

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

*The Magic  
Of Rotary*



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Don Carrell graduated with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness/agricultural economics from Washington State University and a master's degree in business administration and management from Gonzaga University.

With 25+ years of management experience, Don's career encompasses Kaiser Aluminum Trentwood Works, in Spokane, Washington, as senior logistics manager. After Kaiser Aluminum, Don went on to Shields Bag and Printing Co., where he worked as controller, vice-president of finance, and vice-president of manufacturing. In 2016 Don joined Kwik Lok Corporation as vice president of manufacturing. Shortly after, in 2017, Don was assigned as Chief Operating Officer. In 2019, Kwik Lok Board of Directors appointed Don as the CEO of Kwik Lok Corporation where he is committed to continuing the Kwik Lok legacy of customer service, innovation, and growth.

Don's history of community service includes board member and chair of Yakima Specialties, Cowiche Canyon Conservancy board treasurer, Perry Technical Institute Foundation board chairman, YV Tech advisory board member, and ESD 105 STEM educator advisor.

### 10 REASONS TO JOIN ROTARY

August is Membership Development Month, a time to share Rotary with individuals you may know in our community. The best way to grow Rotary is to ask someone. Bring a guest to Rotary and share these top reasons to be a part of a global organization dedicated to Service Above Self and making their communities a better place to live.

- **Friendship / Fellowship / Community:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross-section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
- **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club helps develop better community citizens. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
- **Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary, there is a program designed to keep members informed about what is going on in the community, nation and world.
- **Fun:** Rotary is a fun and exciting place to be.
- **Citizenship in the World:** There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome and encouraged to attend other clubs.
- **The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs their ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is represented among members of Rotary.
- **Nice People:** Rotarians are the nicest people on the face of the earth.
- **Opportunity to Serve:** As a service club, Rotary's business is people, and its product is service. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do good.

### FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Arthur Salido, Yvette Inzunza  
Inspiration – Lila Mowatt  
Sergeant-at-Arms – John Cooper  
Program – Brad Hansen  
Attendance – Rich Austin

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

August 15th – School Supply Backpack  
Service Project  
August 22nd – Derek Sandison, Washington  
State Dept. of Agriculture  
August 29th – Lila Mowatt & Ralph Thompson,  
Classification Talks  
September 5th – Rotary District Governor  
Tom Tochtermann

### COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICES

This is notice that there will be a meeting of the Membership Development Committee immediately following Rotary this Thursday, August 8th at the Convention Center.

There will also be a meeting of the Music Committee before Rotary on Thursday, August 15th at 11:45am. The meeting that day will be held at YVC Conference Center.



If you are on either committee, please plan to attend.

### REVIEW

We were back at the Convention Center after a week away to celebrate the Yakima Rotary Trust. Our greeters for the day were Zeb Ruff and Brent Elkins. Rick Pinnell's inspiration moment was a reminder that we are all human and need to be careful not to pass judgment. President Jim welcomed our guests and presided over a vote on bylaws revisions for the Yakima Rotary Club. A motion was made by Kellie Connaughton to approve, seconded by Kurt Labberton and approved by the membership with a unanimous voice vote. President Jim called Dave Bolm to the podium for the presentation of the Yakima Rotary Trust Golf Tournament trophy held on July 22nd. His team won the tournament; he also won a raffle for a golf basket. The next night, an all three-Rotary club celebration was held at the Masonic Temple. Between the two events, more than \$90,000 was grossed to benefit the Rotary Trust. The Trust is also responsible for the administration of the Mollie Davis Scholarship Program. Since 2010, there have been 573 scholarships awarded to local students valued at more than \$10 million. What a great asset for Rotary and our community. Kellie Connaughton wrapped up Rotary business with an Olympic themed sergeant-at-arms.

Sonia Rodriguez True had the honor of introducing our program speakers, Yakima County Superior Court Judge Ruth Reukauf whose current assignment is Juvenile Court and Candi Shute who serves as the Juvenile Court Administrator. Together, with Sonia acting as the moderator, they provided a great program about our juvenile justice system.

There was so much to hear and learn. One of the biggest challenges for them in the past 6 years has been keeping up with changes in the law; they don't come with an instruction book on how to implement. As difficult as that could be, it has also provided an opportunity to be creative in how they serve the youth they encounter. As a system they provide mental health, education and transitional services. Thursday morning, they met with a community provider who is going to co-locate in the juvenile justice facility to provide substance abuse disorder treatment services on a full-time basis to all youth in detention; it was something that had disappeared around 2008 due to budget cuts. They just welcomed in partnership with ESD 105 a full-time mental health therapist. One month in, they are already seeing a tremendous difference. They are excited and proud about a new program being implemented called Protein for All. Research has shown that the way we eat affects the way we make decisions and engage in conversations. With a mini grant, they purchased protein rich snacks and drink items that will be available for anyone who comes into juvenile court. They also received a grant for a diaper and wipes bank for those going through dependency court. While a small thing for many, it is a big thing when it comes to the cost of other necessities such as rent, food and lights.

The number of youths in the detention facility last Thursday was 17; 11 boys and 6 girls. The average population last year was 8. The last couple of months they have been running high. When Covid struck, numbers decreased to include only the most serious offenses. Most of the youth in the facility abuse substances or are addicted to sub-

stances, and have mental health issues – some diagnosed, some not. A number of them are dealing with having been exploited commercially or sexually trafficked. Part of the intake interview is screening to see if a youth is being sexually exploited. If the markers are there, Aspen Victim Advocacy Services come immediately. Kids are never forced to talk. One example shared was for a female that was brought in six times. She refused to talk 5 times, the sixth time she talked. It led to convictions for those responsible.

There are 200 youth in detention and 150 in diversion. Diversion is designed to keep a youth out of the juvenile justice system or having to go before a judge as much as possible. They are usually first-time offenders. Rather than going before a judge they meet with a diversion counselor, must accept responsibility for their behavior, and enter into a diversion contract with a 6-to-12-month term.

Unlike the west side of the state that has funds for more resources; the first point of contact in our community is often detention. While youth are offered help before that point, the invitation is most often not accepted. With detention as the first point, having services on hand immediately is crucial to giving them mental health services and game plan with them. The one thing that has changed from the past is that our youth are much sicker today. Fentanyl is related to almost all cases in detention. The reason is that they may not know that fentanyl is in the drugs they are using. Youth have to be cleared medically before going into the facility. Fentanyl is sad and very fast, it's pervasive. One of the gaps we have in our community is parent education so they can learn the early signs and indicators.

The work that is done is something that we should be proud of as a community from law enforcement to people like Commissioner Curtis, to Candi Shute. They work hard to make a difference. Their motto is one child at a time. How do she and Candi do what they do every day. For Judge Reukauf, it is about having people in her life that can give her a good gut check, her professional relationships with Candi and her colleagues; being able to talk. At the end of the day, she returns home to her country home. As soon as the gate opens and closes, she leaves it all behind. Candi was born and raised in Yakima. Her family and friends are here. Her support system, her faith, her professional relationships, and other court administrator peers help her. Just like Judge Reukauf, her day is left at the door when she gets home as well.

There was no doubt that helping kids is part of both of their hearts. An invitation was extended to tour the juvenile detention and court. It's clean, organized and the kids are treated well. Its punishment to be taken away from families, they don't punish them in detention. In her courtroom, Judge Reukauf makes a point of telling the kids who come before her, that while she doesn't like their choices, it doesn't mean she doesn't like them. She cares and is interested in their lives, but at the same time demands respect. The changed lives she's witnessed keep her going, it is what she takes with her.

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