

U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

March 2019

March Speaker Lunch Laz Ayala on Immigration

In 1981 Laz Ayala was a 14-year old living in El Salvador amidst death squads hunting down civilians. People were disappearing without a trace. Laz, his brother and father crammed into the trunk of a car and crossed into the U.S. illegally. Ayala became a legal resident in 1989 and founded Ashland-based KDA Homes with Mark Knox and Dave DeCarlo. Now a successful businessman and philanthropist, he will speak to the Club about immigration.



Registrations are due by Monday, March 11.

Register online at: [March Speaker](#) or by calling Lori at the Club, 541-772-4707.

***The Club's 108th
Annual Meeting will
be held on Thursday,
March 28***

[Register NOW](#)

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Did you know Members can schedule the board room, library or upstairs dining room for meetings at no cost? Schedule with Lori.

Club Annual Meeting - March 28

Rogue River Valley University Club

Annual Meeting

5:30 PM, Thursday, March 28, 2019

Agenda

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Accept Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting*
3. *Remembrance - Members who have passed*
4. *President/Board Annual Report*
5. *Treasurer's Report*
6. *Membership Report*
7. *Report from RRVUC Scholarship Foundation*
8. *Election of Trustees*
 - *Board recommended slate:*
 - *Christine Herbert*
 - *Jerry Lambo - incumbent*
9. *General Discussion - The Club's Future and questions/comments from Members*
10. *Adjourn*

This month the Club will hold its 108th Annual Meeting at a time of both challenge and opportunity for our Club. Aging Membership has begun to increasingly challenge our financial strength. At the same time we are launching a new effort to recruit younger members under the leadership of Jason Reno. We also have held important conversations with the Holly Theatre folks and anticipate that the Theatre's 2020 grand reopening will help launch the Club into a new era of relevance and opportunity.

Our annual meeting will explore both topics following a dinner of Grilled New York Pepper Steak (or Grilled Ahi with Ginger Soy Lime Sauce), Red Pepper Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Brussels Sprouts and dessert — all accompanied by Club

Members customary good cheer.

By tradition and our Bylaws, dinner is provided without charge to all Voting Members. Guests are welcome, and customary, and their dinner is charged at \$25." Please register by Monday, March 25 either online at [Annual Meeting](#) or by calling Lori at the Club at 541-772-4707.

MEMBERSHIP

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

A Personal Membership Application can be downloaded at:

[Personal Member Application](#)

member

SPOTLIGHT

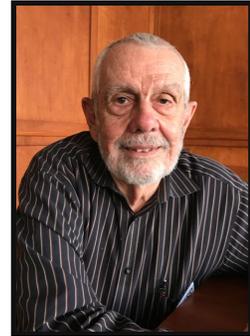
Jerry Lambo

University Club Members know Jerry as the friendly face at the round tables, as a current Trustee, and the man who spearheaded the 2010 remodel of the upstairs for the Club Centennial.

Fewer people know that when he moved to Medford as a ninth grader at McLaughlin Junior High, one of his first tasks was designing the home he and



his father would build and family live in at 1389 South Peach Street. He says his father told him to go to the County building department, submit his plans and get a building permit, which he did during a school lunch hour. It took ten minutes, with plans reviewed and accepted. It cost \$12.



He played the clarinet in a high school jazz band, “The Hungry Five” which played all over the Pacific Northwest. He played football for Medford High but when injured he moved to the cheerleading squad. There were three guys, seven girls.

His school guidance counselor, Elsie Butler, asked some questions of Jerry when he told her he wanted to be an architect. “Are you good at drawing,” she asked? He said he could using a ruler and T-Square. She suggested engineering instead, and he graduated in chemical engineering from Oregon State. He never practiced a day of chemical engineering.



After OSU he spent 23 years in the Army. “Elvis is a year older than I am,” Jerry said. “Elvis and I crossed paths in Germany. I was a 2nd Lieutenant and he was a Spec 4. He was my driver for 3 days. I liked him. He was a typical, polite Southern boy. We would go together to mess halls. People wanting his autograph would immediately surround him. We couldn’t move and couldn’t get out. I would have to go in and get two trays of food, and bring one out to him.”

For a time he was assigned to do briefings to visitors at “Site R,” an underground command station at Fort Richie near Camp David. In February, 1961, right after inauguration, JFK visited and I briefed him on the place. He noticed I didn’t have a wedding ring and asked what a single man like me did for fun. I told him I went into Washington, D.C. He turned to Pierre Salinger and said, “See? And Pierre, you told me I had to leave town to have any fun.”

After the army Jerry spent twelve years at Chase Manhattan Bank. David Rockefeller assigned him to figure out why there was so little communication within bank departments and Jerry presented his results to the Chase board. “I told them I couldn’t implement the changes I had recommended because too many people had fiefdoms to defend. Some people were really upset by what I recommended.”

He returned to the Rogue Valley in 1991 by the happy circumstance of “falling in love with a woman I met in an airplane” while traveling from Medford to Washington, D.C. They raised llamas in the Apple-gate together before finally moving into town, a location that allows him to be an active participant in University Club fellowship.

Asked if there was anything else I should mention? “Well, two years after I was a cheerleader, Jack Day was a cheerleader, and later Jack was one year ahead of me at the Harvard Business School. There’s that.”

February Speaker Lunch
Thursday, February 14



Recap — Mercy Flights

Mercy Flights was founded in 194 by pilot George Milligan following the death of a good friend who was stricken with polio and passed away during the lengthy transportation required to get him to Portland. Starting with a single aircraft, and following sustained, vigorous community support, Mercy Flights has consistently grown to add both fixed wing and helicopter emergency transportation services for the ill and injured.

Doug Stewart, Mercy Flight's CEO, has been in the emergency medical services industry for 33-years and began his work at Mercy Flights in 1994. Doug, who was appointed Mercy Flight's CEO in 2014, told the Club Members about the organization's remarkable record of service the scope of which was impressive to all.



George Milligan described his founding philosophy for Mercy Flights, which is inscribed on an installation in front of Rogue Valley International Airport, saying:

By day or night,
In cross-marked plane,
We fly to ease
Or comfort pain

Mercy Flights continues to honor that goal.

The Club's 108th Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28. Dinner will be complementary for all Voting Members. Non-Voting Members and guests are welcome with their dinners charged a \$25 per person.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this important meeting!



From the Archives - 58 Years Ago



The Club's 50th Anniversary dinner, March 23, 1961. (head table left to right) Melba Trowbridge, Glenn Jackson, Helen Jackson, A.S.V. Carpenter, Robert McIntyre, Ruth McIntyre, Seth Bullis. Ben Trowbridge (standing)

Leave your
Mark



Because previous Club Members have included the Club in their estate plans, their generosity has helped create the experience you enjoy here.

Please consider leaving your mark on the Club's future by requesting a bequest invitation from [Jerry Jacobson](#) at 542-773-2727.



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