

# Catholic Foundation

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## Loving \$169,760.00 Gift Aids Wenatchee's St. Joseph School; Remarkable Woman Remembered

Mary "Molly" A. Tyrrell recently died, with her late husband William "Bill" L. Tyrrell, bequeathed this gift to the *Central Washington Catholic Foundation* for the benefit of Saint Joseph's Catholic School in Wenatchee. The interest and dividends from these investments will be a Tyrrell family perpetual gift. Executrix and good friend, Ruth I. Cordes wrote these remarks about Molly's remarkable life in a letter to Rev. Samuel P. Bellino, S.J. on October 14, 2003.

By Ruth I. Cordes

Molly was the eldest of seven daughters of Wilfred and Mary Gleason. The family came from Wisconsin to Wenatchee when Molly was possibly in her late teens. She was not able to finish school herself, but went out to work so her younger sisters could all finish school. She and her late husband felt that education was very important.

I have known them since January, 1969 when they were our neighbors in the Snohomish area. I became their accountant as well as a close family friend. They were always there in our time of need and when my husband went home to be with the Lord. I tried to be with them when they had needs and with Molly when her husband died.

They moved from Snohomish to Leavenworth and then to East Wenatchee. The Wenatchee area was "home" to them. William (Bill) Tyrrell had lived in Ohio originally and later in Leavenworth as a young lad. His Father worked for the railroad. Molly and Bill met in Wenatchee and were married September 28, 1940. They had a corporation known as Leith Land & Development. This was started in California where they lived for several years, but when they finally moved back to Washington, it became primarily a financial company. Bill would buy contracts, also did consulting work. Molly took over this corporation when Bill went home to the Lord April 15, 1991 and later dissolved the corporation.

Bill and Molly were never able to have children of their own; however, they finished raising four of the five girls of her sister Ellen who died when the youngest was only 11 months old. These girls are Evelyn Clevish, Kathy Youngblood (who preceded Molly in death), Joan Clark, and Ruth Ann Van Duren, who all called her "Mom" and she considered them as daughters. The eldest, Mary Tenberg, chose to stay with someone else. They had Evelyn and Kathy first, and later got the two youngest girls, Joan and Ruth Ann after their Father died.

It was the desire of both Bill and Molly that if there was anything left in their estate that it would go to help kids with their education. I heard this many times over the years. When Molly had her will made up, she remembered to have this included and specified that it would be St. Joseph's school in Wenatchee, WA.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church was the church that Molly and Bill, her sisters and parents attended. About a month or so ago, another sister, Sarah Gleason, had her "home-going" celebration at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Molly was a very strong-willed individual. What was black was black and what was white was white and there was no "gray". Honesty, integrity, and doing what was right were always uppermost in her mind. Even though she did not complete her "formal" education, she was actually a very well educated person. I am sure that the girls she raised would tell you that no one could pull the wool over her eyes. She was uncanny in detecting dishonesty and anything that was not right or proper.

Francis Fraley in Wenatchee, Marge Easley in Yakima, and Cecelia Freilinger in Kent, WA are her three living sisters.



**Mary "Molly" A. Tyrrell**





# Chairman Wangler Looks Toward Future Growth

As the year comes to a close, I take this opportunity to reflect on the past and look to the future. The *Central Washington Catholic Foundation* completed its first full-year in existence. Your Board of Trustees increased from the initial three members to twelve. I personally thank Dan Fortier for serving the initial term as our first chairperson. The first year stands as a successful achievement by your Foundation, which benefits our Central Washington Catholic Community.

As we look to the future, I ask you to keep the Foundation in your thoughts, prayers, and year-end gift plans. Your Board hopes the years to come represent a greater commitment to our Catholic Community by sharing its wonderful vision and benefits.

Have a truly blessed Christmastime and may God bless you all.

## Wangler Presidente del Patronato Mira en el Crecimiento a Futuro

Conforme se acerca el fin de año, me doy la oportunidad de reflexionar en el pasado y mirar hacia el futuro. La *Central Washington Catholic Foundation* completo su primer año de existencia. Su Patronato aumento de tres miembros al comienzo a doce. Le agradezco personalmente a Dan Fortier por haber servido como Presidente en el período inicial. El primer año ha sido un gran logro de su Fundación, la cual beneficia a nuestra comunidad católica del centro de Washington.

Mientras miramos al futuro, les pido que tenga presente a la Fundación en sus pensamientos, oraciones y planes de donaciones de fin de año. Su Patronato espera que los años por venir representen un mayor compromiso a nuestra comunidad católica compartiendo su maravillosa visión y beneficios.

¡Que tengan una verdadera temporada de Navidad llena de bendiciones y que Dios los bendiga a todos ustedes!

## Judge Rules Over New Court

The Honorable Philip M. Raekes, (Ret.), Board of Trustee Member, and his wife Mary, increased their grandchildren from seven to ten when their three daughters, Diane, Julie and Amy each gave birth in the same year to a bouncing baby boy. Phil affectionately calls them "The Three Amigos."

The newest members of the CWCF family are cousins David Grewe (left) born March 21st, Thomas Roe born June 16<sup>th</sup>, and Liam Cleary born August 6<sup>th</sup> of this year.





# Central Washington Catholic Foundation

Investments Quarter Ending September 30, 2003

## Education Funds

Amos & Elsie Gamache	\$ 127,662
Mary Ellen Chott-Mahre	27,350
Mark L. Kranz	22,565
Msgr. William J. Sweeney	831,022
St. Joseph School, Kennewick	105,467
St. Joseph School, Wenatchee	113,618
St. Paul Cathedral School	141,937
St. Rose of Lima School	99,663
William A. & Mary M. Hambelton	26,497
CWCF Funds Under \$22,000	\$ 40,707

## Parish Funds

Holy Family	\$ 174,131
Poulin Holy Family	117,197
Rosa, Lena, Louisa Orlando	148,296
St. Joseph Yakima	100,450
St. Paul Cathedral	53,712

## Seminarian Funds

Bittner Burse	\$ 125,932
Edmond & Blanche Poulin	122,031
Thomas & Nancy Mahony	120,195
Robert G. Geier	61,122
Seminarian Education	37,030

**Total Central Washington Catholic Foundation Funds**

**\$ 2,596,584**

## Generous Friends Receive Our Gratitude

(July 1, 2003 to September 30, 2003)

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If any mistake has been made, please accept our apologies and bring it to our attention.

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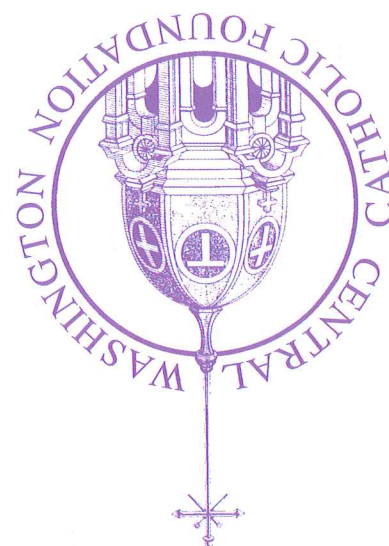
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