

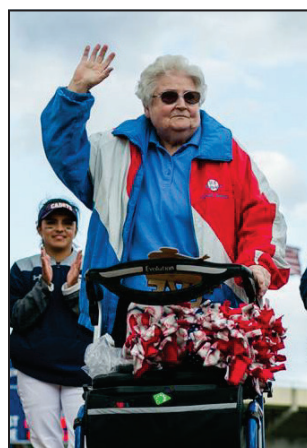
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THE HIGH HOPES NEWS

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Carol A. Finney Donates \$237,000 Endowment to PYSF for Eisenhower Softball First \$9,500 check is Presented to IKE on Valentine's Day!

By Pat Leahy, Parker Youth & Sports Foundation Trustee



To know Carol Finney is to love Carol Finney. She was a joy to be around, and had the perfect balance of enthusiasm, dedication, discipline, love, tough love and the perfect dose of gullibility. The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation honors Carol Finney and her love for her Women's Softball Team.

Carol Finney loved four things: 1. Kids. 2. IKE. 3. Youth Athletics and 4. Her Ike Softball team. Upon her passing, Carol left \$237,000 to Parker Youth & Sports that is exclusively to be used for Eisenhower's Fast Pitch and Slow Pitch Softball. The funds are held by Parker Youth & Sports Foundation in an endowment account called the Carol A Finney Endowment Fund. The fund is managed by Yakima Valley Community Foundation. Every year, on a pre-determined date, a set percent of the endowment is released to Eisenhower Girls Softball. The funds used are in addition to the Yakima School District budget for Eisenhower Girls Softball. It is anticipated spending will be used for additional or extraordinary expenses involved with the upkeep of the softball facilities and field improvements not covered by the Yakima School District. Funds may also be used for program development opportunities for the Softball programs. Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is forever grateful to Carol and to the attorneys who helped facilitate this gift. The check ceremony at Eisenhower included Carol's favorite - and frequently served, game ending treats - punch and cookies. May this unbelievable gift carry on the legacy Carol Finney.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2023 SPORTS GALORE DATES-TIMES-PLACES

SAVE THE DATE!

2023 Legend's Dinner & High Hopes Golf Tournament Set for August 25 & August 26

Appetite UP? Golf Clubs Ready? The 2023 Sports Galore Weekend is already taking reservations for the Legends Dinner and High Hope Golf Tournament!

- The Legends Dinner featuring presentations from Yakima Valley Sports Legends is Friday, August 25th, 5:30-9:00 pm with a cost of \$50 per guest. For fun and fundraising there will be a silent and dessert auction.

- The High Hopes Golf Tournament is Saturday, August 26th, with a 1:30 pm shot-gun tee time. The tournament cost is \$150 per player and \$600 per four player team. Sponsorships are available from \$200 to \$7,500.

The High Hopes Golf Tournament includes a barbecue lunch and is followed by the Trophy Hour reception. More Sports Galore information will be available in the PYSF Spring Newsletter. Proceeds from these events are the funding source for our grants program.

Celebrate Snow! White Pass Winter Carnival Weekend!

Celebrate Dave Mahre! Father of the White Pass Winter Carnival!

By Nancy Leahy, Vice President

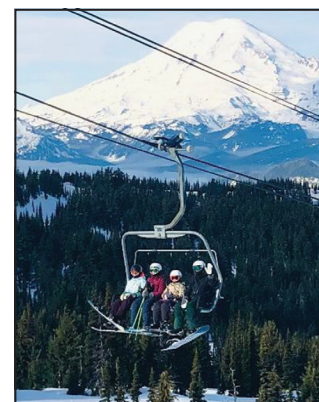
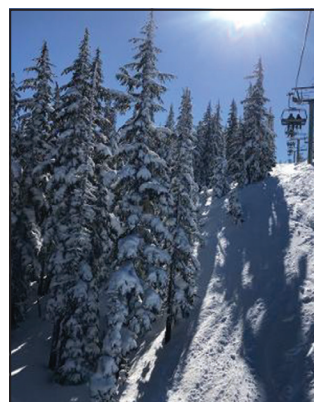
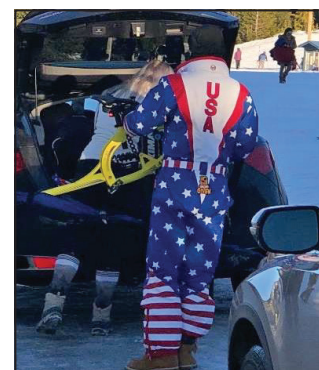
Snow castles, three story high towers, kids obstacle courses, sled races, snow sculptures of dragons-dinosaurs-knights, music, costumed skiers, light shows, evening torchlight parades of skiers and fireworks exploding in the darkened skies - all this and more await guests each year at the White Pass Winter Carnival. This is an event to put on the family-fun bucket list for the first weekend of March.

The Carnival began 35 years ago in 1985 when Dave Mahre built a small play snow castle for his daughter. Dave is the father of Olympic ski medalists Phil and Steve Mahre who grew up skiing at White Pass and are also PYSF Sport Legends in the Yakima Valley.

