

**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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**LeAnn Leahy Named First Executive Director for Parker Youth & Sports**

*Parker Youth & Sports Takes BIG Step Toward Community Service with Full-Time Hire*

Effective March 1, LeAnn Leahy officially started work for the Parker Youth & Sports Foundation as the first executive director for the nonprofit organization. Mrs. Leahy was formally introduced to the public at a March 28 press conference and reception appropriately held in the Parker Room on the Yakima Valley Community College campus. LeAnn is hard at work in the Foundation’s new (also a first) office located on the ninth floor of the Larson Building.

The Foundation was founded in October 2004, and swift growth supporting parks and sports facilities in the Yakima area brought the board to the crossroads. President Bill Faller states, “There are ambitious plans for parks, sports programs and play fields in the Yakima area, and these dreams call for the organization and work of a dedicated administrator and fundraiser. LeAnn is the ideal person to be the director of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation.”

LeAnn has deep roots in Yakima. She was born in Vancouver, Washington, to John and Pat Wane, and the family moved to Yakima while she was still a young child. She attended Whitney Elementary, Wilson Junior High and Eisenhower High School. LeAnn graduated from the University of Portland with a degree in communication management. She traveled with her husband, Patrick Leahy, throughout the United States while he pursued a professional baseball career. LeAnn has worked in marketing, business video productions, computer software, and in the television industry. For the past four years she has been a pharmaceutical sales representative. LeAnn and Pat are the parents of two young and active children.

Daryl S. Parker, board member and the organization’s founding philanthropist, states, “The work of preserving and building sports programs and facilities is outrunning a volunteer board at this time. A full-time executive director is needed to help build the community plan into the future.”

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*YVCC A.D. Ray Funk (l) with LeAnn Leahy.*

**Bill Pearl — 5 Time “Mr. Universe”**  
 Honorary High Hopes Scramble Golf Chairman  
 See Page 3 Article

## Executive Director's Message

### *First Rites of Spring*

For me, spring is the official start of the new year here in the Yakima Valley. It all starts on the first morning I wake up to the faint thumping of a wind machine doing its job of moving the air around our precious trees and ends with me driving home in the evening watching all the children



chasing soccer balls, learning to hit a baseball or softball for very first time or that little girl with her hair flying in the wind as she swings up and down on a swing set in the park. Then I really start to notice spring, my favorite time of the year, is finally here.

First thing I noticed this morning on my way to work was the picturesque site of iced-over trees in a neighboring orchard. There must have been hundreds, maybe even more, but they were so beautiful this morning. Like good soldiers, who are vital to our economy, they were stoically entombed with a solid layer of ice from top to bottom. On this particular morning, there wasn't a cloud in the sky. As the morning sun poked itself up from the east its early morning rays brought to life the completely iced-over trees. The sun supplied the light, the ice supplied the prism, but the result was a magical drive to work. In a sense, I felt like I was driving in a never-ending rainbow. For me, this is one of the many reasons why I want to raise my children in the Yakima Valley.

The Yakima Valley has awoken from its winter nap and has started the cycle of life again. The iced-over trees, overflowing rivers and children outside running through parks and sports fields. What this brings to me now is how overjoyed I am to be honored with such a position that I will be able to help bring to life all the dreams that every one of you has for the Parker Youth and Sports Foundation. We will continue to build new parks and more sports facilities and support youth programs because a person's childhood should be just as magical as those beautiful icicle trees on a bright sunlit spring morning.

Spring is in the air,

Truly yours,  
LeAnn Leahy  
Executive Director

## PYSF Financial Report April 2007

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In February, the PYSF executive committee approved an amended 2006-2007 fiscal year budget to include an increase in revenue of a designated contribution which funds the new Executive Director position. The budget was also amended to reflect an increase in expenses for the new position. The approved revised Foundation budget for 2006-2007 is \$149,104 in revenue and \$149,104 in expenses.

For a copy of the budget, contact Nancy Leahy at PYSF, P. O. Box 1311, Yakima, WA. 98907.

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### Joe Donahue Scholarship

The Foundation has established a special scholarship in honor of charter director Joe Donahue. Joe was also a director and officer in the original Parker Youth Foundation.

The scholarship recognizes Joe's long service to youth sports, and especially to the Yakima Valley Community College athletic program.

