



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

*Serve to
Change Lives*

DR. DAVID MALONEY & DR. TOM BOYD BEZOS FAMILY IMMUNOTHERAPY CLINIC



David G. Maloney, MD, PhD received his MD and PhD in cancer biology from Stanford University, completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Brigham and Woman's Hospital, and a fellowship in oncology at Stanford. He joined the faculties of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington in 1994.

Dr. Maloney's research interest is in the development of immunotherapies for lymphoma, myeloma, CLL, and ALL. He has had a long-standing interest in the mechanisms of action of monoclonal antibodies and the use of non-myeloablative allogeneic transplantation for the treatment of hematologic malignancies.

Non-myeloablative conditioning has enabled many more patients to take advantage of the lifesaving potential of stem cell transplantation.

For much of his career, Dr. Maloney has focused on developing and improving antibody-based therapies against blood cancers. He was instrumental in the development and testing of rituximab while working with Dr. Ron Levy at Stanford. Rituximab was the first antibody-based cancer drug on the market, and it has transformed treatment of certain leukemias and lymphomas.

Currently, Dr. Maloney's major interests are in the development of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy, for which he leads multiple clinical trials using this therapy for a variety of cancers.

Dr. Maloney has amassed greater than 265 publications in peer-reviewed journals in the areas of research described above. In 1993, the Society for Biological Therapy (now the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer) conferred on Dr. Maloney its Presidential Award. His care and commitment to patients is routinely acknowledged, most recently over the last five years when Dr. Maloney was included in Newsweek's Top Cancer Doctors, the Castle Connolly Guide, America's Top Doctors® for Cancer and named by his peers as a Top Doctor in Medical Oncology, Seattle Magazine.



Dr. Tom Boyd first moved to Yakima in 1985, following extensive training in Texas and Iowa. He is a Medical Oncologist and Adult Hematologist who has cared for patients in the Yakima Valley for over 31 years. In addition to direct patient care for cancer patients, a number of drugs Dr. Boyd studied in Phase I and Phase II research studies here in Yakima have gone on to become 'cornerstones' in the treatment of patients with a variety of cancers. Dr. Boyd is currently working with several cancer centers in Oregon and Washington state.

He most recently worked directly with Dr. David Maloney in late 2017 at the Bezos Family Immunotherapy Center at the University of Washington. His Oncology Clinic in Eugene Oregon (WVCI) was among the first community practices (non-academic center) in the country to carry out CAR-T therapy.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Bunker Frank, Neiri Carrasco
Music – Theresa Adkison
Invocation – Dottie Hildebrand
Sergeant-at-Arms – Austin Beebe
Program – Dr. Tom Boyd

FUTURE PROGRAMS

September 16th– W.D. Frank, Author *Of Women, Men and Mountains: Kay Kershaw, Isabelle Lynn and the Double K Mountain Ranch*
September 23rd – Peter Arnold, STEM at the Museum
September 30th – Rotary Fair Day
October 7th – Dr. Yamilith Lancaster, Plant-Based Lifestyle

CALLING ALL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER ATTENDEES

The dates are fast approaching for our annual Scholarship Dinners on September 18th through 23rd. Our hosts are lined up and ready to go. We have a great group of attendees who have already picked out their available dates – WE have room for 30 more attendees. For those worried about large groups, the number of people at each dinner is limited (6 to 14 including hosts) with some outside and some inside. NOW is the time to look at your calendar, choose the dates that work best for you, and contact the Rotary office.

The cost of the dinners is \$125/member whether you attend a dinner or not. The cost includes a spouse, significant other, or friend. Why not enjoy a great meal? All the proceeds going to benefit our Academic and Vocational Scholarship programs.

OPERATION HARVEST

Rotary Operation Harvest is October 9th. Sign-ups are underway for 11 different volunteer opportunities taking place both BEFORE and DAY OF the event. The first opportunity to help is Wednesday, September 29th at the Central Washington State Fair. For a donation of three cans of food, fair goers will get one ticket for entrance into the fair that day for \$3. There are two shifts from 11:30am to 2pm or 2pm to 4:30pm or any amount of time in-between. A total of 8 volunteers per shift are needed.

Can't make it on September 29th – There are 10 other opportunities for you to participate – Stay Tuned!



