

Board of Directors FY 2018 - 2019



Don Michelman, 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.

Perry Massie, Immediate Past President



Perry T. Massie earned a B.S. degree in Mining Engineering from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. He is currently the Vice Chair of the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County and Immediate Past Board Chair of Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters. He is the Co-Founder of The Outdoor Channel and served on the board of directors of Outdoor Channel Holdings, Inc., from 1984 to May, 2013. He served as the Chief Executive Officer of Outdoor Channel Holdings from 1986 to February, 2007. Mr. Massie has been semi-retired since May, 2013 when Outdoor Channel Holdings, Inc. was acquired by Kroenke Sports & Entertainment, LLC. In 2012, he and his wife received the Philanthropists of the year award from the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County. He has been a resident of Prescott, Arizona since January of 2004.

Valerie Wood, First Vice President



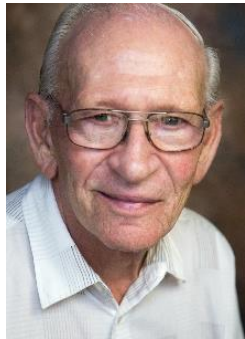
Valerie currently serves as President and Certified Executive Coach of Valerie Wood and Associates, LLC., where she provides commercial real estate consulting and helps motivated leaders and businesses improve their performance and quality of life. She has over 20 years of experience in commercial real estate including the role of VP of Real Estate and Construction, based out of Tokyo Japan, for Fortune 50 McDonald's Corporation, where she was recognized as one of the top 1% of all McDonald's employees. Valerie obtained her Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Viticulture and Enology at Yavapai College and shares her passion for the program while working part time at the college's Southwest Wine Center.

Cindy Nyman, Second Vice President



A lifetime Arizonan, Cindy moved to Prescott in 2013 after concluding a 40-year career in public education. Her experience began as a secondary English teacher, which led to positions of staff development specialist and high school principal. She concluded her career as a district superintendent. Cindy earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Northern Arizona University; she completed administrative training and advanced graduate work at Arizona State. She is a field consultant and evaluator with AdvancED, Arizona's school accreditation agency. In addition, she served on the Board of Directors and as President of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Cindy is a 2015 inductee of the Northern Arizona University College of Education Hall of Fame. She and her husband Bill enjoy their retirement in Prescott.

Phil Winkelstern, Treasurer



Phil graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Business Administration. He began his career with General Electric Co. in the Financial Training Program. After five years he joined the Ford Motor Co. Finance Staff and held a variety of positions including five years in the UK managing investments and currency transactions for the European affiliates. In 1975 he joined the Commercial Intertech Co. as Sr. Vice President and CFO and ultimately a board member. During this period he held other board seats, among them: Chairman of the Better Business Bureau, Blue Cross of Eastern Ohio, McDonald Steel Co., Western Reserve Hospital Group chairing the Finance and Investment Committees, and the Mahoning Bank of Youngstown, Ohio. Post retirement Phil volunteered at the Smoki Museum and joined Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. He currently serves on the YCF Finance Committee.

Mike Rethman, Secretary



Mike is a board-certified periodontist, biomedical scientist, and former career Army officer. In the mid-1990's, he was the Director of the U.S. Army Institute of Dental Research. He is also a past-president of the American Academy of Periodontology, a past-chair of the American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs, and former chair of the Columbia Association (Maryland) -- the largest homeowners' association in the world. Mike maintains faculty appointments at the University of Maryland and Ohio State University. Semi-retired, he remains a consultant to several industrial clients and continues to publish in and review papers for numerous biomedical journals. Over the years, he has served on numerous philanthropic boards. Mike and his spouse Jill have been married 40+ years. In 2014, after nearly two decades in Honolulu, they re-located to Prescott, where they hope to contribute to our community by helping others better themselves.

Dr. Penny Wills, Yavapai College President



Dr. Penelope Wills assumed the position of Yavapai College President in August 2011. She holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Michigan State University, an M.S. in Counseling from Miami University, Ohio, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Cincinnati. Prior to her arrival in Arizona, Dr. Wills was the president of Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) since 2004. Her career includes various leadership positions in higher education at the state, regional, and national levels. Dr. Wills has extensive experience in such fields as student development, assessment, planning, and quality improvement. Her positive reputation for forming effective partnerships with industry, K-12, and state agencies is well recognized.

