

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.



Annual High Hopes Golf Scramble June 8 - Apple Tree Resort

Farnam and Rostvold Help Close an Era as Eisenhower and Davis are Torn Down - By Eric Carlson

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We have High Hopes that everyone will plan on attending our Friday Night Legends Event at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center to meet this year's 2013 Honorary Golf Co-Chairmen Keith Farnam and Gene Rostvold. They are two of Yakima's public-school legends and together have a plethora of youth coaching insights and stories. If you invest time to meet these pioneers you will be greatly rewarded.

Keith taught for 30 years, beginning in 1958. Not only one of my premier teachers, he coached tennis, baseball, softball and basketball at Eisenhower High School during a 25-year span. He accumulated a record of 541-272 and served as athletic director for 10 years at Eisenhower. Gene spent his first five years teaching and coaching in Spokane and the next 11 years, beginning in 1978, teaching at Davis High School. He coached baseball and basketball and served as the Yakima School District athletic director for 13 years. Thank you both for your lifelong commitment to building youth sports in Yakima!

High Hopes golf will be held Saturday at one of the premier golf courses in the Pacific Northwest, the Apple Tree Resort, featuring our 8 a.m. shotgun scramble event. It all begins at the tournament tent with team registrations and check-ins from 6:30-7:30 a.m.; the annual putting contest will begin at 7 a.m. and continue through the event (prizes awarded), and our welcome/call to carts at 7:45 a.m. Our popular putting, strings and mulligans will be available for additional purchase. Team pictures will be taken on the ninth and 18th tee blocks throughout the day and will be available for pick-up later during the post-High Hopes BBQ luncheon and awards ceremony around 1:15 p.m. Extra luncheon tickets are available for your family and friends.

The awards program will recognize our golf contest winners from our team divisions and longest drive, closest to the pin and driver accuracy. Our tournament will break into four groups of Pros, Woes, Women and our popular Youth High School -- hosted by individual and corporate friends of the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation. We are committed to bringing youths into our event to expose them to a great lifetime sport and, more importantly, so you can meet the high quality and character of the young athletes in our community today. Please take the time to encourage them to follow their dreams.

If you can't play this year, please help us sponsor a youth team. We are limited to the first 144 paid entries, so please send us your team information ASAP or call the office at 469-9336. Please make all payments no later than June 1, with checks written to High Hopes - Parker Youth & Sports Foundation (PY&SF).

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



Hello Parker Partners and Friends:

Though your Foundation keeps rolling along in providing assistance to the youth programs of the Yakima Valley, we are taking time to pause and remember Connie Little, who passed away on February 4 in Seattle.

Connie's memorial service will be on March 18, 1-3pm, at the Garden Room of the Yakima Arboretum. Those of us involved with the PY&SF know exactly how much Connie contributed to our efforts, and with much more than dollar donations. Noted author and family historian, Alex Haley, said, "the loss of one of our elders is like the burning of a library", and no truer statement can be made in losing Connie. She was an absolute treasure trove of the history of Yakima. She left many a footprint in the Valley, but none deeper than here in the PY&SF office where the files are full of her pictures and writings about the Parker and Larson family legacies. I encourage you to read our High Hopes column about Connie. We have sent our condolences to her daughters, Roxanne and Renae, and look forward to sharing our memories of Connie on March 18.

GOLF TOURNEY AND LEGENDS REUNION! This annual event is our major fund raiser each year and we ask your consideration to become involved. There is a full range of ways to help, such as playing in the tournament, table sponsors at the Reunion, tournament or hole sponsors, auction item donations, sponsor a team, or volunteering to help at the Reunion or the Tournament. Plenty of information in this High Hopes.

We extend our appreciation to Linda Moore, CEO and Executive Director of the Yakima Valley Community Foundation. Linda attended our Board meeting in February to bring us up to date on the Faller/Brayton Endowment Fund which the YVCF administers for us. The Endowment is now over \$180,000 which is healthy enough for the PY&SF to fund a full NWAACC baseball scholarship at YVCC as well as assist other valley sports programs. Last year, we were able to make a donation to the Yakima Valley Grid Kids from the Endowment Fund.

