



**Marnie Uhl, President**

Marnie Uhl is the President/CEO of the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce having served in that capacity since 2006. Under Marnie's leadership the Chamber has twice received accreditation and is one of only three chambers in Arizona to achieve this designation. Marnie resides in Prescott Valley and holds an Associate of Science degree in Administration of Justice from East Los Angeles Community College in California. She serves on the Board of Trustees for Dignity Health, Yavapai Regional Medical Center and is the incoming board secretary. Marnie has extensive board service including President for many non-profit and community organizations and professional associations. Her hobbies include theater and has performed both as an actor and on the technical team. Marnie can be seen in the Yavapai College Fall 2023 production of Singin' in the Rain.



**April Rhodes, First Vice President**

April Rhodes, MBA, LAMFT, is President and CEO for Spectrum Healthcare Group. She has served at the forefront of healthcare and human services management for nearly two decades. She currently serves as Chairperson for the Arizona Council of Human Service Providers Board of Directors. She also holds board seats on the Yavapai County Board of Health, Prevent Child Abuse AZ, and Mental Health Corporation of America. April has a Master of Advanced Study in Marriage and Family Therapy from Arizona State University and a Master of Business Administration from University of Arizona. She is a graduate of Yavapai College.



**Dr. Linda Mast, Second Vice President**

Linda Mast, Ph.D. is Associate Dean for the School of Health Sciences at Northcentral University (NCU). She holds a BSN from the University of Maryland, an MBA with a health care concentration from Western New England University, and a PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is a passionate advocate for equity in higher education and removing barriers to access.



### **Anne Barton, Secretary**

Anne Barton's early career was in public education in Virginia as an English teacher. She then moved into the corporate industry and worked her way up to senior management positions with Xerox, People's Bank, and Deloitte & Touche. She and her husband John moved to Prescott in 2007 where Anne has contributed to a number of community organizations. Anne is committed to enriching lives as she serves on a number of committees and boards here in Prescott, as well as President and Board of Directors for the American Association of University Women (AAUW).



### **Don Michelman, Treasurer, Past Board President**

Don has a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and a Master's in Business Administration. He and his wife, Barbara, moved to Prescott in November 2001 from the Phoenix area. Don is retired from being a commercial insurance wholesaler. He has been Chairman and Vice Chairman for two different Habitat for Humanity affiliates, past Chairman of The Prescott Planning and Zoning Commission, past board member for the Prescott Center for the Arts, and is a SCORE volunteer. Don served as President of the YC Foundation board 2017-2019.



### **Dr. Lisa Rhine, Yavapai College President**

Dr. Lisa Rhine is the 10<sup>th</sup> president of Yavapai College. She is a former resident of Chesapeake, Virginia where she held the position of Provost and Chief Operating officer at Tidewater Community College. She has worked for Northern Kentucky University, Wittenberg University, University of Dayton, and Sinclair University. Her resume includes both academic and student affairs leadership roles. Dr. Rhine has a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Wright State University, a master's degree in special education from the University of Dayton, and a doctorate in educational administration from Capella University.



## **Julia Ammons**

Julia Ammons is a Prescott native, graduate of Prescott High School, and attended Yavapai College. She continued her career out of state in hospitality management by earning Associates of Science degrees in both Advanced Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management and a Catering Certificate. She returned to Chino Valley to serve her community and be closer to her family. As co-creator of the husband and wife flagship restaurant, Essence Kitchen + Bar established in 2020, Julia excels at hospitality, menu and wine pairings, and guest relations. She volunteers as an Advisory Board Member of Chino Valley High School Career & Technical Education, Chino Valley High School Culinary Department, Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Chino Valley Lioness Club. Through Julia's charitable efforts, Essence has been able to service local veterans, and underserved youth. She is eager to serve as a Board Member as it is another way to invest in her town and build meaningful relationships.



## **Bill Anderson, President, Friends of the Southwest Wine Center**

Bill Anderson currently serves as President, Friends of the Southwest Wine Center; Secretary, Verde Valley Wine Consortium; Originator, Emerging Winemakers Competition & Symposium. He holds a BS Aerospace Engineering, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn; Doctor of Jurisprudence, Univ. of Baltimore; Executive MBA, Univ. of Washington; and AAS, Viticulture & Enology, Yavapai College. During his career, he was Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, United Launch Alliance, LLC ; Counsel, Intellectual Property, The Boeing Company; Assoc. Counsel, Intellectual Property, Honeywell International, Inc.; Patent/Intellectual Property Attorney, The Boeing Company; Patent Counsel, Johns-Manville Corp.; Patent Agent/Attorney, Office of Naval Research; Patent Examiner, United States Patent & Trademark Office; and Associate Aerospace Structures Engineer, Fairchild Hiller Corp, retired in 2012.



