

Michael B. Yanney

Personal

- Born Dec. 3, 1933, Kearney, Nebraska
- Married Dec. 25, 1960, Gail Walling, MD, former president/CEO, Clarkson Hospital Foundation
- 1955, bachelor of arts degree, business education, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- 1958, graduate degree, American Institute of Banking (New York)
- 1962, commercial banking degree, University of Wisconsin School of Banking
- Daughter, Lisa Yanney Roskens, age 54, graduate of Stanford University and Stanford University School of Law; now chairman, president & CEO of The Burlington Capital Group LLC (formerly America First Companies)
- Son-in-law: William (Bill) Roskens, age 56, law degree, Kansas University
- Grandchildren – Charles Roskens, 20, student at California Polytechnic State University; Mary Roskens, senior at Blair High School

Work experience

- 1983, started America First Companies, which manages public investment funds
- currently serves as chairman emeritus of the board of Burlington Capital, formerly America First Companies
- 1977-1984, principally engaged in the ownership and management of commercial banks.
- 1985-1991, director and member of the Executive Committee of FirstTier Financial, Inc., the largest bank holding company in Nebraska.
- Since 1976, he has done business in the former Soviet Union and 14 other countries.
- In 2007, he served on the East West Institute joint US/Russia delegation; the institute’s specific objective was to keep the two countries from going back into a cold war.

Civic and community boards

- Founder and past chairman, Partnership 4 Kids (formerly All Our Kids, Inc.) Foundation; organization has mentored more than 5,000 children from disadvantaged families
- Founder and former chairman of the board, Building Healthy Futures
- Former director, Horatio Alger Association
- Director, Open World
- Co-chair with Gail Walling Yanney, MD, Campaign for Nebraska, \$1 billion+ capital campaign for University of Nebraska Foundation that supported projects at UNMC
- Founder, principal donor and director, Yanney Heritage Park, Kearney (only five-star rated park in Nebraska)
- serves on board of directors for Burlington Capital and America First Multifamily Investors
- was formerly a director of Level 3 Communications, Inc., Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, Freddie Mac Advisory Board, Durham Resources, Inc., Freedom Communications, Inc., Forest Oil Corporation, MFS Communications, Inc., PKS Information Services, Inc., Omaha Steaks, MFA, chairman; Tetrad, Core Bank Holding Co. and Streck Inc.

–has held key posts with Joslyn Art Museum, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska Game and Parks Foundation, Omaha Riverfront Development Committee, Opera Omaha, Stanford University School of Law, Strategic Air Command Museum, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), Omaha Zoological Society, Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, United Arts Omaha, Museum of Nebraska Art, Warren Buffett's Omaha Classic Golf Tournament, Nebraska Bankers Association Executive Committee, Nebraska Heart Association, Junior Achievement of Omaha, Film Streams, Holland Children's Institute, Omaha Performing Arts Society Foundation, and Heritage Services

Awards

- Honorary Doctorate Degrees from University of Nebraska at Kearney and Bellevue University
- UNMC Distinguished Service Award (to Gail and Mike Yanney)
- Inducted into Russian Academy of Science and Information – United Nations program
- Inducted into the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame
- Honorary lifetime member of National PTA
- Honorary lifetime director of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Distinguished Alumni Award
- NebraskaLander Award
- Horatio Alger Award
- NCCJ Humanitarian Award
- Urban League Award
- 100 Black Men Award
- United Way Citizen of the Year Award
- Ambassador of Hope Award, Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center
- Dick and Mary Holland Leadership Award
- Medal Award, University of Nebraska Board of Regents
- Chabad Award
- 118th king of Ak-Sar-Ben in 2014
- Excellence in Mentoring Award, National Mentoring Partnership in Washington DC
- Inducted into Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce State Business Hall of Fame
- Phoenix Academy Literacy Award
- Perry W. Branch Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service, University of Nebraska Foundation
- Woodrow Wilson Award for International Corporate and Diplomacy Citizenship in Washington DC
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Association of Fundraising Professionals (with Dr. Gail Walling Yanney)
- Holland's Hero Award
- Nebraska Legends Award
- Presidential Medal of Service Award, University of Nebraska
- Citizen of the Year Award, Mid-America Council of Boy Scouts

