

Not only will January usher in a new year, it also marks the start of a big change for the City Club of Springfield. Starting with our first City Club meeting of the new year, January 5th, the City Club will meet at the Hilton Garden Inn. Our meeting time remains the same, roughly 11:45 AM - 1 PM with the program beginning at noon.

You may know that the Washburne Café was recently sold and the new owners aren't going to continue to cater the city club meetings. As the board considered options, one option we considered was the possibility of not only changing the way in which lunch is provided, but also the meeting venue. We considered several meeting venues that could provide lunch and selected the Hilton Garden Inn.

The cost of lunch for members will be \$13. For those of us who didn't make reservations in advance, the \$13 charge for lunch won't be a change. For those who made advance reservations in the past, the \$13 charge for lunch will be a small increase. However, the board felt that overall this change is in the best interest of the city club.

We appreciate the many years that Willamalane hosted the city club and the great service from the Washburne. Willamalane and the Washburne were always most accommodating. However, we think that the Hilton Garden Inn will provide an excellent meeting space, good quality lunches, and that the Hilton Garden Inn will be easy for most of our members to reach.

Finally, we have decided to no longer request advance reservations so it won't be necessary for you to make reservations in before meetings in the future.

So help the new year get started off with a bang and plan to attend the first meeting of the new year on January 5th. A description of the program is offered elsewhere in this newsletter.

Mike Eyster

MEETING CALENDAR

JANUARY 3 – REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH WARD WIMBISH



Ward Wimbish has recently taken the post of Director of Greater Eugene, Inc. The regional economic development partnership serving Springfield, Eugene, and the rural areas surrounding the two cities. Mr.

Wimbish comes to the post from 10 years of service as the Economic Development Director of West Memphis, Arkansas, where he also serve as Public Works Director, and Director of the West Memphis Utility Company. He also has experience in the oil business, having served an assignment in Dubai as a contract manager.

Recently he has been on a tour of Lane County cities to learn their needs and interests.

JANUARY 19 – THE MALHEUR OCCUPATION: TRIAL AND VERDICT

The recent federal trial of those accusing of interfering with federal officials as a result of the Malheur occupation resulted in *(Continued on page 2)*

PUBLIC CALENDAR

All items are tentative and subject to change

Springfield City Council

January 3

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.

CDBG Allocation Process

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Second Reading Recreational

Marijuana Local Tax

January 9 – 5:30 p.m. Work Session

Public Records/Ethics Discussion

January 12 – 5:30 p.m. State of the City
(Wildish Theater)

January 17

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.

Auditors Report

Library Update

Development code Update

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Appointments

January 25

Work Session 5:30 p.m.

January 30 – NO MEETING

Lane County Commissioners

January 4 – NO MEETING

January 11 – Not available

January 18 – NO MEETING

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January 25 – Not available

Lane Transit District

January 18 – 5:30 p.m.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District

January 11 – 6:30 p.m.

School District 19

January 9 – 7:00 p.m.

Springfield Utility Board

January 12

Executive Session 6:45 p.m.

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Review and approval of Labor Agreement

SUB Strategic Plan Update

Presentation on SUB's 2015 Utility Rate

Comparisons and the Productivity Incentive Program Results

Approval of Budget for Stoel & Rives Water Rights Work Plan for SUB in 2016

not guilty verdicts for all defendants. Was it really a failure of proof, or could it have been “jury nullification?”



UO Criminal Law professor Margie Paris followed the trial. Before joining the University of Oregon law school faculty in 1992, Margaret L. "Margie" Paris practiced criminal law for six years in Chicago. She specialized in the defense of white-collar prosecutions with the law firm of Cotsirilov, Tighe & Streicker Ltd.

She teaches advanced appellate advocacy, criminal law, criminal investigation, and criminal adjudication. She received the Orlando John Hollis Faculty Teaching Award, the law school's highest teaching honor.

Paris served as associate dean for academic affairs for four years before being named dean in 2006. Her scholarly work focuses on criminal law and procedure issues. She is the coauthor of Constitutional Criminal Procedure, 2nd edition (Foundation Press 2003).

Paris is a native of Chicago who earned a B. A., with distinction, and a J.D. (Coif) from Northwestern University. She was editor-in-chief of Northwestern University Law Review. After graduation from law school, she clerked for Judge Joel Flaum of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She served as the editorial board vice-chair of Criminal Justice, the ABA's Criminal Justice Section magazine, and as co-reporter for the Constitution Project's Death Penalty Initiative.



Maxine (“Max”) Bernstein is the Oregonian reporter who attended every day of the trial. Maxine Bernstein, a Cornell University graduate, has been a reporter since 1989. She spent a year working for an English-language newspaper in Jerusalem, then returned to the states, where she helped cover the Connecticut congressional delegation for the Hartford Courant in its Washington, DC Bureau.

She covered Hartford police for The Hartford Courant for about seven years before starting at The Oregonian in 1998. She covered the Thurston High School shooting and wrote a profile of shooter Kip Kinkel during her first year at The Oregonian. She's covered Portland police and law enforcement at The Oregonian and most recently added federal court coverage to her beat as well.

They will discuss the trial, the verdict, and what it means for the future.

December 1 – The Election and the Legislative Session

“The most challenging session in my career.”



That is how Senator Lee Beyer opened the December 1 City club presentation from himself and Representative John Lively. In a wide-ranging conversation about the multitude of difficult issues facing the Legislative Assembly in the coming session, which opens in early February, the Springfield legislators found few bright rays of hope.

One bright spot they agreed on in a perverse way related to PERS. The retirement program available to new employees covered by PERS is self-sustaining. As one questioner noted, the drain on the Oregon budget comes from those in the older system, now almost exclusively people who have already retired. If the state survives, those people will eventually die off and by 2035 PERS will no longer be a problem!