## **Steve Bracety, YC District Governing Board Liaison**

Steve Bracety has resided in Yavapai County for nearly 18 years and is well-known in the community with a strong public service and business background. Bracety currently serves as Vice President of Operations and Talent Management with the Grace Hospitality Group. He has held many hospitality industry positions, including the General Manager of the Prescott Resort and Conference Center. He has served the community on numerous professional and advisory boards in a leadership capacity, including an early childhood literacy initiative program through the AZ Community Foundation of YC. Bracety has a strong business background with emphasis on financial acumen and people development across different cultures and genres. Bracety holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Buffalo State College and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Mr. Bracety is married, and the couple has a daughter that is a junior at Northern Arizona University.



## **Debra Brown**

Debra Brown has a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from CSU Fullerton and a Masters of Education in Administration from Azusa Pacific University. She grew up in Southern California and moved to Prescott Valley 25 years ago. Debra is a retired California and Arizona Teacher with experience in Preschool, Kindergarten through Sixth grade and Seventh grade Science and Math. She was a student and an employee at Yavapai College. As a current member of AAUW, Debra has served as co-chair of the Scholarship Committee. Through the PUM Church she and her husband Craig are active members of the Cruiser Car Club. She just finished three years as the Mission Committee Representative. Her hobbies include travel, babysitting Grandsons ages 7 and 4, Book Club, gardening and Crossfit. Debra's Daughter and Son in Law are Nursing Graduates of Yavapai College. She is hoping to be a link between the Family Enrichment Center and the Foundation Board.



## **Dennis Cassady**

Dennis moved to AZ from Michigan 30 years ago and retired in 2013, as an Engineering Manager for Toyota North America for 22 years, at the Toyota/Lexus Cold Weather Testing Program. He was also a development engineer at Ford Motor Company for 16 years. He earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Detroit Institute of Technology. Wine education is his passion and hobby. He has been associated with The American Wine Society since 2005 and is currently the Co-Regional Ambassador overseeing 7 chapters throughout AZ and New Mexico. He also graduated from the YC Enology and Viticulture program in 2021, and is a Founder of the Southwest Wine Center, as well as a life member of the Verde Valley Archeology Center. He and Cheryl have been married 50+ years. His management and prior board experiences, along with his enthusiasm, will benefit the Foundation Board.



## **Dr. Clint Ewell, YC Vice President of Administration & Finance**

After successful careers in the heavy manufacturing and high-tech sectors, Clint made a vocational change, becoming an educational administrator. Since then, he has used his leadership, quality and financial skills at a variety of colleges and universities. Clint earned a BA from the University of Notre Dame, an MBA from Northwestern University, and an EdD from the University of New Mexico. Clint is involved with the Prescott Chamber of Commerce and sits on the Board of the Prescott Film Festival.



**Janelle Goligoski, President, Friends of the Family  
Enrichment Center**

Janelle (Hicks) Goligoski was born and raised in Prescott, graduating from Prescott High School in 1996. She then attended the University of Arizona, receiving her bachelor's degree in Physiology and later pursued her doctorate degree in physical therapy at Northern Arizona University. Before returning to Prescott, she lived in the Pacific Northwest and down in the Valley for several years. Once she returned home, she met her husband Stan and they now have 2 boys, who both attend the Del E Webb Family Enrichment Center. Janelle continues to practice physical therapy as an independent contractor throughout the Tri-City area. She is honored to be a part of the Yavapai College Foundation and hopes to help support the vision her grandfather, Dr. Taylor T. Hicks Sr., was part of starting back in 1965.



**Rodney Jenkins, Vice President of Community Relations &  
Student Development**

Rodney Jenkins is currently the Vice President of Community Relations & Student Development for Yavapai College. Mr. Jenkins holds both a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Management and a Masters of Management degree (MBA) from David N. Myers University. He has over 25 years of experience developing and implementing effective public relations, communications, marketing, economic development, and fund development strategies. At Yavapai College, Mr. Jenkins oversees: Athletics, Yavapai College Foundation, Marketing & Communications, Enrollment Management, Student Affairs, and Government Relations. Mr. Jenkins is a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and man of God. He enthusiastically serves his family, community, and church. He has served on many community boards and commissions.



**Tracey McCollum, MSN, RN, NEA-BC  
Chief Nursing Officer**

Tracey McCollum is a Servant Leader with more than 20 years' experience in healthcare, with an unyielding passion for patient-centered care. She joined YRMC in March of 2021, most recently from Northern Nevada where she worked as a Director of Acute Care Services and Interim Chief Nursing Officer. Tracey's background consists of clinical nursing in multiple specialties, as well as leadership in Quality/Risk Management, Employee Health, opened and operated an Urgent Care/Occupational Health Clinic and was a Nursing Leader for Inpatient Operations in three previous acute care facilities. Tracey's daily drive is to decrease risk and preventable harm to patients while in our care, and to grow and develop future nursing leaders that will help to take us into the future of healthcare. Tracey is happily married with two grown sons, enjoys golf and attending concerts.



