



### **April Rhodes, 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.



### **Marnie Uhl, Immediate Past 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 was recently in the Yavapai College Fall 2023 production of Singin' in the Rain.



### **Jeff Spohn, 1st Vice President**

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.



## **Tracey McCollum, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer, 2nd Vice President**

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.



## **Deanna Tarrant, Treasurer**

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.



## **Joan Meyers, Secretary**

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.



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

Dr. Lisa Rhine is the 10th president of Yavapai College selected to serve in 2019. 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.



## **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 Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Mr. Bracety is married, and the couple has a daughter that graduated from 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.



## **Gabrielle Foote**

Gabrielle joined the Yavapai College Foundation board of directors in May 2024. She has spent nearly a decade working in real estate throughout Yavapai County. She created The Home Giver Group, a real estate team focused on giving back to the community, with Clark Realty Homes and Land. She volunteers at Chino Valley Schools and in her neighborhood HOA on the board of directors. She holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution. Before finding real estate and moving to Arizona, she worked as a chef at a winery in Oregon and lived abroad for six years teaching English as a Second Language in both South Korea and Spain.



## **Jackson James**

Jackson is the current Vice President for Student government in the 2024-2025 school year. Jackson is pursuing a degree in computer networking and cybersecurity, works as a technician for the CNT department, and is set to graduate in fall of 2026. He is an avid combat sports enthusiast and trains at Average Joe's MMA.



## **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.



### **Linda Lee**

Linda Lee has called Prescott her home for more than 40 years. During this time, she was the co-developer of The Ranch at Prescott, responsible for the residential side of the development. She retired a few years ago but education has always been a goal of hers. As a member on the Foundation Board of Directors at Yavapai College, Linda believes her involvement by promoting and giving scholarships will help achieve the goal of higher education. Linda believes that it is a privilege to serve on the YCF Board.



### **Claudia Mallace**

Claudia Mallace retired from the hospitality industry in September 2012. She spent 10 years with Midway Airlines out of Chicago and 21 years with ITT Sheraton Corporate which later became Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide. She was a flight attendant before moving into inflight management with Midway Airlines and has held sales, catering and hotel management positions for Starwood Hotels and Resorts. Throughout her career she has achieved numerous awards and recognition for exceeding goals, including Sales Manager of the year. Claudia is originally from Chicago Illinois and has resided in Pleasanton CA, Gilbert AZ, Sandy UT, Plano and Frisco TX and Minnetonka MN. After retiring in MN, she and her husband returned to Arizona and chose Prescott Valley as their home, back in April 2019. Claudia enjoys performing arts, travel, sewing, gardening, pickle-ball and golf. She and her husband are very well traveled and have successfully visited all 7 continents. Since retiring Claudia found the desire to volunteer her time to various organizations as well as chairing committees within their communities. She currently volunteers for the Jim and Linda Lee Performing Arts Center here at Yavapai College as well as The Main Street Theater in Prescott Valley and the Prescott Valley Police Association. Since moving here she and her husband have grown fond of Yavapai College and the impact the college has made on the community. She is excited to apart of the continued growth and success of Yavapai College as she accepts a position on the YC Foundation Board of Directors.



### **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.



## **Janet K. Regner**

A resident of Arizona for 51 years, 19 of which have been in Yavapai County, Janet has been engaged for four decades working as a professional with state, federal, tribal, local government and nonprofit policy development and management. Highly respected in the field of public administration, Janet has been appointed by four separate Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justices to: the Arizona Judicial Council, the Commission on Judicial Performance Review, and the Commission on Access to Justice. She also served on the Governor's Task Force on Homelessness, the Joint Legislative Task Force on Welfare Reform, and the Arizona Commission on Workforce Investment. A Flinn Brown Fellow, Janet was also chosen by the US State Department and the International City County Managers Association as a government-to-government emissary to Indonesia. Janet served as the Treasurer for the Hopi Education Endowment Fund and was the recipient of the Gabe Zimmerman Community Builder Public Service Award in 2016 by the Center for the Future of Arizona. Janet currently serves as the vice president of the Clarkdale Jerome School District Governing Board.



