

Mission Statement

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is dedicated to the support and preservation of parks, sports facilities and athletic programs in the greater Yakima area.

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Daryl Parker, Continuing the Family Legacy

Editor's Note: The 'High Hopes' News and High Hopes Golf Scramble program have presented the reader with information on the Shirley Parker and A.E. Larson legacy. It was felt that it was time to approach Daryl Parker requesting a brief biography that could be shared with our readers. He was gracious to respond with the biography that is the feature of this issue. Thank you Mr. Parker.

The Family's Early Years

Mother Eleanor was one of nine sons and daughters of Swedish immigrants Emil and Lydia Lindsley, who settled in Bellingham after many years living in Manistique, Michigan. Grandfather Emil worked at the lumber mill in Bellingham. Mother taught school in Bellingham before moving to teach in the Seattle system.

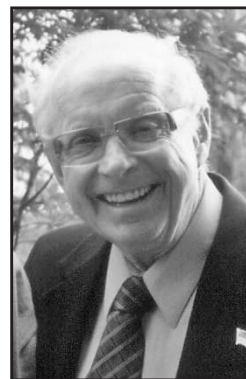
Most people knew Dad was a home-grown product of Yakima — successful businessman, lawyer, lecturer, multi-sport star at the University of Washington, and son of Rose Parker Larson and stepson of A.E. Larson, all Yakima pioneers. Dad Shirley discovered Eleanor while she was teaching school in Seattle. After a brief courtship, Eleanor and Shirley were married in grand style at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. Son Daryl was born in Seattle, Sept. 16, 1937.

The family moved from Seattle to Beverly Hills, Calif., in 1940. At grammar school I became interested in all sports; that really pleased Dad. Mother made sure that I had some scholastic aptitude and that homework was done and piano lessons accomplished. The worst thing about the piano was that it interfered with pick-up sports games going on after school.

While living in Beverly Hills, Mom and Dad entertained a lot. They had many friends from all over the country and became involved in many charitable endeavors. An active ten-year old, I found all that socializing pretty boring, so it was a great day in my life when I was shipped out to a farm in the San Fernando Valley on the weekends. I did fun stuff such as riding horses and getting really dirty.

One day I really shocked the parents when I announced I wanted to take a job as a paperboy with "The Mirror," an L.A. evening newspaper. The main reason for taking a job as a paperboy was the many conversations at the folks' parties about "Daryl" being so lucky that he'll never need to work at all. I guess I had to prove to all those party-goers that I could be a success on my own.

The lesson learned on that first job came while collecting the monthly subscription money — I never could understand how people living in Beverly Hills could be so slow to pay a paperboy. The highlight of the job was the day I delivered a paper to a house that had burned to the ground. I happened to look at the front page of the paper while I was folding the papers for delivery and saw the picture of the burned-up house but didn't realize that was the home of one of my customers. When I arrived at the burned house on my bicycle I again opened the paper and verified that was the same house. I couldn't wait to get home to tell Dad what an exciting afternoon I had experienced. (story continued on page 3)



A summary of the registration and financial documents of the PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION is available by calling the Office of the Secretary of State (Washington State) at 1-800-332-4483 or by visiting their website: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/charities/>.



Message from the Executive Director

The Parker Youth and Sports Foundation has had yet another busy year! We feel very fortunate and very appreciative to everyone who has helped contribute to this foundation and its goals.

A brief recap of the year:

The always exciting and highly anticipated "High Hopes Golf Tournament" — We braved the unseasonably hot 100-degree weather. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The launch of the Faller/Brayton Endowment. — We are on our way to making this a successful endowment that mirrors the foundation's mission.

The Gold Medal Ask fundraiser — This was fun, and exciting to be able to tie in with the 2008 Olympics. Thank you for your support!

Watch for an updated website. PYSF is determined to make this a better-functioning website for everyone. So, everyone, stay tuned; there is more to come....

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

LeAnn Leahy
Executive Director



Chelsey Nill, Repeats as Joe Donahue Recipient

Chelsey Nill, 2007 graduate of Seattle Prep, was recently named, for a second year, as the Joe Donahue Scholarship recipient.

She worked as a student intern in the YVCC athletic department and continues in her quest for a high school coaching career.

Chelsey began her sophomore year this fall and will again compete for a starting spot on

the YVCC Women's Basketball team. Part of her job last year entailed redesigning and keeping current the YVCC website.

