

The 'High Hopes' News

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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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Annual Membership Drive Focus of December

"Get off the bench and into the Game"

The Parker Youth and Sports Foundation initiated its third year of the Parker Partner membership concept on November 1 and will continue the drive until December 31. Membership is open throughout the year for those who might be out of the area or decide at a later time to join the foundation as a member.

The photo in this paragraph puts a face to the Parker Partner Roll Call, on Page 4, of several who support PY&SF through their membership and give time to support those athletic programs provided in Yakima, i.e., 3 on 3 Downtown Hotshots, SunDome Volleyball Festival, WIAA state basketball, softball, baseball and volleyball tournaments.

Grant allocations continue to benefit kids as your donations filter into Valley youth athletic programs. The rewards are gratifying: smiles as kids try something for the first time,



Yakima Sports Commission assistant Mike Carey with PY&SF board members Trudy Bray and Eric Carlson.



Yakima Sports Commission director Rich Carol Finney.

companionships through the experience of activities, and funding for those families who can't provide in this present day economy.

The annual membership keeps the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation office operating. The membership fee covers such expenses as office rental in the Larson Building, telephone and internet service, office supplies, postage, and incidentals. Any donation made in addition to the membership fee is applied directly to Austin and PY&SF grant allocation chair addressing the foundation's mission. Reminder of the fee structure:

Individual Membership	\$25
Joint Membership	\$40

Join the Winning Team – the current list of Parker Partners is located on Page 4. Application form can be found on Page 8, or try out the PayPal system on our website at www.parkeryouthandsportsfoundation.org or

www.parkeryouthfoundation.com

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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/.

Letter from the President



Season's Greetings to our Parker Partners and Friends:

The holiday season is here, a more thoughtful time to consider all we have to be thankful for, then look forward to the

excitement of Christmas giving. We had one of the children say the blessing at Thanksgiving a few years back, and he summed it up rather succinctly..."bless this food God, and please take care of Santa Claus until Christmas." Short and to the point. So, in that context, and on behalf of the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation board we extend our thanks to you for your continued support and extend our best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

We invite you to join the team. All of us working with the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation are extremely thankful for your support that allows us to be somewhat of a Santa Claus for the youth sports programs here in the Yakima Valley. As we near the end of 2011, we ask those of you who are not Parker Partners to join us in the support of our mission. We have devoted a single page within this High Hopes that is the culmination of our annual drive to recruit new Parker Partners. The Parker Partner membership fee allows us to keep the foundation office operational.

The foundation's annual meeting was held in October, and we were so pleased that Betty Yaden, Melba Strand, Sharon Brown and Bill Faller were able to attend. Visiting was just as important as the business conducted that day which resulted in our current slate of officers being re-elected to serve another year: Chuck Hinckley as treasurer, Nancy Kendrick as secretary, Eric Carlson as vice president, and Spud Edmondson as second vice president. I am honored to continue as president for another year.

On a sad note, the Yakima youth sports community lost a good friend with the passing of Karl Froula. Karl and I go way back in our working relationship at Parker Field as Karl served on the Yakima Youth Baseball Board, and I pushed pencils around at Yakima Valley College. There wasn't anything that Karl couldn't fix, and he would do it without the infamous work order's being required by government (and military) agencies before anything is done! On more than one occasion the college maintenance crew would come into my office with a Parker Field work order in hand and tell me that whatever needed fixing was not broken. As usual, Karl had already fixed it. Karl will truly be missed.

The WIAA used the Yakima SunDome for the

1B, 2B and 1A State Volleyball Championships in November. Six courts were arranged in the SunDome, and it was non-stop competition for two long days. Kudos go out to Virginia Hays, Carol Finney, Eric Carlson, Trudy Bray, Louise Adams, Rich Austin, and Mike Carey for administering the tournament in grand style. Mel Moore, Keith Farnam and Spud Edmondson also assisted with the hospitality room, where Chuck Hinckley provided the doughnuts and maple bars for two days. It is with pride that we recognize these individuals as members of the Parker Partners family.