Directors

Anne Barton



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).

Diane Drexler



Diane Drexler is the Chief Nursing Officer for Yavapai Regional Medical Center. Her role is to provide leadership and strategic vision for nursing services. Prior to joining YRMC, Diane served as the VP of Patient Care Services at Western Regional Medical Center in Phoenix. The facility opened in December 2008, bringing the organizations model of integrative and compassionate cancer care to the region. Diane came to CTCA from Banner Estrella Medical Center (BEMC), where she served as its inaugural CNO. BEMC opened in January 2005 as the "hospital for the future," employing advanced information technology in a community health care setting. She is a member of various organizations: AONE, ACHE, & AZONE. In 2006, she participated in the Wharton Fellows Nurse Executive Leadership Program. Diane is a graduate of the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellowship Program. Her educational background includes receiving her RN, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, MBA, and Doctor of Nursing Practice.

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.

Frank Fitzgerald, Parliamentarian



Frank was past President of YCF (2001-2002) and past President of *Friends of Yavapai College Art*, an auxiliary of the YCF. During his tenure as the *Friends* President, he turned the group into an efficient, working group of volunteers, and spearheaded the effort to finish Phase I of the Sculpture Garden and begin Phase II. He is a retired Art Department Chair from Glendale Community College in Glendale Arizona. An expert Parliamentarian, Frank owns a 30-foot sail boat, harbored in Chula Vista, CA.

Hope Hyland, President, Friends of the Family Enrichment Center



Hope holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Northern Arizona University. She briefly studied at the Hanzehoge School of Business in Groningen, The Netherlands. After graduating, Hope began working with Prevent Child Abuse Arizona (PCA), a non-profit organization whose mission is to prevent the abuse and neglect of Arizona's children. Hope's main objectives while at PCA were producing high quality law enforcement focused trainings, coordinating fundraising special events, as well as cultivating and maintaining donor relations. In 2006, Hope decided to obtain her Arizona Real Estate License. Having been raised in Prescott by a Realtor® and a General Contractor, she found Real Estate to be a great career path and practiced for eight years. After Hope's second child was born in 2015, she decided she would take on her greatest career opportunity to date; being a full-time mother. Hope and her husband Geoff have three children, all of whom attend the Del Webb Family Enrichment Center. Hope continues her love for philanthropic interests and last fall became one of the founding members of the Yavapai Big Brother's Big Sister's Women of Influence.

Steve Irwin, District Governing Board Liaison



In 1991 I left the Army and started out with little opportunities. I knew how important education was to individuals and to our society. I am a product of the community college system and I attribute my successes to the community college experience. In addition, for 24 years, I was a public servant for the federal, state, and local governments, helping families in the AHCCCSA Long Term Care programs, working with kids in the Juvenile Probation Department, and as a Teacher at Yavapai College. While in public service, I developed understanding on how government can better serve taxpayers and our community. Now, as a successful business owner, I live every day emphasizing the importance of staying within a budget and maximizing resources, as well as investing in the people who make any business succeed.

Rodney Jenkins, YC Vice President of Community Relations



Rodney is an accomplished marketing professional with over 20 years of experience in public relations, media relations, strategic marketing, internal and external communications, community relations, legislative affairs, alumni relations and fundraising. Rodney came to Yavapai College from Pennsylvania, where he served as Vice President of University Relations at Lock Haven University from 2012 to 2017. He completed both his Bachelors of Science degree in business management and his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) at Myers University in Cleveland, Ohio. Rodney has directed communications and marketing for the DeKalb (GA) County school system, as well as the Georgia Department of Administrative Services. He also served as Director of Corporate Marketing for Cleveland Public Power, and Chief Public Affairs Officer for the City of Cleveland.

