



THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

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PRESIDENT KIRK SCHULZ & DR. DARYLL DEWALD WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY: A COMMITMENT TO ITS LAND-GRANT MISSION



Kirk Schulz is the 11th president of Washington State University and a tenured professor in the Gene and Linda Voiland School of Chemical Engineering.

President Schulz is committed to fulfilling Washington State University's mission as a land-grant university. Since his appointment in 2016, President Schulz has prioritized increasing the reach and effectiveness of the statewide system of campuses, Extension offices, and other programs to better serve the state of Washington. His duties have evolved from operating as the chief executive of the WSU Pullman campus to setting the strategic vision and direction for the entire WSU system, advocating for higher-education policy, engaging in philanthropic priorities, and representing WSU at the state and federal levels.

Before joining WSU, President Schulz served as the 13th president of Kansas State University. A nationally respected leader in higher education, he has had an extensive career as a faculty member and administrator at several public research universities including serving as Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Dean of the Bagley College of Engineering, and Director for the Dave Swalm School of Chemical Engineering at Mississippi State University. He was also a faculty member and held various leadership positions at Michigan Technological University and the University of North Dakota.

President Schulz is a member of several professional societies, including the American Institute for Chemical Engineering (AIChE) and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). He is a fellow in both the ASEE and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He earned his undergraduate and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering at Virginia Tech, where he met his wife, Dr. Noel Nunnally Schulz. She is a professor in the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture and a co-director of the WSU-Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Advanced Grid Institute. The Schulzes have two sons, Tim and Andrew.



Dr. Daryll B. DeWald is the fourth chancellor of WSU Spokane and the first Executive Vice President of WSU Health Sciences. He stepped into the role of chancellor in 2017 and has been serving as vice president since 2019.

An experienced academic leader and a successful life sciences researcher, DeWald is passionate about higher education and providing avenues for students, faculty, and staff to succeed. Joining WSU in 2011 as dean of the former College of Sciences, he led the merger that resulted in WSU's College of Arts and Sciences.

As Executive Vice President of Health Sciences and Chancellor of WSU Spokane, DeWald has worked closely with the leadership of the human health sciences colleges headquartered in Spokane, the colleges of nursing, pharmacy, and medicine. He has guided the expansion of research, educational programs, community partnerships with healthcare organizations, and community ventures, resulting in programs that support both the success of students and the region's economic vitality.

DeWald earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Wyoming and a Ph.D. in biochemistry at Texas A&M. He did a postdoctoral at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine before moving to Utah State University. At Utah State University, he served as Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor as well as Department Head. He then transitioned to WSU and is a tenured professor in Washington State University's College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.



FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Jennifer Ernst, Kurt Labberton
Music – Doug Rich
Invocation – Tim Carlson
Sergeant-at-Arms – Bob Udell
Program – Jennifer Bliesner

FUTURE PROGRAMS

April 27th – Vocational Scholarship Awards
May 4th – Cissy Reyes, Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women
May 11th – Community Service Project
May 18th – Fabiana Ahumada, Saving Bees: One Hop at a Time

“ROTARIANS AT WORK” DAY



Sign-ups are underway for “Rotarians at Work” Day on Saturday, April 29th. Rotarian volunteers will be working to beautify our community at three locations: Rotary Lake along the Greenway, Sarg Hubbard Park, and the Welcome to Yakima Sign.

Starting time at each site is 9:00am with an ending time of noon or earlier, especially with lots of hands helping. The work at Sarg Hubbard will be centered around the flower garden with cleaning, weeding, spreading bark, and painting the sign – Larry Mattson will be the crew boss. Ralph Thompson will be managing the clean-up around Rotary Lake and have a drift boat on site to help pick up along the shoreline. The Welcome to Yakima Sign duties will include trimming, cleaning, weeding, and laying down bark. Jheri Ketcham will lead the team.

We have a great group scheduled at each location. If you would like to join in, please contact the Rotary office today.

REVIEW

This week’s meeting included the introduction of a new member, two community service opportunities, the presentation of the Bud Applegate PHF, and a great program about the Yakima Valley Community Foundation. It all started with beer – yes, beer. Nicole Donegan brought a four-pack of LOCAL IMPACT beer by Single Hill Brewery to benefit Yakima Rotary Charities with 10% of all sales donated. At the Release Party this past week, 2 ½ cases were purchased and donated back to our Club for a summer event. It has a beautiful design inspired by the Rotary Wheel. The supply is limited – if you love beer or have a friend or family member who loves beer, get down to Single Hill today.