The \$2,400 scholarship honors Joe Donahue, a charter director of the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation, and a director and officer of the original Parker Youth Foundation. The grant is given to a YVCC student planning to pursue a degree and a career in a field related to health and physical education, and/or youth sports and recreation.



President's Message

Greetings to board members, past and present, Foundation members (Parker Partners), and friends of the Parker Foundation:

On Oct. 29 the Parker Board of Directors held its fifth annual meeting at the Clarion Hotel, electing board members and officers and discussing three important Foundation goals for the 2008-2009 fiscal year:

1. to donate no less than \$60,000 to parks and athletic facility development projects, youth athletic and activity programs, and YVCC athletic scholarships;
2. to raise community awareness of the Parker Foundation's mission and goals and recruit a large number of citizens to become Foundation members (Parker Partners);
3. to raise funds for the Faller/Brayton endowment initiated this past year through the leadership of former YVCC student and athlete Stan Renecker.

The goal of contributing no less than \$60,000 this coming year for community needs and endeavors is particularly noteworthy. This level of funding would be a first for the Parker Foundation and an indicator that we are growing and gaining financial strength to pursue our mission goals. Funds approved for these contributions will be separate from the Faller/Brayton endowment, which was established to cover community needs consistent with the Foundation's mission and goals, but beyond the scope of the Foundation's annual fund-raising program.

Secondly, it is the board's intent to conduct a comprehensive campaign to recruit Foundation members. We know that many citizens are as concerned about maintaining and preserving existing parks and recreational facilities as the Foundation is. We know that many other citizens are equally as concerned as we about maintaining, preserving, and developing youth activities and athletic opportunities for youth. It is time to seek the broad support of the various community constituencies that share our vision for high-quality community living.

The 2008-09 year will be exciting. In the midst of all the negative news about worldwide economic problems, famine, pestilence, and calamities, the Parker Foundation aims to maintain optimism and seek Foundation growth for the maintenance, preservation and development of high-quality community living for Yakima.

Life is good, and the Foundation is blessed with many causes to serve.

Respectfully,
Bob Alexander
Acting Board President

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Dad was not very pleased at all and explained to me that my paper customer's home belonged to a fellow named "Bugsy Siegel" and that a few of his friends from Las Vegas had attempted to murder Bugsy by bombing his home. It was lucky for Mr. Siegel that he wasn't home when the bomb went off.

The UCLA campus was a 30-minute bicycle ride from home. On the weekend, during basketball season, a friend and I would find a way to sneak into the UCLA gym to watch the games. In those days, before Pauley Pavilion, the gym capacity was about 500. A young coach named John Wooden was just beginning his career. My favorite players on the UCLA team were Ron Livingston and Willie Naulls. The highlight event for me was getting a flat-top haircut at "The Blue & Gold Barbershop," where photos of all the UCLA sports stars and their flat tops hung proudly on the walls.

Experiences of Youth

Dad and Mother decided that without a school session in the summertime, I would be too much of a handful to stay home. After a two-week trip to Yakima and Bellingham to visit relatives, I was shipped off to summer camp in the High Sierras at Huntington Lake. I loved camp, as I was able to do fun things from sunup till the campfire went out. Riding horses into the High Sierra backcountry and fishing for golden trout were my favorite things.

My introduction to fishing was by Dad's cousin Hunky Shaw. Hunky was one of Yakima's most colorful citizens of the era. He owned the best sporting goods store in town and even served a stint as mayor. One day Hunky took me fishing on the Yakima River, and I became instantly "hooked" on the sport. Hunky was a wonderful teacher and mentor.

Another highlight about visiting Yakima was visiting my grandmother, Rose Larson, and staying at her home — "Rosedell," on Yakima Avenue. Exploring that three-story house and playing in the extensive yard was always fun. I loved hearing stories from Grandmother Rose about the history of Yakima.

Since Dad owned the Yakima Bears baseball team, we always attended the games at Parker Field. Later, Dad and Grandmother Rose donated land that was to be added to the Yakima Valley College Campus.



Rosedale, childhood home of Daryl Parker, located at 1700 W. Yakima Avenue. Daryl hopes to one day be able to return to relive memories of home again once the bed and breakfast opens.

