

Alumni



Chatter

July 2017

From the Desk of the Executive Director...

My first 7 months on the job have been very rewarding. Activity definitely does not rest here at NBGC! I am so proud to be a part of such a worthy cause. The NBGC continues its rich history of impacting lives through the power of athletic and leadership programs.

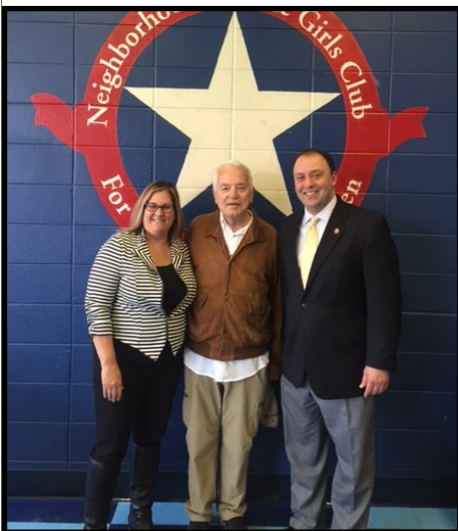
Our Board of Directors and Fundraising Department have been doing a superb job in executing special events and solicitations. Individual giving is up 87% from last year at this time, while our new business alliances have increased by 100%. I recently participated in a 70.3 mile Ironman race where all proceeds raised went directly to the NBGC to serve more children. As of today, the Ironman event has raised over \$5,200! Also, in this Chatter publication, you will read about our revamped Golf Outing that is up over 239% from last year's event. Our social media accounts continue to grow. Page views have jumped by 355% and the click rate is up 100% within the past month.

Currently over 400 youth and teenagers ages 4-13 are engaged in structured day camp activities and programs. Our Day Camp is supervised by not only NBGC Staff, but also 106 teenagers from our Leadership Program. Many of our teenagers just participated in an overnight backpacking trip where they learned many essential leadership and life skills. This week a different group of teens will be experiencing an overnight canoe trip. Furthermore, our Athletic Staff are currently taking registration for all our Fall Sports Leagues.

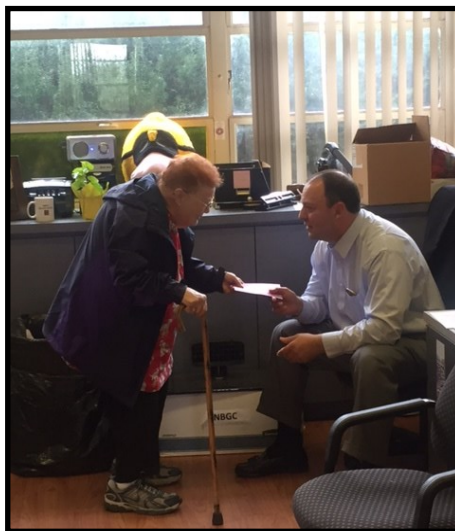
If your schedules permit, please stop by the Club. I would enjoy meeting you and showcasing all the great things our staff are doing with the leaders of tomorrow...NBGC members!

Thank you for your continued support,

Jeff Sadowski



Don Valentin stopped by the clubhouse to drop off his reservation to the Leaders of the Future Scholarship Dinner



Maryann Brandon giving advice to the new guy, Jeff Sadowski, about how to be the Executive Director at NBGC



Sam Matsumoto and family visiting from California

“Leaders of the Future” 2017 Scholarship Recipients



Left to Right 1st Row : Kayla Nelson, Alison McLeod, Mary Baker, Gabrielle Santos, Laura Arroyo, Faith Ramos, Jolie Mahr, Yasmina Chammas.

2nd Row : Sergio Arroyo, Lily Lebron, Natalia Rueda-Marshall, Karlie Kielnik, Jasmine Natividad, Dalia Arroyo, Ashley Lopez, Meghan Dunne.

3rd Row : Aric Werstein, Liam Hudson, Andrew Alvarez, Courtney Boyce, Julianna Hasselberger, Gabriel Bikoma, Xiomara Rueda-Marshall, Carlos Leon, Hailee Cruz.

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club celebrated our Leaders of the Future 2017 by awarding nearly \$43,000 in college scholarship funds to twenty-five amazing young men and women. These NBGC leaders represent the achievement of the organization’s vision, For Better Men and Women. Thank you to our Scholarship Sponsors: **Arrow Messenger, The Barrett Family, Betty Bauer-Crescenzi & Frank Crescenzi, Barbara Baumhart, Steve Baumhart, The Beeson Family, Maryann Brandon, Carol & Mike Burke, Chicago Association of Realtors Foundation, Chicago Brauhaus, Donna & Wayne Chmiel, Helen Collins, Community Savings Bank, Thomas & Kathleen Ehmann, Friends of Mike Martinez, Jean Goerner, Hoellen Family Foundation, Jim Kartheiser & Kathy Kennedy-Kartheiser, Kiwanis Club of Lakeview Chicago, Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood, Linda Krier, Thomas Krier & Jeanne Hair, Lake View Realty, Laschet’s Inn, Maifest Chicago NFP, Morici, Figlioli & Associates, Patricia O’Donoghue, Gene & Rosemary Schulter Foundation, Raymond & Carmen Sugrue, Sulzer Family Foundation, Swedish Covenant Hospital, Weichert, Realtors—All Pro (Bill Abplanalp and Mike Ristau), Wintrust Financial, and The Scholarship Club and Past Recipient Donors.**



Lily Lebron with Barbara Baumhart

James E. Baumhart Excellence in Leadership Award Winner is LILY LEBRON

The 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. Lily Lebron is a Junior at Northeastern University majoring in Justice Studies and minoring in Child Advocacy and Criminology. Lily was chosen by her peers for her work with the new leaders in training program. Lily mentors the newest leaders and provides them with the structure and guidance needed to ensure their successful graduation from the program.



