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Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Doing Good Work for Kids

By Jerry Ward, Parker Foundation Board

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The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation was formed in 2005 with a primary mission to serve and support Valley youth sports programs and facilities.

Its first grant of \$3,000 went to a girls' softball program and since then more than 27 youth sports programs and facilities have benefited. With the awarding of grants at its 14th Annual Reunion and Golf Tournament in early June, the organization passed the half million-dollar mark in support of sports programs and facilities.

The PY&SF also addresses the history and heritage of sports in the Valley. What better way to remember the sports benefactors and legends of past and present than by memorial scholarships and grants?

This year the Daryl Parker Memorial Award of \$10,000 was presented to the City of Mabton in

memory of Mel Stottlemire, funds to be used toward a Mel Stottlemire ballfield. The Yakima Valley Grid Kids Association received a \$4,000 grant in memory of Don Crook, the nationally known western artist of Yakima who was an advocate for youth sports. The Foundation's Faller-Brayton Endowment has grown to \$500,000, which has funded numerous sports programs and specifically the Joe Donahue Scholarship at YVC and the Ron Pearson Award to Yakima Youth Baseball. The YMCA building project has received \$20,000 from the Endowment over the past three years.

The Parker group is deep rooted in the Yakima Valley dating back to 1878 when the Parker family migrated from Nebraska to Yakima City. Yakima has reaped philanthropic benefits via the marriage of the Parkers and Larsons in 1889, resulting in Valley landmarks that include Parker Baseball Field

(now Parker Faller Field), Larson Park and Yakima Valley College built on land donated by these families. Daryl Parker was the primary benefactor to establish the Foundation in 2005 with a purpose to assist young people in pursuit of their sports dreams, a goal that parallels his father's in the 1930's when Shirley Parker



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Parker Foundation Awards Grant to First Tee Program



First Tee participants and staff were on hand for the presentation.

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has presented a check for \$2,000 to The First Tee of Central Washington youth golf program.

First Tee not only teaches the skills of golf to young people between the ages of 5 and 18, but also promotes physical, emotional and social well-being. Area program sites include Suntides, Mt. Adams, Fisher and River Ridge golf courses, plus the Henry Beauchamp

Community Center Park and also Three Lakes Golf Club in Wenatchee.

As young people learn to golf, an emphasis is placed upon developing "honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment," according to First Tee information. The First Tee program spans all 50 states and some international locations.

The Parker Foundation is proud to help sponsor this fine youth sports program!

It's Been A Very Good Year!

As the end of 2019 approaches, it's inspiring to look back at all that the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has accomplished, with your support.



Dan Williams

On the front page of this issue of High Hopes, board member Jerry Ward reminds us of the progress that our Foundation has made since 2005. In this issue, we acknowledge many of you who have made our dreams a reality, including your help with our record-setting spring golf tournament. You'll also read about our donation to the First Tee golf pro-

gram for youth and our scholarship awards to outstanding young athletes. We even loaned items from our memorabilia to a recent Smithsonian Institutes display in Tieton.

Everything we do to help young people and area sports programs ultimately comes back to you, our generous supporters. Please consider using the enclosed envelope to help us move forward into the new year, reaching out to more and more of the young athletes who will be our leaders of tomorrow.

We'd love to have you attend our annual meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 9 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Yakima. And, in this issue, you'll also find useful information to consider if you would like to become a member of our board of directors - or, if you would like to submit a request for a grant or scholarship for a deserving young athlete or sports program.

We are so grateful to have you in our "cheering squad"! Together, we can continue to accomplish great things for our communities.

Dan Williams
PY&SF Board President

Fall Office Report

By Darlene Olmstead



Darlene Olmstead

It has been a summer of desk work in the office. Time has been spent on follow-up and communication from the High Hopes golf tournament and the Sports Legends Reunion Banquet.

We are busy planning our annual meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn here in Yakima on October 9. We would like to have a count of attendees to ensure that we have proper accommodations. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Attendees will be able to order no-host food and beverages from a selected menu. Please let us know if you plan to attend. We encourage you to join us. We also encourage you to consider serving on our Board of Directors (see related article on board responsibilities).

Office Financial Report 2018-19 Fiscal Yr. Income:-

Donations and Memorials	\$ 12,509.00
Faller\Brayton.....	28,000.00
Net Income (HH Golf Tournament)	
.....	10,820.44
Net Income (SLR Banquet)	16,901.70
Interest Income	6.87
Other Income	0
Total Income	\$ 68,238.01
Cost of Goods (Grants)	- 43,979.03
Operating Expenses.....	-25,432.79
Net Income.....	\$ -1,173.81
Investment Income.....	25,393.34
Net Income.....	\$ 24,219.53

How To Apply for Grants and Matching Funds

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is dedicated to the support and preservation of parks, sports facilities and athletic programs in the greater Yakima area. We are pleased to provide grants for deserving programs, to further this goal. We also offer an additional Matching Funds Grant to encourage local sports organizations to hold fundraisers. This latter grant will match an organization's fundraiser income up to \$1,000, until the funds are depleted.

Please check the Foundation's website at www.parkeryouthfoundation.com for grant application forms and information on application periods.

