

**PY & SF 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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## Season's Greetings!



Dear Friends,

To our contributors, supporters and future donors, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This newsletter may be the first time you have received correspondence from the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation because a director or donor has provided us with your name as a potential contributor or supporter of our mission in the Yakima Valley. (Please note the mission statement to the left.) We would like to review the goals and list our activities and interests as well.

### GOALS of the Foundation:

- Provide, preserve and support parks, public sports and recreation facilities and youth sports programs.
- Preserve the legacies of Shirley D. Parker and Rose B. Larson in safeguarding Parker Field and Larson Park for the parks and recreation purposes intended by those donors.
- 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.
- Promote the history and heritage of sports in the greater Yakima area.
- 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.

### ACTIVITIES and INTERESTS of the Foundation:

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

The Foundation is less than two years old, with 2006 representing our first full year of operation. Our contact and mailing list has grown from 350 to over 1,000. We are growing, and we are proud to be making positive contributions to the community. We hope you will consider joining our “Mission.” Thank you for considering to support or continuing to support the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year from Bob Alexander, Rich Austin, Carol Finney, Bill Faller, Nancy Kendrick, Nancy Leahy, Daryl Parker, Jerry Ward and Scott Wilson, our executive committee.

## 2nd Annual High Hopes Golf Date Set

The PY&SF Second Annual Golf Tournament will take place on May 19, 2007, at Yakima's Apple Tree Golf Course. A 1:30 p.m. shotgun start followed by a 6:00 p.m. buffet banquet tentatively has been scheduled. The golf committee continues planning for possible other activities during the day and evening. The highly successful 2006 tournament revolved around a 'reunion' theme with Pete Rademacher, Chuck Brayton and Mel Stottlemire returning for the event.

A tournament invitation and entry form will be distributed in February. Teams that participated in the 2006 tournament will have their spot reserved until March 1. The tournament will be capped at 144 participants. Players and teams can contact Jerry Ward (509-452-5190 or [Kywywash@aol.com](mailto:Kywywash@aol.com)) if they wish to get a jump on reserving a spot in the tournament field.

The Foundation hopes to provide another successful event, a success due largely to the strong support of local sponsors. The golf committee will be contacting area businesses in December and January to solidify sponsors for the 2007 tournament. Give one of the Foundation's directors a call if you wish to become a sponsor or know of someone that would like to participate.

For Golf Reservations, call  
**Jerry Ward**  
 (509-452-5190) or online at  
[Kywywash@aol.com](mailto:Kywywash@aol.com)



## Foundation Growth Beyond Volunteer Level

With the rapid growth of the PY&SF, the executive committee held a special meeting on November 15 to discuss the feasibility of hiring a full-time or part-time person to assume the primary responsibility of operating the Foundation. The opportunity to consider such a move has been made possible by a sizable donation to the Foundation by an anonymous donor who is supportive of such a position. It was a unanimous consensus to pursue this issue, and a subcommittee of Bob Alexander, Nancy Leahy, Rich Austin and Bill Baker was formed.

It has become apparent that the PY&SF is outgrowing the parameters of what a group of volunteers can reasonably be expected to operate. Ranging from the clerical responsibilities of correspondence with over 1,000 individuals and businesses on our mailing list to an ongoing advocacy role in the community for youth programs and facilities, it is apparent the Foundation needs someone involved on a daily basis or more regular basis with the operation.

The subcommittee will meet during January and February. Interested parties may contact the Foundation if they have suggestions or interests as to the leadership direction the Foundation is studying.

## HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

A GREAT GIFT OF A FINE  
 LIMITED EDITION PRINT

“HIGH HOPES”

“High Hopes” is an original creation by award-winning Yakima artist Don Crook. Commissioned by the Foundation to create a scene representing our mission, Don used old photographs of the original Parker Field and his own memories in his depiction of the grandstands, press box and lights while incorporating youths and their dreams to further convey the purpose of the Foundation. An alumnus of Yakima High School and Yakima Junior College, he played football and baseball on the original Parker Field.

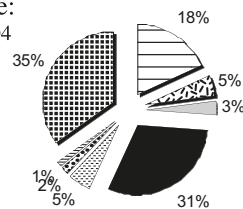
Order in time for the holidays or start off the new year by contacting Jerry Ward at 509-452-5190.



## Parker Youth & Sports Foundation 2006-2007 Budget

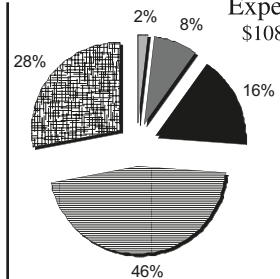
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

Income:  
 \$108,804



- Individual Donations
- ▨ Corporate Sales
- Print Sales
- Special Event - Golf
- ▨ Special Holiday Drive
- ▨ Grants
- ▨ Donahue Fund
- ▨ Reserves

Expenses:  
 \$108,804



- ▨ Administration
- Communication
- Special Event
- ▨ Scholarships/Grants
- ▨ Reserves

## Two Directors Added to the Board - Welcome!

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation voted two community members to be Directors of the Foundation at its annual meeting in October. The new Directors are Gary George and Eric Carlson.

