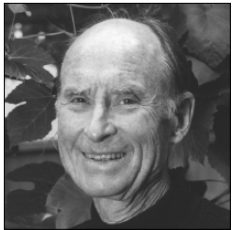


IN TOUCH WITH THE SPOKANE PARKS FOUNDATION

HELPING OUR PARKS GROW

Welcome to the first of our newsletters to update you on the Foundation. *In Touch with the Spokane Parks Foundation* will be printed twice a year. We are starting by introducing our trustees and staff and hope that you will enjoy getting to know us.

BOARD MEMBERS



GEORGE GIRVIN, President. Joined board in 1993.

Retired general surgeon of 47 years. Active in teaching interns & residents at Deaconess and Sacred Heart Hospitals and had a clinical appointment at U of W Medical School. Father of 4 sons, who all were active growing up playing tennis, hiking, sailing and skiing. Currently enjoys gardening, carpentry and forest management.

"The Foundation is important to supplement and assist the park department and board in "growing the parks." The parks are a vital part of our way of life in Spokane. The diversity is unparalleled and continues to evolve."

CAJER NEELY, Vice-President. Joined board in 1999.

Vice-President, Banner Bank. Has lived in Spokane for 22 years. Wife Jamie is the Lifestyle Section Editor for the Spokesman Review and has 2 grown daughters in college. Lives on the lower south hill in the middle of the "Parks Triangle"—Comstock, Cannon Hill and Manito Parks. Hobbies include golfing, GU Basketball and coaching youth basketball.

"Living all of these years in the "triangle" of our city parks has created many memories. Singing Christmas carols at Cannon Hill, sledding at Manito, the Labor Day Concert at Comstock, hundreds of walks with my family...are just a part of the memories I have of our parks. Spokane's parks truly are the signature of our city."



JANE BOWEN, Secretary. Joined board in 1996.

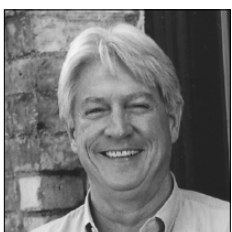
Came to Spokane in 1959 with her husband to start a medical practice and raise her 4 daughters. Family recreation centered on camping, backpacking, skiing and later, white water rafting. After the children were all in school, Jane began a long career in volunteerism and social activism.

"I serve on the Foundation because I believe that parks are a city's greatest asset. To me the quality of life in a city is measured by its parks and open spaces...it is the soul of the city. As our city grows we will need to add parks to new neighborhoods. I envision a Foundation with an endowment large enough to support as well as preserve & enhance our existing parks. A city without parks is only an asphalt jungle!"

RICK BETTS, Treasurer. Joined board in 2003.

A Spokane native, Rick is a CPA and partner at Moss Adams LLP. Rick is the founder of Hoopfest, the largest 3 on 3 basketball tournament in the US that has raised over \$500,000 for Special Olympics and other charities. Has also served on the boards of SEACAB, the YMCA, AAU and is a Spokane Youth Sports Coach. Rick is married and the father of 3 sons.

"Parks are a vital community asset. I grew up swimming, playing baseball and tennis in Comstock Park as a boy. Years later I found my 3 sons enjoying our parks in the same way. Our parks are a big part of the unique Spokane character. I serve on the Foundation board because I believe we must continue to improve the quality of our parks despite the ongoing budget issues in city government."



STEVE CLARK. Joined board in 1999.

Steve is the owner and President of Clark Architects, PS which has maintained a small, diversified architectural practice in downtown Spokane since 1977. Born and raised in Spokane he lived in San Francisco and Anchorage before resettling back in Spokane. He was chief architect/site developer for the Expo 74 World's Fair Corp. and continued after the Fair as a member of the design team for Riverfront Park. Past member of the Spokane Park Board, Steve has been married to his wife Shari for 40 years and has 2 grown daughters and 2 grandsons.

"The Foundation is an important vehicle, helping to provide the continuity of purpose and stable funding sources that can guarantee the permanence and quality of our park legacy for our children, their children and grandchildren and great-grand children. It is a privilege and deeply satisfying to be a part of such a worthy endeavor."



PHYLLIS HOLMES. Joined board in 2004.

Born in Spokane, a graduate of North Central & Whitworth College. Taught school in Simi Valley, CA for 10 years and returned to Spokane with her husband Bob Voris in 1977. Joined Principal Financial Group in 1978. Served on the City Council from 1993 to 2001. Husband Bob is retired and they have 2 daughters who live in Nashville, TN & Auburn, CA. Phyllis says they have wonderful sons-in-law and 3 very fine and respectful teenaged grandsons. Phyllis loves to garden, travel and spend time at their Idaho waterfront cabin.

"I think our predecessors anticipated these budget shortfalls in our charter requirement to fund parks to a certain guarantee. But could anyone have foreseen the degree to which that guarantee would erode as the cost of park maintenance rises and the actual amount of the City's defined general fund has declined? If Spokane is to maintain the jewel by which it often distinguishes and markets itself (its parks system) is must do so on a voluntary and contributory basis. We have an obligation to preserve the legacy we have inherited."

STEVEN L. JONES. Joined board in 1993.

Attorney at Eymann Allison Fennessey Hunter Jones, P.S. with offices in the historic Patsy Clark Mansion. Steven is a graduate of John R. Rogers High School and a former Park Board member who has used and enjoyed Spokane's Parks since 1961. Married to wife Julie, they have a 4 year old daughter, Ali.

"Our parks play a major role in the quality of life we enjoy in Spokane. I believe that the support we collectively give our parks makes life a little better for everyone who lives here."



CHARLIE KETURAKAT. Joined board in 1996.

