April 28 event

UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey Gold will be ‘Face on Barroom Floor’

By Tom O’Connor
Communications Committee

Since becoming chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center eight years ago, Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, has become a household name in Nebraska. Whether he’s talking about the amazing technology in UNMC’s new Davis Global Center, hosting his weekly live national television show on RFD-TV or lining up donors for the medical center’s next multibillion-dollar project, Dr. Gold has become the face of UNMC.

For all his distinguished efforts, Dr. Gold will soon become another sort of face, as the Omaha Press Club will honor him on Thursday, April 28, with its most prestigious honor – the “Face on the Barroom Floor.”

“Dr. Gold’s tenure has been absolutely sensational,” said Mike Yanney, an Omaha business icon who has played a pivotal role in UNMC’s incredible growth over the past 30 years. “His leadership skills are off the chart. He is leaving his mark on our community and has truly made a difference that will be felt for decades to come. Nobody deserves this recognition more.”

Dr. Gold will become the 168th “Face on the Barroom Floor” and will join a list of notable honorees such as Warren Buffett, Gerald Ford, Bob Gibson, Johnny Carson, Larry the Cable Guy and Tom Osborne.

To earn the “Face” recognition, Dr. Gold will need to endure an evening of barbs, as Kristyna Engdahl, director of communications for the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA), will provide an overview and update of The Riverfront Revitalization Project at the Noon Forum on Thursday, March 17.

MECA is a nonprofit organization that builds and maintains public event venues in Omaha. The organization manages the operation of CHI Health Center Omaha, Charles Schwab Field Omaha, and The Riverfront Revitalization Project. The Riverfront Project includes Gene Leahy Mall, Heartland of America Park, and Lewis & Clark Landing – a public/private partnership that will transform downtown Omaha. Gene Leahy Mall is scheduled to reopen this year, with Lewis & Clark Landing and Heartland of America Park following in 2023.

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2nd Congressional District Democratic Debate April 19

By Gary Kerr
Education Committee

Alisha Shelton and Tony Vargas, Democratic candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 2nd Congressional District, will debate the issues April 19 at the Omaha Press Club to see who will face Republican Congressman Don Bacon in the fall election.

Shelton is an Omaha mental health therapist, professional counselor, and community advocate. She has lived in Omaha most of her life. She is a pre-med graduate from Xavier University of Louisiana and attended graduate school for counseling at Bellevue University.

Vargas is a Nebraska state senator serving his second term representing District 7, which includes downtown Omaha and much of southeastern Omaha. He received a master’s degree in education from Pace University and is a former teacher and member of the Omaha Public Schools Board.

The Democratic nominee will be decided in the May 10 primary election. The April luncheon debate is sponsored by the Press Club and the League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha.

The debate begins at noon and continues until 1 p.m. Lunch, at $19 per person, is served beginning at 11:30 a.m. For reservations, email Christine at opcchristine@gmail.com or call 402-345-8008. Non-Press Club members are welcome.

Sanders 'Face' in driver's seat

The road from Omaha to Washington is the centerpiece of the “Face on the Barroom Floor” caricature created for Symone Sanders by artist Jeff Koterba. For coverage the Sanders 24 “Face” event for Sanders, see Page 6.
By Gary Willis
Communications Committee

Officers were elected for 2022, club operations were reviewed for 2021 and Steve Villamonte provided hors d’oeuvres that were enjoyed by those attending the Omaha Press Club Annual Meeting on Jan. 20.

Following are summaries of the reports by OPC leaders and committee chairs:

Outgoing President
Roger Humphries
Roger said 2021 was particularly challenging for the club while dealing with COVID. However, the heroic effort put forth by Steve, Christine and their staff allowed the club to stay the course. Roger said it was an honor to serve not only as president but also as chair of the Face on the Barroom Floor Committee. One privilege as president allowed him to attend many of the club’s committee meetings. From those meetings, he found that there are others like him who love the club and work hard to ensure its continued success. Roger gave thanks to the committee chairs that worked so hard to bring fantastic events and the OPC newsletter every month.

Roger also gave thanks to First National Bank and their support of the club. He said their backing has been crucial to the survival of the club, and it is greatly appreciated by him along with the entire OPC Board of Directors.