Another Parker Partner, Bob McCutcheon, closed out the golfing season as the better half of the winning low-net team in the Suntides 4 Nines Tournament in late October. Bob could have won the low gross division if he had had a better partner!

If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift or stocking stuffer, take a look at the Foundation store items. The High Hopes print, the Mel Stottlemyre book, and the Faller/Brayton signature bats are truly special mementos of Parker Field and Yakima sports history.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Jerry Ward President



From the Office



Happy Holidays: We hope you had a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends and that the travel was not too stressful for those leaving town. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year are just around the corner. Be safe.

Parker Partner Update: The foundation has received a total of

109 Parker Partner renewals as of November 22 and after the holidays will work on connecting with those who previously were members.

High Hopes Scramble and Sports Legends Reunion: The High Hopes Scramble committee has met and will be contacting local businesses about the annual fundraising event – June 8 and 9, 2012. Check chairman Eric Carlson's message on page 5.

PY&SF Seeking Additional Board of Directors members: If you would like to become involved in a worthwhile Foundation and support our youth, contact Jerry Ward (509-452-5190) or the office (509-469-9336) for more information. The BOD generally meets once a month on the second Thursday, noon-1:30pm, Larson Building Room 716.

Open Door: The winter office hours are 9:30 a.m.–noon Monday through Friday. Come in and see the historical photo gallery – not to mention the view looking east from the ninth floor.

Bill Faller Inducted into Washington State
University group: William Faller, former PY&SF

president and
Foundation charter
member, was inducted
into the Pioneer class
for this year at WSU.
The Pioneer class
included men who
competed before 1970
and women before
1985. Bill was inducted
as a member of the class
of 1946-48 baseball.
The event was held



September 9 at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane with a social period followed by dinner ceremony from 6-9 p.m. Inductees were recognized at halftime of the WSU-UNLV football game. *Congratulations, Bill.*

Grant Scoreboard

The next date for grant applications is February 20, 2012, with an interview scheduled for February 27, 2012, with the committee. Applications can be obtained by contacting the office or going to our website at www.parkeryouthandsportsfoundation.org.

Organization	Purpose	Amount
Madison House, community youth center affiliated with the Union Gospel Mission	Provide funds for 2 soccer leagues for equipment, awards, staffing & referees.	\$5,486.85

Budget Update

The information below is not the official record of the Foundation.

Category	2010-11	2011-12
	ACTUAL	
Income		
A. Individual donations	\$ 7,358.00	\$ 5,000
B. Memorials	\$ 849.00	\$ 1,000
C. Parker Partners	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 4,000
D. Golf Tournament/Sports	\$33,995.00	\$35,000
Legends		
E. Brayton/Faller Endowment	\$28,760.00	\$ 4,000
F. Donahue Donations	\$ 990.00	\$ 500
G. Inventory sales	\$ 297.24	\$ 400
H. Bank & CD Interest	\$ 473.77	\$ 100
I. Executive director fund raising	\$ 0.00	\$ 00
J. Diamond Club	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$25,000
	\$77,503.01	\$75,000
Expenditures		
A. Grants		
General	\$13,557.44	\$15,000
2. Donahue	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400
3. Diamond Club	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,000
4. Brayton/Faller Endow	<u>\$30,902.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
	\$48,459.44	\$24,400
B. Marketing & Fund Raising		
1. Newsletter	\$ 1,594.75	\$ 2,000
2. Special mailers	\$ 271.17	\$ 1,000
3. Website	\$ 1,126.11	\$ 1,000
4. Advertising & signage	\$ 2,961.87	\$ 2,000
5. Exec. Director search	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000
6. Golf/Legends expenses	\$15,313.86	\$15,000
7. Other	\$ 0.00 \$21,267,76	\$ 500 \$33,500
C. Operations	\$21,267.76	\$23,500
1. Director's salary (6 months)	\$ 0.00	\$10,000
2. Accounting	\$ 1,532.87	\$ 1,600
3. Office administration	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,600
4. Rent	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400
5. Telephone & Internet	\$ 1,133.70	\$ 1,300
6. Supplies	\$ 1,064.97	\$ 1,300
7. Legal & Fees	\$ 90.64	\$ 700
8. Bank Fees	\$ 180.00	\$ 400
9. Postage & mailing	\$ 347.76	\$ 500
10. Insurance	\$ 613.00	\$ 000
11. Misc	<u>\$ 120.00</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>
	\$10,932.94	\$22,100

TOTAL	\$80,660.14	\$55,000

Roll Call

Parker Partners Renewals

As we go into the third year of the Parker Partner concept, most of those listed below are foundation charter members – 115 and counting. You are responsible for allowing PY&SF office expenses to be covered. All donations and fundraising event money to be targeted for grants distribution.