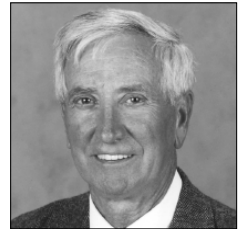
Financial Advisor with Keturakat Asset Preservation Inc./Princor Financial Services. Resident of Spokane for 38 years and a Graduate of Whitworth College. Married to Linda, they have 2 grown children and a daughter entering College this Fall. Charlie is an avid golfer, skier and outdoorsman.

"I wanted to be associated with the Parks Foundation to support the legacy that has been given to us through our wonderful and numerous Park system. The Parks benefit everyone, regardless of ones socio-economic status, age or race. We can't take them for granted, our parks are a Treasure for us all."

FRANK KNOTT. Joined board in 2001.

Semi-retired from the farm equipment business and on the City Council in Fairfield for 15 years. Current VP of the Spokane Parks Board. Married to Sherry Knott, they have 2 grown children who are graduates of Whitworth. Frank loves to travel and play golf.

"I got involved with the Foundation after Ice Storm when we donated money to replant trees. It is important to support the Foundation because of the change in all city budgeting processes. You can make your gift to the Foundation and designate your dollars to support individual preferences to assure programs and venues remain a healthy vibrant part of our community."



CHAS LEITHE. Joined board in 2004.

Retired dentist. Member of many non profit boards and President of most. Enjoys golf, skiing and summer home with his family.

"I serve on the Foundation to help where I can to support its mission of helping to make our parks better. I would hope that the Foundation can increase its endowment and fund projects based on interest, not just needs."

JIM MEYER. Joined board in 1999.

Jim is a partner in a start-up innovative in-line skate company name "Land Roller". Originally from Lake Placid, New York, where he had a successful career in international sports marketing, management and coaching. He is President of Mt. Spokane 2000, the management company currently running Mt. Spokane. Jim has a Ph.D. in coaching and serves on the coaches education committee for the Special Olympics International Headquarters. Jim, his wife Betsy and their 2 sons are avid skiers, sailors and horsemen.

"I believe in the recreational value parks provide for the children and families of Spokane. It is in parks that families can picnic, sled, swim or relax. It is the parks that have the swimming pools so EVERY kid can learn to swim...and therefore, be safe around the hundreds of lakes that surround us. Spokane's parks are a critical aspect of Spokane's quality of life."



DENNIS MURPHY. Joined board in 2005.

President, Heritage Funeral Home. Graduate of Shadle Park HS and EWU. Dennis, our newest trustee, was already serving on our marketing committee. Has also been active in service with The Spokane Jaycees, Rotary 21 and St. John's Cathedral. Dennis collects classic cars, including a 1939 Packard Super Eight, a 1939 Packard Henney Hearse and a 1939 Packard Ambulance.

"I was born in Spokane – my mother's family came here in 1883 from England so have been a part of Spokane my entire life. I feel that a well maintained park system is a key component to a well balanced community environment. In order to have a viable park system it takes money and cash flow. The Foundation is essential to that end by providing the extra revenue needed to maintain and expand what we have in our park system. A clean, well maintained park provides that extra bit of fabric that a community needs in order to bring us together as adults, and more importantly a place for our children to run and just be kids."

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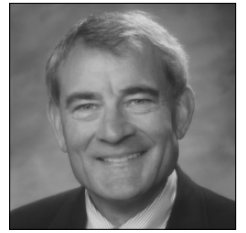
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KIT QUERNA. Joined board in 2004.

Attorney specializing in business, tax and estate planning with Randall & Danskin, P.S. Father of 3 wonderful girls, Betsy, Katie and Emily and the husband of Christie. Moved to Spokane at the age of 3 and except for time away for school has lived here all of his life. Grew up in the Spokane Parks, playing work-up and kick-the-can and sledding at Cliff Park, swimming at Comstock and skating (badly!) and playing baseball at Manito. Kit, Christie and the girls also spent lots of time in the parks, wading in the pools, hiking in upper Lincoln Park and picnicking at Comstock. *"I find open spaces both contemplative and restorative, offering both social interaction and solitude. I believe that the jewel in Spokane's crown is its access to the out of doors, and that we honor that jewel and give every citizen access to that jewel, through our Parks. I serve on the Foundation Board to work with others to preserve, protect and improve that jewel."*



RON RECTOR. Joined board in 2003.

Retired IBM Executive after 32 years of employment. Husband of one, father of 8, grandfather of 12. Graduate of G Prep and GU. Currently a member of the Spokane Parks Board & President of the MAC Board. Past board member/officer of the Red Cross, Morning Star Boys Ranch, United Way, United Way Campaign Division Chair & Loaned Executive Training Chair. Ron enjoys golf and college sports.

"Spokane has the finest Park and Recreation system in the Western US. As municipal budgets continue to shrink, it will be impossible to maintain low fee or "free" activities and keep up with the maintenance of the park system unless there is an additional source of revenue. The Foundation provides a tax deductible way for all citizens to help keep our park system as the best in the West."

MARY C. BUTLER, Executive Director. Hired October 2004.

Raised in Spokane, graduate of WSU. Lived in Hawaii for 13 years before returning in 1997 to Spokane. No children but the proud Aunt of 15 nieces and nephews. "I love the lake and horseback riding and am just venturing into wilderness horse packing – I knew it was a certainty when I received that Dutch oven for Christmas!"

"It is really an honor to work with this creative and dedicated board. Living in Hawaii I saw first hand what neglecting of resources costs a community – run down parks without services and lack of access for everyone to beautiful areas – asphalt instead of green space and gates around what is left. Returning here, the parks are a stunning contrast and a welcome and refreshing part of life. The Foundation has hired me to increase our fundraising and I hope you will consider this worthy organization when you wish to make a gift that will make a significant impact within our community."



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