Roger thanked everyone for their support the past year and looks forward to many more years serving the OPC and its members. He encouraged us all to use the club often and help it continue to be one of the finest clubs of its kind in the country.

Executive Director
Steve Villamonte
Steve said so many of his reports over the years started out with “This was the toughest year of my tenure,” but he said 2021 was the toughest of all times. During 2020 and the pandemic, we learned that FNBO was going to continue to pay membership dues knowing we would have difficulty paying the rent. With that knowledge, the Villamontes decided to do whatever needed to get the club through another year.

There were many challenges in 2021, mostly in the kitchen. The kitchen was forced to operate without a chef or sous chef, which had been full-time positions. Steve and Christine assumed kitchen duties and traded turns on who would run the dishwasher. Michael Fryer became Steve’s wheels when Steve tore his meniscus tendon in his right knee. Christine took over the pantry.

Despite the challenges, the club staged successful events during 2021 that included the Hall of Fame inductions, the 50th anniversary celebration, the First Amendment Night, our “Faces on the Barroom Floor” and the Winemaker dinners. November 2021 was the busiest month that Steve could remember, and it all fell within a two-week period.

The club made plans to open on Friday evenings for regular dining, beginning Feb. 4, offering a limited menu. Friday night business will be monitored as a springboard to also open on Saturdays if we have the demand.

We are hoping to start a campaign to contact members whose accounts have had no activity since the pandemic began. Our goal is to encourage them to become active again and enjoy the club.

OPC Foundation
Josh Bucy
Josh talked of how COVID has continued to impact their events and activities but was proud of what was accomplished despite these frustrating challenges.

COVID forced the foundation to hold a virtual celebration of the 2020 scholarship winners. Thanks to the work of the board of trustees, an in-person scholarship banquet was held Sept. 19, 2021, at the Press Club. This was an event of firsts for the foundation: it was the first time that the banquet was a brunch instead of a dinner and it was the first in-person event for the foundation since the scholarship banquet held April 2019.

Sixteen scholarships were awarded, totaling nearly $50,000, to journalism students from Creighton University, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The 2021 Career Achievement Award was given to UNMC retiree Tom O’Connor, and the 2021 Journalism Educator Award was given to Hugh Reilly from UNO. Thanks went to Dr. Chris Allen for serving as emcee, OPCF Trustee Henry Cordes for his work as the scholarship committee chair; OPCF Trustee Bridget (Weide) Brooks for her work as events committee chair; and campus representatives Peggy Rupprecht, Adam Tyma and Joe Weber.

The Omaha Gives was a program the OPC Foundation participated in, but it has been discontinued. With the ending of this program, it was decided to focus efforts on annual campaigns. Spearheaded by development committee chair Wendy Townley, Randy Essex was secured as the 2021-2022 campaign chair.

Josh thanked the board of trustees for working so hard over the past year and said it was an honor and privilege to serve as president.

Marketing & Membership
Bridget (Weide) Brooks
The Marketing/Membership Committee focused its efforts on executing an event that was postponed from April 2020 to October 2021: the First Amendment Night. A much smaller—but still dedicated—group of members helped put together this successful event, which honored Chuck Hagel, Allen Beermann, and the First Amendment. Thanks to Chris Christen, Gary Willis, Gil Cohen, Roger Humphries, Allen Beermann, Mike McKnight and Gary Sadlemeyer for their help planning the event—and all those people plus Bob Meyers, Liz Hruska and Kurt Keeler for their help on the day of the event. We also want to recognize Tom Shatel for coming up with the event concept when he was OPC president.

The committee has already met in 2022 to conduct a postmortem on the First Amendment event and will continue to work on their primary objectives: spreading the word about the benefits of being an OPC member, encouraging membership, and providing greeting and hospitality for OPC’s signature events.

Communications
Gary Willis
The committee returned to meeting monthly except for July to plan the OPC newsletter. We are back to publishing a
Hall of Fame
Woody Bradford – No report

Education
Dr. Robert Meyers

The Education Committee is currently composed of 10 members who are scheduled to meet the first Thursday of every month to plan the Noon Forum programs that occur on the third Thursday of the month. That schedule was interrupted in 2020, but our Noon Forums returned during 2021. Our scheduled speakers for January and February were uncomfortable about coming to the club due to COVID, so no forums were held those two months. The committee continued to strive to find events that folks would feel comfortable with and meet our mission.

