

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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Young Pros of Yamhill Valley was presented to us by our own Kristen Stoller and introduced by her husband, and our friend and brother, Francisco Stoller.

wrapped up with Q&A.

While the focus is 21-40 YP won't turn you away for being outside the age demographic

Some of the Young Pros programs are the wonderfully popular Tunes on Tuesday and Brews and Biz.

This year's 2021 Tunes lineup include [Tony Smiley](#) and [Dancehall Days](#).

Coming meetings will be trivia at the Old Schoolhouse, August 30, and Elena's with Mac Stuff (Casey's new wine bar in McMinnville).

Q: Tom Tesmer asked about invitations to Young Pros.

A: Kristen not only affirmed but was grateful that Early Bird Rotary was the first civic group to actively seek out Young Pro involvement.

Q: Dave Miller quipped whether YP held graduations when members age out at 40.

A: No, but Heath invited Alex Bechtold to replace him when he hit that ripe old age.

Q: Gary mused how to attract the YP Generation and others without imposing such a financial obligation noting that Rotary International roles have been static for 20 years.

A: If people come and enjoy the experience they have to want to return. "Our generation is very protective of our time and where it's invested."



Plagiarizing the Young Pros website, "It is the mission of Young Professionals of Yamhill Valley to serve the community and provide career-minded individuals with opportunities to develop socially, professionally, and civically."

You are a Young Pro if you are between 21 and 40, live or work in the Yamhill Valley, have or want a job for yourself others, want to meet or connect with community peers, and seeking an awesome networking group.

Joining couldn't be simpler. Show up. Leave your email address. Pay \$0.00, they have no dues or fees.

Young Pros tend to be hustlers, entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders in our fields. If this sounds like anything you're interested in, come to a meeting. We'd love to have you.

YP's meetings originally discussed issues affecting local small business and really started in McMinnville by Ossie Bladine.

Today a typical meeting consists of sign-in and networking, welcome and announcements, [current venue] host feature and thank-you, introductions and round robin, presentation/panel/etc, and

and you don't have to be a member to attend meetings.

Meeting locations bounce around the valley at new bars, restaurants, wineries and breweries.

What's the vibe? Young Pros is not a civic group like Rotary and Kiwanis. It focuses on connections and relationships over business.

It is responsive and evolves dynamically. It began with the premise of keeping people doing business within the county but has come to get involved in sweat equity projects and events.

The meeting format also continually evolves by continually polling members to understand what they want to learn. For example, a recent topic was hiring a first employee. "Just because you're the boss doesn't mean you automatically know everything."

Young Pros considers itself a safe place to ask questions and get connected to resources. And they consider themselves comfortable with the uncomfortable. In other words, come as you are.