**Gary George** is a longtime Yakima insurance agent and now a licensed real estate agent with extensive experience in business and the military. He established and managed an osteopathic foundation for eight years, and he owned and managed an all-lines insurance agency for 23 years. A graduate of the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School, he served eight years of active duty and was honorably discharged with the rank of Infantry Captain-Airborne.

Gary remains actively involved in community organizations and projects, including:

- Two years as chairman of the Yakima Valley Sports Commission
- Executive Committee of the Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau
- Member of the Washington State American Legion Baseball Commission since 1977, serving as state chairman for 18 years and as a national tournament director for 13 years
- Organizer and first president of Upper Valley American Legion Baseball (Pepsi-Paks)
- Past president of the Selah Chamber of Commerce
- Past board member and general chairman of the Youth Support Campaign of the Yakima Family YMCA
- Member of Yakima Downtown Rotary Club
- Advisory Board member since 2003 of the Salvation Army of Yakima
- Elder and Deacon of First Presbyterian Church

Gary has been recognized for his service to the community as a recipient of the 2003 Ted Robertson Community Service Award, presented by the Yakima Chamber of Commerce, and as a recipient of the 1996 Yakima Family YMCA Service to Youth Award.

**Eric Carlson** brings a sports background as well as leadership experience to the Board.

A graduate of Eisenhower High School, where he lettered in track and field, Eric received an Associate of Arts degree from Yakima Valley Community College and a Bachelor of Arts in history from Central Washington University.

He has extensive experience in volleyball both as an official and as a coach ranging from club and high school teams to the Division I college level.

He was an assistant volleyball coach at Yakima Valley Community College from 1987-93, assisting with scheduling, recruiting, tutoring athletes, coordinating facilities and arranging transportation as well as serving as athletic trainer on road trips. He was an assistant at Washington State University in 1993-94 before becoming head volleyball coach at Bellevue High School from 1994-96. At Bellevue his team won the school's first WIAA Academic Award for Excellence.

Eric held college head coaching positions at St. Martin's (NAIA) in Lacey; at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (NAIA) in Arizona, where he was also assistant athletic director, intramural director, and director of the Yavapai Club (USA Junior Olympic Development Program); and at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (NCAA Division I).

Returning to Yakima in 2001, Eric worked for the sports department at the Yakima Herald-Republic and returned to volleyball officiating. He was selected to officiate in the Class 2A state tournament held in the SunDome in November. He has been a member of the USA Volleyball Association since 1992.

Eric is a member of the Yakima Monday Morning Quarterback Club, serving as president for the past four years. The QB Club sponsored the 18th hole at the PY & SF's inaugural High Hopes Scramble, creating the Joe Donahue Scholarship Fund.

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation welcomes Eric and Gary as directors. We appreciate the time commitment they are making.

## PY&SF Creating a Website

Rich Austin, director of Yakima Sports Foundation and a director of PY&SF, has been developing a webpage for the Foundation.

It is 'under construction,' as the saying goes. The website address is [www.Parkeryouthfoundation.com](http://www.Parkeryouthfoundation.com).

## Show Me the Money - Scholarships and Grant Report

Scholarships and Grant Committee Chairman Carol Finney has provided a brief look at where the Foundation's funds were distributed to support youth sports.

Grants and the amounts were awarded:

1. \$1,500 to YVCC Women's basketball - tournament.
2. \$1,500 to Yakima Pepsi Bears (girls' fastpitch traveling team).
3. \$600 to Elite 13 Youth Baseball - tournament.

Legacy and Facilities Grants were awarded to:

1. \$3,000 to Yakima National Little League - development of a new field and press boxes on current field.
2. \$7,500 to Rotary Trust - designated Kiwanis Park youth ball fields.

The executive board and directors have budgeted \$25,000 towards scholarships, grants and legacy awards for 2006-07 contingent on our fundraising efforts.

For more information about the scholarships or grants, contact Carol Finney for an application form at 509-966-4892 or by e-mail at [cfinner@charter.net](mailto:cfinner@charter.net).

# PARKER

## YOUTH & SPORTS

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

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

\$50     \$100     \$250     \$500     \$1,000     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please use my gift to support:

- The Joe Donahue Scholarship Fund  
 General Foundation       Parks & Playfields       Youth Sports Programs  
 History and Heritage of Area Sports     Scholarship Fund (other than Joe Donahue Fund)  
 In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ High Hopes Print(s) @ \$160 ea. for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am interested in participating in the 2007 High Hopes Golf Tournament

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