The 2021 programs covered a wide variety of topics and issues of community interest and importance. Forums included a debate by candidates for Omaha mayor, a large audience for a program on Restorative Justice. Disappointingly, a smaller audience attended an interesting forum featuring David Brown, CEO of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, just prior to his retirement announcement. Our September forum was cancelled due to the untimely death of James Martin Davis. The October forum presented an important and informative discussion on human trafficking, and November featured representatives from the South Omaha and Gifford Park areas discussing their efforts to keep their neighborhood vital.

The committee has been working on programs for 2022 and began with having former Nebraska Gov. and U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson speak about his new book, “Death of the Senate.” Plans for upcoming forums include the riverfront project and a District 2 congressional candidate debate. The committee is constantly working on other outstanding topics that spark conversation and thinking about our community and its continued growth.

Strategic Planning
Tom Shatel – No report

Finance Report
Dale Ervin

While the club fell behind on vendor payments in 2020, this was reversed in 2021. The event business was particularly strong the second half of 2021. During several months, event business was in line with or above pre-pandemic performance. Net income for the year was $34,000, the highest for the club in several years. In the face of adversity, Steve, Christine and the staff went above and beyond doing more with less. Dale gave credit to the Villamontes for all the innovation, long hours and plain hard work that went into this year.

Incoming President
Hunter Samuels

Hunter thanked everyone for the privilege of serving as president for 2022. His day job is stewardship and communications manager at Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Hunter wanted to connect with someone involved with UNMC who had PR experience, and he discovered a guy named Tom O’Connor. Tom introduced him to people who had connections that would help him in his profession. That experience sold him on the Omaha Press Club.

The last couple of years have been exceedingly difficult for businesses like the Press Club. But we are still here, the heat is on, the lights are on, the food and drinks as always are delicious. We would not be here without the tireless work of Michael, Ron, Bill and the long hours and sleepless nights for Steve and Christine.

On top of these efforts, an enormous thank-you goes to First National Bank for their flexibility over the past two years. It has been a blessing to the organization and took weight off the shoulders of Steve and Christine.

Now Hunter asks us to stop looking at the past that has brought us to this point. He wants to ask all the board and club members why we are here as an organization. What is our purpose, our place in the future, and our plan to get there? Hunter would like to set up short- and long-term goals for the club, including marketing initiatives, event planning, and even how our committees operate. He said he will do what he can to continue the excellent work everyone has done to make this an amazing place to be.
he will be roasted by a group of hand-picked roasters.

“I’ve been to past ‘Face on the Barroom Floor’ events, so I have a pretty good idea of what I’m in for,” Dr. Gold said. “I may need to check in with our Dermatology Department and see if there’s anything they can do to make my skin a little thicker.

“Seriously, I am humbled to receive this honor, as I know the list of people before me reads like a Who’s Who. It’s really not about me, but rather about our world-class medical center and the awesome people who make remarkable things happen every day. I couldn’t be more proud to be a part of this great institution. I’m looking forward to this event – I think – and I hope lots of people turn out to laugh at my expense.”

A native of New York City, Dr. Gold is the eighth chancellor of UNMC and also serves as chair of the board of UNMC’s principal clinical care partner, Nebraska Medicine. In 2021, he was named provost and executive vice president of the University of Nebraska System and from 2017-2021, he served as chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

As UNMC’s chief executive officer, Dr. Gold is responsible for all aspects of campus leadership, program quality and operations, including seven colleges, numerous institutes, a staff and faculty of about 7,000 and its 4,300 health professions students. Additionally, Nebraska Medicine has more than 8,500 employees and a multibillion-dollar operating budget.

The combined annual economic impact of UNMC/Nebraska Medicine’s 500-mile campus is estimated to be more than $6 billion with more than 50,000 employees.

