



# Mary Skinner

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** June 7, 1945  
California

**Death:**

**Occupation:** Teacher (junior high)

**Party Affiliation:** Republican

**Years served:** 1995-2009

**Office:** Representative

**District:** 14 (Yakima County)

## Personal:

- The daughter of migrant workers and great niece of the late Venustiano Carranza, president of Mexico (1914-1920), Mary Skinner came to the Yakima Valley at the young age of three months. –taken from the House Republican Caucus website biography.
- Married

## Education:

- Central Washington University, B.A. in education
- Yakima Valley Community College

## Community Service:

- Volunteers in areas primarily dealing with health and education
- Yakima Valley Community College Board
- Yakima Valley Community College Foundation Board
- Heritage College Board
- Capitol Theatre Board
- Yakima County Health Care Coalition, founding member
- Yakima Schools Foundation, advisory board member, vice-president
- St. Elizabeth Hospital Community Board, Yakima
- Monitored Treatment Program Advisory Committee, auxiliary representative
- Communications Strategy Committee, West Valley School District, Yakima, co-chair
- Dining-In, Dining-Out Section, Annual Auction KYVE Public Television, Yakima chairman

## Affiliations:

- Leadership Yakima, Class of 1993, Class president
- Washington Athletic Club, program board, lecture committee
- American Association of University Women, Walla Walla and Olympia, branch president
- Washington State Open Horse Show, Yakima, chairman

- Yakima Junior League
- Olympia Junior League, co-founder
- PEO, Chapter BX

**Awards:**

- Outstanding Service Award, Washington Association of Small Business Incubators, 2004
- Citizen of the Year, Yakima Realtors, 2003
- Heavy Lifter Award, Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce, June 2001
- Grant Recipient, American Association of University Women, May 1985
- Distinguished Service Award (first woman recipient), Walla Walla Jaycees, 1979

**Legislative & State Service:**

- Washington State Board of Education, 3rd Congressional District member, 1986-1988

**Committees:** (1995) Transportation; Health Care; Trade and Economic Development (1997) Health Care, vice-chair; Transportation Policy and Budget; Law and Justice (1999) Economic Development, Housing and Trade; Transportation (2001) Health Care, vice-chair; Higher Education; Transportation (2003) Health Care; Trade and Economic Development, ranking minority member

**Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

- Republican Caucus vice-chair, 2005
- Washington State Arts Commission, legislative representative
- Oral History Advisory Committee
- Community Economic Revitalization Board
- Committee on Aging, past chair
- Council of State Governments-WEST
- Capitol Furnishings Preservation Committee
- Washington State Medical Association Auxiliary, president
- Washington State Medical Association Auxiliary Foundation, chair and co-founder

**Sources:**

- “Morrison to Give Incumbent Skinner Another Run,” by Tom Roeder, *Yakima Herald-Republic*, August 30, 2002.