The PY&SF first Holiday Open House in late November was a huge success. Our sincere appreciation to Jacquelyn Smith of Megalodon Property Management for making arrangements as to the space needed for the open house on the 10th floor, and to building custodian

David Mendez for his assistance during the set up and clean up tasks.

As we go to press during basketball tournament time, it's always a pleasure to see how many of our Parker Partners are involved in assisting tournament officials at the Yakima Sundome. Yakima has a state wide reputation as THE top tournament host, and we are certainly proud to be a part of that recognition.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on June 8 and 9. Get those golf clubs out and start getting ready!

Jerry Ward
President

From the Office



Parker Partners: The Parker Partner membership drive has been completed with the second notice mailing in early January. Membership dues may still be sent – dues that help offset the office expenses.

Parker Partners Mel Stottlemeyer and Spud Edmondson have been dealing with health issues this winter. Our best wishes go out to them and anyone else who might be experiencing health issues.

Connie Little: There is a big hole in our community with the passing of Connie Little. Connie was instrumental in our foundation's coming alive in 2004 when she, Bill Faller, Jim Scoggins, Nancy Kendrick, Nancy Leahy and Joe Donahue met to revive Parker Youth & Sports Foundation. Connie's daughter Roxanne wrote a fantastic story about her life – reprinted with permission on page 6-9.

Donation: Parker Partners and owners of Ron's Coin & Collectibles of Yakima, Joe and Kathy Mann recently donated 4 football and 4 baseball display cases for autographed balls. Jon Kitna, Central Washington University and Seattle Seahawks quarterback, autographed the footballs for use by the Sports Legends Reunion Committee. Next in our sights is retired Seattle Mariner Edgar Martinez, who is rumored to be coaching in the Upper Valley. What we go through for you, our fans!

Grant Scoreboard

The Grant Allocation Committee interviewed a representative from First Tee of Yakima and the Yakima Parks & Recreation Department February 20. The interview process allows members of the committee to ask clarifying questions about the requests.

Requesting Organization	Purpose of Request	Amount To be Proposed to the Board
First Tee of Yakima	Golf equipment for SE Community Center Summer program/Yakima Parks & Rec drop-in program	\$3,200
Yakima Parks & Recreation Dept.	Summer youth program equipment, participant gifts and staff expenses	\$2,000

Roll Call

Parker Partner Renewal

Thank you to those of you who continue to support the foundation by renewing your Parker Partner membership. The 76 people listed below are joining the 102 Parker Partners listed in the Fall issue of our High Hopes newsletter, for a total of 175.

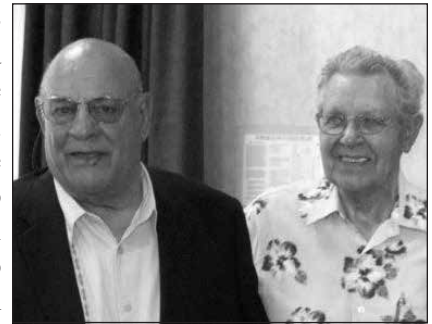
<i>Bob & Michele Alexander</i>	<i>Al & Pat DeAtley</i>
<i>Barbara Amstutz</i>	<i>Bill Dolsen</i>
<i>Bill & Adrienne Baker</i>	<i>Bill & Sally Douglas</i>
<i>George Benedetti</i>	<i>Steven Evert</i>
<i>Ralph & Diane Berthon</i>	<i>Virginia Faller</i>
<i>Larry & Deanna Book</i>	<i>Carol Finney</i>
<i>Marla Borton</i>	<i>Parker Garland</i>
<i>Dorothy Brink</i>	<i>Tom & Karen Garrison</i>
<i>Dr. Terry & Cordelia Brown</i>	<i>Paul George</i>
<i>Matt Burton</i>	<i>Jeff Girard</i>
<i>Ken Crockett</i>	<i>Ron & Heidi Hamamoto</i>
<i>Don & Shirley Crook</i>	<i>Michael Havnaer</i>
<i>Ellwood & Arla Crosier</i>	<i>Chuck & Debbie Hinckley</i>
<i>Steve & Cheyrl Dale</i>	<i>Hap & Mary Johns</i>
	<i>Sam Karr</i>