- REVIEW -

The last year and half have been unique and challenging. Although we are continuing to focus on our own Rotary club, projects and activities, once a year that changes when our District Governor comes to visit and share Rotary's reach beyond our community even during these difficult times of Covid-19 and its restrictions. Making our meeting fun and engaging were our volunteers. Greeting us at the door and handing out rosters were Brandon Cleary and Bill Douglas. Eric Silvers led the National Anthem, Alex Hodge provided invocation, and Rob Vickers provided sergeant-at-arms. In announcements President John shared we will continue to have weekly hybrid meetings, thanked Eric Silvers for once again providing Seahawk posters that were available after the meeting, and information about Fair Day will be coming soon. Betty Jo Murray encouraged everyone to sign-up for Scholarship Dinners taking place in just 2 short weeks. Last year we gave out \$85,300 to local students for Academic and Vocational Scholarships. Charlie Eglin reminded everyone that Operation Harvest is coming up on October 9th. For the last 7 years Charlie has sent out a letter (with a self-addressed stamped envelope) to his neighbors encouraging them to donate. The response has been great! This year he plans to send out almost 200 letters. You can contact Charlie if you would like a copy of the letter to send out to your neighbors, family and friends.

John Cooper had the honor of introducing District Governor Richard DeRock. In 2002 Richard and his family relocated to Wenatchee where he took the role of the General Manager/CEO of Link Transit, the public transit system for Chelan and Douglas Counties. He has been a Rotarian for nearly 20 years serving as the president of the Wenatchee North Club, charter member of the Wenatchee Confluence Club, and served on the District Youth Exchange Committee for the last 11 years including 4 years as the Committee Chair. Due to Covid-19 he is serving his second year as District Governor for District 5060 that includes 57 clubs from Prosser to Clear Water, B.C. He and his wife Robin have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Both of their children were Youth Exchange students.

Richard graduated from UC Davis with degrees in Geology and History. After graduation there were no geology jobs to be had. He began his career running transit systems in various counties in California. In 1991 he was hired to lead a county-wide specialized transit agency which he did for 11 years during which time it expanded to include 2,300 employees. His commute was long and he felt happier with smaller transit systems - that led him to Wenatchee. It was a great decision. When he initially became involved with Rotary he wasn't sure what his role was. It was when he and Robin became Youth Exchange hosts that he found his place. They went on to host 17 students. It gave him a real sense of the world abroad. In

2016, he retired from the Youth Exchange Committee. He was then approached to be a candidate for District Governor. He felt the timing wasn't right as he had work obligations that were a time constraint. It was something he would be willing to do in the future. He also knew he couldn't serve until he had been a club president. That opportunity came along in 2017 when he was asked if he would be willing to leave his current club to serve as President of the Wenatchee North Rotary Club as their president elect had a health crisis and couldn't serve the coming year. He agreed. He ended up shutting the club down as taxes hadn't been filed for 12 years and they couldn't figure out the finances. That led him to start over by chartering a new club – Wenatchee Confluence Club. Thirty-eight members rejoined the new club who all made a deep commitment to the success of the club. He also submitted his name for Governor and led him to where he is today.

Something he learned as Governor was how fortunate we are to be in this District. Our zone is made up of 42 districts. Of those we are #1 in Membership Retention, #2 in Foundation Giving, #1 in International Projects, and #1 in Youth Exchange. By all measures of success, we are ranked #1 or #2. The population of our district is the smallest per capita but can boast more members than any of the other districts in our zone. Allowing him to serve while still at his current job has been made possible with the help of a strong leadership team made up of the past governor, the governor elect, governor nominee, and the governor designee who divide the work of the governor between the 5 of them. By doing this, District Governors who still hold jobs will be able to take on the responsibility. It also encourages younger members to become District Governors.

In our District, club visits are important and part of the reason he is serving a second year. Continuing through the pandemic, the biggest challenge has been membership. We have lost 170 members across the District. Zoom has been a way to allow us to have meetings and training activities and has increased efficiency in some ways. It also allows snowbird members to continue coming to meetings remotely. It will never replace the importance of in person meetings however. Since travel was suspended during Covid, the decision was made to use the money saved to implement the "People with Purpose" public image and marketing campaign to get our brand out there. By working with Clubrunner, they were also able to rework their homepage to make it accessible and mobile friendly for members and to attract younger members. These efforts are a great tool for growing membership. It was a great program that clearly shows during a crisis Rotarians continue to adapt, step up to face challenges, and stay committed to serving our communities and the world.