



Holiday

- ⇒ ***GREAT FOOD, GREAT FELLOWSHIP and all for \$35 per person.***
- ⇒ The U Club's Annual Holiday Party
- ⇒ 6 PM on Thursday, December 13!
- ⇒ Reservations are due by Monday, December 10.
- ⇒ Reserve NOW at [Holiday Party](#) or by calling Lori at 541-772-4707



Welcome to the U Club
Eric McLaughlin!

**Monthly Speaker
Thursday,
November 21**

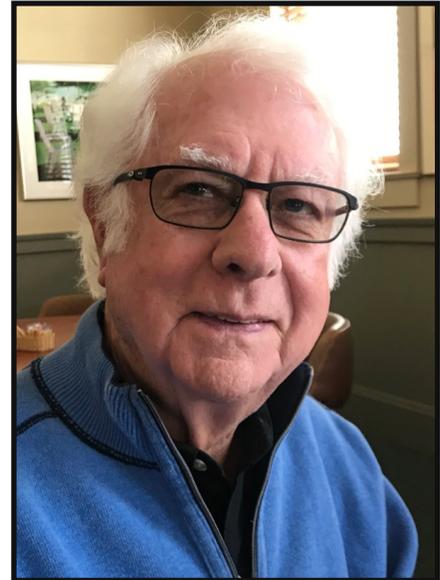
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SPOTLIGHT

Tom Barry



Tom Barry moved to Medford when he was three years old and attended the old West Side School, back when it was grades 1-8, “a wonderful experience,” Tom says. He lived next to the old Alfred Carpenter Topside Orchard, and he worked there in the summers beginning at age twelve.

“Our family was friends with the orchard manager, so he hired me and my brothers. I don’t think we were much value, but it was our first jobs.”

He attended Medford High School in the famous class of 1960, the one local people remember as the year Medford won the state championship in football, basketball, and baseball. He attended the game at the old Multnomah Stadium and watched his younger brother attempt to guard Mel Renfro. Tom didn’t play any sports, explaining as he chuckled and patted his stomach, “I weighed 127 pounds in high school, had a 27 inch waist.”

He spent Friday and Saturday nights doing what teenagers did then, tool the gut, going from Cubby’s to Jack’s Drive-In and back. He said he had an old Oldsmobile that leaked transmission fluid.

He attended the prom with Becky Rowan, who was a sophomore when he was a junior. They later married and spent 56 years together until her death last year.

He attended SOU but left before graduating to go to work in inside sales at Moore Steel, which was later bought by Farwest Steel. He became branch manager at Farwest, a job he held for 30 years.

I asked Tom where he took Becky to dinner before the prom. Without hesitation he said “the Country Club.” In adulthood Tom said he liked going to the Candle Room on the ground floor of the Hotel Medford. “We loved it. We went there a couple times a month. They had steaks, great New York steaks, that’s what we had. And onion rings.”

Tom is the oldest of four brothers, all of whom live in Medford: Pat Barry, Jim Barry, and Bob Barry.

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



Peter Sage - Thursday, November 21

**Up Close New Hampshire Madness:
17 Democrats, 5 Republicans file
for President**

Fresh on returning from his latest Political Tourist expedition to New Hampshire, Peter Sage will share his observations on the Granite State's complex 2019 primary election featuring a whopping 19 Democrats and 5 Republicans all seeking voter support in their quest for the nation's highest elected office.



Join us for Peter's Up Close views on those races!



Reservations are due by
Monday, November 18.

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

**Please Remember to Include a generous HOLIDAY BONUS for
Jason and Lori in your December Club Payment.
They do SO MUCH for us it's important to recognize that at the end of each year.**



The Home Telephone and
Telegraph Building
Our Home since 1947

Founders Dinner 2019

Thursday, November 14



The Club owns Medford's 19th oldest commercial building which was originally built in 1910 for the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company which we've occupied since 1947. Past Founders Dinners have concentrated on the Club's own history but most Club Members know very little about our home. So this year's Founders Dinner we'll present a bit

about the building's occasionally fairly colorful history. And back for entertainment is the wonderful female quartet, **Passing Notes**, who were such a success at Founders Dinner 2015!

We'll have a great meal featuring crafted by Chef Jason, consists of: Medford Inspired Waldorf Salad, Palace Hotel Filet Mignon, Green Beans, Franconia Potatoes and Cottage Pudding with Brandy Sauce. If you prefer, you may choose a Black Bean Pasta with vegetables in lieu of the beef.

Join your friends at the Club for a fun evening -- and feel free to bring guests! Cocktail Hour at 5:30 and dinner 6:30. \$40 per person.

Reservations due by Monday, November 11. Reserve at [Founders Dinner](#) or by calling Lori at the Club 541-772-4707.



Matt Sayre

Southern Oregon University

October — RECAP



On October 17 Southern Oregon University's Athletic Director Matt Sayre, spoke to the Club about the University's athletic programs and the students who populate it.

Sayre, now entering his 10th year as the University's AD, has captained a program which he quite properly proudly reports is comprised of student athletes who exceed the University's overall student body both in academic achievement, public service and community engagement. He described an extremely impressive program which is yielding equally impressive results.

RRV University Club Foundation



While the Foundation is a separate enterprise, it is obviously closely associated with the University Club and we are routinely devoting a portion of the Club's monthly Newsletter to reporting on developments at the Foundation.

HISTORIC BUILDING PRESERVATION FUND: In recent years the U Club has routinely spent an average of \$5,500 annually on the cost of maintaining and preserving the Club's 1910 historic building, the Home Telephone and Telegraph Building (which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places). These expenses include roof, window and water main repairs, painting and similar costs. In past years those repairs have been funded from the University Club's general revenues. Under its newly-established Historic Building Preservation Fund the Foundation is willing to consider supporting such costs from tax-deductible contributions to this new Fund.

As in the past, the Foundation's Scholarship Fund will continue to be supported from funds raised both at the University Club's Summer Party as well as from contributions to that Fund made throughout the year

Contribute to the Foundation at: [DONATION FORM](#)

Contributions to either the Foundation's Scholarship Fund or its Historic Building Preservation Fund are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



The U Club is a GREAT location for your Holiday Party or special Family Gathering

- Only \$50 booking cost for Members
- Great Food
- Good Dates are still available
- **Contact Chef Jason to inquire about yours!**



"Let us remember that the University Club has been here since 1910. The culture of the Club may need to change with the times but the tradition and fellowship needs to carry on for future generations."

— President Jack Salter
August 2002

Many Members have previously provided for the Club's future in their estate plans and their generosity has helped create the experience you've enjoyed here.

Please consider helping to strengthen the Club's future by securing a bequest invitation form from [Jerry Jacobson](#) at 541-773-2727.

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

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MEMBERSHIP

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

A Personal Membership Application can be
downloaded at:

[Personal Member Application](#)

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