I spent another summer with eight other young boys touring national parks in the West and Canada. While traveling southwest out of Glacier Park in Montana, we just happened to decide to camp out at Blue Bay on Flathead Lake. We spent several nights camped on the shores of Flathead Lake, and the owners of the camp site and our touring counselors got together to discuss what a wonderful site this location would be for a summer boys camp. This idea came to fruition, and my next three summers were spent on Flathead Lake. Later, I became a camp counselor and chief wrangler of the camp's string of 25 horses. Later I was to return to Montana, where I was a part-time fishing guide working out of West Yellowstone.

Back in California, I continued my education at a private boys school (Harvard) in North Hollywood. Scholastics, sports, R.O.T.C., and becoming an Episcopalian were the school's primary emphases. My sports were swimming and diving. The highlight of my swimming and diving career was being part of an eight-man team that placed second in the state championships against all California high schools. That personal experience was to give me the confidence I would later need for success in the business world, competing against other businesses many times our company's financial strength and numbers of employees. My membership at the Episcopalian Church is still a work in progress.

The College Years

Off to college at the University of Colorado, where new-found freedoms would be enjoyed to the fullest — skiing, socializing, intramural sports, the frosh swim team, and, to a lesser extent, scholastic endeavors. That first year was a snap scholastically because the preparation I had received in high school enabled me to sail through, hardly opening a book. I returned to California after my second year to attend USC, where I took many business courses.

On spring break I decided to travel to Mazatlan, Mexico, to investigate the status of a land investment my father had made there and that my mother still owned — or thought she did. Mother had hired a lawyer to investigate the property's legal status and see if there was an opportunity to sell the property. What we found was a property beset with legal problems that made clear title impossible. While investigating Dad's property, I found another property to the south of his that was quite intriguing. I decided to investigate it during the summer.

I couldn't wait to return to Mexico and investigate this property. The property was situated on the coast with water on three sides, making the land essentially an island. The 12,500 acres of mostly tropical jungle had eight miles of beach on the Pacific Ocean, a 5,000-tree coconut orchard, a wild herd of cross-Brahma cattle numbering about 2,500, a 48-room walled hacienda, a fishing village of about 250 people, and an absentee elderly owner who wanted to sell. This wild land in the outreaches of the state of Nayarit was an area that had been abandoned for over 25 years. After partnering with a trusted

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Mexican lawyer, making a low down payment and having generous owner financing, we found ourselves the new owners of a wild and woolly ranch in the wilds of Mexico.

Partnering Experience

After surviving three exciting and sometimes dangerous years, my partner and I became ill – he with an infected liver and I with rheumatoid arthritis. Because of our poor health, we were forced to return the property to its previous owner, but not before we had successfully brought the wild cattle into a manageable herd, learned how to become Mexican bush pilots, rehabilitated a coconut plantation, sold copra in Mexico City, exported papaya to a wholesaler in the Los Angeles market, cleared about 2,000 acres of jungle and established tillable ground, and sold approximately 50 one-acre beach lots to Mexican nationals. Recovering from rheumatoid arthritis took about 18 months.

Now I had a wife and two children, and we lived in Encino, Calif. I needed to get back to work. I had a friend who was a home builder, and I asked him to help me learn the construction business. Housing was in big demand in Southern California in the 1960s so we formed a company to develop spec housing. A few years later, an industrial real estate broker asked if we could build and develop a concrete tilt-up industrial building and complete the project in 60 days. I said yes, and with a lot of luck, our first industrial project was a success. I soon found myself forming a new contracting and developing company focusing on industrial development. Ironically, most of the industrial-zoned property was in the west San Fernando Valley on the same farms that I rode horses over as a boy.

Partnerships were formed with mortgage bankers and industrial real estate brokers. Our success was secured because all of our partners brought something different to the table. Collectively, we had the ability to achieve success in



Daryl and Sherrie Parker, celebrating 40 years together raising a family and growing a successful business.

the Southern California industrial market.

Heading North

In 1985 I moved to Montana with my wife, Sherrie. We lived in our one-bedroom log cabin near Lincoln on the Blackfoot River. Sherrie and I had met while getting our instrument ratings at the same flight School in Van Nuys, Calif. She was a flight instructor and was about to join the Los Angeles Police Department with hopes to become the L.A.P.D.'s first female helicopter pilot. She gave up that dream to spend a few winters in Montana.