Each year, an amazing crew of 30 volunteers spends two weeks constructing a massive castle with three story towers, using blocks of snow and ice to build slides, bridges and tunnels. Each year, the castle features tubing and a kid's obstacle course race. While there are traditional activities every year, each year is also a new year with a new theme to ignite the imagination and costuming.

The Carnival castle is open for all guests at no charge to the public. A ticket is required for day and night skiing on the beautiful and well-groomed White Pass runs. Travel time is a short one-hour drive from Yakima on Highway 12 to see this magnificent sight.

Plan to bring warm clothes and plan for an early start to find parking. You will enter a winter wonderland that has become the best, most creative snow festival in the Pacific Northwest! Celebrating snow at the White Pass Winter Carnival will likely become your favorite winter memory!



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WANT TO SEE A BOTTOM LINE YOU UNDERSTAND?

Want every child to have the same opportunities?

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Dear Youth Sports Fans,

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation invites you to become a Parker Partner today! We are blazing the trail for successful youth athletics in the Yakima Valley! In the past 18 years we have achieved unmatched success because of contributions from the community. Once a year we reach out to the community requesting your support of our mission of protecting and strengthening Yakima Valley parks, youth sports programs and facilities. We need your support this year!

The Parker Youth & Sports foundation is a 501-c-3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Please become a Parker Partner by contributing \$30 or more by mailing in a donation envelope or going online at www.parkeryouthandsports.com. You can also become a Parker Partner by making automatic monthly donations and by naming Parker Youth & Sports Foundation in your will.

Every contribution - large or small - improves Yakima Valley youth sports, facilities, and parks!

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GRANTS GALORE!

By Allocation Chairs Ray Funk and Pat Leahy

PLAYGROUND GRANT TO MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY TO BENEFIT YAKIMA YOUTH FITNESS

By Irma Mercado Williams

On October 31, 2022, the board of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation awarded a \$5,500 grant to Yakima's McKinley Elementary toward the purchase of new Playground equipment. The new playground was completed on February 1st, 2023. McKinley Elementary would like to thank Parker Youth & Sports Foundation for their generous gift of \$5,500 to go towards a new playground. Because of this generosity, we know it will make a lasting difference for many years to come for the community, as well as the current and future McKinley students. We look forward to hearing and seeing McKinley students and all children play on their new playground! Thank you so much, Parker Youth & Sports Foundation!



TRAILBLAZING GRANT TO MONDAY QUARTERBACKS FOR SPEAKERS SCHOOLS

The Monday Morning Quarterbacks received a \$2,500 grant from PYSF to give to schools. At each meeting they feature a speaker who enlightens members on sports activities and issues in the schools. The speakers at Quarterbacks will carry appreciation award checks for the sports programs back to the speakers school.



\$2,000 IN SPORTS TOYS GOES TO "TOYS FOR TOTS"

Sponsored by the US Marines and KIMA TV

PYSF and the Yakima Quarterbacks supported Christmas toys for many children this year! Salute the US Marines and Alan Sillence with KIMA TV for sponsoring a program that brings Christmas toys to Children in our Valley! \$2,000 in sports toys were donated to "Toys for Tots". The two bikes, right and LEFT handed baseball mitts, cheerleader dolls, basketballs, yard games, Tonka trucks, dominoes and more wildly fun items were there to please dozens of kids. Thank you Jerry Ward and Sherrie Parker for chairing the "Sports Toys for Tots" drive! Thank you Quarterbacks for your hospitality to our work! Thank you Alan Sillence for providing TV time to air the PYSF toy-story! It was a rewarding holiday season for PYSF and the Quarterbacks creating fun for kids!



Presenting the grant - from left to right: Nancy Leahy - PYSF, Vice President; Commander Kurt Berry; Police Chief Robert Layman; Commander Johnnie Gusby; Charlotte Layman - PYSF Trustee.

A GRANT FOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT HELPS SUNNYSIDE POLICE SUPPORT SPORTS & COMMUNITY SAFETY!

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation (PYSF) awarded the Sunnyside Police Department a \$1,000 grant on March 13, 2023 to purchase outdoor toys and sporting equipment to be used by youth in Sunnyside. The award was presented at the Sunnyside Police Department. The equipment will be used at the various Sunnyside parks where kids go to play. Police Chief Robert Layman of the Sunnyside Police Department states, "We have a productive partnership with our community and a professional approach to law enforcement is vital. As the days get longer and weather gets better, more kids are out playing at our parks. We want to encourage this positive behavior." This grant is for crime prevention, supporting sports and community safety in the city of Sunnyside. Parker Youth & Sports is pleased and proud to award this grant to the Sunnyside Police Department.

PYSF Trustees Welcome Liz Coon to the PYSF Board of Directors!

We appreciate your wonderful work in the community and we look forward to your leadership for our Legends Dinner!