Jim & Nancy Leahy
Eleanor Lewis
Robert & Margaret Masterman
Larry & Jennifer Mattson
Sam McIlvanie
Hal & Mary Miller
John Moran & Dagmar Schnader
Mark Needham
Scott Parker & Karen Koonce
Chris Pearson

Del Rankin
Don Rasmussen
Jerry Ryan
Tony & Joyce Sagare
Walter Schlagel
Janet Shaw
R. Keyes & Kay Smith
Richard Smith
John & Joan Sousley
Gary & Mary Lou Staples
Roxanne Trees
Charles & Gloria Weedon
Jim Whiteside

Faller/Brayton Endowment

As the endowment fund climbs over the \$180,000 mark, people continue to contribute to the legacy of Bill Faller and Bobo Brayton through the awarding the



YVCC Baseball Coaches Award. The third recipient of the award was **Reid Martinez**, returning outfielder.

<i>Gene & Denise Connor</i>	<i>The Renecker Family</i>
<i>Bill & Sally Douglas</i>	<i>Fund of the Oregon</i>
<i>Steven Evert</i>	<i>Community</i>
<i>Virginia Faller</i>	<i>Foundation</i>
<i>Daryl & Sherrie Parker</i>	<i>Jerry Ryan</i>
<i>Chris Pearson</i>	<i>Richerd Smith</i>



Joe Donahue Memorial Scholarship

The Slo-Pitch Joe Donahue recipient Paige Albrecht is having an outstanding year at YVCC. She plays on the women's basketball team while managing her studies and work study hours in the athletic department. Joe also has faithful donors.

Ellwood & Arla Crosier *Daryl & Sherrie Parker*

Memorials

Keeping special people in our thoughts, thank you for remembering the following people:

In memory of **Paul Dillon**, native of Yakima who was an outstanding athlete and beloved family man.

Larry & Deanna Book



In memory of **Doug A Deaver**, son of Duffy Deaver a local athlete who played football at Eisenhower and Sunnyside. Duffy would go on to play football at Weber State in Ogden, Utah.

Gary Hansen



In memory of **John "Dick" Borton**, local orchardist, who managed the warehouse side of the family business, avid amateur ham radio operator and golfer. Lived 100 active years.

Marla Borton

In memory of **Ethel Finney**, mother of PY&SF board Member Carol Finney, homemaker and member of a ladies church group that quilted, served at weddings and funerals for the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, WA.

*Virginia Hays
Melba Strand
Jerry Ward*



In memory of **Connie Little**, local champion of the history of the Yakima Valley, including the Larson family and member of the Parker Partners family. For a wonderful story of her life, refer to page 8.

*Virginia Hays
Daryl & Sherrie Parker
Jerry Ward*



General Donations

Thank you for thinking of the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation when you make your decisions of financial support to groups.