I had decided to cut back on the contracting portion of the business, so I turned that responsibility over to my superintendent of many years so I could concentrate on property management. Sherrie and I decided to build a log home on our property. We completed it in a year. When it was completed, friends descended upon us from all over for visits. Our dining room table would seat 22, and our 16 horses were always being saddled up when not guiding my fly-fishing friends to my secret spots on The Blackfoot. Soon Sherrie and I began calling this place our non-revenue dude ranch.

A threat of a cyanide heap leach gold mine near our small ranch prompted us to take a stand and oppose this destructive and dangerous type of mining. As there was a lot of local support for the mine, we found ourselves in an irresolvable adversarial position with the community. We decided to return home to Washington. However, before we left Montana we were instrumental in supporting several environmental groups that took on the responsibility to protect the environment from this type of destructive mining practice. Today, Montana citizens have passed an initiative forever banning cyanide heap leach mining.

Washington, At Last

Back in Monroe, Washington, Sherrie and I built and operated Woods Creek Farm, an equestrian sales and training center specializing in preparing warm-blooded horses in the sport of dressage. The best horses and riders came from Germany, and we traveled to Europe to establish contacts there to ensure that the horses we brought back would meet high standards. We operated the dressage business for about 12 years, then decided to downsize to just a few horses and move to a smaller farm in Woodinville.

Staying Connected Locally

One of the great satisfactions of our lives in recent years has been reconnecting with Yakima and being able to participate in the continued growth of Yakima Valley Community College. Sherrie and I are fortunate to be able to continue supporting the community in the traditions established by Rose and A.E. Larson and Shirley and Eleanor Parker. YVCC, The Larson Gallery, and now, the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation are all in capable hands and will continue to serve the community for their intended purposes. We trust our sons Scott and Darren and our daughter Leticia and her son, Parker Garland, will all recognize their Yakima roots and perpetuate our family tradition.

PARKER PARTNER SIGN UP FORM

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COMMITTEE SIGN UP SECTION

(committee sign up is not required to become a Parker Partner)

A. Foundation Goals:

- _____ 1. Provide, preserve and support parks, public sports and recreation facilities and youth programs.
- _____ 2. Preserve the legacies of Shirley D. Parker and Rose B. Larson in safeguarding Parker Field and Larson Larson Park for the parks and recreation purposes intended by those donors.
- _____ 3. Award scholarships to Yakima Valley Community College student-athletes and grants to individuals and organizations contributing to the best interests of YVCC athletic facilities and programs.
- _____ 4. Promote the history and heritage of sports in the greater Yakima area.
- _____ 5. Provide education on the lifelong value of sports and physical activity and the need for parks and recreation facilities to encourage and enhance these activities.

Related Committees:

- _____ Parks Liaison Committee;
- _____ Special ad hoc committees
- _____ Parks Liaison Committee;
- _____ Foundation History Committee;
- _____ Grants Committee
- _____ Foundation Development Committee
- _____ Grants Committee
- _____ Fund Raising Development Committee
- _____ Parks History Committee
- _____ Parks Liaison Committee;
- _____ Special ad hoc committees

B. General Fundraising

- _____ Foundation Development Committee;
- _____ Special fundraising projects

C. Activities and Interests Related to the Foundation Mission and Goals:

- _____ Grants to local non-profit entities involved or interested in recreational or sports programs or facilities.
- _____ Cooperative agreements with government agencies to help with parks or playing fields.
- _____ Acquisition of land for sports or recreational use.
- _____ Financial support for youth sports leagues, teams or events.
- _____ Collection and preservation of local sports memorabilia.



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Historical Section

America's Pastime - A Common Thread

Editor's Note: Sherrie Parker recently sent Jerry Ward a soft-covered book titled "Rain Check, Baseball in the Pacific Northwest". The book, edited by Mark Armour, is a compilation of chapters on varying topics and personalities written by many Northwest baseball greats: Fred Hutchinson, Seattle area baseball player/coach; Jim Price, Spokane sportswriter; Jim Bouton, professional pitcher; and Eric Sallee and David Eskenazi, photographers. The book was published by the Society for American Baseball Research Inc.

Boys and girls of all ages will see and feel the sites and sounds that generate a common thread through our summer memories -- a thread that ties most of us to the PY&SF goals.