Liz Coon
Yakima, WA
Realtor, Educator
Parent of Four
West Valley HS
Univ. of Washington
Heritage Univ. MA



LEGENDS NIGHT LETTER FROM LIZ

Dear Contributors – Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has awarded financial support to an astonishing 142 youth sport organizations in this sports-rich valley since 2004. In 2022, Parker Youth and Sports granted over \$60,000 for sports facilities, scholarships, programs, equipment, and parks to keep youth program active. We are not finished. We have just begun. Let's take the next step together.

Our goal is attainable, but we need YOU, the public, to achieve it! You can accept this new challenge by committing valuable time to this foundation and supporting the legends who had the vision to create it. This will be the one and only way to ensure our investment as a community continues to withstand the economic changes that can take place.

Every year, the baton is shared by ALL of us – the Board of Directors and beyond – to fulfill the vision of sustainability and growth. There are some great people to remember when deciding how to support youth sports in the Valley. What would Daryl Parker, the Parker Family, Bill Faller, Coach Brayton and Coach Carol Finney do to support kids and get them involved in sports? The answer is they would join, they would serve, and most of all they would come with a giving heart!

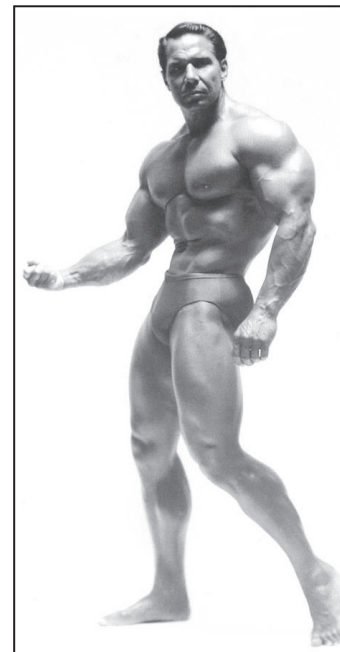
Please join us for a weekend of celebration and golf Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26, 2023. The Legends dinner will be a magical night of heroes and unforgettable memories. The High Hopes Golf Tournament follows the next day bringing exercise and trophies. Even before these events occur, you have an opportunity to show your gratitude with financial support by becoming a sponsor of the Legends Dinner and Golf Tournament. Sponsorship are available from \$250 to \$5,000. All contributions are Tax Free! Any sponsorship level will strengthen youth sports in the Yakima Valley.

Best Sports Day, Liz Coon

A LEGEND LAID TO REST: BILL PEARL REMEMBERED



The board of PYSF sends sympathy to the family of popular Valley Sport Legend Bill Pearl who passed away in Phoenix, Arizona on September 14, 2022. He was 91. Bill Pearl became a 5-time Mr. Universe, earning the Mr. Universe title in 1953, 1956, 1961, 1967 and finally at the age of 41, in 1971. He was honored as a PYSF Valley Sport Legend in 2007. Bill was born on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in Oregon and then grew up in Yakima. He worked long hours in his father's restaurant and began his weight training at the age of 10 by lifting cans of corn and sacks of potatoes. He was a football fullback at Yakima High School and graduated in 1950 with the fabulous '50's class. Bill trained at YMCA with coaching legend Harvey Hunt and while authoring 11 books on health and fitness, he coached more physique stars than anyone else in the world. He was totally dedicated to health and fitness and arose each morning at 4 am for medication and exercise. He was a friendly, respectful, and inspiring Yakima Valley Sport Legend and it is our honor to have known him.



Parker Youth & Sports Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our tax ID number is: EIN: 20-1584691. A copy of our 501(c)(3) letter of determination is available upon request. Parker Youth & Sports Foundation began in October 2004. Over the last 15 years over \$620,500 in grants have been awarded to local parks, Yakima Valley College, school athletics and youth athletic organizations.

News from the Foundation Office

By Darlene Olmstead

This winter there has been valuable time spent on providing new members with information on documented history as well as the goals and mission of our foundation. We welcome Charlotte, Paola, Liz and Vicenté. We were excited to present the Carol Finney endowment award to Eisenhower High School Girls softball program. The presentation ceremony and program was very memorable. A big thank you to Nancy for putting it together.

Donations since Fall 2022 Newsletter are:

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Sherrie Parker

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Darlene Olmstead





Gold Medal Business Champion of Youth Sports

Parker Youth & Sports Foundation
Board of Directors names

LEO ROY at

Roy's Audio Visual
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a 2023 Gold Medal Champion of Youth Sports.

Thank you, Leo Roy, for contributing and participating in the growth of Parker Youth & Sports Foundation for the past 5 years! Leo Roy and Roy's Audio Visual has provided professional audio-visual services for the Parker Youth & Sports Legends events and the PYSF Livestream event during the 2021 Covid year! We could hear, see, and transmit our sports story to fans all over the Northwest thanks to the videographic, video broadcasting and projection skills of Leo Roy and his crew! People cannot contribute to our mission if they don't know about our work and Leo helps ensure people know about our work! Thank you for supporting our mission of giving every child in the valley an opportunity to participate in sports.

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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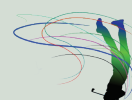
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