

U-CLUB NEWS



Rogue River Valley University Club

February 2020



**Club
Annual Meeting
Thursday,
March 26**

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Your board is currently in the midst of the most thorough review of the Club's finances in recent memory.

The board's intention is to prepare a kind of "smorgasbord" of different steps that could potentially be taken to put the Club on a more stable financial footing (with the goal of minimizing reliance on special assessments).

Review of this material will be the major focus of the Club's Annual Meeting on March 26 — so PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. Mark your calendar now.

A somewhat surprising preliminary finding is that our lunch services are NOT the major contributor to the Club's financial struggles. Costs associated with the building and operations (things which are necessary without any food being served such as insurance, bookkeeping, licenses) consume a high enough percentage of Club revenues to warrant further review.

As part of this effort board Members may approach individual members to explore whether they might voluntarily pay their entire 2020 dues "up front" which would reduce our interest charges. Several Members already do this.

Stay tuned! — and plan on attending the Annual Meeting (registrations details on which will follow later this month).

member

SPOTLIGHT

Amy Cuddy



“I love my work here, and I love living in Southern Oregon.”

Those were the words Club Business member Amy Cuddy used to describe what she was doing at the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) on an overcast January morning.

She began working for OCF in 2003 when she helped the organization set up the goals of the Walker Fund, made possible by a \$29 million bequest made to the organization. She said, proudly, that the Walker Fund has granted out more than \$29 million dollars over these 16 years, and yet the fund is now worth \$47 million dollars.

Amy came to her work as the Regional Director at OCF by way of a tiny town in Connecticut “no one has ever heard of,” and then by way of a Connecticut boarding school, Miss Porter’s School. We told Amy we thought we had heard of it. “Well, Jacqueline Kennedy went there, and Gloria Vanderbilt, and some others,” she said. She played sports and was on the debate team and has no stories of misbehavior to share. She then went from there to Yale, where she graduated *magna cum laude*.

“Good for you,” we said. “You don’t need to put that in,” she told me. We told her we insisted.

Amy later returned there and received an MBA. At one point she thought she would be a corporate attorney, but got distracted by the arts. She helped organize a multi-day bluegrass festival in upstate New York and worked in a couple of theaters, including the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Later she made her way to Hollywood, where she looked at potential scripts for Warner Brothers, writing up whether they could be a successful movie. We asked if she met anybody interesting.

“Oliver Stone interviewed me while he was busy editing ‘Born on the Fourth of July’ but, no, nothing came of it. I didn’t like being in LA. I wanted to be in a smaller place, someplace like Southern Oregon. I wanted to work at Shakespeare where I’d worked in the mid-1980’s before grad school and LA.”

We asked how she got hired at Shakespeare. “I had an interview with Paul Nicholson. I thought it went well and told him I would do anything—absolutely anything—except work in development. Not that.” He said, “Oh, that’s too bad. That is the only job we have.” “I reversed course and said that I would love to work in development. He hired me to be on the development team. And it turned out I liked it.”

And that set her on the course of philanthropy, and a job she loves.



Thursday, February 13

**Chad Thatcher, Asst. Professor
Outdoor Adventure Leadership
Southern Oregon University**

Maximizing Serendipity through the Expedition Mindset



Dr. Chad Thatcher is a professor at SOU's Outdoor Adventure Leadership department. His passion centers around exploration and helping others discover their inner explorer. An accomplished international guide, educator, and administrator of outdoor, experiential, and adventure education for over 30 years, he has an extensive background in developing and implementing interdisciplinary

curriculum that incorporates adventure, international, sustainable and academic components. Chad has led expedition to over 60 countries and has traveled to more than 90. Chad's research explores the art of storytelling through adventure writing and photography; the expedition mindset; and the world of serendipity. Learn the science behind training your mind to recognize the potential for serendipity and more importantly, the skills to seize the moment. This program will give you effective tools, examples and ideas about promoting serendipity into your life. Register online at

[February Speaker.](#)



Poker For Polio

Saturday

February 29

5 PM

While not a U Club event, the Club is pleased to be hosting with worthwhile Rogue Valley After Five Rotary charitable event spearheaded by Club Member Eric McLaughlin. This 8th Annual 'Poker For Polio' fundraiser raises funds for worldwide Polio eradication with every \$3 raised vaccinating a child against this disease **for life**.

