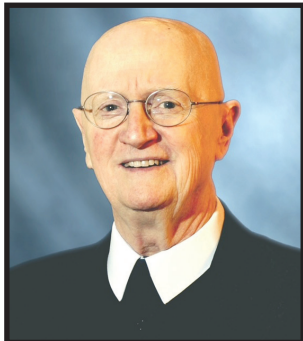




THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024  
YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

Create Hope  
in the World

BROTHER MARK MURPHY  
THE MISSION OF WORLD-WIDE EDUCATION  
BY THE DE LA SALLE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS



Brother Mark Murphy has had a 60-year distinguished career as a Brother with the de La Salle Christian Brothers. His service has included many years of teaching and, more recently, championing Christian Brother international educational in Myanmar, Thailand, and Singapore. In the later 1980's Br. Mark served as the Provincial (head Brother) for the Christian Brothers District of San Francisco.

Br. Mark Murphy is currently the Vice-President of the De La Salle Christian Brothers Foundation in Napa, California. This foundation's goal is to endow, in perpetuity, the educational works of the Brothers in the San Francisco – New Orleans District. They are the same Brothers who are internationally renowned for their brandy and wine history in the Napa Valley.

Br. Mark will share who the Brothers are and how their work has been impacting young people world-wide for nearly 400 years. Bring a guest who is interested in world-wide education to local education.

**FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING**

Music – La Salle High School Band  
Greeters – Jan Luring  
Invocation – Sharon Miracle  
Sergeant-at-Arms – John Cooper  
Program – Charlie Eglin  
Attendance – Jennifer Bliesner

**FUTURE PROGRAMS**

May 23rd – Yakima Rotary  
Academic Scholarship Awards  
May 30th – Jay Alexander,  
Comedian  
June 6th – Amber Strunk, LIGO  
Hanford Observatory  
June 13th – Laura & Tood Crooks,  
Chad's Legacy Project

**HEALTHY FUTURES VOLUNTEERS**

There are only 3 more food packing days left as part of this year's Healthy Futures Program in partnership with Sunrise and Southwest Rotary to help address childhood obesity in our community by providing families who have been referred to us with healthy recipes and ingredients needed to make them.

One of the dates has a full slate of volunteers. The other two dates, May 23rd and June 27th, need 3 more people. The location is the new Northwest Harvest Distribution Center located off of Fruitvale Blvd. The time is 4pm to 6:30pm. If you can help, please contact the Rotary office today.



## COMEDY, MAGIC & YAKIMA ROTARY



Coming to Yakima Rotary on May 30th as our featured speaker is Magician, Comedian and Mentalist Jay Alexander. Jay is the great grandson of the legendary vaudeville performer, Gentleman Ben Darwin and the star and owner at the San Francisco Magic Theater where his Mind Tricks Live! show is the #1 rated show in San Francisco of any

kind on Yelp or TripAdvisor. He is one of the top corporate and society entertainers in the country with clients that range from celebrities like the Rolling Stones and U2 to Fortune 100 companies like Apple, Google, Bank of America, Microsoft, and Prudential.

The TIME and LOCATION of our meeting that day will be 4pm to 6pm at the 4th Street Theatre. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. MARK your calendar, invite your friends and family to join you, and be prepared for fun, magic, laughs, and amazement!

## MAY'S WACKY WEDNESDAY SECOND CHANCE SOCIAL

Sign-ups are off to a great start for this month's Second Chance Social with a twist. Instead of everyone going to the same place, Rotarians will be randomly assigned to different locations around town. Each site will have a host in charge of ordering hors d'oeuvres and taking a group photo. Beverages will be on you. Guests are invited. An on-link to sign-up was sent last week.



It's 5 o'clock somewhere. The fun part is where...