Louise Adams Sally Allen Barbara Amstutz Patrick & Colleen Andreotti Russell Banko George Benedetti John Bloxom Ken Bongers Trudy Bray Chuck & Eileen Brayton Herb & Jennifer Brayton Mike Broadhead Dr. Terry & Corky Brown Mike Carev Eric Carlson Bernice Clem Gene & Denise Connor Bob Cordova (honor of Hannah) Ken Crockett Don & Shirley Crook Ellwood & Arla Crosier Steve & Cheryl Dale Al & Pat Deatley Jr. Bill Dolsen Bill & Sally Douglas Joe & Laura Drovetto Spud & Gay Edmondson Dick Elliott

Bill Faller Will Faller Tim & Paula Foutz Murray Gage-Cole Parker Garland Tom & Karen Garrison Fred Halverson Ronald & Hideko Hamamoto Gary Hansen Harley & Linda Hansen

Virginia Hays

Tom Hinman

Ralph Holbrook

Dale Heflinger

Chuck & Debbie Hinckley

Mary Holder-Marsh & Gerry Marsh Bari & Trina Johnson Eric & Jill Johnson Dr. Linda Kaminski Sam & Debra Karr Ed & Mary Ann Kershaw Corky & Judy Lewis Robert & Margaret Masterman Dr. Robert McCulloch Bob McCutcheon Sam McIlvanie Marcus McKimmy Hal & Mary Miller Mel & Vicki Moore CJ & Doris O'Connor Pete Orgill Daryl & Sherrie Parker Leticia Parker & Eddie Agosta Chris Pearson Manny & Mary Jo Perez Mike & Donna Perrault Don Powell **Donald Rasmussen** Glenn Rasmussen Stan & Laurie Renecker Walt Schlagel Jr. Michael & Jane Schwab R.K. & Kay Smith Ken & Millie Stenehjem Melba Strand **Liggett Taylor** Chris & Jan Turner Jim & Camille Wade Eileen Walen Jeff Ward Jessica Ward Jerry & Lynn Ward Julia Ward

Verne Welo

Ken Wilson

Jim Whiteside

Gerald Wilson

Brayton/Faller Endownment

The endowment surpassed the \$160,000 mark, then the third-quarter reality set in with a reported total of \$141,516.71.

Coach Wilson selected Jake Fife as the second Coaches Award recipient.

Michael Carnahan Gene & Denis Connor Bill Faller (in memory of Lillian Fencil (in memory of Nancy Faller)

Dan Dealy)

Joe Donahue Scholarship

Slow Joe Donahue is still enjoying the horse races and life with his family.

Eric Carlson Ellwood & Arla Crosier

Memorials

We are blessed to be able to remember people who have made an impact on our lives and the lives of Yakima valley youth.

In memory of *Richard* (Dick) Myers, steady YVC supporter of athletics and athletes.

Bill Faller

In memory of Karl Froula, legendary but quiet supporter of Yakima Youth Baseball. He kept Parker Field operational.

Bill Faller Jerry Ward Virginia Hays

In memory of Dan Dealy, 3 sport Eisenhower 1983 grad, outstanding shortstop for YVJ 1964-65.

Bill Faller

In memory of **Don Miller**, Director of Student Services Oregon Institute of Technology, father of 5, avid outdoorsman and sports fan.

In memory of Roy Johnson, friend and

orchardist.

Dr. Terry & Corky Brown

Bill Faller

General Donations

Always keeping the foundation in their thoughts, we appreciate the Parker Partners below who continue to be financially dedicated to our mission and the youth of the Valley.