Diane Joens



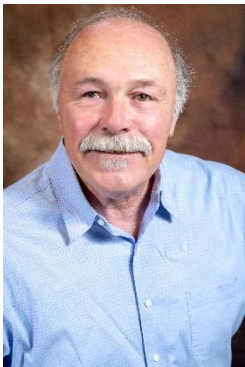
Diane Joens served as Mayor of Cottonwood, Cottonwood City Council Member, and worked for the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors. She is active with many organizations, including the Philanthropic Education Organization; founder and co-chair of the Verde Valley SciTech Festival; member of the Verde Valley Military Service Park; and serves on the Arizona Community Foundation Sedona Grant Committee. Diane has done all the fundraising for the Verde River Day for the last five years. She is on the Rural Activation and Innovation Network (RAIN) committee, created through the National Science Foundation, Arizona State University and the Arizona Science Center. The RAIN Committee disburses grants in the Verde Valley promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to embrace informal STEM education focusing on rural Arizona.

Paul Kirchgraber, Executive Director YCF



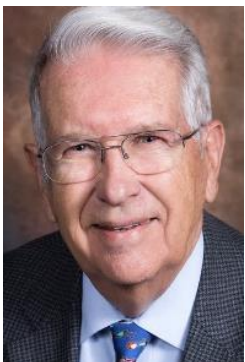
Paul Kirchgraber is the Executive Director for the Yavapai College Foundation. He joined the Foundation in 2010 after serving as the Chief Development Officer for the American Red Cross Grand Canyon Chapter in Phoenix, AZ. Paul has also worked as the national Vice President for Development at the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America and as a Vice President for Development with the ASU Foundation. Before moving to Arizona in 2004 with his wife Melinda, he served as a Vice President with Special Olympics of Southern California and spent eight years as an Executive Director of University Advancement for the University of Southern California during their ground breaking \$2.5 billion fundraising campaign. Paul holds a MSW degree from the University of Louisville and a BSW from SUNY Brockport.

Kirk Koch, President, Friends of the Southwest Wine Center



Kirk retired in 2013 from a 36 year career in watershed management with the Department of Interior. He grew up and completed high school in Omaha, Nebraska on the Missouri River. Soon thereafter, he became a Vietnam veteran. Kirk worked on the Snake River, Rio Grande, and lower Colorado Rivers for the Bureau of Land Management. Throughout his career, he regularly collaborated with all levels of government resource officials, and other resource owners to resolve conflict, and enable sustainable, multiple uses and health of our vast public land watersheds. He and Laura have been married 46 years and have two children in Phoenix. After retirement, they relocated to Clarkdale in 2014 for the culture, climate and closeness to kids.

Charles Leon



Charles retired as an Air Force Master Sargent and as an Assistant Postmaster from the U.S. Postal Service. He is a past member of the Yavapai College District Governing Board, and an Emeritus Board member of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Salt Lake City, Utah. Charles has served on various community and civic boards: Mayer Fire PSRS Board, Cordes Lakes Community Association (President), and HOA Board. He has also held numerous positions of responsibility in Shrine Organizations. Charles and his wife Kay are active members in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and members of their local church, St. Germaine in Prescott Valley. He is a past member of Volunteers in Protection (VIP) with the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. Through his military service, Charles has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Saudi Arabia, Europe and the Middle East. He is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion. Charles holds community college degrees in both Military Science and Liberal Arts.

David Maurer



David Maurer served as CEO of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce and has been in chamber management for over 32 years. He served as President/CEO of the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce for ten years and was a city lobbyist/economic development manager at the Phoenix Chamber for ten years. Dave also worked at the Heard Museum in Phoenix as development director for five years. Dave has served on the boards of the Arizona Community Foundation and Prescott Area Leadership. He is also past president of the Prescott Area Coalition for Tourism and Prescott Frontier Rotary. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Sharlot Hall Museum. Dave holds a B. A. degree in English from Hartwick College in upstate New York and is an Accredited Chamber Executive (ACE). He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Dr. Patricia McCarver, District Governing Board Liaison



Dr. Patricia McCarver has been a District Governing Board member at Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona, since January 2005. She is also the Faculty Mentor/Regional Coordinator for Western Governors University. She teaches at the university level and mentors faculty members. She holds a Doctorate degree in Transformative Learning and Change from the California Institute of Integral Studies, a Master's degree in College Student Personnel Administration from Emporia State University in Kansas and a Bachelor's from St. Norbert's College in DePere, Wisconsin. Yavapai College adopted policy governance as their model for guiding the college in 2004, and when Dr. McCarver became a Board member, she was instrumental in supporting and promoting the process.