Remember to: include a copy of your current Washington State non-profit certificate and the front page of your latest 990-tax report; complete the grant form and supply all of the proper signatures; include specific details of the purpose and objectives of the project/activity; explain how this activity relates to the values of the youth involved; and attach an organizational budget for the current year. Return your completed form to: Jon Mulvenon, Grants Chairperson, Parker Youth & Sports Foundation, P.O. Box 1311, Yakima, WA 98907. For questions, call (509) 469-9336 or email info@parkeryouthfoundation.com. A 15- to 30-minute interview will be scheduled for qualified applicants with the Grant Committee.

How The Parker Foundation Board Functions

The board of directors of the nonprofit Parker Foundation takes its responsibilities very seriously. We focus on raising money, developing area contacts and serving as community ambassadors. We also make sure to protect public interests, ensure our compliance with legal requirements and do periodic evaluations of our performance, all in keeping with guidelines outlined in bridgespan.org.

Our 10 basic responsibilities, as listed by bridgespan.org include: determining our mission and purpose; selecting a chief executive; supporting and evaluating the chief executive; ensuring effective planning; monitoring and strengthening our programs and services; ensuring that we have adequate financial resources; protecting our assets and providing proper financial oversight; building a competent board; ensuring legal and ethical integrity; and enhancing the organization's public standing.

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provided a free Thanksgiving dinner to more than 500 children in Yakima.

The dedicated and hardworking volunteers of PY&SF have built a solid foundation of assets and investments to ensure "in perpetuity" that a minimum of \$40,000 per year, at this time, will be dedicated to the support of youth sports pro-

grams, with reason to believe that this figure will go much higher with the continued support from our community. PY&SF has a permanent office in the Larson Building with a part-time office manager for nine hours a week.

Thank you, Parker Youth & Sports Foundation. You folks are doing very good things for our Valley.

You're Invited!
PY&SF ANNUAL MEETING
Wed., Oct. 9, 2019
Hilton Garden Inn
5:30 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting

Three YVC Students Win PY&SF Awards

The Parker Foundation is pleased to announce the award of three scholarships to deserving young athletes in our area.

Co-recipients of the 2019-20 **Joe Donahue awards** are **Adriana Gonzalez** and **Aquileo Orellana Garcia**. Adriana is a sophomore at Yakima Valley College this fall, participating in the women's soccer program. She had a standout freshman season, started 16 matches and was named to the All NWAC Eastern Region squad as a center back. She has volunteered with the Special Olympics of Yakima, and was named to the YVC Dean's List recently with a 3.67 GPA. Adriana hopes to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Phlebotomy and one day become a physician's assistant. Aquileo began his freshman year at YVC this fall. A native of Honduras, he adjusted to academic life in Yakima, earning a 3.81 GPA in studies at Davis High School. He has

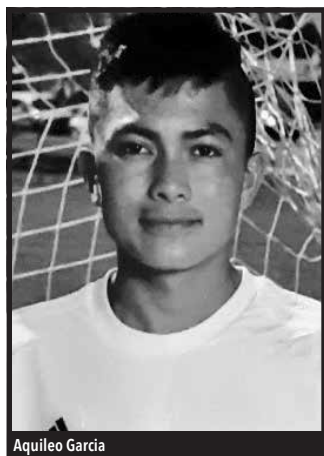
worked a variety of jobs to help support his family, and played soccer in his junior and senior years at Davis. Aquileo's future goals include receiving an Associate's degree at YVC, then transferring to a four-year university to earn a degree in Civil Engineering.

The 2019-20 **Brayton-Faller award** recipient is **Connor Coballes**. Connor is a sophomore at YVC. This past spring, he was a Second Team All East Region infielder and an East Region Gold Glove infielder for the Yaks. He also was named overall NWAC Gold Glove Second Baseman. He is described by Head Coach Kyle Krustangel as "... a quality player ... (and) even better leader and teammate."

Congratulations to these three outstanding young athletes!



Adriana Gonzalez



Aquileo Garcia



Connor Coballes



A display of Rademacher photos.

Pete Rademacher Memorabilia Included in Tieton Sports Display

Several items from the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation historical files and collections were included in a recent sports exhibit at the 601 Gallery in Tieton. These keepsakes joined primary exhibit items in a Smithsonian Institutes traveling display entitled, "Hometown Teams - How Sports Shape America."

Parker's items featured memorabilia for area boxer Pete Rademacher, including a portrait, photographs, and poster from Rademacher's 1957 bout with Floyd Patterson for the heavyweight championship. There was even a summary video of the championship fight, featuring a knockdown of Patterson by Rademacher.

It was great to have our area boxing star included in this Smithsonian presentation!

Thank you to these generous businesses, professionals and individual contributors for supporting the June 2019 Yakima Sports Legends Reunion!

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Gold Medal Business Champion Announced

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has named **Central Washington RV** as our 2019 Gold Medal Business Champion of Youth Sports.

Thank you, Central Washington RV, for your years of financial support and participation in the High Hopes Golf Tournament. You have helped to make sports more accessible to young people of the Yakima Valley. We honor your legacy and commitment to youth athletics!



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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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