

July

UPCOMING DINNERS

July 13

Chicken parmesan with pasta by
Rita and Gene

July 20

Ribs by Skip and Art

July 27

Three salad schnitzel platter by
Silvia



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is a privilege to serve as your president. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Steve Oldham for all that he has accomplished during his past three terms as president.

Congratulations to Gene Hickman on being elected as vice president and Kyle Ruckle as member-at-large. They will be replacing Leanne Crabtree and Natalia Blanton, respectively. We thank these ladies for their service. Also, thanks to Bob Strauch for assuming the responsibility of kitchen coordinator.

In addition, I want to give a special thanks to Rita Taschner for all her exceptional service over the years. We can think of no one who has single-handedly filled and executed so many roles at once, from managing the club calendar, entertainment and sunshine report to heading our community service program and serving as trustee. Rita stands out as an example of a caring, committed and engaged club member. Rita has earned a well-deserved break, and she wishes to resign from her positions as trustee and community service coordinator. The rest of her duties will remain the same.

It is necessary that we find new volunteers to help with the management of our community service personnel.

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Member Profile: Steve Oldham



Name: Steve Oldham

Age: 67

Hometown: Hayward, Calif.

Education: Paul D. Camp College (Franklin, Va.)

Occupation: Self-employed (retired)

Family: Wife, Karin; daughter, Kim; son, Craig; three grandchildren

In Las Vegas since: 2011

Club member since: 2011

Serving as club president for three of the last four years, Steve has cemented his legacy as a leader who accomplishes his mission. He's most proud of putting up a new sign, even though it's been damaged a few times. The club has basically been renovated; the parking lot was repaved, flooring replaced, walls painted, kitchen and bar upgraded, and roof repaired. "You have to have vision of what you want to do and corral members to go in the same direction," Steve said. "We organized the cash. That's the big battle—to organize the cash to pay for projects." Steve and his wife, Karin, a second-generation German-American, have bought a home near their daughter in Alabama, where he plans to golf once a week and fish three times a week. And they promise to remain active in the club.

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This program is integral to the club's operation and Rita has offered to train those who will fill this position. We will soon be holding a special election to fill the vacant trustee position. Please contact any board member if you're interested in serving as trustee or volunteering as community service coordinator.

Your President,

Justin Crabtree



World War II vet Swenson turns 94

Richard Swenson and his *USS Dunlap* shipmates would receive 10 gallons of ice cream as reward for rescuing B-29 bomber crews who were shot down over the Pacific Ocean during World War II. It was a rare treat for the sailors because they couldn't make ice cream on their destroyer that was bound for Pearl Harbor prior to the Japanese attack and was assigned to the South Pacific in late 1942, where she took part in the Battle of Vella Gulf in August 1943.

The WWII veteran and German-American Club member celebrated his 94th birthday during jazz night at the club on May 28. Richard was living in El Paso, Texas, when he joined the U.S. Navy in June 1942, serving four years aboard the *Dunlap*. He was trained as an electrician, but he was also the first loader for the twin Bofors 40mm anti-aircraft guns.

"I got to hate it," Richard said about living on the ship. "It would be calm and then you heard the address, 'All hands on deck. We have incoming.'"

The *Dunlap* sailed everywhere in the Pacific, from Australia and New Zealand to the Aleutian and Mariana Islands, where she won a decisive two-day sea battle in January 1944, Richard said.

"My ship was the flagship of the Fourth Squadron of destroyers. We were the first ones in and the last ones out. We were so damn lucky. I saw six destroyers get sunk. My ship was blessed," he said.

His wife of 65 years (1945-2010), Marilyn, wouldn't date anyone in college while she waited for her sailor, Richard was told by her roommate's brother, a Seabee serving in Japan.

Richard was born in 1925 in South Dakota where his parents were teachers on an Indian reservation and lived in several states as a child. His favorite song is "Sentimental Journey," and he's always a willing participant to dance with the ladies at the club.

Top photo: World War II veteran Richard Swenson is feted by Tuesday night jazz host Marsha Ross on his 94th birthday celebration.

Center photo: Richard and Greta swinging on the dance floor.

Bottom photo: Richard served aboard the *USS Dunlap* destroyer in the South Pacific.



The musical duo Thomson-Keefe will be performing for our July 13 dinner.



Justin Crabtree, our new club president, before he took George Thorogood's advice to "get a haircut and get a real job."



Club members gather for Friday night card games and potluck dinner.

JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	3	4	5 Club closed	6 Club closed
7	8	9 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	10	11 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	12 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	13 Chicken parmesan with pasta by Gene and Rita, music by Thomson-Keefe, \$15; Membership meeting, 5:30 p.m.
14	15	16 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	17	18	19 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	20 Ribs by Skip and Art, music by Happy Wanderer, \$15
21	22	23 Jazz night with Marsha K, Gary Marshal memorial, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	24	25 Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.	26 Card night, 4 p.m. Skat, 5:30 p.m. other games	27 Three salad schnitzel platter by Silvia, music by More and Gendel, \$15
28	29	30 Jazz night with Marsha K, 6-9 p.m. \$2/\$5	31			

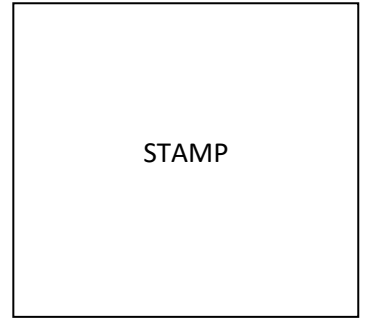
UPCOMING DINNERS

As a courtesy to the volunteer cooks, it's **required** that you make dinner reservations (702-649-8503) by the WEDNESDAY prior to the dinner. If you made a reservation and cannot keep it, please call the club and let us know as soon as possible. Thank you for being courteous. Serving starts at 6 p.m. \$13 members/\$15 nonmembers unless specified.

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Tuesday night jazz
Friday night cards
Membership meeting