## REVIEW

We were on the move last week as we traveled to the YVC Conference Center. We had some pretty great volunteers with Brad Hansen and Laura Crooks serving as greeters and guiding everyone to the right meeting room. Rick Pinnell shared the Serenity Prayer (one of his favorites) as part of his invocation. President Erin welcomed our guests; presented a blue badge to Arthur Salido; and shared Rotary recognitions. Jan Luring, Kelly Gasseling, Linda DiLembo, and Linda Kaminski were nominated for the annual Chamber of Commerce's Women Awards; Ricky Adams was recently appointed to the Yakima County Board of Equalization; and Rebecca Pennell has been nominated as an Eastern Washington Federal Court Judge. We have some amazing members!

Membership was a winner with the introduction of our newest member, Rebecca Thornton. Rebecca was born in Lansing, Michigan. The year was 1982 – Ebony & Ivory was #1 on the charts and the Ford Escort was the most popular car. Her father's career as a college administrator moved the family to Connecticut when she was six. In 1995, they relocated to Washington when her father was named President of Columbia Basin College. She was 14 years old. Following high school, she studied vocal jazz at CBC and went on to obtain a BA in Communications & Public Relations at CWU. After graduation she moved back east and had the opportunity of a lifetime serving as the Central Washington Regional Director for Senator Patty Murray. Nearly a decade later, she came back to Washington and began a career in philanthropy, first as the Director of Resource Development for United Way and subsequently with the Catholic Foundation in Richland. In 2020 with an opportunity to move back to Kittitas County, she joined the Central Washington University Foundation as their Director of Development. We are so excited to have her join us - Welcome to Yakima Rotary!

Laura Crooks had the honor of introducing our featured speaker, Christy Bracewell Trotter. As the CEO of Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC), she shared its history, what is taking place today, their network of care, and how they are working to improve health in Yakima. In the 70's Congress established a fund for community health centers in response to the number of people in America who didn't have access to healthcare. Today, community health centers have become a huge provider of healthcare in our country, serving 1 in 11 people in the U.S. The economic impact in the communities they serve is tremendous with over 95 thousand providers serving 26 million medical patients.

Yakima Valley Farm Worker's first clinic opened in 1978 in Toppen-

ish with the help of three visionary providers, Dr. Ricking, Dr. Monahan, and Dr. Gargas. When Christy started working for YVFWC, they had 4 sites and a small budget. Growth has been tremendous; today they have 50 locations with over 2,200 employees that support the communities they serve. Half of their employees live in Yakima County; Toppenish alone has 300 employees. In 2023, they served over 195,000 people in the Yakima area with over 780,000 patient visits; almost half were children. They serve people in poverty or underinsured; 100,000 of their patients are living on \$280/week. Over 60% of their funding comes from Medicaid. Because federal dollars are involved, Community Health Centers have requirements they must meet that include having a governing board where a majority of its members are patients, translation services, and a sliding fee scale. YVFWC's main focus is family medicine. They also provide a lot of wrap-around services that you wouldn't receive from your typical primary care provider. Those services include imbedded nutritionist, chronic care management, diabetes classes, parenting education, and community health services for OB patients. They have integrated behavioral health services, dental care, and pharmacy services (they have already hit over 1 million prescriptions this year). They are a strong partner in Children's Village. They work closely with the Health Department through New Hope HIV/AIDS clinic. They provide Residency & Fellowship Programs that has allowed them to retain a lot of the residents. Even if they go to other communities, they are familiar with rural healthcare.

There are a lot of healthcare challenges. Washington state only has about 30% of primary care providers they need. Yakima doesn't fare any better. Over 35% of residents in Yakima County are covered by Medicaid where reimbursement doesn't cover the cost of care – that is our reality. As part of their strategic plan, YVFWC set goals to align and increase access to services that meet the needs of our existing communities and strive to eliminate preventable chronic disease and mental health issues. After the maternal fetal medicine program was ended by UW and Memorial at the end of 2022, YVFWC reopened the program just recently on May 1st. They support MultiCare's Pediatric Hospitalist Program; have added mobile access in partnership with agricultural employers; added a full time Dermatologist in January 2024; are partnering with PNWU, SeaMar, and Yakima Neighborhood Health Services to support new training facilities for the new dental school; and partnering with PNWU to support PT/OT student clinic training opportunities. It was a great program that ended with our Rotary Healthy Futures program helping to improve healthy mealtimes for families with children affected by obesity.



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