The scholarship is a tuition/work grant of \$2,400 for the 2007-08 academic year at YVCC. It will be awarded to a student planning for a career in health and physical education, athletics, recreation, or a closely related area. Graduates of high schools in the greater Yakima area and all currently enrolled YVCC students are eligible to apply.

Applications have been distributed to all of the high schools within the YVCC district and at the college. The due date for return is May 15.

A scholarship committee composed of Eric Carlson, Joe Donahue, Bill Faller, Carol Finney, Virginia Hays, and Jim Scoggins will review the applications and select one, or more, applicants to be recommended to the Executive Committee for final approval at the June meeting.

Application forms may be obtained by calling the Foundation office at 469-9336, or Bill Faller at 457-6528.

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### 2005-2007 Grant Award Scoreboard

April 8, 2007

\$1,500.....	Yakima Youth Baseball
	Girls Fast Pitch Softball
\$1,500.....	Yakima Valley Community College
	Girls Basketball Program
\$3,000.....	Yakima Little League Baseball, Field Development
\$1,500.....	Yakima Youth Baseball
	Girls Fast Pitch Softball
\$ 557.....	Inaugural Kiwanis Park Baseball Tourney
	U-13 Player Awards
\$4,800.....	YVCC Girls Soccer Program
\$7,500.....	Yakima Rotary Trust — 2006 Award
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\$20,357.....	Total so far . . .



**5-Time Mr. Universe ~  
1950 Yakima High Graduate  
Bill Pearl Returns to Yakima!  
High Hopes Golf Tournament Honorary  
Chairman**

**by Nancy Leahy**

*The circus came to town....a young boy's dream was born...and with years of work, a legend was built.* That town was Yakima, the dream was to be the world's strongest man and the legend: Five-time Mr. Universe, Bill Pearl!

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is very proud to introduce 1950 Yakima High School graduate Bill Pearl as the honorary chairman of the 2007 High Hopes Golf Tournament on May 19. Bill Pearl is a man who broke barriers all of his life and, at the age of 76, continues to live the body-building and fitness lifestyle. He is called a "world premier physique star" and is the most well-known of vegetarian body builders. At his peak as a body builder, when he last won Mr. Universe in 1971, he was 41 years old, weighed 242 pounds with a height of 5'10," and his arms measured 21 inches. He is the

author of over 27 books on body building and fitness, and the titles of four of his books are used to chronicle his life.

**"Getting Stronger" (1986)** He was born on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation near Prineville, Oregon, on October 30, 1930. Bill's family soon settled in Yakima where his father owned a restaurant. The entire family worked long hours, and from an early age Bill had an intense desire to be strong and well-built. He began training at the age of 10 and lifted weights by using cans of green beans and corn as dumbbells and "pressing" sacks full of potatoes.

**"Getting In Shape" (1994)** Bill is recognized as one of the all-time greats of body building. In 1953, Bill took the Mr. Oceanside, Mr. Southern California, Mr. California, Mr. America and Mr. Universe titles all in one year! Bill won Mr. Universe titles in 1953, 1956, 1961, 1967 and 1971. In winning the 1953 title, he beat out a then 23-year-old Sean Connery of "James Bond" movie fame. In addition to body-building work during these competition years, Bill developed gyms, health clubs, and fitness businesses.

**"Keys to the Inner Universe, An Encyclopedia on Weight Training" (1978)** Since the age of 39, Bill's diet has been lacto-ovo vegetarian, which means he eats eggs and dairy products. Bill won his final Mr. Universe title in 1971 at the age of 41, without the use of steroids and as a vegetarian. Writing **Keys to the Inner Universe** was a project that took four years. There are now over 70,000 copies in print!

**"Beyond the Universe – The Bill Pearl Story" (2003)** Bill is renowned as a true gentleman and ambassador of the body-building sport. He has coached more major physique fitness contest winners than anyone else in history. He rises at 3 a.m. to train six days a week and works on his antique automobiles in his spare time. Today, Bill and his wife, Judy, reside in and enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Medford, Oregon.

In the book **Getting Stronger**, Bill states, "Weight training is one of the most versatile of all athletic activities. It is an excellent foundation for improved performance in almost every sport and can be a cornerstone in the development of good health."



Hello Reunion Golfers and Participants,

I am writing to remind everyone of the 2nd annual 'High Hopes' golf tournament on May 19 with a Reunion Social Friday evening, May 18. An invitation was mailed to most of you in early March and you may have already responded. If not, please use this, or the original registration form to do so now. We want to hear from you, even if you cannot attend this year.

