



THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022 YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

*Imagine
 Rotary*

DR. ED BILSKY OPIOIDS AND OUR COMMUNITIES: A POST PANDEMIC PATH FORWARD



Dr. Bilsky received a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Arizona in 1996, with a focus on opioids and the neurobiology of pain and substance use disorders. He has been involved in medical and graduate health education for over 25 years and has served in various senior leadership roles at the University of New England and Pacific Northwest University. His research laboratory focused on translational research funded through federal, state, and private grants and he has published over 85 peer-reviewed publications in leading journals.

Dr. Bilsky engages diverse audiences including medical/health-professional students, K-12 schools and the public as part of education, outreach and advocacy. He is a 2019 Mayday fellow and received the 2011 American Osteopathic Association Research Mentor of the Year Award and 2014 Patient Advocacy Award from the American Academy of Pain Medicine.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters –
 Invocation – Tressa Shockley
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Moriet Miketa
 Program – Jane Davis

FUTURE PROGRAMS

August 4th – Frank Pritchard, The Absolutely True
 & Improbable Rise of Pickleball
 August 11th – To Be Determined
 August 18th – Mike Johnson & Aaron Ruff, How
 Thrift Helps Everyone
 August 25th – Nick Zentner, Central Washington
 Geology

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Friday, July 29, 2022, the following candidate will be elected to membership:

Jessica Humphreys
 Director
 Yakima County Superior Court
Classification: Superior Court Director
 Proposed by: John Adkison
 Endorsed by: Jeff Swan

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Visitation Committee immediately following Rotary this coming Thursday, July 28th. If you are on the committee, please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

GRANT THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to Camp Prime Time. Your generous donation of \$6,000 helps Camp Prime Time with our playground equipment.

Because of generous donors like you, Camp Prime Time will open its doors for the 36th season. Your ongoing support helps us continue to provide our special families with a fun and restful camping experience. It is impossible to adequately capture the joy and excitement that our special campers feel.

Each year, several new groups and families get to experience camp for the first time! They are grateful for their time spent in the woods; away from their daily grand and stresses; and to be around other families with similar disabilities and worries, building memories that last a lifetime.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our volunteers, and the special families we serve, thank you for your donation and for sharing in our mission of making a difference in the lives of these wonderful families.

*Sincerely,
Joshua Callanan
Executive Director*

- REVIEW -

The meeting started with President Rick sharing a wonderfully Rotarized version of John Lennon's Imagine celebrating the RI theme and good works of Rotary. Tim Carlson's invocation was a reminder to look to the present day, every day. President Rick came back to present a blue badge to Andy Lucero and to invite us to Yakima Southwest Rotary's meeting next Tuesday at 4:30 at the YVC Conference Center to hear former House of Representative Bob Inglis talk about combating climate change using private enterprise. Rotary Speed Interview filled the room with talk; this time we highlighted the longest-term member at each table. Kevan Montoya followed with a Trivial Pursuit sergeant-at-arms.

Trevor Greene and Captain Shawn Boyle introduced three community individuals for their remarkable work in our community during the pandemic. Each one was presented a Paul Harris Fellow. Trevor presented awards to Cassie Davidson and Stacey Locke. Casey is the Food Nutrition Director for the Yakima School District. During the pandemic, she led the development of food service to children in the district, providing free breakfast and lunch. They distributed 2.2 million meals, setting a state record with 128,000 meals on one single day. Cassie also implemented six Farmer to Families food events that provided over five thousand 30 to 40-pound food boxes to families. Stacey Locke is the Assistant Superintendent of Operations for the Yakima School District. She oversaw the nutrition program, technology, transportation, health services, and everything related to Covid-19. Under her leadership, she created a way for students and staff to have access to health. She brought in nurses, helped staff become skilled in covid tracing that resulted in the district being able to keep our schools open, and created a Health & Wellness Center for students. Captain Boyle presented the final award to Martin Cueva-Ramirez for his outstanding work at the Yakima Police Department. Martin serves as the YPD building superintendent. During the pandemic Martin sole focus was the cleaning and maintenance of all their buildings a job he did solely until recently. His efforts kept officers and staff healthy and on the job. One by one, a standing ovation recognized their service.

Our featured speaker was District Governor Karl Ruether who shared his vision for the district, and ways we as a club and individuals can participate. This Rotary year is all about rebuilding. Youth Services suffered greatly during the pandemic with no RYLA, Interact, or Youth Exchange. Things are set to change. Nineteen students are going outbound with the same number coming inbound through Youth Exchange. RYLA will be back next spring taking place at Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp. Our support is needed to reengage Interact; sponsor students to attend RYLA; and to promote Rotex, an e-club for former exchange students.

Every club has an opportunity to achieve a Rotary Citation. Seen as a roadmap for clubs to follow, clubs are asked to review 25 goals set at the international level and choose 13 goals to complete. DG Karl hopes to have 100%. Did you know that Rotary's mission to eradicate polio began

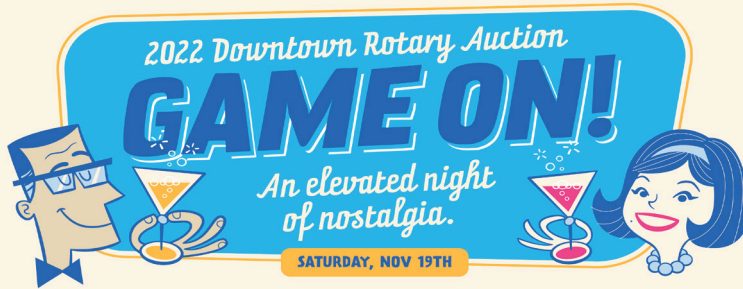
in our District? Wenatchee Rotarian Dr. Ed Cadman served as the president of Rotary International 1985-86. He signed the documents for the PolioPlus Campaign as our RI President. What a great point of pride for our district. Dr. Cadman's theme was You Are the Key - today WE are the key to Rotary's long-term success.

RI President Jennifer Jones is the first woman to lead Rotary International. Her theme is Imagine Rotary. Her message is one that asks every Rotarian to Dream Big and Take Action. That includes re-imaging our approach to membership. DG Karl shared that there are 700 wineries in our District, not to mention distilleries and breweries. Have we asked them to join our family of Rotary - could there be 700 new members hiding in plain sight? RI President Jennifer has asked every District to form 2 new clubs. There are areas in our District without any Rotary presence. One of his ideas is to create a district-wide e-club for veterans and first responders. In his efforts to welcome new members, he will be hosting monthly Zoom meetings for all new members asking them to share why they joined, what they hope to get out of Rotary, and what they are hoping to contribute to Rotary. We need to do a better job of telling our stories on social media. If we sat down and looked at the impact that our clubs have had in our community- it would blow your mind. We need to tell our Rotary story and tell it often.

DG Karl's project for the year is to ask every club to participate in building a pollinator garden in their community which he did with a glorious flower hat. Clubs that participate will be entered in a drawing for a \$1,000 for a project of their choice. The drawing will take place at the District Conference next May. Everyone is invited to attend.

He ended with the significance of the Imagine Rotary theme artwork. The circle signifies connections to each other; the circle and dots together become a navigation star representing the seven Rotary International's areas of focus; the solid green line represents a digging stick, a tool for getting things done. The color purple is for polio eradication; green is for the environment; white is for peace - together they represent the colors of the woman's movement.





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