Carnegie Hall was the setting for our music this week as Andie Webb shared a music moment featuring the Eisenhower High School students singing there just last month. Jan Luring provided a prayer all about miracles. President Rick welcomed our guests and encouraged sign-ups for “Rotarians at Work” Day on April 29th. Pattie Graffe became our newest member with her introduction by Amy Maib. Pattie is a recent transplant from the west side. She joined Bekins Northwest in the fall of 2022 as a sales manager bringing with her over 20 years of sales and customer service in the hospitality industries. She also knows a lot about wine. She enjoys spending time with her family; she and her husband, Jim just celebrated their 40th anniversary. They have twin sons who are both engineers and two grandsons. She loves traveling, gardening, reading and entertaining. She is already involved in Youth Exchange and is hosting a scholarship dinner. We are so happy to have her in our club!

Amy’s next task was the presentation of the Bud Applegate PHF award to a very special and surprised Duane Monick. Amy began by describing Duane as diligent and dedicated, detailed, skilled and handy, smart, the father to three boys, a husband for 50 plus years, and a great golfer. He has significantly influenced young people in their formative years in the development of athletic skills, character, and group accomplishments even with a demanding medical practice. He has helped numerous past presidents and district governors with projects. He traveled to Honduras to work on a Rotary project, he volunteers at his church, and has supported African missions. He was the first person to help during Covid with something called Zoom. He kept this club running, let Past President Jennifer Bliesner do her work, and allowed us to keep a connection to each other. This award is given to a person for good works of a Rotary and/or civic nature over a significant period of time, and by meeting the Four Way Test. In addition to a standing ovation and his family in the back to surprise him, a \$1,000 donation was made to The Rotary Foundation in his name. There is no one more deserving!

John Baule and Dana Dwinell wrapped up the end of Rotary business. John asked for volunteers to help lay pavers at the Rotary Marketplace. The date is tentatively scheduled for April 22nd. Dana Dwinell raised money for Rotary Charities with an April 13th, triskaidekaphobia, and Friday the 13th themed sergeant-at-arms.

Cragg Gilbert had the honor of introducing Sharon Miracle as our featured speaker. Sharon talked about the Yakima Valley Community Foundation which is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The first community foundation was established in 1914 in Cleveland, Ohio. Originally, they were originally designed for banks to serve their local communities; that soon changed as 22 of the nation’s largest cities were quick to follow and create their own foundations. Today there are more than 800 foundations. The largest is in Silicon Valley with over \$4 billion in assets.

The story of the Yakima Valley Community Foundation (YVCF) began in 2003. The Sisters of Providence Hospital was getting ready to be sold to a for-profit entity. Someone had the foresight to say we should keep the funds and goodwill in our own community. Over a period of a couple of years, they got the Yakima Valley Community Foundation accredited. The Sisters of Providence Foundation gave \$8 million; HMA who bought the Yakima and Toppenish hospitals donated another \$10 million giving the YVCF an initial corpus of \$18 million. Today, YVCF has over \$74 million in assets; is the number one grant maker in both volume and amount in our community; has granted \$35 million in the last 10 years; and invest and manage 111 different funds.

The mission Yakima Valley Community Foundation is to connect people, resources, and ideas so the community we know and love thrives. Through values they wanted to elevate the work they are doing - results, capability, excellence, transparency, collaboration, and inclusion. A Couple years ago, the Board also created four pillars of focus: people, money and operations, grants and programs, and reputation and marketing with the goals of doing great things for the community; being able to positively and perpetually impact our community; having enough money to fund at least 80% of the grant applications they receive; and being nationally acclaimed and cherished positively and perpetually by the community they know and love.

How does the YVCF serve our community? Through (1) Endowed Charitable Savings Account that allow other non-profits to pool and invest their assets with YVCF, (2) Non-Endowed Charitable Checking Account that include fields of interest, donor advised, designated and scholarship funds, (3) Granting and Programs that invest in our community through with annual gift rounds, the Helen Jewett Youth Leadership Council, and through the ActSix Program, (4) serving as a Community Convener as a fiscal sponsor, through special initiatives and offering nonprofit support and education, and (5) as a Legacy Maker by accepting estate gifts to support grants made to causes designated beyond the giver’s lifetime and passing along the joy of giving by engaging heirs as fund advisors. Each came with examples of success stories – PNWU, Yakima Valley Museum, Keep Arts Alive, Smith Family Fund, Rod’s House Behavioral Health Specialist, Playground, Mobile Food Bank Van in Toppenish, Yakima Free Press Campaign, and the Mollie Davis Scholarship Fund administered by the Yakima Rotary Trust.

We are lucky to have Sharon as a part of the Yakima Valley Community Foundation. Through her efforts and many others, what started out as a dream has blossomed to 20 years of impact and will only continue to grow.