Dave Benedict

Marla Borton

Al & Pat DeAtley

Jim Dwinell

Ron & Heidi Hamamoto

Michael Havnaer

Eleanor Lewis

Larry Mattson

Sam McIlvanie

Hal & Mary Miller

Mark Needham

Daryl & Sherrie Parker

Stephen & Pamela

Stokesberry

Parker Store: Items now available

_____ High Hopes Print(s) @ \$75 each

_____ Pride & Pinstripes,
Autographed Book
by Mel Stottlemyre
@ \$35 each

_____ Brayton/Faller Grand
Club Bat @ \$1,000
each

_____ 2010 Golf Polo (Men's
L & XL; Women's
XL) \$20 each

_____ Golf Hat – Hunter
Green w/Parker
logo @ \$10 each

_____ Souvenir golf ball w/
Parker logo @ \$5
each

_____ 2012 PY&SF Coffee
Travel Tumbler @
\$10 each

_____ 2009 Sweatshirts (XL,
XXL, XXXL) \$15
each



Order Total: _____

First Open House a Success

In the spirit of the Christmas Season, 2012, the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation hosted our first Holiday Open House on Thursday, November 29, at the office on the 10th floor of the historical A. E. Larson Building.

In another first for the seven year old Foundation, not only did we award grants to three local youth programs as a result of the normal "grant application" process, but the Foundation initiated a Christmas Gift program. The gift this first year was a donation of \$200 to each of ten different youth programs with hopes that the gifting program will grow in the years to come.

The Holiday Open House ran from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. with over 100 guests attending. Historical valley sports pictures and memorabilia were on display and traditional holiday punch and Christmas cookies were enjoyed by all.

GRANTS WERE AWARDED TO:

- Yakima Greenway for Kiddin' Around program, \$1,500
- White Swan Arts and Recreation Committee for a skateboard park, \$2,500
- Union Gospel Mission for the Madison House Soccer programs, \$3,000



L to R: White Swan Skate Park and Yakima Greenway Foundation recipients.

\$200 DONATIONS TO:

- Cascade Volleyball
- East Valley Elite Wrestling
- First Tee of Yakima
- Southeast Community Center
- Team Yakima Volleyball
- West Valley Little League
- Yakima Police Athletic League (PAL)
- Yakima Rotary for Franklin Park
- YVCC Softball
- Yakima Youth Soccer

See more photos on page 6.



L-to-R: Millie Stenjem with Kelli Robbins, Coordinator of Student Life and former YVCC basketball player and coach, and Niki Hopkins, YVCC Coordinator of Community Relations.



L-to-R: Parker Partners and retired YVCC instructors Bob McCutcheon and Millie Stenjem with Jim Scoggins, former Sports Editor at the Yakima Herald-Republic and former Parker Youth and Sports Foundation board member.



One of two boards filled with sports memories in the Yakima Valley – part of the historical collection in the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation office – room 1009 - come and visit.



L-to-R: Parker Youth and Sports Foundation board members Spud Edmondson and Sam Karr surround former PY&SF President Steve Dale.



L-to-R: Parker Youth and Sports Foundation board members Spud Edmondson and Jon Mulvenon surround Michael Broadhead, president of Central Valley Bank and a Parker Partner, has been a hole sponsor of the High Hopes Golf tournament for the past seven years.



L-to-R: Bill Faller, former president of Parker Youth and Sports Foundation, with Tom Parry, legendary Central Washington University football head coach and the 2012 Honorary Chairman for the High Hopes Golf tournament, share memories with Lynn Ward, Parker Partner and member of the Sports Legends Reunion sub-committee.



L-to-R: Spud Edmondson presenting a \$200 check to the Southeast Community Center members as a part of the Pro-Active Giving program instituted by PY&SF in November.



L-to-R: Jon Mulvenon and Jim Kennedy, retired referee and Highland High School athletic booster, with Honorary Director and past PY&SF Treasurer Nancy Leahy.



L-to-R: Members of the White Swan Community Skate Park receiving a grant of \$2,500 with members of the Yakima Greenway Foundation receiving a grant of \$1,500 with other community groups receiving a \$200 Pro-Active Gift.

Sports Legends Reunion to Honor Local Coaches/Facilities and Pioneer Women Athletes

The Sports Legends Reunion Committee has met and started planning a special evening on June 7.

Members of the committee are Louise Adams, Trudy Bray, Tom Garrison, Virginia Hays, Brenda Moore, Mel Moore and Jon Mulvenon. The committee hopes to match or exceed the \$16,000 netted last year.