\$60 per player with food and beverages provided—plus door prizes, raffle drawings, and cash prizes for the top three winners.

If you would like to attend, you can purchase a ticket at [Poker For Polio](#).



The Foundation is pleased to announce that during the course of 2019 and the first month of 2020, contributions and pledges to the Foundation's Scholarship Fund totaled beginning totaled \$26,432. Contributions to the Foundation's Historic Building Preservation Fund, which is only 4 months old, totaled \$5,927.

Scholarship Fund

Historic Preservation Bldg Fund

Gene Abell
 Bill Bagley
 Nancy Brewold-Johnson
 Jason Calderwood
 Jack Day
 Bob Dickey
 Karen Doolen
 Tom Glatte
 Dick Hackstedde
 Esther Kennedy
 Greg Koenig
 Ron Kramer
 Jerry Lambo

Jim Maddux
 Ron Mayerle
 Ron Naumann
 Gary Newland
 Jim Post
 Bill Purdy
 Darren Ravassipour
 Peter Sage
 Doug Smith
 Bill Thorndike
 Bob Vaughn
 Charlie Versteeg
 Ron Worland

Gene Abell
 Sam Elliott
 Greg Koenig
 Ron Kramer
 Jerry Lambo
 Debra FJ Lee
 Jim Maddux
 Eric McLaughlin
 Jason Reno
 Doug Smith
 Charlie Versteeg
 Charles Watson
 John Weisel
 Bill Williams

Thanks to you All! You can add your name to the list with a tax-deductible contribution to either the Scholarship or Historic Preservation Bldg. Fund at [DONATION FORM](#). Please note that, if you wish to contribute to both funds you will need to click on the link and issue each contribution separately.

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

**The Club Board regretfully announces its acceptance
 of the resignation
 of Rich and Christine Karchmer**

How We Got Here!

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ROGUE RIVER VALLEY UNIVERSITY CLUB

• *News Letter* •

123 East Main Street...Medford, Oregon...February 17, 1947

DIRECTORS ELECTED: At the annual meeting January 20th, the following governors were elected to serve during the 1947 season: N. B. Bender, Alfred S. V. Carpenter, Jack Crawford, E. E. DeVoe, Herb Grey, Ralph Morris, Max Peirce, Ben Trowbridge and S. M. Tuttle.

OFFICERS CHOSEN: Following the election of the Board of Governors, this body selected these officers to serve: Ralph Morris, president; Herb Grey, vice-president; Jack Crawford, secretary and Max Peirce, treasurer.

CUMMINS' REPORT: Retiring President A) Cummins summarized the major actions of the 1946 Board of Governors at the January 20th annual meeting. Acquisition of the former "Outpost" building on West Sixth Street as a new home of the club, and raising of approximately \$10,000 for this project were achievements of the last administration. At this meeting steps to occupy the new building were deferred until the American Fruit Grower's new building was ready for occupancy.

BUILDING PROJECT: Ben Trowbridge, chairman, Walter Graff, Jr. and Glen Jackson comprise the building committee appointed by President Morris. The Board of Governors has instructed this committee to proceed at once on remodeling and redecorating the Outpost building. This project will assure more comfortable and spacious quarters to accommodate the enlarged program and membership of the club in immediate months ahead. Chairman Trowbridge's committee deserves highest commendation for prompt and effective action.



The U Club is a GREAT location
for your special Business/Family Gathering

- Low Cost (only \$50 for Members)
- High Quality/Great Food
- Bar Service available
- **And your Private Party helps support your Club!**

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. **Your bequest can be made to either the Club or the RRVUC Foundation.**

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A Personal Membership Application can be
downloaded at:

[Personal Member Application](#)

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