Dr. Gold earned his undergraduate degree from the Cornell University College of Engineering and his medical degree from the Weill Cornell College of Medicine. He completed his cardiothoracic surgical fellowship training at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston with additional training in pediatric cardiac surgery at the Boston Children’s Hospital. Both hospitals are associated with Harvard Medical School.

He went on to become professor and division chief of children’s cardiac surgery at Cornell/New York Presbyterian Medical Center. Prior to joining UNMC in 2014, Dr. Gold held key leadership positions at the University of Toledo and Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Dr. Gold’s leadership roles are extensive and have included more than 50 national professional committees and more than 100 national organizations, volunteer boards, government/public health councils, and industry.

In addition, Dr. Gold has become a key voice during the COVID-19 pandemic by participating in hundreds of educational and media appearances, webinars, congressional/departmental/agency hearings and briefings.

Dr. Gold has been married for more than 40 years to a physician and has two adult children.

Among the past “Faces on the Barroom Floor” with connections to UNMC are: Chancellor Emeritus Harold M. Maurer, MD, and his wife, Beverly (Face No. 111, 2007); renowned oncologist James Armitage, MD, (No. 86, 2002); and numerous donors and supporters, such as Yanney (No. 166, 2021); Ruth and Bill Scott (No. 150, 2016); Chuck and Margre Durham, (No. 87, 2002); and Walter and Suzanne Scott (No. 95, 2005).

**‘FACE ON THE BARROOM FLOOR’ – JEFFREY P. GOLD, MD**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 28 – RECEPTION, 5:30 P.M., DINNER, 6:30 P.M., ROAST, 8 P.M.**

**COST: $75 FOR OPC MEMBERS; $85 FOR NON-MEMBERS.**

**RSVP: THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. CALL THE OPC AT 402-345-8008. MEMBERS CAN CHARGE TO THEIR OPC ACCOUNT. NON-MEMBERS NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION.**

**Wine dinner a winter feast**

By Angella Arndt
Communication Committee

Approximately 45 guests attended the Winemaker’s Dinner on Friday, Feb 11. The elegant six-course dinner included a brie, pear and apricot appetizer, asparagus bisque, filet mignon, and peanut butter chocolate ice cream tart.

Mark Surprenant, sommelier for Republic National Distributing Company in Omaha, paired a wine with each course. The wine selections included varieties from Spain, Austria, France, Italy and the United States.

Thank you to Steve, Christine and their team for an enjoyable and delicious evening.
Meet Nebraska’s newest assistant volleyball coach, Kelly Hunter

By Gary Willis
Communications Committee

Kelly Hunter, the new assistant women’s volleyball coach at Nebraska, spoke at the Feb. 17 Noon Forum about how volleyball became her sport of choice and her new role with the Cornhusker program.

Kelly played various sports growing up and attended Papillion-LaVista South High School. The realization that volleyball would be her focus was not a surprise considering that her mother, Lori (Melcher) Hunter, was a Husker setter from 1977-80 and destined to become a big influence on her daughter.

Kelly said her mom got some really cheap tickets to the 2006 NCAA volleyball championships in Omaha when the Huskers were playing. It was after viewing the Nebraska game that she decided to play volleyball at a higher level. The passion of the players, their excitement, and the fans at the Qwest Center helped make it her dream to become a Nebraska volleyball player. Kelly said she wanted to go to a school that valued volleyball and Nebraska, national champions in 2006, made it an easy choice when she was recruited.

Her freshman year at NU was difficult adjusting to campus life, making her own decisions and dealing with an injury where she had to sit out several practices and games. She said it became a learning experience for her on how to get through the injuries and stay positive.

She redshirted in her sophomore year due to a transfer setter with more experience. Coach John Cook invited her into his office, and she was told he was going to ask her if she would redshirt. He later called her to tell her to dress nice and he said no. He called her to tell her to dress nice because she was going to be meeting with Nebraska Athletic Director Trev Alberts. Then pick a nice place for dinner, Cook added. The dinner was fantastic, Hunter said, and Cook offered her the job of assistant coach.

