



Quick Headlines

- **September 19 Speaker** — Alison Carey, a member of Oregon Shakespeare Festival Senior Staff will tell the Club about OSF's season, the Festival's plans for smoke contingencies now and in the future and the Festival's general well-being. Register online at [September Speaker](#) or by calling Lori at 541-772-4707.
- **Young Professionals** — Our Young Professionals, headed by Jason Reno and Christine Herbert, have scheduled a YP Social for October 18. Prospective young professional members will be invited to learn more about the Club.
- **RVUCC Scholarship Foundation** — Jack Day has stepped down as president of the Foundation after a number of years of devoted service. Greg Koenig has stepped into the Foundation's presidency.
- **Summer Party** — This year's Summer Party was a huge social and financial success!



**Summer Party MC Jerry Lambo inviting contributions
To the Scholarship Foundation**

Speaker Lunch September 19

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SPOTLIGHT

Len Merryman



Len Merryman was born in Arizona but grew up and went to high school in Washington's Yakima Valley. He played football, basketball, ran track, and boxed. He played both offense and defense in football.

"It was a small school. When we scrimmaged there were only a few guys on the bench."

Boxing? Kids boxed in high school, we wondered? They did back then, he said. "The boxing coach was a really great guy. I was pretty good," he admitted when pressed. "In high school boxing you use these balloon gloves and headgear. It's pretty hard to get hurt."

He studied business and accounting at the University of Arizona, got his CPA license and came to Medford to work with Haskins & Sells, which had the contract to do the audits for Harry and David. After five years he left to start his career at the institution that people associate with Len, the Rogue Valley Medical Center, now known as Asante. He was CFO, then COO, and then for 16 years the CEO.

He retired in 1991.

We asked how he kept busy in what has been a 28-year retirement. He said he did a little consulting for five years, advising hospitals. He said he golfs at the Country Club about 3 days a week, and shoots in the mid 80's. "I used to be better and score in the high 70's but things go downhill when you get to my age."

He was reluctant to tell any funny, quirky stories about himself, but finally relented. When he was "brand new at the hospital he learned..." that he was granted a company car as part of his compensation. The CEO told him it was out in the parking lot, a white Ford Comet, and he was handed the keys. Len went out, spotted the car, and used the key to open the door, start the engine and go.

"I was working long, long hours, so I had the car back in the parking lot ten or twelve hours later. It was the same thing the next three days.

But on the next day he saw that a very angry man was waiting for him, sitting on the hood of the car. "It seems a nurse also owned a white Ford Comet, and I had been driving hers, not the one assigned to me. The same key worked for both cars. The hospital staff had been abuzz with talk of some nutcase thief who had been stealing a car every evening and then returning it early every morning."

Summer Party - August 15, 2019



It was a spectacular summer evening with clear skies and summer breezes. Attendance at the party was up by 10% from last year and we raised more money for the Foundation than in 2018 to boot!

A great time had by all — Thanks to Jack and Chad Day for hosting us at RoxyAnn.

Thanks to Art Ekerson for taking photos!



The Summer Party Auction included 15 silent auction items as well as the paddle bid — all for the benefit of the Scholarship Foundation. Silent auction items included wine packages both from Rick Holcom and the Board, two lathe turned bowls from Dick Calhoun, an NPS Crater Lake Tour, melons and a Farm Patio Dinner from Peter Sage, a Wine & Cheese Basket from Jack Day, Pheasant Fields Farm bracelets, lunches and pumpkin purchase package from Jason Reno. Bill Thorndike pitched the manure package he and Angela offered so effectively that he actually sold TWO!



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The Silent Auction brought in \$2,235; paddle bids totaled \$7,050; the 50/50 Raffle produced \$435 (and was won by Ron Naumann who donated his half share back to the Foundation). Wine donations by Jack Day added over \$800 bringing the Summer Auction total to \$10,746 donated to the Foundation.

Please consider introducing a friend (and prospective Member) to the U Club!

Badge Zone!

Wear Your Badge — and Protect Your Badge

The U Club's badge program is now about 18 months old and most Members have been GREAT about wearing them which helps both new Members (and old ones!) keep names straight and elegantly handle introductions for guests.

Yes, we know they are small and — if you're like your editor — you may have forgotten to leave it in the basket on your table and, on at least one occasion, walked out of the Club still wearing it.

BUT — please don't lose your badge! While the Club has supplied each Member with a badge, the Club can't afford to replace lost ones and ordering a single replacement badge runs \$22.50 (including postage). So please don't lose yours!

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