We hope you and your foursome(s) will be able to join us for this fund raising, and fun-filled reunion and golfing week-end. This is the Foundation's major fund raising event of the year. The proceeds will be used to support sports facilities and youth programs, and for our special Joe Donahue Scholarship, and other scholarships for student-athletes at YVCC.

Here is a schedule summary:

### **Friday Golf:**

We have tee times, starting at 11 AM, reserved at SunTides golf course for those of you who wish to play both days, or can't play on Saturday. Green fees are \$24, cart is optional. Entry fee will include a ticket for evening event and \$10 for prizes.

### **Friday Reunion Social:**

"Athletic Legends of the Yakima Valley" Social: \$10.00 per

Doors will open at 4:30 for no-host social with Hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction. Program featuring our special guests, Bill Pearl, Bobo Brayton, Pete Radmacher, and Mel Stottlemyre will be from 6:30 to 8:00, followed by more mixing, conversations, and memories.

### **Saturday 'High Hopes' Scramble:**

Registration opens at 11:00 AM with Shotgun start at 1:30 at Apple Tree Golf Course. Joe Donahue putting contest Noon to One. Player entry fee of \$125 includes green fees, 1/2 cart, player package, range balls, and awards dinner

### **Motels:**

Available motel/hotel rooms are very scarce in Yakima for that weekend. The Friday night event is at the Clarion\*\*\*, and we have a few rooms reserved there at \$79 plus tax. Call Kim Hall at 509-576-4932. Tell her you are coming for the PY&SF event. The Sun Country Inn\*\* (509-248-5650) is across the street from the Clarion. Two other possibilities are the Oxford Inn\*\*\*, (ask for Richard Adams for PY&SF rate) 509-248-5650, and Ramada Limited\*\*, 509-453-0391.

Please complete the original registration form or the one on the back of this letter and return as soon as possible. Directions and a receipt will be sent upon request.

On behalf of our Foundation and the golf committee we thank you for your interest and support. We hope you will mark your calendar and join us for this worthwhile and fun event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

PY & SF Golf Committee  
Bill Faller, Team Recruitment

\*Indicates AAA rating.

# RESERVATION FORM

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PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION

## 'HIGH HOPES' GOLF SCRAMBLE

**Score ONE!** (Social) Register Me for the Friday Social Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due: \$10  
(Significant others welcome!)

**Score TWO!** (Saturday Dinner) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due: \$20 ea.  
 I am registering my significant other for dinner.

**Score THREE!** (Me) Register Me: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due: \$125  
(Saturday Dinner included as a part of this package price.)  
My HCP-Index is \_\_\_\_\_, or my average score is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I am registering as an individual. Please assign me to a foursome.  
 I am registering with a team. Please see below.

**Score FOUR!** (Team) Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total due: \$500  
 Register the following (team) individuals for the "FORE Golf & Dinner Package" at \$125.00 per golfer.

Name	Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Handicap or Ave. Score
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

### Score FOUNDATION!

- I am unable to attend but wish to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I designate this donation to the PY&SF in honor of "Slow Pitch" Joe Donahue.
- I will sponsor a foursome at \$500
- I will sponsor a Hole at \$250
- I will sponsor a "Green" or a "Tee" or the Driving Range at \$125.
- I will take a Tournament Program business card size ad at \$50. (Please enclose your business card.)
- Sorry I cannot attend but please keep me on your mailing list for next year.

#### 'HIGH HOPES' Dinner/Awards

Southern BBQ honey fried chicken & BBQ pork ribs Baked Beans Macaroni and Cheese Potato Salad	Soda/Coffee/Iced Tea Chips and Dip Garden Salad Brownies
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**The 17th  
Hole-In-One  
is sponsored  
by Yakima  
Auto  
Dealers**

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> HOLE DEDICATION

The 18<sup>th</sup> Hole is dedicated to PY&SF director, "Slowpitch" Joe Donahue. Joe has put his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday behind him and is still an active and avid sports fan. He is being honored in recognition of his exceptional support of youth sports in Yakima for nearly 60 years.



**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 Donahoe 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

Payment Method:  Check enclosed     Bill my credit card    We accept:  Visa     Master Card

Credit Card # 

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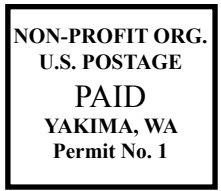
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