

# Alumni



# Chatter

July 2015

## THE BUZZ FROM THIS OLD WASP... Tom Krier, Executive Director

Rather than reminisce, as I usually do in the “Buzz” column, let’s talk about what is happening in 2016. How about the Presidential election, currently with over twenty announced candidates? No, let’s go bigger than that. The summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro will be exciting, but there are so many big sporting events to enjoy before those games. Closer to home, the Cubs have said for a couple of years that everything will “come together” in 2016. With the team’s early success this season, it could be, it might be...but let’s “wait until next year”.

The most important 2016 event to start talking about is the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club’s 85th Anniversary Celebration. It has been an NBGC tradition to celebrate the founding of the club (in October 1931) every five years. The banquets are a time for alumni, friends and family, in some case coming from all over the country, to share memories and toast the past, present and future.

We are hoping many alum, both those who have enjoyed anniversary parties in the past and those who have yet to experience the joys of an NBGC reunion, will consider helping to plan the event. It takes a team to organize an anniversary banquet, most importantly reaching out to fellow NBGCers and encouraging them to attend. And, when it comes to putting a TEAM together, there is no place like NBGC!

If you are interested in helping plan the 85th NBGC Anniversary Celebration, please give Bill Abplanalp a call at the clubhouse (773 463-4161) or send him an email to [bill@nbgc.org](mailto:bill@nbgc.org).

*We remember...* Since the last Alumni Chatter was published, NBGC lost its friend, Tom Donahue who passed away this past May. Our prayers go out to the Donahue families and all those who have lost loved ones.

In this edition of the Chatter, you can read about recent events (Leaders of the Future Scholarships, Ribfest and the Golf Outing) as well as events that should be on your calendar, including Retro on Roscoe, Step Together Fun Walk, Bears Bash and the Hall of Fame Reception. ENJOY!!!

## NBGC Art ...

Don Valentin recently surprised the NBGC with a special donation. An avid artist, Don created two painting from 1940’s pictures found in the archives. The paintings and photographs (insert) are reproduced to the right.

Thank you Don!!!



# THE NBGC IS STILL DOING FESTS

## RIBFEST STARTS THE SUMMER

You can take the “fest” out of the NBGC, but you can’t take the NBGC out of the fests around town. The club once again was a benefactor of the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce’s (NCC) Ribfest Volunteer Grant. A dedicated group of alumni, parents, leaders, staff and friends covered over 135 shifts at the event, held the weekend of June 12th thru the 14th. Several of the volunteers worked multiple shifts and there were those who helped at the event every moment it was open! Each shift generated grant dollars to be awarded at the end of the summer.

In addition to the volunteers working the gates, ID stations and beverage booths, the NBGC also presented its traditional “tattoos and kids games” in the Ribfest Kids Square. With Jean Goerner and Angie Jensen at the helm, several leaders did the artistic work of applying temporary tattoos or worked the games, made all the more special with an inflatable “winner every time”. Covered by an impressive logoed canopy (from a generous donor), the NBGC was the epicenter of the Kids Square.

The entire NBGC community congratulates the NCC on another successful Ribfest and extends a sincere Thank You for the opportunity to participate in the Volunteer grant and the Kids Square.



*Ribfest goes line up at the NBGC Kids Square Booths*



*NBGC's Laura Simonson and Monica Bailey greeting Ribfest guests.*

## RETRO ON ROSCOE IN AUGUST



The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club will once again participate in a grant from the Friends of Roscoe Village, awarded to organizations providing volunteers to work at the Annual Retro on Roscoe festival. This year the event will be the weekend of August 7th, 8th and 9th. NBGC teams will be greeting event goers at the gates on Saturday and Sunday. We hope you will represent the club and volunteer for one or more shifts. Please email [bill@nbgc.org](mailto:bill@nbgc.org) to register.



*The incomparable Tom VanDenBosch supervising a beverage station...later seen working at a gate.*



# 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

On the last Sunday of June, 53 golfers enjoyed the best weather in years (much better than the previous August outings) as they played the East or West course at the White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. The outing included two chances to win \$1,000, by getting a hole-in-one on two of the par three holes. Many took aim but no one was able to put that little white golf ball in the hole.

The banquet afterward was catered by Smoque BBQ, which was once again a big hit. Golfers and those that just came out for the dinner went home with at least one of 80 raffle prizes donated to the event. Special raffles were also held, with Jim Kartheiser (Scorpions 60's) winning a Jonathan Toews Chicago Blackhawks sweater and Tom Abplanalp (Hornets 60's) winning the Anthony Rizzo Chicago Cubs jersey. Both prizes were donated by Arp Horvath, who also donated a threesome of golf at Lake Barrington Shores Golf Club, won by Steve Cohn. Four tickets to a Chicago Bears preseason game, donated by Frank Hashimoto, were won by Arp Horvath (Scorpions 60's). The 50/50 raffle winners were Rich Werstein and Ken Hennig (Hornets 60's), both donating their portion back to the NBGC. Rich and Bonnie Werstein were then surprised with a cake for their 30th wedding anniversary.

A special thanks to sponsors Arp Horvath, Tom Wenzholz (in memory of John Barrett-Wasps 60's), Frank Hashimoto (in memory of his parents Frank & Audrey Hashimoto) and the Tappers softball team (many of them alums from the 60's and 70's). Thanks to Alumni President Arp Horvath and Bill Abplanalp for putting this event together. A special thanks to Tom Van Den Bosch, Tom Krier, Julie Stone and Bonnie Werstein, for their help during the outing.