Tickets are the same price as last year: individual tickets \$25 and tables for eight \$200. We have sold tables already – great way to spend time with friends.

Returning to kick off the night with music while guests mingle will be cellist Christy Baisinger. Our traditional silent auction will provide some interesting items. See the agenda below.

The evening will feature Honorary High Hopes Golf Tournament Co-Chairmen **Keith Farnam** and **Gene Rostvold**. With the demolition of Davis and Eisenhower gymnasiums, it is appropriate to take time to honor the memories made in those gyms while anticipating making new memories on the courts and fields of the new facilities.



Mary Sherar Johns

Honored guests **Betty Baker** and **Mary Sherar Johns** were leaders in the softball, tennis and golf worlds of our valley.

Dave Ettl has been asked to return as the master of ceremonies with R.L. Heaverlo agreeing to return as the live auctioneer.



Carol Finney, former Eisenhower fastpitch coach and member of a Yakima women's fastpitch team during the 1960's (Webb Cats) sharing softball memories with legendary athlete/coach of several local women's traveling teams during the 1950-60's.

Mel Stottlemyre has committed to returning with more New York Yankee autographed baseballs. Jon Kitna, former Central Washington University and NFL quarterback, has already signed a football. We anticipate two-day getaway travel opportunities as well as a new Samsung digital camera to spice up the live auction.



Jon Kitna

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center (North First Street, Yakima)

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Social, silent auction bidding & 50-50 raffle

6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Dinner, dessert raffle

- Introduction of attendees/past honorary chairmen & honored guests

7:15 – 9 p.m. Program – to include:

- Live auction
- Presentation of Honorary Chairmen Keith Farnam and Gene Rostvold
- Presentation of honored guests Betty Baker and Mary Sherar Johns
- Presentation of Contributor of the Year, Parker Partner of the Year, YVCC Baseball Coaches Award, Joe Donahue Memorial Scholarship recipient

7:30 p.m. Silent auction closes

9:00 – 9:30 p.m. Closure – Time to visit and finalize auction item purchases

**Be a part of creating memories,
seeing friends.**



Join the group for a fun evening June 7.



Legendary New York Yankee Mel Stottlemyre brought 5 autographed baseballs to last year's event netting the foundation over \$6,000. He has made plans to return with more this year.

8 Historical Section

Constance E. Little

Editor's note:

The story of Connie Little was penned by her daughters Roxanne Trees and Renae Roberson. Printed with permission of the family.



‘Whatever you are, be a good one.’

– Abraham Lincoln

We say a reluctant good-bye to a remarkable mother, sister, friend, colleague, and community leader. Constance Elaine (Fjellman) Little, age 90, died peacefully on February 4, 2013, in Seattle at Shoreline Health Care & Rehab, after a brief illness, with family at her side. She moved to Seattle from Yakima in 2011.

Born April 16, 1922 in Evanston, IL to Les and Elaine Fjellman, she grew up on a farm near Lynden, WA. It was hard work tending a huge garden, over 1000 chickens, and supporting the family business, Acme Poultry Company, as well as daily milking of several dairy cows, and watching over her brothers and sisters. Summer jobs included picking strawberries, raspberries, and beans. Fun activities included going into the woods to pick blackberries, mushrooms, and trillium flowers, looking for 4 – leaf clovers, playing kids’ games, and swimming at Wiser Lake. At age 14, she played piano for the Wiser Lake Methodist Church. She vividly remembered her 16th Birthday – a big celebration at her home with all the classmates, family, and neighbors. Connie and her long-time friend, Yoneko (Amano) Kanetomi, won the local 4-H Dollar Dinner contest in Whatcom County and travelled to the Yakima State Fair as finalists. Connie later attended WSU’s State 4-H Conclave. She was a high school leader. When asked, her Meridian High School classmates nudged her to represent them and present their ideas to the principal and teachers -- ‘because (they said) she knew big words.’ Several classmates and her brother, Bob, said they remember how she tutored them and took time to help them learn. At a later high school reunion, one student said she wouldn’t have graduated without Connie’s help. Connie played volleyball and basketball, worked on the newspaper, sang in a trio with her sisters Alice and Marilyn (like the Andrew sisters), and was chosen as her class valedictorian, graduating in 1940 from Meridian High School.