## **Tyler Rumsey, Associate Vice President of Community Relations**

Tyler Rumsey is the Associate Vice President for Community Relations at Yavapai College, where he oversees marketing and communication, public and media relations, government relations, athletics, and the Yavapai College Foundation. He has 15 years of experience in higher education, serving in various marketing, communication, and public relations roles. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and a Master of Science in Sport Administration from Lock Haven University. Tyler and his wife, Kelsey, moved to Arizona from Pennsylvania in 2018 and are raising their daughter Hayley.



## **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.



## **Ashley Swan, PharmD**

Ashley Swan joined the Yavapai College Family Enrichment Center board in 2022, serving as the Vice-President before being elected President in 2024. Ashley is a third generation Prescott resident who graduated from Prescott High School before moving on to study at Yavapai College, Arizona State University and Midwestern University, where she earned her doctorate in Pharmacy. Ashley is currently employed at the Prescott VA Medical Center, working as a clinical pharmacist in the Community Living Center and at Prescott High School as a Spiritline coach. Ashley and her husband Robert have three children, two who are currently enrolled at the Yavapai College Family Enrichment Center.



## **Carrie Weldon**

Carrie Weldon is a local artist/painter and the owner of The Carrie Weldon Gallery and Boutique in Prescott, Arizona. Carrie has been a resident of Prescott for thirteen years. She is originally from Bismarck, North Dakota. She left North Dakota for California at age 19 and She then landed in Fresno, California where she eventually owned and operated KOFFEEHEADS, one of the most unique, colorful and musical coffee shop "chains" in California. Carrie and her husband and their grown children (this family now includes three adorable and brilliant grandchildren that Carrie daily spends as much time with as she can) relocated taking their talents to Prescott and created AZ butcher Block and Carrie started to paint. Carrie's painting style is "Concrete Abstract" and she is definitely NOT afraid of color! Her paintings are a unique combination of acrylics and oils. She started painting "seriously" 4 years ago purely for the joy of it, although painting has been in her blood since she was a small girl. Before long she had over 270 prolific paintings covering every inch of her studio and house. At that point her husband stepped in and insisted it was time for her to "clean house." An opportunity arose around that time for her to open her own gallery in downtown Prescott and - VOILA! - her paintings had a new home! The Gallery opened Fourth of July Weekend in 2022 as an art gallery but has since morphed into a Women's Boutique as well. The Carrie Weldon Gallery and Boutique is a magical combination of everything Carrie loves and is good at; Art, Jewelry, Fashion, Music and Friendship! Carrie loves helping people beautify their homes as well as themselves. Like her art, she sees every person as a unique "canvas" and truly enjoys "bringing them to life"! The gallery was recently named "Best Place to Buy Art in Yavapai County" by Prescott LIVING Magazine. The Carrie Weldon Gallery is always changing and you will want to visit again and again! Carrie Weldon Gallery & Boutique

## Board Members Emeriti



**Anne Barton**  
**Board Member Emerita**  
**Conferred 2024**



**Pamela Haber**  
**Board Member Emerita**  
**Conferred 2019**



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



**Don Michelman**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2024**



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



**Howard Moody**  
**Board Member Emeritus**  
**Conferred 2019**



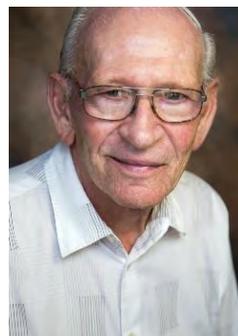
**Karen Rizk**  
**Board Member Emerita**  
**Conferred 2019**



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



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



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

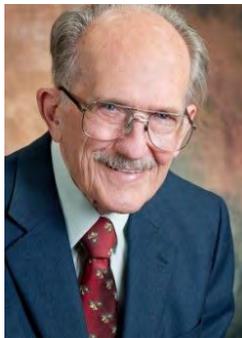


**Valerie Wood**  
**Board Member Emerita**  
**Conferred 2023**



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

## **In Memoriam**



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



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