



THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

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 in the World*

SENATOR CURTIS KING THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Senator Curtis King represents South Central Washington’s 14th Legislative District in the Washington State Senate. Born in Yakima and raised in Union Gap, King graduated from Eisenhower High School, and went on to Yakima Valley Community College and the University of Washington where he obtained degrees in Physics and Math. He received an M.B.A. in Business Administration from Clemson-Furman Universities.

After spending 8 years on the East Coast working for General Electric, he came home to assume ownership of King Brothers Woodworking with his brother, Gary in 1976, and later started King Door & Hardware as a division of King Brothers Woodworking. In 2006, both companies became a division of Kesselring Corporation. Curtis served as Secretary until his retirement in 2009.

Since his original appointment to the Legislature in 2007, Senator King has been a member of the Senate Transportation Committee on which he currently serves as the Ranking Minority Member. He is also the Ranking Minority Member on the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee and serves on the Rules Committee. From 2015-17, Curtis served as chair of the Senate Transportation Committee following two years as a bipartisan co-chair. During that time, he was the primary sponsor of the first successful transportation revenue package in more than a decade.

His commitment to community service extends decades with numerous recognitions and awards on both the local and statewide level. He has been a member of Yakima Sunrise Rotary since 1987. He currently serves on the Board of the J.M. Perry Technical Institute Trust and is an ex-officio Board Member of the Central Washington State Fair Association.

He and his wife, Lois, have been married for 57 years. Together they have two daughters and two grandchildren.

FOR THURSDAY’S MEETING

Greeters – Maria Rodriguez
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Tim Carlson
 Program – John Adkison
 Attendance – Jennifer Bliesner

FUTURE PROGRAMS

April 25th – Chris Lueck, Innovations in Glass Recycling for Central Washington
 May 2nd – Becky Johnson & Barb Heinzen, Yakima & Selah Neighbors Network
 May 9th – Christy Bracewell Trotter, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic
 May 16th – Brother Mark Murphy, The Mission of World-Wide Education by the De La Salle Christian Brothers

“ROTARIANS AT WORK” SPRING CLEAN UP



Rotarian volunteers and friends are needed to help with this year’s “Rotarians at Work” Day on Saturday, April 27th to help beautify three locations in our community; Rotary Lake, the Welcome to Yakima Sign, and Sarg Hubbard Park.

All the slots are full at Sarg Hubbard, but HELP is still needed at the Welcome to Yakima Sign and Rotary Lake. There are twelve open slots at Rotary Lake to pick up garbage along the shoreline and three open slots at the Welcome to Yakima sign to clean, weed, trim and lay bark. Work starts at 9am and will be done by noon.

If you would like to volunteer, please call or email the Rotary office today. We can’t do it without YOU!

ONE DAY ROTARY LEARNING INSTITUTE



Do you want to learn more about Rotary? Come and spend a day meeting with fellow Rotarians from our learning about Rotary, getting new ideas, and gaining leadership skills at a one-day Rotary Learning Institute to be held on Saturday, April 27th from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Yakima Greenway Visitors Center at Sarg Hubbard Park. The cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Limited seating is available; registration ends tomorrow (Tuesday, April 16th) at 5pm. Scan the QR code to reserve your spot today.

SCHOLARSHIP DINNERS beginning soon...

Our annual Scholarship Dinners are Thursday, May 9th through Thursday, May 23rd. If you haven't signed up, now is the time to choose a date or dates that work best for you. The cost is \$125 and includes your spouse, significant other, or friend. All members will be charged whether they attend or not with the proceeds going to benefit our Academic & Vocational Scholarship programs. Dinner assignments are happening this Friday – send your dates to the Rotary office asap.



PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Monday, April 22, 2024, the following candidate will be elected to membership:

Zebulyn (Zeb) Ruff

Territory Manager

Pacific Steel & Recycling

Classification: Steel & Recycling Sales

Proposed by: Brad Hansen

Endorsed by: Jordan Matson

REVIEW

Being at Rotary on Thursdays is one of the best parts of the week. Last Thursday was no exception with a great group of greeters, fun music, an inspirational message, a sergeant-at-arms quiz, new member introduction and a program all about drones. Our greeters were Kyle Curtis, Foti Panagakos, and Andy Lucero. The music was provided by Doug Rich as he sang *Come Fly With Me* with a Roadrunner cartoon in the background. Jan Luring shared a prayer and message of gratitude and positivity. President Erin welcomed our guests, presented a blue badge to Paul Trotter, and made an ask for volunteers to help with "Rotarians at Work" Day on April 27th. Quinn Dalan followed with an invitation to attend the District's Rotary Leadership Institute also being held on April 27th at the Greenway Visitors Center. Kathy Miller Parrish's sergeant-at-arms raised funds for Rotary Charities staying true to the drone theme.

Brad Hansen introduced his friend Bob Price as our newest member. Bob is the owner of Price Cold Storage & Packing. Born in Yakima, he has lived here all his life except for his time attending the University of Washington. He went to school to become an Orthodontist, but due to his dad's health issues, came back to the family business. He is glad that he made the decision that he did. While agriculture is an up and down business, it's all turned out pretty well. With his son taking over more of the day-to-day duties, he plans to travel with his wife Brenda, play more golf, and spoil their 4 grandchildren. With any free time, he enjoys his friends, cooking, gardening, his two dogs, and collecting apple box labels. He is the Chairman of The Memorial Foundation; he is working diligently to bring back healthcare to Yakima as we once knew it. We are so happy to have him as part of our club!

Sheriff Bob Udell introduced our featured speaker, Deputy Leo Diaz. Deputy Diaz was born and raised in the Yakima Valley. He started his career in Sunnyside and today continues his passion for his work every day as a member of the Yakima County Sheriff's Department as not only their Drone Commander but as a Filed Training Officer and Gang Intel Deputy. It was all about drones as he shared using videos what the Department has and how they work. With help from Senator Curtis King, the Department recently obtained a Matrice 350 RTK; one of the best drones available for commercial use. It can fly in 35 mile/per hour winds, possesses zoom capability up to 12 miles away, comes with spotlight feature, and is equipped with drop safety equipment, payload speakers for

announcements, and an infrared camera. The camera can zoom in miles away without those below knowing there is a drone in the sky. The speaker can be prerecorded with messages for a specific mission, or can be changed with text, type, or voice commands. With the ability to fly up to a door or window, no one can say they can't hear him. The spotlight has a capacity of 400 ft in the sky for use with the ability for strobe light as well. It also has smart tracking that can pinpoint a specific target, lock on it, and follow it by itself.

Drones are UAS; an aircraft that doesn't have humans on it. Other names for drones include unmanned aerials, and RC aircraft. The FAA has certain rules that must be followed even as law enforcement. It requires a waiver to fly over people and an unrestricted pass to fly over an airport. Without a pass, a drone will not fly over an airport. When it reaches the boundary of the airport, it will stop like it has hit a wall. Drones are not allowed to fly over 100 mph. The Matrice 350 flies 50-55 mph. There are regulations just like the roads we drive on. Height can't go over 400 ft unless it is going over something that is 300 ft in the air; you can go 200 ft above that point. Any drone over 54 pounds must have a license plate that is visible before it can be flown.

The use of drones by the Sheriff's Department is not limited to outside use only. They also have interior drones and are expecting a Lemur 2 Drone in 2 weeks. Its capability includes a two-way speaker for communication back and forth, glass breaker for entry, turtle mode that allows it to turn over and go back up if it lands upside down, infrared camera capabilities, and spotlight. With new laws in Washington regarding the use of force, interior drones are money. They allow officers to see a person's attitude; if they are going to swing at it with a bat, they aren't going to be compliant. They can be used to clear buildings, building searches, negotiations, and de-escalation. Drones are replaceable – people aren't.

As Drone Commander, Deputy Diaz also manages waivers required and making sure that they are renewed on time between himself and other pilots. He is available 24 hours/7 days a week to help wherever needed. That means search & rescue, missing persons, accident reconstruction, and assisting other agencies that include the YPD, ATF, and the FBI. It was an amazing look at how technology is changing the face of law enforcement. A special thank you to Sheriff Udell and Deputy Diaz for finding the time to visit us.