After high school, she attended Western WA University, and worked part-time at the Chuckanut Shell, a previously well-known restaurant south of Bellingham, WA. Connie said, “I walked down the railroad tracks to get to work and got the job because I was the only applicant who knew how to milk their cow”. Prior to WWII, she worked for the US Army at Paine Field, and then enlisted in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC). At her swearing in, the sergeant delivering the oath was looking intently at her, got distracted, and had to start over. It must have been those intensely beautiful blue eyes and that long blonde hair. She spent time in military service in GA and MA before moving to Chicago to work at Eastman Kodak copying V-mail. She says she got that job because she had studied chemistry. The roar of WWII plane engines reminded her of past storekeeper assignments on military air bases, where she often had to walk the base and look in hangars to locate missing airplane parts. During one such search, President Harry Truman, who was also touring the base at the time, waved at her from a staff car. In 1944, she returned to Bellingham and married Royal G. Little, her high school sweetheart, with whom she had two daughters.

Soon after, their young family moved to Yakima so Royal could attend Perry Trade School. Connie had several jobs including the City of Yakima Police Department, Juvenile Probation Office, and Social Security Office. She likely moved into those positions due to her previous security clearance at Eastman Kodak, along with a reputation for maintaining privacy, distancing herself from any compromising relationships, and confidentiality. She attended Yakima Valley College, earning an Associate Degree. As a working Mom, she was a great role model for balancing work and family. Connie often said, “We came to Yakima for two years. Sixty years later we were still there!”

Over the years, the family had numerous hobbies. For several years Connie followed Royal as he raced stock cars at local speedways up and down the Yakima Valley. They had several boats which allowed the family to experience weekend camping, boating, hiking, and fishing adventures as far as they could go – and still return on time before going back to work or school. A jeep gave the family ways to escape to the local mountains and high meadows for picnics and fishing. The family attended some of the first Gold Cup Races, tied up to the log boom in Lake Washington. They also tried their hand at salmon fishing in Puget Sound, Westport, Twin Rivers, and Ilwaco. Water skiing and time spent with multiple families and relatives provided great memories. The family looked forward to the

annual huckleberry picking trip, but thought each berry was likely worth 'a dime each', and joked that these would be saved, and only served for the most special occasions. Other memorable outings included Lopez Island, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Yellowstone Park, the Oregon Coast, and Vancouver Island. Connie and Royal did a lot of hunting in their early years, filling the family larder with venison. Although Connie didn't do much of the shooting, Royal could thank her for wearing the squeaky leather boots which seemed to capture the listening ears of a wary elk or deer. At the very moment they raised their head, Dad usually got off a great shot. In later years, Connie enjoyed special memorable trips in Oregon and Idaho, hunting with family, spending time with Renae, holidays and visits in Seattle, family outings and reunions, and events at Sandy Point and Bellingham.