She said yes with no hesitation, and that Monday changed her life.
Sanders’ recipe for fame started with a spoon

By Elaine Allen
Communications Committee

Her mother almost stole the show from Symone Sanders during the “Face on the Barroom Floor” event on Thursday, Feb. 24. Instead of taking the podium like any emcee would, Omaha Star Publisher Terri Sanders paraded through the Omaha Press Club dining room in a yellow hard hat, holding a large silver serving spoon, and announcing her arrival with a bullhorn instead of a microphone.

As she took the podium, Terri Sanders described her young daughter, standing in their kitchen, holding a wooden spoon to her mouth, and pretending she was “Donna Burns, reporting live. This,” her mother said, “is how Symone got her start.”

The second roaster called to the podium wasn’t on the program. Aida Amoura-Rezac, who worked with Symone in former Mayor Jim Suttle’s office, praised Symone as a woman “so exuberant, so out there. I hope she’s an encouragement to young people.”

Girls Inc. Director of Programs Emily Mwaja roasted her former Girls Inc. protégé, who at the time was a defensive lineman in Omaha, Nebraska. “I see what one Black woman can do for other Black women. Baby girl, I’m so proud of you and I welcome you to Face on the Barroom floor.”

Feeling the audience’s cheers as Council roasted her, Symone said, “I am very proud of you.”

She praised 16-year-old Symone’s Council membership and State Sen. Brenda Council echoed Mwaja. “Bill Clinton was so impressed with 16-year-old Symone’s poise when she introduced him at the Girls Inc. luncheon that he mentioned her in his book.”

To that, Symone chimed in from her seat, “On page 81!”

The audience cheered when Council praised Symone’s “multi-talented and multi-faceted” adviser role during one of Joe Biden’s presidential campaign rallies. “One of Symone’s duties was as defensive lineman against a crazy chick in Wisconsin when she took her down!” Council, who became a “Face” in 1995, said she was pleased that Biden appointed a young, Black woman as his “Face.”

As her “Face” was unveiled, artist Jeffrey Koterba said he tried to “reflect your wonderful trajectory.” In the caricature, Symone is pictured driving a red convertible with 402 license plates, heading from Omaha to Washington, D.C., surrounded by images of Bernie Sanders, President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, and logos of CNN, MSNBC, and Girls Inc.

“Thanking the 131 people in the audience, Symone Sanders said, “This is the biggest honor you can get if you're from Nebraska. I love you. I love Omaha. You are what made me.”

Growing up in the close, tight-knit community of North Omaha, she said, “I’m grateful for this community. I wouldn’t be who I am without North Omaha.”

She credited Mercy High School, “where I got a global perspective.”

She thanked the Empowerment Network’s Friday meeting of Black leaders for offering their support and encouragement.

Then, it was her turn for rebuttal, roasting her mother first. “I once paid Mom to project manage a party for me. I gave her a budget between $5,000 and $6,000.” But as the champagne continued to flow, she began to question how much the party was costing. “The tab came to $12,000. “And that’s when I fired my mother.”

Sanders also fired barbs at both Girls Inc., the Urban League, Creighton University, and Chief Warren. Directing a question to Brenda Council, she asked, “How do you like your brother working for a Republican?” With that, the audience howled with laughter.

As she brought the evening’s program to a close, Symone Sanders said, “I am very honored to be here.”
Former ‘Face,’ Ronald Roskens, dies at 89

…Was key administrator in higher education, international relations

By Tom O’Connor
Communications Committee

At 6 feet 4 inches, Ronald Roskens, PhD, stood out in a room. A legendary figure in higher education as well as international relations, Roskens was recognized by the Omaha Press Club as its 126th “Face on the Barroom Floor” in 2010 at the age of 77.

On Feb. 27, the man who served as president of the University of Nebraska System for 13 years and as chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha for five years died at the age of 89.

His illustrious career included 30 years in academia. Following this, Roskens began an equally impressive run in the world of international relations, serving as president of the InterAction Council, a group of 35 former heads of state, and being elected to the advisory board of the World Food Programme, a United Nations agency headquartered in Rome.

His international career culminated in 1990 when President George H.W. Bush appointed Roskens as administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), an agency that oversaw $8.1 billion in economic and humanitarian assistance for more than 100 countries. Roskens was instrumental in directing a major restructuring of the agency.

He was recognized for his efforts when he received the Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government after serving in Omaha as honorary consul general for Japan.