Joint awards with Gail Walling Yanney, MD:

- UNMC Distinguished Service Award
- Honorary Doctorate Degree of Humane Letters at University of Nebraska at Omaha
- J.G. Elliot Award, UNMC
- Citizens of the Year Award, West Point Society

Gail Walling Yanney, MD

Personal

- Born May 26, 1936, Chicago, Illinois
- Parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Walling (deceased)
- Stepmother, Mrs. Ethel Elson Walling (deceased)
- Brother, R. A. Walling, Jr., Sioux Falls, South Dakota/Sarasota, Florida
- 1953, Duchesne Academy
- 1957, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 1961, UNMC College of Medicine
- 1962, internship, Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital
- 1962-1964, residency, anesthesiology, University of Nebraska Hospital
- 1971, board certified diplomate, American Board of Anesthesiologists
- Fellow, American College of Anesthesiologists

Work experience

- 1964-1970, Anesthesia Associates
- 1970-1986, anesthesiologist (self-employed), Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital
- 1986, retired
- 1993-1995, director, Bishop Clarkson Memorial Foundation
- 2000-2014, board member, Nebraska Medical Center

Past Professional Activities

- Honorary medical staff, Clarkson Hospital
- Chairman, Medical Records Committee, Clarkson Hospital, 1978-82
- Clarkson Medical Staff Executive Committee, 1984-86
- Chairman, Clarkson Bylaws Committee, 1984-86
- Clinical instructor, UNMC College of Medicine, 1961-1992
- American Society of Anesthesiologists
- American Medical Association
- Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Medical National Honor Society
- Nebraska Society of Anesthesiologists
- Nebraska Medical Association
- Metropolitan Omaha Medical Society
- International Anesthesia Research Society
- Advisory Committee, Silver Anniversary, 1961 Class – UNMC College of Medicine
- American Medical Women's Association
- Nebraska Medical Women's Association
- Advisory Board for Eppley Cancer Institute
- Served on several UNMC Search Committees
- Fundraising chair, UNMC HIV Research Fund

- Member, UNMC College of Medicine 125th Anniversary Committee
- Co-chair, Unlimited Possibilities Campaign, UNMC and Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center

Civic and cultural activities (boards – past and present)

- The Burlington Capital Group L.L.C.
- A-OK Mentoring Program & Partnership for our Kids
- Advisory board, Yanney Heritage Park Foundation, Kearney
- Nebraskans for Research
- Advisory board, Eppley Cancer Center College of Public Health Advisory Board
- President, UNMC College of Medicine Alumni Board, 1997-1999
- Advisory board, Olson Center for Women’s Health Past Boards:
- Development chair, College of St. Mary’s Board
- Advisory board, Nebraska Audubon
- Chair (1999) and member (1993-1999), Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund Board
- Co-chair, Campaign Nebraska UNMC Leadership Committee, 1997
- Founding chair & Planned Giving Committee chair, Women’s Fund of Greater Omaha
- Chairman, Nebraska Arts Council, 1996-99
- Grants & Awards Committee, University of Nebraska Foundation Trustee
- Co-chair, Family Section, Stanford Law School Capital Campaign
- Director, FirstTier Bank Omaha
- Founding chair, The Nature Conservancy - Nebraska Board of Trustees
- National Board of Governors, The Nature Conservancy (chaired Volunteer Activities and Real Estate Committees)
- Development chairman, Greater Omaha YWCA for 1993 Capital Campaign and chair 1994 Tribute to Women Luncheon
- Co-chair, Governor’s Mansion Restoration Fundraising Committee
- Omaha Community Foundation
- The Lied Center Advisory Board
- Uta Halee Advisory Board
- Honorary chair, 1995 Women’s Leadership Conference
- Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Management Board, a component of North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- Co-chair, President’s Advisory Council, Omaha Symphony, 1991-93
- Junior League of Omaha
- Fontenelle Forest Nature Center Guild - President
- Duchesne Alumnae Association
- Delta Gamma, Omaha Alumnae
- Nebraska Appaloosa Horse Club
- President, Ponca Pony Club, 1982-84
- Visiting Nurses Association
- Nebraska Arts Council, 1981-87
- Ponca Pony Club - President, 1982-84
- Fundraising chair, Celebrate Nebraska '88
- Museum of Nebraska Art

