4707 or by clicking this link [Scholarship Luncheon](#).

**Summer Months
are quieter at the
Club! Speaker
Lunches and L&L
on vacation**

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**The Club welcomes new Members
Jerry Brienza and Rachel O’Dell!**

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SPOTLIGHT

Rick Holcom



Rick Holcom recently retired as a tax partner at Moss Adams in Medford, but he still gets phone calls there because “I’m still working for them as needed.”

His new schedule gives him time to join the University Club and get elected as a Trustee and our Treasurer all about the same time. He tells us his practice consisted of consultation to the health care industry—physicians mostly—here in Southern Oregon.

His father—also named Richard Holcom—was a long time accountant both for Harry and David and on his own. On January 1, 1982, Rick moved down from Portland to join his father’s practice.

The day is etched in his memory because on December 31, 1981, Rick proposed to the young woman working as an employee in his office. Diane, now his wife of 36 years, said “yes” but asked one question of Rick. “Does this mean I have to move to Medford?” Rick said yes. So they did.

Rick was born in Devil’s Lake, North Dakota and moved to Medford at age 15. He graduated from Medford High School, and then from SOU, majoring in chemistry. “I was kind of a geek growing up,” he said. He was on the debate team and chess club.

He said he never misbehaved, not really, as a teenager, but at about age 20 and living at home he drove his 1956 Pontiac LaMans along with some friends to a field on the side of Barneburg Hill, the site of Rogue Valley Manor, to drink beer out of adult sight. There weren’t many houses there then. They got stuck in mud, and he tried to drive his way out by going downhill, getting him further from the road and deeper in mire. Rick said he ended up somewhere in the middle of what is now the Quail Point Golf Course. They got to a phone and were towed out. We asked, “That’s it? *That’s* your best story?”

Rick said that he had to wash off the car to keep his mother from seeing the muddy car, but, yes, that is his best story of youthful misadventure. Well, he warned he was sort of a geek.

He was not an accountant his whole life. For ten years after college he was a produce manager for Safeway in the Portland area. He said he didn’t see any future in trimming brown spots off heads of lettuce so he attended Portland State to get his accounting training.

I asked what he really, really enjoyed now that he has retired “Well, I’m in twelve different wine clubs,” he said. We asked what his favorite wine was. He said, “Local cheap wine.” He said the problem was that there isn’t any. “Wines we drink are \$25-\$30 a bottle. It is good wine, but it isn’t cheap.”

Leave your
Mark



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.

May Lunch & Learn *With Shannon Young*

Navigating Your Way Through Public Speaking

Our May 22 *Lunch and Learn* featured Shannon Young who led a spirited conversation among folks about the challenges people feel speaking public. Shannon offered lots of



"tips" about how to feel most comfortable in speaking and attendees volunteered both their challenges and their personal experiences in overcoming stage fright.



Lunch and Learn is taking the summer off but will return in the Fall. Thanks Shannon!



Scholarship Luncheon

Reserve now for this Year's Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Awards luncheon June 14 at [Scholarship Luncheon](#)



May 10 - Connie Wilkerson
"Homelessness in Jackson County"



The challenges of Homelessness in Jackson County are being addressed by a combination of agencies, in particular by Jackson County Continuum of Care where she is the Homeless Prevention Coordinator. Members heard from Connie about the coordinated efforts of various community agencies addressing homeless issues as organized under the umbrella of the Continuum of Care.

One statistic stood out for your editor: 25% of all homeless people in Jackson County are veterans.

Thanks, Connie, for a most informative and moving presentation! We learned a lot!

Steak Night Dinner

Thursday, July 19

Members have spoken! The survey sent out late in May on potential summer events was definitive. **Members want a Steak Night!**

Save the Date!

Plan on joining us on July 19 for a great steak dinner, lots of fun with friends — and all for a \$25/person charge.



Welcome Jerry Brienza and Rachel O'Dell



Wednesday Lunches this Summer

With Wednesdays traditionally being a light day at the Club, and with summer generally taking many Members out of town, the Club will try out a different approach to Wednesday lunches this summer. While the first Wednesday menu each month will remain “normal” for the Ladies Lunch, other Wednesdays will be Soup and Sandwich days with Members choosing the sandwich of choice on arrival. Choices include ham, pastrami, turkey, tuna or grilled cheese. Naturally, Jason will also be happy to make you a lunch salad on request if you’d rather not have a sandwich!

Please share your reactions to this approach!

Summer Party! Thursday, August 23

The U Club’s always-spectacular summer party will be held on Thursday, August 23 again in the beautiful surroundings of RoxyAnn Winery! Save the Date!



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