Sally Allen John Bloxom Jennifer Brayton Don & Shirley Crook Steve & Cheryl Dale Spud & Gay Edmondson Dick Elliott

Tim & Paula Foutz Harley & Linda Hansen Michael Havnaer

Ed & Mary Ann Kershaw Manny & Mary Jo Perez

Don Powell

Ken & Millie Stenehjem

Parker Partner Feature



Karl Froula was honored May 6, 2011, when he was inducted into the 2011 Beetle Baseball Hall of Fame. Karl was recognized for his community service to the program. He never said no when it came to maintaining all the HVAC systems, plumbing and anything else that needed to be fixed at Parker Field. His years of service went beyond the years his son played in the program.

Karl was also a member of the Yakima Monday Morning Quarterbacks for a number of years. He loved to golf and was a member of the Wood Carvers Association. He was active until ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) slowed him down; those in the sports community were saddened by his passing October 28, 2011. Thank you, Karl, for always being there.



Mel and Vicki
Moore, Mr. and Mrs.
We Are There For
All Sports, were
honored May 6,
2011, when they were
inducted into the
2011 Beetle Baseball
Hall of Fame for
their volunteer
contribution.
"Mel and Vicki
singlehandedly
coordinated

fundraising efforts for Yakima Youth Baseball for many years." Both continue to be active in the sports community – you can always see Mel somewhere around the Pacific Northwest attending an athletic contest or talking about individual athletes from yesteryears to today. Not to mention all his cousins in Kiona-Benton. *Congratulations Mel and Vicki*.

High Hopes Golf set for 6-9-12

We will be hosting our seventh annual High Hopes golf scramble on June 9 at the Apple Tree Resort. That's 6-9-12 for you mathematicians. What do those numbers have in common? If you said three, you're wrong. The answer is YOU! Because you have all helped us to be rated last year as the top non-profit golf tournament in the Pacific Northwest by Seattle's Puetz Golf magazine. Thank You!

One of the most valuable assets we each control is our time. We are asking you to notify us early, by March 31, if you are going to play. This will allow us to use our volunteer time more wisely by contacting new golfers to "fill the field." Please contact us and confirm your foursome spot if you will be playing this year. We can run down the names within your foursome later. We value our past golfers and don't want to add new foursomes that may bump you from the Saturday field.

The last few couple of years, we have had Friday afternoon tournament play for those who can't join us on Saturday. If your foursome wants to join this list, give us a call. We also applaud those who have asked a new foursome to join our mission, so please invite your friends or refer them to our office. Please help us "fill the field" for another year.

Over our five years, we have donated over \$100,000 of financial support back into the greater Yakima Valley sports community through your assistance through playing and supporting our Legends /Golf weekend activities. Oh, we hope that you are all using your 17th hole swing video provided last year.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from our High Hopes golf committee! — Eric Carlson, Golf Chairman



Illustration courtesy of Glenn Cassidy

Sports Legends Reunion

The 2012 Sports Legends Reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center on north 1st street in Yakima. The hotel has blocked rooms at a special group rate of \$79 for single and \$89 for double per night, which includes a breakfast coupon. Special code – Sports Legends. Offer will be good until *May 10, 2012*.

Couple of notes for the event:

- 1. Silent and live auction 3. 50-50
 - 3. 50-50 raffle
- 2. Dessert raffle
- 4. Live band during the social

Historical Section

A Reunion of Sportswriters

Call it a gold mine or maybe a treasure chest of Yakima Valley sports history and the trivia therein, but that is what we found last August as Jim Scoggins hosted a reunion of former (and a few current) Yakima Herald-Republic sportswriters and other newspaper staff. A span of 50 years was covered by the nine Herald sports staff alumni with Dick Rockne (sports editor in 1961) and current sports editor Jerrel Swenning serving as the bookends. Also in attendance were former sports staffers Paul George, Jim Gosney, Don Shelton, Larry Stone, Dave Cook,

and Eric Carlson as well as former HR city editor Spencer Hatton.