Howard Moody



Howard is a retired senior executive with leadership experience in financial, technology & operating management in a wide variety of industries. He has been a managing partner in one of the Big 5 accounting firms, Chief Information Officer for a major bank holding company, and CFO and CEO of a privately held printing company. He and his wife, Kate, an artist with a working studio in Prescott, moved to Prescott Valley in 2002. In addition to his responsibilities with the Foundation, he is the former Finance Director for Mountain Institute JTED.

Lenora Nelson



Lenora currently serves as President of Bennett Oil Company, a third generation family owned business that has serviced Arizona's petroleum needs since 1938. She has enjoyed 21 years in the Petroleum Industry including President of the Arizona Petroleum Marketers Association and Chairman of the Board for Prescott Chamber of Commerce. Lenora attended Brigham Young University where she studied Business Management. Lenora enjoys the Prescott community and the quality relationships that can form through loyal long term business associations. She has four wonderful children and enjoys spending time with family and being outdoors.

Jean Phillips, Board Member *Emeritus*



Jean is a past President of the Foundation (1991-1993). She was the 2001 recipient of an Honorary Degree from Yavapai College. Jean has served as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee since its inception and has spearheaded the development and growth of the scholarship endowment.

Stephanie Purinton



Stephanie is a Certified Nurse Midwife and owner of Bella Vita Healthcare. She earned her Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from Yavapai College, and her Master's in Nursing and Midwifery from Frontier Nursing University. She serves as Medical Director of the House of Ruth Pregnancy Center.

Robert Schmitt



Robert E. Schmitt is a partner in the Prescott law firm Murphy, Schmitt, Hathaway and Wilson, serving as a trial lawyer in the Prescott Community for over 20 years. Mr. Schmitt received the “Walter E. Craig Distinguished Service Award,” the highest award offered by the Arizona Bar Foundation in 2011. He has served on many boards and committees statewide throughout his career and continues to serve on the Arizona College of Trial Advocacy Faculty and the Arizona State University Law School Foundation Board. Mr. Schmitt received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1968 and his Juris Doctorate in 1973 from Arizona State University. He is admitted to practice before the United States District Court, District of Arizona and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Schmitt has been married to his wife, Dianne, for more than 35 years, and is the proud father of five and grandfather of 12 and counting.

Marnie Uhl



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 received accreditation through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is one of only four Chambers in Arizona to achieve this designation. Marnie resides in Prescott Valley and holds an Associate of Science degree in Administration of Justice. She serves on the Board of Trustees for the U.S. Chamber Foundation’s Institute for Organization Management and has received the IOM and ACE professional designations. Her hobbies include theater and has performed both as an actor and worked backstage as a theater tech. She is President of the Prescott Center for the Arts Board, a member of the Prescott Valley Early Bird Lions Club and also serves on several other community organization boards.

Angela Walker-Weber



Angela moved to Prescott ten years ago when she joined Walker & Walker, Attorneys at Law. Her practice is focused on Estate Planning. She has served the community on several charitable boards including United Way, the Salvation Army, Prescott YMCA, and Yavapai County Community Foundation’s Social Services Committee.

Jeff Wasowicz



Jeff has been working for the Fain Signature Group for over 20 years, and is heavily involved in the community development efforts of the Fain Family. Jeff is also in charge of property management, tenant relations, and outdoor events for the family. He earned a Biology degree and a Teaching Certificate from the University of Colorado at Boulder, which is also where he met his wife Dawn. Dawn and Jeff have two grown daughters and a small menagerie of pets. After graduating from college, Jeff worked as a public school teacher and operated his own landscape company. Then, he earned an MBA Degree from Western International University and moved with his family to Prescott in 1990. In addition to YCF, Jeff is on the Yavapai Exceptional Industries Board, spent many years on the Central Arizona Partnership Board, and is also a Trustee for the Prescott Masonic Lodge.