



THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026
YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE CONFERENCE CENTER
DISTRICT GOVERNOR JILL LEONARD
ROTARY DISTRICT 5060

Create
Lasting
Impact



Born and raised in Montana, Jill Leonard grew up with a love for wide open spaces, strong communities, and the kind of practical, roll-up-your-sleeves spirit that stays with you. She graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing, and eventually made her way to Wenatchee, Washington in 2000. What began as a move to a new community became home, and Wenatchee has been an important part of Jill’s family, career, and Rotary story ever since.

Professionally, Jill is a business owner with experience in marketing, communications, event planning, fundraising, and coaching. She brings a strong belief in collaboration, practical leadership, and helping people find confidence in their own abilities.

Jill is a member of the Rotary Club of Wenatchee and has been a Rotarian since 2012. She has served in a variety of club and district roles, including Club President, Fundraising Chair, Public Image Chair, Wenatchee Rotary Foundation President, District Public Image Committee member, and District Youth Exchange Communications Chair. Jill is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Polio Society Member, a Bequest Society Member, and a multiple Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Paul Scea Fellow.

Jill’s passion in Rotary is rooted in Youth Services, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact, and RYLA. Her District Governor focus, Fuel the Future: Investing in the Next Generation, reflects her belief that Rotary’s greatest impact is not only found in the projects completed today, but in the leaders, members, students, and community partners we encourage for tomorrow. She is honored to serve as District Governor for Rotary District 5060 for the 2026-2027 Rotary year. Rotary has also become a family affair for Jill. Her great-grandfather served as President of the Polson Rotary Club in Montana in 1936, and her grandfather served as President of the Butte Rotary Club. Her husband, Tom, joined Rotary while Jill was serving as President of the Wenatchee club, and their son Ethan participated in Rotary Youth Exchange. That family connection continues to shape Jill’s belief that Rotary is built through relationships, shared service, and the people we inspire along the way.

Jill and Tom have been married for more than 25 years and have three children, Zach, Rhiannon, and Ethan. When she is not working or volunteering with Rotary, Jill enjoys spending time with family, camping, traveling, cheering on hockey, and returning to Montana whenever possible.

FOR THURSDAY’S MEETING

- Greeters – Liz McGree, Gail Weaver
- Inspiration – Foti Panagakos
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Doug Rich
- Program – John Cooper
- Attendance – Jake Hambly

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- August 20th – Clem See, Ryan Broom, and John Arnold
The Importance & Impact of High School Technical Skills
Training
- August 27th – Global AG Expo FIRA USA Comes to
Yakima: A Panel Discussion with Paul Cathcart, Sam
Godwin, Brian Pearson & Elizabeth Hargraves

WHITE SWAN FIRE RELIEF

Next week’s sergeant-at-arms (August 13th) will be donated to assist individuals and families affected by the fires in White Swan. Come prepared with extra money on hand or bring a check made out to Yakima Rotary Charities. A QR code will also be made available to make a donation directly to the Yakama Nation.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Friday, August 14, 2026, the following candidates will be elected to membership:

MaryAbigail Dills
Vice President/Marketing Director
Baker Boyer Bank
Classification: Banking Services, Marketing
Proposed by: Erin Black
Endorsed by: Tressa Mercy

Chad Janis
Captain
Yakima Police Department
Classification: Law Enforcement
Proposed by: Jim DeGrasse
Endorsed by: Yvette Inzunza

REVIEW

It was an incredible day of service as we skipped our normal program format to come together and stuff 673 backpacks with school supplies for every student at Adams Elementary from kindergarten to 5th grade. Laughter, smiles, teamwork, and a shared commitment to giving back filled the room. Thanks to your support and dedication to Rotary's spirit of "Service Above Self" hundreds of students will be ready to learn when they arrive on the first day of school.





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