Rockne was on the Herald staff as a sportswriter in 1961 when sports editor Harland Beery left to take another job, and Rockne became sports editor for about a year until George, who was already a news reporter at that time, became the sports

REVANCES IT

Front: Don Shelton, Larry Stone, Dave Cook; back: Jerrel Swenning, Jim Scoggins & Duffy 2, Paul George, Dick Rockne, Jim Gosney, Gordon Hatton.

editor. Rockne later covered sports for the Seattle P-I and the Seattle Times.

Gosney was on the sports staff from the late 60's until the early 70's, when he became a news reporter and columnist until he retired in 1996.

George was police reporter at the Herald before he became sports editor for nine years (1962-71). He became general manager at Yakima Meadows in 1971, was later general manager of Portland Meadows and is now chairman of the Washington State Horse Racing Commission. He served a term on the Yakima City Council and was elected mayor of Yakima by his fellow council members.

Scoggins was sports editor for the Herald for 27 years (1971-98), during which he hired Shelton,

Stone, Cook, and Carlson.

Carlson, now an active member of the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation, was a part-timer in the sports department whose main job was to take coaches' phone calls and write short leads on high school football and basketball games.

Cook was a sports part-timer for several years while he was a student at Davis High School and Yakima Valley College in the late 70's and early 80's. He was also a sports information assistant at YVC under athletic director (and ex-PYSF president) Bill Faller and at Central Washington University with SID Bob Guptill and AD Gary Frederick. He then served four years as SID at the University of Idaho and has been SID at Eastern Washington University for the last 21 years.

Shelton was a HR sportswriter from 1976 to

1982. He became sports editor of the Bellevue Journal American in 1982 and was later sports editor of the Santa Rosa Press Democrat in California before becoming assistant sports editor for the Seattle Times in 1987 and sports editor of the Times in 2009.

Stone was an HR sportswriter

from 1979 to 1985, beginning a career path that reunited him with Shelton three times. Shelton hired him at Bellevue and Santa Rosa, and Shelton was assistant sports editor of the Seattle Times when Stone was hired to cover the Seahawks. About a year later Stone took over the Times' newly created position of national baseball writer.

Hatton, himself a former sports editor, worked at the Herald from 1982 until retirement in 2010, including 20 years as a city editor and his final two years as editor of the editorial page, where he succeeded longtime editorial page editor Bill Lee, who also attended the reunion. Hatton was sports editor of the Wyoming State Tribune in Cheyenne in 1975-76.

Parker Partners and Priends of the Poundation bringing joy to youth organizations







First person to test the Friends in Tieton development age soccer field.







Chairman Carol Finney (right) presenting a check to members of the YVCC women's wrestling team, back-to-back NCAS champions.



First Brayton/Faller Endowment Fund recipient Tyler Berman with current YVCC Head Coach Ken Wilson.

Mark Clements, Friends In Tieton Project Coordinator, receiving grant check from Grant Allocation Chair Carol Finney.



Chelsey Nill, original Joe Donahue Scholarship recipient.



Kyle Cairns, 2011-2012 Joe Donahue Scholarship recipient.



Photos provided by Yakima Parks & Recreation Department from last years' summer program at Kissel Park.



Grant Allocation Chair Carol Finney (left) presented Leslie Hatton, Yakima Greenway Foundation a check for \$2000.



YES! I want to support parks, youth activities and sports with a donation to the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.

I wish to contribute:	
Parker Partner Individual Membership @ \$25 per year General Foundation The Joe Donahue Scholarship Fund Faller/Brayton Endowment In Memory of Amount \$ Please send information about the June 11, 2011	Special Areas: Parks & Playfields Youth Sports Programs Scholarship History of Area Sports High Hopes Golf Tournament
Parker Store: Items now available High Hopes Print(s) @ \$160 each Pride & Pinstripes, Autographed Book by Mel Stottlemyre @ \$35 each Brayton/Faller Grand Club Bat @ \$1,000 each Golf Hat or Visor w/Parker logo @ \$10 each	Souvenir golf ball w/Parker logo @ \$5 each 2008 golf tournament towel @ \$10 each 2009 Sweatshirts (XL, XXL, XXXL) \$15 each 2010 Golf Polo (Men's L & XL; Women's XL) \$20 each Order Total:
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