Connie wore many hats. She had her own press badge for Yakima, WA civic and city hearings and local events, often making video records of the proceedings. A long-time contributor to the Yakima Herald Republic, many residents applauded her 'to the point' letters to the editor. She edited two books and wrote two books. 'The Borrowing Book' was co-written with her daughter, Renae. 'Towhead Tales' was the story of her Swedish and Polish family roots and the simple life of the small, rural farming community of Lynden, WA, which lies between Bellingham and the Canadian border. She was a volunteer for the 'Book-a-rama', was Davis High School PTSA president, a 4-H leader for ten years, and a YCTV videographer, producing over 180 videos for public access television. She was a member of the Nordic Heritage Museum (Seattle) and the Yakima Genealogical Society, Agriculture Museum, and Yakima Valley Museum. She was an activist for clean water, fire service, and historic preservation. She championed annexation of her region to the City of Yakima and its inclusion in a Fire District. She also lobbied to maintain the school name for Ruth Childs School, and to save historic buildings. She was the Newsletter Editor for many groups. For a time, she was Meridian High School alumni chair. She lobbied for (Vocational) Career and Technical Education (CTE) as important skills all students should know and be able to do. Known as the 'Tunnel Lady', Connie promoted a Snoqualmie Pass 'all weather highway', following up on original plans for a proposed tunnel through the mountains when the road was built in the late 1940's. Many of her local legislators and government officials knew her on a first-name basis. She also researched the (Yakima) Parker-Larson family and was a founding board member for Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.

Connie won numerous awards and honors, including

YCTV awards for video programs. During the 8th Annual National Women's History Week, she was recognized as one of the influential women who made contributions to City of Yakima and the Yakima valley. In 2010, she was recognized and received the WA-ACTE President's Inspirational Award, by her daughter Roxanne, then outgoing WA-ACTE State President. She and Royal were honored as 50 year members of the National Grange, having belonged to the Birch Bay (Blaine) and Broadway Grange in Yakima. Connie nominated Asahel Curtis for the Washington State Historical Society Centennial Hall of Honor.

Connie and husband Royal G. Little were ardent antique car hobbyists, well known at many northwest antique car events, including swap meets, endurance runs, Canadian and Red Carpet Tours, and parades. Connie often helped plan and carry out fashion shows, programs, and Yakima HCCA, Model A, and Model T tours. They were long-time National and Regional members of the Sea-Tac and Yakima Horseless Carriage Club of America.



Daughter Renae Roberson, author and photographer.

When we think of Connie, certain images come to mind: butterflies, birds (crows and hummingbirds, in particular), pretty cards and saved letters, a bountiful garden, collections (books, Santas, and music boxes), swap meets, long conversations and memories, emails, history, travels, photographs and cameras, generosity, entrepreneurship, ideas, goals, and being there and being included. She loved to wear blue and jewel colors, loved dogs, sunsets and the beach, CNN news, a good glazed donut, meat loaf, caramel corn, baked potatoes, home-brewed Folgers coffee, home made applesauce, and chocolate. She said she would never eat anything that 'swims, hops, or flies.' Connie always had vivid dreams, and was able to recall them easily, often using a Dream Book to analyze their meaning. She observed the generosity given by her Aunt Alice Boho and passed it on without expecting anything in return. With encouragement from her Grandmother Johanna Sophia Bengtsson, she began corresponding with her cousin Gunborg Martinson Wall in Sweden in the 1930's. This resulted in a six generation relationship and numerous visits between our Swedish – American families that continue today. It was her idea to make sure that historical photos and documents were recorded, preserved, and shared. Numerous work sessions resulted in a library of over 3000 Fjellman

family photos. It was also her idea to write several Little Family History books and initiate a Little Family Reunion, one that has endured since 1971 and has brought together family members across the U.S. and Canada.



Connie with Scott Parker and Karen Koonce, at the 2008 High Hopes Tournament.

She lived by the 4-H pledge, using head, heart, health and hands for better service and better living, and also by National Grange objectives, to: serve, grow, influence, and lead. She believed in respect, dignity, competence, honesty, and pride. She always advised others to be business-like and to protect a most valuable asset -- their reputation. She had a keen knack for thinking up an idea and rallying others to support it. Although many people had begun to refer to her as 'cute' (while she had always thought herself to be intelligent and capable), still, she accepted it good naturedly as a compliment, agreeing that there were far worse references to someone her age. She used the words 'countenance' and 'providential'. She liked to be in control, but didn't like to be controlled. Sometimes she had to be reminded not to be so brutally honest, independent, or outspoken. She made peace with those closest to her heart. Unfulfilled wishes included a long hoped for trip to Sweden, a trip across Canada by train, and a trip to Alaska; to have completed her training to be a pilot; to have finished three more books; to have a clear memory restored; to be 'home' and have her husband Royal with her – healthy and well; and to reach age 100 (or at least age 95)! When asked how she wanted to be remembered, she said, 'for kindness.' She will be missed. Peace be your journey, Mom.

