



THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR TRACY MCCALL ROTARY DISTRICT 5060



Tracy's first encounter with Rotary was through RYLA North. Rotaract followed, and in 1999 she was inducted into her first official Rotary club. RYLA was a catalyst in her volunteerism and even her career. After a weeklong RYLA retreat in a remote area near Prince George, she came home with a whole new sense of self and a realization of her abilities that began a course change in her professional and personal path. She began volunteering and over the years has participated on various boards and other specific projects from Community Arts Councils, Chambers of Commerce, Community Futures committees to, of course, a variety of positions for Rotary that have included serving as club secretary and president. She is passionate about service and helping people.

Prior to her current career as a financial advisor for IG Wealth Management, Tracy owned a marketing and communication consulting firm, taught in the business departments at the University of Northern BC and the College of New Caledonia, and worked as a district manager for the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. She also worked in the newspaper business for almost 20 years where her roles spanned from designer to sales, editor, publisher, and moving to different towns to help the papers revamp and return to profitability. This afforded her the opportunity to live all over British Columbia. In every town, she was warmly accepted by fellow Rotarians.

Her current residence is Kamloops, BC. Wanting to live closer to her one and only sister and triplet nieces, Tracy moved to Kamloops in 2018. Having been a member of Rotary in more than one district, she's lived as far north as Prince Rupert and south to Merritt. Although a proponent of all seven of Rotary's areas of focus, her focus this year has centered around the Feed the Future theme.

When asked why she wanted to serve as District Governor of 5060, Tracy explained that she felt called to serve in a more profound way, and the timing was right. Although she works full-time, she works for a fantastic company with many of the same values as Rotary, and giving back is part of what we do. She has done a lot of reflection over the past couple of years, and when she considered what brings her joy and how she could get more of that? Rotary was number one.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

- Greeters – Rick Fairbrook, Rebecca Pennell
- Inspiration – Joe Biondi
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Doug Rich
- Attendance – Rick MacDermid
- Card Draw – Mike Hummel, Steve Hahn

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- March 19th – Joe Meza, Pexco & the Aerospace Industry
- March 26th – Yakima Police Officers Mark McKinney, Brad Althausser, and Michael Deleon, Police K9 Program
- April 2nd – David Eldred, Lessons from a Lifelong Gamer
- April 9th – Cam Foster, UW Dept of Athletics Senior Director of Contracts & Cap Management

ROTARY LITTLE LEAGUE SERVICE PROJECT

Yakima Rotary is teaming up with Yakima Little League for a one-day community service beautification project to get baseball diamonds ready for opening day. The location, date, and time are Elks Park on Saturday, March 21st from 9am to 2pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you'd like. The Parker Youth Sports Board will be there too.



Bring landscaping tools if you have them, a pair of gloves, and closed toe shoes. Together, we'll knock this project out of the park!

ROTARY SKI DAY IS ALMOST HERE!


 Friday, March 13th
 White Pass Ski Area
 Pizza Afterwards at Bron Yr Aur
 Brewing in Naches
 Come to Ski, Snowboard,
 Snowshoe, or
 for Dinner Only
 Please RSVP and Invite a Guest to
 Join You

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Friday, March 13, 2026, the following candidate will be elected by membership:

Melissa Hill

Executive Director
Pacific Northwest University

**Classification: University
Administration**

Proposed by: Rick Pinnell

Endorsed by: Ralph Thompson

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026



full-day facilitated RLI session. Scholarships are available. Use the QR code to register today.

This one-day session put on by the District provides Rotary members with a great overview of Rotary not only within the club, but beyond our own local communities. Topic will include The Rotary Foundation, Member Experience, Telling Our Story, Saving Time with Artificial Intelligence, and much more.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes a workbook, coffee, refreshments, and the

REVIEW

Thursday was National Women's Day and there was no better way to celebrate than to feature a Women in Law Panel with three of our own remarkable women: Quinn Dalan, Tammy Hanlon, and Sara Watkins who shared their individual stories and experiences in the law profession. The questions asked ranged from why they chose law to the changes they have seen, mentors in their lives, and advice to other young women who might be considering the same career path. Here is a selection of some of those questions and their answers.

What area of law do you practice and what inspired you to become a lawyer?

Sara: Municipal law, that is comprised of mostly land use planning and contract law. Her decision to pursue law came about at a movie with a friend toward the end of her college education. She was complaining to her friend that she had gotten stiffed on a bucket of popcorn – that friend said she should really be a lawyer. She took the LSAT, passed, and totally shifted gears.

Tammy: Criminal Law; the first 15 years as a trial attorney, and now with appeals that involve a lot of research and writing working on felony cases. She initially pursued environmental law but ended up falling in love with criminal law.