Budget issues did dominate the discussion. The legislators noted that the General fund budget, which is money that the legislature can, in fact control, is tried op in three critical issues. 94 percent of that budget is spent on education (which is a majority), health and human services, and public safety. Senator Beyer noted the irony—while the Oregon economy has rebounded from the 2008 recession, the gap for the upcoming biennium has grown to over \$1.3 billion. On top of that, he and Rep. Lively noted, the voters’ mandates about \$350 million in spending by approving Measures 98 and 99, but provided no new funding.



Representative Lively said that it is essential to reduce spending growth. But neither legislator could point to specific areas of budget reduction, although Representative Lively pointed out that tax credit programs, have never really done what supporters have said – create jobs. Reducing, or eliminating those programs could be the equivalent of spending cuts.

Aspects of the public safety system are often the first choice for cuts. These cuts would *(Continued on page 3)*

not involve the prison or police systems, but the courts. The challenge with that approach is that it means delays in civil cases, and more people who are unable to protect their rights.

Finally, they noted that the state is not doing well preserving the assets it has. Whether physical or financial, something must be done to preserve our systems, or the problems will only get worse.

The legislators agreed that revenue measures will be an important part of the conversation in the coming session.



But revenue increases require a vote of three fifths of the bodies, and, for example, half of the members

of the House of Representatives have served one term or less. They all need to be brought up to speed and learn much more about how state government can and does function than was necessary for them to win office. In an era where the public has lost its trust in government and its own leaders, that is perhaps the greatest challenge of all.

was moved by Mike Eyster and seconded by Terry Beyer to have Dan Egan, Joe Leahy and Len Goodwin meet to sort out financial options before the next board meeting in November.

5. Membership Report: Chris Kline said he will call a meeting of the committee soon. Committee members agreed on a date and time to meet. Members include: Chris Kline, Joe Leahy, Terry Beyer and Mike Eyster.
6. Program Committee: Merylyn Hough and Dan Egan reviewed previous meetings, the last meeting of the Club being the discussion about the proposed Springfield Gas Tax Increase.

Future meetings/programs were also discussed. The line-up of programs chronologically are: Representative de Fazio; Springfield City Council Race; Stephan Candee/this political cycle; Mary Spilde/LCC.

Other programs suggested for the future included: PERS – implications and solutions; the “Big Look” in Springfield; Ward Wimbish – new CEO or Greater Eugene Inc.

7. Newsletter: Dan Egan agreed to write the next guest article – October 23 deadline. John Tamulonis will write the following month’s article.
8. Club Support/Caterer: There was much discussion about club support, club lunches, and meeting space for board members following the changes at the Washburne Café. Terry Beyer will be contacting Dakota (and others) to work through these issues and future options.
9. Board Vacancies: Terry Beyer reminded the Board that there are at least a couple of vacancies on the board that need filling, including a replacement for Jeff Thompson in his support role.

Springfield City Club
Board of Directors

October 4, 2016 – CHOW Restaurant/Springfield

In Attendance:

Terry Beyer, President, Chris Kline, Mike Eyster, Past President, Len Goodwin, Steve Moe, Carolyn Miller, Joe Leahy, President-elect, Merylyn Hough, John Tamulonis, Treasurer, Dan Egan, Secretary

1. Call to order: The meeting began at 11:32 a.m.
2. Additions/deletions to the agenda: There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Approval of the previous minutes: Through a motion by Len Goodwin and second by Mike Eyster, the previous two months’ minutes were approved.
4. Financial Report: John Tamulonis reported the current and year-to-date picture for the Board. The Club is not meeting expenses with revenue coming from Membership and Lunches. Over time, the cash flow situation will worsen.

It was suggested that a small sub-committee look at financial options to bring back to the board at its next meeting. It

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10. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 12:20 p.m.

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November 1, 2016 – Wildish Community Theater

In Attendance:

Terry Beyer, President, Chris Kline, Steve Moe, Joe Leahy, President-elect, Carolyn Miller, Merlyn Hough
Len Goodwin, Mike Eyster, Past President, John Tamulonis, Treasurer, Dan Egan, Secretary

1. Call to order: The meeting began at 11:55 a.m.
2. Approval of previous minutes: The previous minutes will be sent to Club members.
3. Financial Report: There was no actual report. John Tamulonis said he was trying to figure out the billings and accounts receivable. He said Denise Bean was willing to meet with the Club to help sort out the finances. John and Dan Egan and Len Goodwin will meet with Denise after the next City Club meeting.
4. Membership: Chris Kline reviewed the form letters submitted by Joe Leahy. The Board took some time to make small changes to the letters. There was a discussion between the difference between sponsorship and business memberships.
5. Location Discussion: Mike Eyster brought information to the Board about alternative meeting locations. The Board generally agreed that the Hilton Garden Inn would make a good location for future City Club meetings after the first of the year. Mike is going to confirm a detail or two remaining.
6. Programs: Merlyn Hough said the next two meetings will be Steve Candee and Mary Spilde. Possible future meetings may include a 2-part PERs discussion.
7. Website and Board replacement: Len Goodwin said the Club should look for someone who wanted to update the website, and who would replace Jeff Thompson. He invited Board members to forward any possible names to him.
8. Membership – Part Two: Chris Kline said he'd distribute the Chamber membership list for Board perusal. He would especially like to have suggestions involving Gateway businesses and people as the future Club meetings would be held in the Gateway area.
9. Outside the Club: President Beyer informed the Board of a possible \$1,000 grant if a program involving indigent people can be fashioned. She said that Len Goodwin would be attending the state-wide City Club meeting with it is expected that there would be a reciprocal agreement between all participating City Clubs.
10. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 12:55 p.m.

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