- Nebraska Repertory Theater
- Co-chair, Madame Sadat Luncheon, Center for Human Nutrition
- Major gifts chairman, 1990 Girls Club of Omaha Campaign
- Henry Doorly Zoo Guild, chairman, Zoofari VII and 1991 Membership Drive
- Co-chair, Dedication of Lied Jungle Building, 1992
- Listed in Who's Who of American Women
- Nebraska Cultural Trust, co-chair, Capital Campaign 2003-2006, chair of board, 1998-2003
- Honorary chair, Durham Western Heritage Museum Luncheon, 2005
- Co-chair with daughter, Lisa Yanney Roskens, UNO Women's Walk, 2005-2006
- Honorary chair, Lauritzen Botanical Gardens, Spring 2007 Luncheon
- Honorary chair, Nebraska Choral Arts Benefit with husband, Michael Yanney, 2007
- Co-chair with husband, Michael Yanney, Nebraska Shakespeare Festival, 2008-2010
- Medical Committee chair, O'Hana Foundation at Hualalai Resort, 2005-2011
- Co-chair, UNMC Unlimited Possibilities, 2010
- Co-chair, Polo for Patients event for Nebraska Medical Center, 2014
- Chair, American Heart Association "Go Red for Women"
- Co-chair, Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center Steering Committee
- Chair, Fred & Pamela Buffett Healing Arts Committee

Honors

- 1988, YWCA Woman of Distinction (Professions)
- 1990, Philanthropist of the Year with husband, Michael, National Chapter of Fundraising Executives, Nebraska Chapter
- 1991, Community Service Award, American Medical Women's Association
- 1992, Distinguished Alumnus Award, UNMC College of Medicine Alumni Association
- 1993, Arthritis Foundation Woman of the Year
- 1995, Heartland Award, Fontenelle Forest Association, The Nature Conservancy
- 1996, Family Service Salute to Families Award
- 1997, Jason Award, Children's Square
- 1997, Woman Spirit Award, Women's Fund of Greater Omaha
- 1997, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Achievement Award
- 1997, Girl's Inc., Omaha, Angel Award with Michael Yanney
- 1998, Oakleaf Award, The Nature Conservancy
- 1998, Merrymakers Award
- 1999, Partners in the Arts, Governor's Arts Award
- 2004, Golden Forceps Award, UNMC Department of OB/GYN
- 2006, Sarah Schwab Deutsche Award, Delta Gamma Sorority
- 2006, Honored at Joslyn Art Museum for Contributions to the Arts
- 2006, NCCJ Humanitarian Award
- 2007, Recognized as Legend by Nebraska Medical Center/Clarkson Hospital
- 2008, Mitzvahs & Music, Chabad House
- 2010, Nebraskans for Research
- 2012, United Way Volunteer of the Year

- 2012, UNMC Ambassador of Hope Award
- 2013, Richard and Mary Holland Leadership Award
- 2013, University of Nebraska Regents Medal
- 2016, University of Nebraska Foundation Perry Branch Award
- 2017, Association of Fundraising Professionals Lifetime Achievement Award

Joint awards with Michael Yanney, MD:

- 2000, UNMC Distinguished Service Award
- 2017, Honorary Doctorate Degree of Humane Letters at University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2018, J.G. Elliot Award, UNMC
- 2019, Presidential Medal of Service Award, University of Nebraska
- 2020, Citizens of the Year Award, West Point Society