We ask for golfers to give us some feedback for next year's outing by sending an email to Bill Abplanalp at [bill@nbgc.org](mailto:bill@nbgc.org).



**Bob Hubberts**



**Paul Goerner & Jeff Prause**



**Tom Abplanalp & Steve Loosevelt**



**Arp Horvath**



**Jim Kartheiser**



**Dan Rubschlager**



**Greg Nimietz**

**Save the date...**Several of our NBGCers, who are St Ben's H.S. alum, are planning an event to honor Mrs. Laurette Kittler. Please mark October 24, 2015 for the St. Benedict Hall of Fame Induction Dinner and Musical Revue Tribute to Mrs. Kittler.

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## NBGC LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

Twenty of the NBGC's finest young men and women were awarded college scholarships at the Annual Leaders of the Future Dinner and Awards Ceremony held this past May. These NBGC leaders represent the achievement of the organization's vision, For Better Men and Women. As they continue to "run the club", scholarship awardees are pursuing a wide breadth of career passions, including business, social services, healthcare, public safety, biology, computer science, engineering and the arts.

The event also celebrates the generosity of the donors to the annual Scholarship Fund. Several of those donors make contributions to honor the memory of alumni and their families. Scholarships are awarded in the name of John Barrett, the Baumhart Family, Richard Brandon, Paul Goerner Sr., John Hoellen, Peter Krier, Mike Martinez and Richard Valentin. (Donor recognition appears in the Donor Honor Roll on pages 6 and 7.)

### James E. Baumhart Excellence in Leadership Award

The James E. Baumhart Excellence in Leadership Award is presented annually to an NBGC Leader that has been selected by his or her peers as exemplifying extraordinary leadership skills paralleling the club ideals. The scholarship is named after the late James Baumhart, who while serving as a member of the NBGC Board of Directors, had the vision to originate, initiate and implement a Scholarship Program, with the assistance of the then President Joseph Walsh. Besides providing financial support to awardees, the scholarship program's objective is to retain an active and viable leadership program for the future success of the club's program.



The 2015 recipient of the James E. Baumhart Excellence in Leadership Award was Sergio Arroyo (pictured above with the presenter, Barbara Baumhart). Sergio has been a leader at the NBGC for almost five years. He recently graduated from Von Steuben High School and is planning to attend Northeastern Illinois University, pursuing a computer science degree. At the club, Sergio is the League Director for the Discovery League (boys in K and 1st grade). Congratulations to Sergio!!!

# 32nd Annual Bears Bash

## CHICAGO BEARS VS. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS



Location:



THE PIGGERY

1625 W. Irving Park Road

2:30 pm: Appetizer: Pulled Pork Sliders

3:30 pm: Dinner: Pizza, Pork Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Pasta and Salad

Half Time: Dessert

BEER & SOFT DRINKS

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Cash, Check, Visa, Mastercard, American Express & Discover

Must be 21 or older

773-463-4161 (ext. 113) or [events@nbgc.org](mailto:events@nbgc.org)

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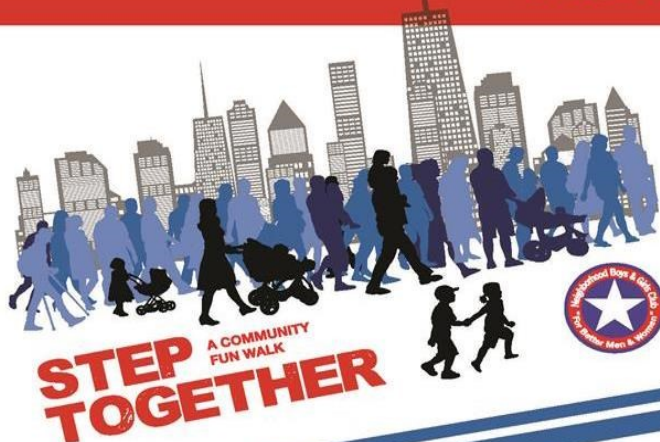
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# SAVE THE DATE

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, Alderman Pawar and Alderman Mell  
welcome the whole community



Sunday  
Sept. 13, 2015  
9am – Noon

Revere Park  
... to Horner Park  
... to NBGC

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## Why Walk? . . . Why Not?

**CELEBRATE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR** with a 3K stroll through Revere and Horner Parks and back to NBGC for refreshments and entertainment.

**\$10/person or \$25/family (children 4 and under are FREE)**

First 300 registrants receive commemorative t-shirt!

## Promote your business. Connect with your community.

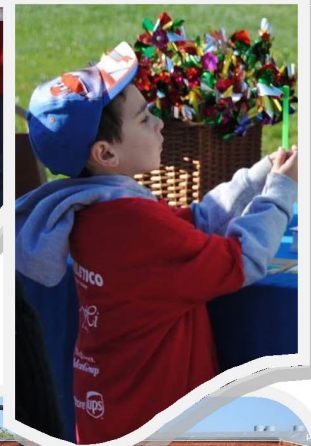
Contact [events@NBGC.org](mailto:events@NBGC.org) about Walk-related business opportunities.

To register, visit [www.NBGC.org](http://www.NBGC.org) and click on the Step Together logo. You can also call NBGC at (773) 463-4161 or stop in at the clubhouse at 2501 W. Irving Park Road.

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# Just like last year (see below) plan to once again Step Together...



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## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

One of the key sources of funding for our many programs and services is the generous support of our alumni, families, neighbors and friends. Your support is vital to the Club. Join our growing list of supporters. Just return this form with your donation. You can also make a contribution on the website at [www.nbgc.org](http://www.nbgc.org), using the "Donate" button.



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