



## THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

*Create Hope  
 in the World*

### PRESIDENT ERIN BLACK



Erin Black was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho and moved to the Seattle area in the early 1980's. She graduated from Tyee High School and went on to receive an associate in art degree from Bellevue Community College before completing a degree in Anthropology and Specialization in Museology from Central Washington University.

In 2001, she was hired as the Director of the Kittitas County Historical Museum where she was successful in creating organizational alliances and increasing donations and memberships. In 2005, she was presented with the Promising Arts Leader Award from the Laughing Horse Arts Foundation. She served 6 years as a Board Member and Past President on the Washington Museum Association. She was the presenter at the 2008 Heritage Caucus at the State Capital and headed a cooperative effort in which local

nonprofits acquired funding from the Kittitas County Commissioners through House Bill 1386 (RCW 36.22.170).

In May 2009, Erin accepted the Executive Director position at the YWCA Yakima, the largest provider of domestic violence services in Yakima County. That same year she also received her Master's in Executive Nonprofit Leadership from Seattle University. Through her efforts and team-oriented leadership, they successfully completed a \$10 million capital campaign for expansion and renovation that included a larger domestic violence shelter, the creation of transitional housing, and a community resource center. In May of 2012, the YWCA Yakima received the Y.E.S. Award from the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce and in January 2013 Erin received the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award from the Yakima Association of Realtors.

In September 2015, Erin accepted the Director of Philanthropy position at The Memorial Foundation and in 2016, she stepped into the Foundation CEO role. Erin also serves as the President of the Children's Village board of directors where she led the effort for 501(c)3 designation in addition to overseeing the search and hiring process of the new Children's Village CEO. Through her leadership, The Memorial Foundation led a successful twelve-month, \$4.5 million campaign to expand Cottage in the Meadow. In 2020, the Memorial Foundation team embarked on a Children's Health Campaign with a \$15 million goal to upgrade and expand the Family Birthplace and Children's Village. Currently, the team has raised close to \$13 million.

Erin is married to Monte Knapp and has a 17-year-old daughter Raelee. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family traveling, skiing, and hiking.



#### FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – 2023-24 Rotary Board

Music – Raelee Scott

Invocation – Tressa Shockley

Sergeant-at-Arms – Claudia Gonzalez & Josh Munson

Program – Stacey Black & Sarah Iha

#### FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 13th – Bree Black Horse, Legal Impediments of MMIW

July 18th – All Yakima Rotary Club Celebration

July 20th – No Meeting

July 27th – Mandy Ketcham, Alzheimer's

You're invited to  
the Yakima Rotary Trust  
& Mollie Davis

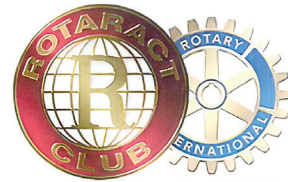
# All Rotary BBQ

A Celebration of Transformation!

Tuesday, July 18  
5 pm Happy Hour...  
Rotary's Downtown Marketplace  
(West of Train Depot)

Catered by Gasperetti's  
Don't miss the wine, beer &  
fellowship

RSVP by July 14th to secure your spot.  
We can't wait to see your smiling faces!  
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Rotaract  
Presents...**



**SUNDAY July 16 @ 1:00 PM**

**\$40 Team Buy In - 4 beers included**

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Scholarships**



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## REVIEW

With another Rotary year coming to an end, we spent the entire meeting celebrating President Rick. Past President John Baule was in charge and with the help of the Past Presidents' Council, and in particular Doug Rich, Rick Pinnell, Charlie Eglin, and Kellie Connaughton, they put together a recognition befitting of a king or at least a Rotary president.

For as long as many of us can remember President Rick has supported the Salvation Army and coordinated our participation in the annual Rotary Bell Ringing Week. It is a cause dear to his heart which made it the perfect theme for the day. It started with the Past Presidents serving as greeters outfitted in Salvation Army aprons and ringing bells, and continued with our music, invocation, and sergeant-at-arms. Past President Doug Rich sang an adapted version of *Follow the Fold* from the musical *Guys & Dolls* (in the musical it was played by a Salvation Army band). Past President Rick Pinnell read an excerpt from a speech by William Booth who along with his wife founded the Salvation Army. It epitomized Rick's own passion for our community and club. Charlie Eglin's sergeant-at-arms with fun anecdotes about history and President Rick raised \$588 that didn't come back to the Rotary office but was promptly deposited in a Red Kettle for the Salvation Army.

No meeting would be complete without a blue badge presentation. It took Past President John a few times to get it right; after trying to give out one for Cal Blethen, Joe Park and Jordan Matson, Steven Gustafson finally got the right one. John credited his badge skills to Rick. Table conversations, also known as speed interviews, were a regular occurrence throughout the year. Time was saved for one

last one. The topic words were *Energize, Socialize, and Personalize* with each table asked to come up with their favorite memory of the year. The responses included the Rotary Reunion, the Auction, Scholarship Dinners, speed interviews, and Rick's personal email message that he sent out every week.

Past President John shared President Rick's lighting project coming soon to Chesterley and Randall Parks and the Gateway Sports Complex at Kiwanis Park in partnership with Southwest and Sunrise Rotary. The basketball courts and skate parks will soon be lit up. Doug Rich lent his voice one more time to sing *You Light Up My Life* by Debbie Boone. Other highlights shared were the Imagine Rotary planning session and our record setting GAME ON auction. The auction did come with one glitch. Past President Kellie Connaughton shared an adorable chocolate lab named Tank was purchased that night by the Flory family. Shortly after getting it home something went terribly wrong – that cute lab was not really a lab, it turned out to be a dachshund. With Tank the dachshund there, a return was made to Rick & Gay - no refund needed.

In true superman fashion, the Past Presidents Council then unanimously voted to allow Rick into the Past Presidents' Council. The meeting ended with President Rick sharing his favorite Rotary moments; helping as a greeter every week, the Auction, and a story related to the Rotary Reunion about a balloon that he had purchased for the meeting and ended up saving a little girl's day.

Thank you, Rick for your leadership, hard work, service, and finding new innovative ways to bring us together. LET'S ROTARIZE!