## **Joan Meyers**

Joan Meyers has over 40 years dedicated work experience with Kindergarten through College students and staff. Her educational degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Masters of Arts in School Administration, and Specialist degree in Educational Leadership. She also was an instructor at Ohio State University and University of Toledo. The last twelve years of her career she had her own consultant business providing facilitation to educators across the country. Joan is a Founder of the Southwest Wine Center and coordinator of the volunteers for the auxiliary, Friends of the Southwest Wine Center.



## **Roger Palmenberg**

Roger recently retired from 45+ years as a consulting engineer. His firm received an AZ Consulting Engineers Association award for Technical Excellence. He practiced in markets nationwide, performing environmental and information technology support to government and industry. Roger's skill set includes business development, marketing, public speaking, business plan development, and financial management. He has BS and MS degrees in Chemical Engineering from Clarkson University. He enjoys gardening, photography, creative writing, and traveling with his wife, kids, and grandkids. Roger has taken various community college classes and taught photography classes for more than 20 years. His life changed when he enrolled in the Viticulture program at Yavapai College and was impressed with the college, instructors, and administrators. Since then, he has been a donor and is looking forward to contributing in a meaningful way by serving on the Board.



## **Zane Shepard**

Zane Shepard grew up in Fresno, CA and moved to Prescott for college. Currently, he is a YC student working toward a Pre-Engineering Degree. After earning his Associates Degree, he plans to transfer to ASU and pursue a bachelors in Mechanical Engineering. He is serving as the Student Government Association's Vice President for the 2023-24 academic year. Outside of school, he enjoys airsoft, hiking and kayaking. As a representative for the Student Government Association on the Foundation Board, Zane looks forward to representing and serving the students at Yavapai College however he can.



## **Bill Sonsin**

Bill Sonsin's career has included Computer Programmer with the U.S. Army; Systems Analyst with Amoco Oil; Project Manager with Norwest Information Services; and Certified Financial Planner with American Express Financial Advisors. He received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Michigan State University and a Master of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Minnesota. Since retiring, Bill has been active with SCORE, United Way of Yavapai County, and Yavapai Regional Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees.



## **Jeff Spohn**

Jeff Spohn is currently the Principal Consultant at Mohawk Environmental Arboricultural Consultants. Jeff previously held several executive roles in the electric utility industry for over twenty five years. He has a BS in Forest Resource Management from West Virginia University and a Masters Certificate in Business Improvement from Auburn University. His community engagement includes leadership with the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce, Prescott Valley Economic Development Foundation, United Way of Yavapai County and the Arizona Wildfire and Incident Management Academy.



## **Mary Talosi, Executive Director**

Mary Talosi joined the Yavapai College Foundation in 2016 and was named Executive Director in 2021. She spent almost a decade as the operations director for Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, leading a high-paced office of more than 40 volunteers managing marketing, budgeting, human resources, special events and customer service activities. In addition, she spent 18 years in the healthcare industry as a marketing and sales leader. She and her family moved to Prescott in 2015 to be closer to family. Mary graduated from Western Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and holds numerous professional certifications.



## **Deanna Tarrant**

Throughout Deanna's thirty year career in the financial industry she has excelled in operations, compliance, lending, and branch management. While she is good with numbers, she is particularly passionate about personal and team development. As a Vice President/Manager of Foothills Bank, she works closely with branch supervisors to advance leadership skills and build dynamic teams to serve their customers and community. Deanna has also serves on the US Vets Advisory Council and previously on the Prescott Valley Little League. Deanna with her husband and daughter have lived in Arizona for seventeen years and enjoy the community.

# Board Members Emeriti



**Pamela Haber**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2019**



**Perry Massie**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2019**



**Bill Miller**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2020**



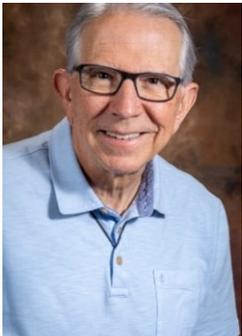
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**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2019**



**Karen Rizk**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2019**



**Oren Thompson**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2019**



**Chuck Walker**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2019**



**Phil Winkelstern**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2021**

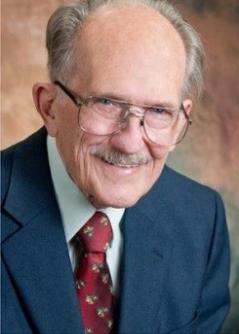


**Dr. Richard Wright**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2019**



**Valerie Wood**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2023**

**In Memoriam**



**Frank Fitzgerald (deceased)**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2019**



**Jean Phillips (deceased)**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2010**