



Frank Kirk

(1942 -)

Organization Leader and Benefactor

Few people know of the size and scope of the contributions to grow and promote local golf made by **Frank Kirk**. For more than five decades he has given generously of his time and financial resources to support organizations and causes that enhance the quality of golf and the lives of golfers -- particularly Junior golfers -- in the Kansas City area.

Mr. Kirk is a graduate of the University of Kansas Law School and is Vice President and Senior Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch in Kansas City. Kirk has served on the Boards of Directors of the Kansas City Golf Association, Kansas Golf Association and Western Golf Association. He is a trustee of the Kansas Golf Foundation, the Midwest PGA Foundation and the Tom Watson Supporting Foundation.



In the 1964 Kansas City Match Play, Kirk lost to the then-14 year-old Tom Watson, a match Watson often refers to as the turning point in his golf career. Knowing he could take on a man of Mr. Kirk's caliber convinced the young phenom that he just might have a future in the game.

He also gives freely of his time to the boards of the United Way, YMCA, Johnson County Community College and the Johnson County Community Foundation.

Perhaps no single individual is more responsible for the fantastic growth of the First Tee of Greater Kansas City than Kirk. As a principal founder, he has served on its Board of Directors and as President of the organization. Kirk has also been active in guiding the affairs of Blue Hills, Mission Hills, Wolf Creek and La Quinta Country Clubs as a board member and officer.