Quinn: She knew she wanted to be a lawyer by the time she was in junior high. Her parents had divorced and she felt women deserved representation in court in domestic violence and family law. What type of law does she practice? She prefaced it by sharing she doesn't do well being bored. She serves as Executive Director, Central WA Legal Aid; prosecutes in Wapato, Zillah and Granger; sometimes defends juvenile kids; serves as a court visitor in guardianship cases; teaches at Heritage University; and serves as a district court pro tem judge.

What was one defining moment in your career that shaped you as a leader?

Sara: It took place at a Junior League of Yakima fireside chat at the home of Darci Swanson. It was her first year in Junior League. They were brainstorming ideas about what they could do for the community. At the end, Darci and another member pulled her aside and said they could see her as the president of Junior League one day; two people she did not know saw something in her.

Tammy: One of her defining moments came from standing up for what she believed in, at a time when you know there is going to be opposition. She was set to present a case at the State Supreme Court and met with state experts to get feedback on her arguments; they said she would lose. She argued her case anyway – all nine justices agreed with her. It taught her to believe in herself and not everyone has all the answers.

Quinn: Shared a Hague petition case that happens when a person and partner have kids and are from 2 different countries. The Hague decides which country has jurisdiction over any kids and family law matters. She had a woman come into Quinn's private practice at the time. She asked for Quinn's help. Quinn didn't know that type of law; the woman said she knew she could learn and do a better job than the other attorney she had seen for help. Quinn did the research. The other party hired an attorney who came in from Washington D.C. that specializes in that type of law. Quinn won. It showed her she could learn something new and gave her confidence. The child stayed with their mother and is now 18 years old.

How does your work as a lawyer impact the broader community?

Tammy: As a prosecutor, her work is about public safety and trying to put people in prison or rehabilitation; and achieving justice for families and victims of crime.

Sara: She represents the entity of the City of Yakima. She does not represent the council or city manager. In her work she thinks about the community and how things will affect the broader community at large, that includes asking questions such as how an ordinance affects people.

Quinn: Hiring an attorney is expensive with costs that are on average \$350 an hour or higher. For a single mom working a minimum wage job, getting help is impossible. Having a lawyer creates better outcomes. Her work through Central WA Legal Aid allows her to help all those that can't pay with family law, adult guardianships, and those with disabled children who are 18 to get help.

What advice would you give to young women considering law or leadership roles?

Tammy: Work hard, ask questions even if you think they're dumb, find something you enjoy, and don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone.

Sara: Go for it, take chances, don't be afraid to fail, and give grace to others around you who are in the same position you are.

Quinn: We are all in this together. The way you behave with other people, the relationships you build, the way you treat other people, and the integrity you have are important. All you have is you – if you are known for being shady and unethical you won't get far in a small town.

What one professional accomplishment are you especially proud of?

Tammy: Having someone in the community come up to her and say thank you for sending me to prison because it changed my life. As a prosecutor they don't get to see the end result.

Sara: Every year she gives a presentation at a Municipal Lawyers Conference sharing the 10 essentials for being a municipal attorney to mostly young attorneys coming out of law school to teach them about what to expect. More than once, attendees will call to share that they came away knowing they can do it now.

Quinn: Her work at Central WA Legal Aid. In 2019 she was the only full-time employee. Today there are eight people working and making a difference every day.

Thank you, Quinn, Sara, and Tammy!

What else happened during the meeting? Mike Hummel did a great job selling tickets for the Card Draw. There was no winner again this week. The pot is up to \$935. Also working hard before the meeting were our greeters Eugene Vigil and Lupita Carrillo. The song of the day was Tom Petty's "Higher Place" and chosen by Ryan Anderson. It holds a message that inspires his work and life. Whether he's giving advice for people to literally move to a higher place or to figuratively put aside differences and take higher roads of cooperation and respect, this song reminds him that despite the water line he can "maintain his sense of humor" and keep the hope that we all arrive someplace warm and dry together. David Cobia inspirational message was just as great with a message about the concept of joy. The award of blue badges continued with 3 more presented to Howard Head, Jane Sobottka, and Cole Held – all 3 completed their Rotary Education. Social and service were the theme for the next 2 announcements for Rotary Ski Day next Friday, March 13th and Yakima Little League Field Clean-Up Day the following Saturday, March 21st. Details are listed above and on page one. Kellie Connaughton wrapped it all up with a sergeant-at-arms that went hysterically astray but ended up raising almost \$300 for Rotary Charities. It was a great day!!



Panel Discussion with Quinn Dalan, Tammy Hanlon, and Sara Watkins