What begins as a tale of four cities -- Tacoma, Spokane, Portland, and Seattle -- playing regional pro baseball turns into a history lesson covering the people who loved a game enough to break color and financial barriers.

The game migrated west with the early stream of settlers and later with expansion of the railroad -- purveyor of freight, people, and sports. The migration across America brought more than people -- it brought their dreams of play.

Readers will see an array of photos and read captured memories of those who were participants. A few of those stories include the following themes:

- The Pacific Northwest League sprang to life in Seattle in March 1890 with Portland, Spokane, and Tacoma to follow within months.
- John Barnes, promoter and fitness fan, became the father of pro baseball in the Northwest.
- Walter McCredie, Portland Beavers manager, signed a half-Chinese and half-Hawaiian named Lang Akana, breaking the color barrier in the PCL.
- Spitball Hall of Famer Stan Coveleski enjoyed success in Portland.

- Jimmy Claxton, African-American, first played at 13 in Roslyn and Chester, Wash., and pitched in the pros at Oakland in 1916.
- Story of Fred Hutchinson, Seattle's local "boy wonder," legacy lasting beyond the 1930s.
- Emil Sick making baseball history with the Rainiers and Sick's Seattle Stadium.
- Photos of most of the early baseball fields in the Northwest, including Parker Field, which hosted the Pippins.

This book mentions many of the Class A teams that were part of the baseball summer of our lives, including many that continue today. It is a must-read for those who share some of these memories.

2009 High Hopes Golf Scramble

The fourth annual High Hopes Golf Scramble golf committee has not officially been formed. Options for 2009 dates and locations have been discussed and contacts made with several local golf course managers. Some options researched:

1. June 19 - Apple Tree Golf Resort,
2. June 21 - Elk's Golf Course.

Mark your calendar for a June event for a first-class tournament supporting youth activities and facilities in the Yakima Valley.



Parker Partners

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has reorganized and is ready to begin a fall membership campaign. Creation of Parker Partners will encourage more individuals who support the Foundation's goal(s) to take an active role.

A membership form is included in this issue of High Hopes News. For \$25, you can find an avenue where your time and talents will make a difference with programs and facilities for Yakima Valley youth.



Original painting created by Don Crook for the Foundation. Prints available at \$160.

Don Crook, Local Artist

Don Crook, artist from the Yakima Valley in Washington State and a PY&SF Charter Director. An award winning painter, Don won best painting at art shows 42 times, and recently in a national competition (Lewis & Clark Expedition), won first prize in a field of 450. This year he was commissioned to do a painting of the Gettysburg Address, in memory of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday celebration. Don is a past winner of C.M. Russell Show "Best Painting" three times.



I wish to contribute: (Make checks payable to Parker Youth & Sports Foundation)

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Parker Store - items now available: ☐ \$10 hat ☐ \$5 Souvenir Ball ☐ \$10 2008 Towel

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The World Series “First Pitch”!

The initial creation of the Faller/Brayton Endowment in the amount of \$25,000 is to honor two men who have given a half-century of their lives to the sport of baseball and to promote Yakima Valley Community College athletics, parks and youth athletic programs in the Yakima Valley. Please help us help make this a living legacy in their honor. Included are the directives of the endowment. They mirror the Parker Youth & Sports Foundations mission statement and goals!

- To acquire property (potential green space) for the development of “Faller/Brayton” ball Field.
- To provide assistance in the development or improvement of existing sports fields or facilities in the Yakima Valley.
- To provide participation scholarships for youth athletes, helping them chase their “High Hopes”.
- To contribute to the preservation and/or improvement of Parker Field, and to support YVCC in its effort to return the existing Varsity Baseball Program to the championship level achieved for nearly four decades under Coaches Faller and Brayton.
- To provide an athletic scholarship (the Coach’s Award) for a returning sophomore varsity baseball player at YVCC.
- To support other charitable objectives at the discretion of Bill Faller and /or Chuck Brayton with the approval of the Board of Directors of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.

Donations for the endowment will be used specifically for developing the endowment program as outlined in these directives. They will not be used for the foundation's operational costs.

PLEASE CUT HERE AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR GENEROUS GIFT. THANK YOU!

The World Series “First Pitch”!

Your help is needed today so the youth of Yakima Valley have the chance to experience the joy of going to the park or participating in an athletic program. Preservation and support of parks, athletic facilities and programs are needed today! Thank you, in advance, for your generous gift!



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