A native of Spencer, Iowa, Roskens earned his doctorate from the University of Iowa. He served as chairman of the board of the American Council on Education and as president of the Association of Urban Universities. He received honorary degrees from 15 institutions of higher education. In 2009, Roskens and his wife, Lois, received the Order of the Tower, the highest award from UNO.

At his “Face on the Barroom Floor” event, Roskens was roasted and toasted by:

• His son, Bill Roskens, president of First Care Inc.;
• John Nelson, chairman and CEO of the SilverStone Group;
• Dr. John Christensen, chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha;
• Dr. Robert Langdon, cancer specialist; and
• Bill Cutler, vice president of Heafey-Heafey-Hoffman-Dworak & Cutler Mortuaries.

Some of the best lines from the evening included:

Nelson: “Ron is being honored a little bit late in his career. When he was a boy, the Dead Sea was only sick.”

Bill Roskens: “I’ve been preselected by my father to give his eulogy upon his demise. I hate to waste all of that material tonight, so I’m saving the nice stuff.”

Christensen donned a long prosthetic digit to demonstrate Roskens’ oratory skills and said: “He may indeed have the longest index finger of anyone I know, and I’m grateful that he didn’t pursue a career in medicine.”

“Face” artist Jim Horan depicted Roskens as a world traveler wearing his medal of the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, while carrying his luggage, ready to go somewhere in the world at any time.

He is standing on the campuses of UNO, UNL and UNMC. In the background, he’s driving a team of horses pulling a load of corn to represent his boyhood on an Iowa farm.

Roskens’ family included three daughters, one son and 12 grandchildren.

St Patrick’s Day Buffet

Thursday, March 17, 2022
11:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Members $20

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet

Slow-Cooked Corned Beef
(Fresh From Alto-Shaam Oven)
Boiled Cabbage
Irish New Potatoes
Dark Rye Bread and Butter

Dessert
Brownie

Beverage
$2 Green Beer

Easter Buffet

Sunday, April 17, 2022
Two seatings: 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Adults $25 • Children $15

Carving Station
Prime Rib of Beef
Whiskey Pepper-Glazed Ham

Entrées
Chicken Bourguignon
Lemon Pepper Butter Baked Tilapia
Eggs Benedict
Lyonnaise New Potato
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
Seasonal Vegetable
Build-Your-Own Omelet
Multi-Topping Buttermilk Pancakes

Salad Display
Thunderbird Salad, Chef Salad, Broccoli Salad, Creamy Dill Cucumber Salad, Potato Salad, Deviled Eggs, Smoked Salmon, Chaud-Froid, Continental Fruit Display
Continental Cheese Display

Desserts
Fresh-Baked Cream Puff Profiteroles, Sticky Buns,
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Thursday, March 3  
Prime Rib Night  
5:30 p.m. to close  

Friday, March 4  
Fish Friday specials throughout Lent  

Thursday, March 10  
Prime Rib Night  
5:30 p.m. to close  

Thursday, March 17  
Noon Forum  
“Future of Riverfront and Downtown Omaha”  
Kristyna Engdahl  
11:30 a.m. lunch, $19  
Noon to 1 p.m. speaker and  
St. Patrick’s Day Buffet  
11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., cost $20  

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5:30 p.m. to close  

Thursday, March 31  
Prime Rib Night  
5:30 p.m. to close  

Sunday, April 17  
Easter Brunch  
Seatings: 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m.  
Adults $25, Children 3-10 $15  

Tuesday, April 19  
Democratic Congressional Primary Debate  
11:30 a.m. lunch, $19  
Noon to 1 p.m. debate  

Saturday, April 23  
Scholarship Brunch  
10 a.m. social, 10:30 a.m. brunch  

Wednesday, April 27  
Administrative Assistants Day  
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  

Thursday, April 28  
“Face on the Ballroom Floor”  
UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey Gold  
5:30 p.m. non-host social  
6:30 p.m. dinner and roast  
$75 OPC members, $85 non-members  

Thursday, May 5  
Noon Forum  
Mayor Jean Stothert  
“The First Hundred Days”  
11:30 a.m. lunch, $19  
Noon to 1 p.m. speaker  

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