Connie was the oldest of seven Fjellman children,

including: Alice (Al) Bedoian (Fresno, CA), Marilyn (Chuck) Mayberg (Seattle, WA), Robert (Nancy) Fjellman (Everett, WA), Maxine (Marvin) Beebe (Birch Bay/ Blaine, WA), Janice Lind (Vaughn) Sherman (Edmonds, WA), and Judy (Rusty Crane) Fjellman (Ferndale, WA). She was preceded in death by her parents, Les and Elaine Fjellman, her husband Royal G. Little, and sisters and brothers-in-law: Alice Bedoian, Albert Bedoian, Marilyn Mayberg, Chuck Mayberg, Marvin Beebe, and Rusty Crane. She is survived by her daughters Roxanne (Dennis) Trees and Renae Roberson; grandchildren Ryan Trees and Stacey Fataua; great grandchildren Sami, Kent, and Emili Fataua, extended family, and many friends.



Connie with daughter Roxanne Trees, whom she shared her life with the last few years.

The "Little" Lady

*With eyes as blue as the Azure Sea,
White locks caressing her face gen'tly.*

*A broad smile interrupts her tireless chat,
Well hidden beneath a colorful hat.*

*An author and producer of historical facts,
Her legend will remain in all of these acts.*

*She may be "Little" but only in name,
You need only look; she's a real dame.*

*No time to dawdle,
She's going full throttle.*

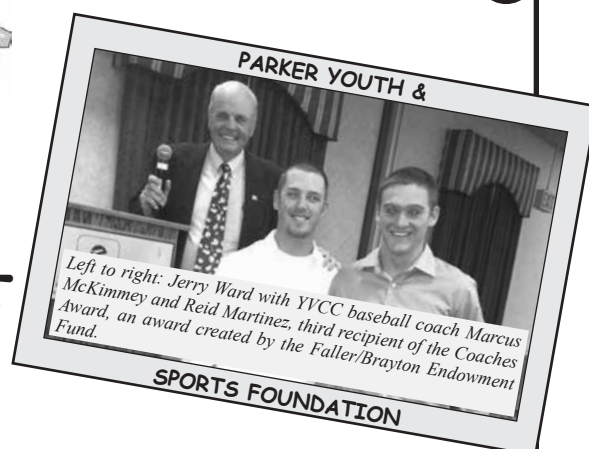
*A Yakima Treasure,
History can't measure.*

by Sherrie Parker

**A memorial service will be
held in Yakima at the
Arboretum Garden Room
March 18 from 1-3 p.m.**

PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION

FALLER/ BRAYTON ENDOWMENT



"Join the Boys of Summer to keep the games going for Yakima youth."

In just five years the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has seen the Faller/Brayton Endowment grow to over \$180,000 with three distributions back to the Foundation in 2010-13 of over \$11,000. The endowment is growing day by day, thanks to the generous donations of our Parker Partners and Friends. We ask that you join us in our annual fund drive to enhance the Faller/Brayton Endowment. The objectives of the Endowment mirror the basic mission of the PY&SF.

Faller/Brayton Endowment Directives:

1. To provide a Northwest Athletic Association of Community College scholarship (the Coaches Award) for a returning (sophomore) baseball player at YVCC.
2. To contribute to the preservation and/or improvement of Parker Field.
3. To provide participation scholarships for young athletes desiring to play on local youth teams.
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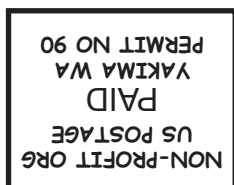
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