Maryann Brandon and Sergio Arroyo

Program Innovation Award Winner is SERGIO ARROYO

The criteria for this award is specific to program enhancements and/or administration that is believed to be over and above the normal day to day operations and expectations of their position at NBGC. This Scholarship honors the past Program Directors, Dick Valentin, Rich Brandon and Jim McNulty whose daily contributions and tireless dedication made NBGC what it is today. With this award, their legacy and contributions will become an opportunity for a leader to set a goal to be an innovator at the Club and use their skills to enhance the program and leave it better than it was before.

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NBGC

48th Annual Golf Outing

64 golfers participated in the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club's annual Golf Outing on Monday July 17, 2017 at the White Pines Golf Course. The format this year was a shot gun start and scramble play with many raffle prizes, door prizes and awards. Unfortunately, nobody won this year's \$2,000 Hole-In-One Contest sponsored by Golf Chairman, **Arp Horvath**. But the winners of the other contests were: Lowest Team Score – Men: **Arp Horvath, Tom Palmer, Charlie Pyne, and Dan Rubschlager**. Lowest Team Score, Women: **Laura Rounce, Dr. Stephanie Messner, Dr. Karen Eng, Dr. Valerie Conrad**. Lowest Team Score, Coed: **Christine Clark, Rick Clark, Fares Zanayed, and Omar Cheboub**. Highest Team Score: **Wally Johnson, Willie Fuchs, Greg Nimietz, and Ken Hennig**. Men's Longest Drive: **Jim Kartheiser**. Women's Longest Drive: **Christine Clark**. Men's Closest to the Pin: **Tom Wenholz**. Women's Closest to the Pin: **Dr. Valerie Conrad**. Longest Putt: **Bob Smith**.

This year's Golf Outing was the best in the history of the NBGC. The Golf Outing raised over **\$12,200** which is **239%** more than last year's event. The Dinner Sponsor was **Lakeside Bank** secured by Board member, **Grace Marcordes**. The Beverage Cart Sponsor was **Michael Tadin Jr.** from **MAT Construction**. Hole sponsors included: **Celergo** secured by Board member, **Jeff Prause**; **Community Savings Bank** secured by Board member **Nancy Behrendt**; **Lakeside Bank** secured by Board member **Grace Marcordes**; Alum **Tom Kelly**; **Illinois College of Optometry**; **Gomberg, Sharfman, PC** secured by Past Board President **Jack Lydon**; **In Memory of John Barrett** donated by Board member **Jim Katheiser** and **Tom Wenholz**; **Liberty Mutual Insurance**; **Realy Insurance Agency** and **Weichert, Realtors-All Pro** donated by Alum **Bill Abplanalp**; **Congressman Mike Quigley**; **Raymond J. Spaeth II**; Alum **Arp Horvath**; **Double Tree by Hilton**; **Weather Mark Tavern**; **MAT Construction – Michael Tadin Jr.**; **Crossfit Illumine, The Cabin at Old Irving Park & Windy City Appliance & HVAC** secured by Board member **Sean Chambers**.

Lunch was provided by the White Pines Golf Course and dinner was cooked on-site by Alum **Mike "Spike" Thoele** from **Smokey Spikes BBQ**. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and look forward to next year's event. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the golfers, sponsors, raffle and door prize donors, and the following volunteers: **Audrey Horwitz-Abplanalp, Courtney Yablon, Julie Stone, Amy Sniegowski, Candice Werstein, Aric Werstein, Bill Abplanalp, Lily Lebron, Natalia Rueda-Marshall, Courtney Boyce, Tim Jensen, and Jeff Sadowski**, who all contributed to the success of the event

If you are interested in participating in next year's outing, or if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Bill Abplanalp at Bill@nbgc.org.



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43 Years Later...

The NBGC building was built in 1958 and the kitchen was last remodeled in 1974. This year we took on a major kitchen renovation to update the 43 year old "heart" of NBGC. The teens and college staff come straight from school to the clubhouse and we encourage them to cook a healthy snack or meal instead of stopping at the local fast food place. Often the Clubhouse is where they spend most of their time, working with youth members, studying or doing homework and we wanted to make the club feel more like home.

Once our blueprints were approved we couldn't wait to get started with the demolition process. With only a vision of what was to come, the Staff and Leaders were more than excited to get to work clearing out drawers and tearing out cabinets. With the help of our amazing alums, parents, members, staff and leaders, the entire project was completed in under 2 months.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us make our kitchen a place where our staff, leaders and members can come together and share a meal.

Special thank you to **Jim Kartheiser** for spearheading the capital campaign project. We would also like to thank everyone who helped tear down and re-build our kitchen. **Roo Geschrey, Jerry Hoff, Tim Glascott, Jose Solis, Fares Zanayed, The Chicago Park District and Staff/Leaders.**



Cubs Diamond Project Field Renovation

In 2016, NBGC applied for a grant through the Chicago Cubs Diamond Project to renovate our baseball diamonds with hopes to improve our beloved field. In the beginning of 2017, we received news that our grant was approved and our fields would be leveled, re-sodded and new backstops would be added. This past May, a few of our youth members were invited to the "Friendly Confines" to not only enjoy a Cubs game but to accept our grant check on the field. NBGC field construction started at the end of May and is almost complete. We anticipate the fences surrounding the field to come down any day now and plan on holding an "NBGC Field of Dreams" opening event with the Chicago Cubs in attendance in the near future.



\$10,000 LUCKY DATE RAFFLE

This year our Lucky Date Raffle will be held on the day of our Thanksgiving Day Classic. Raffle Tickets will be available starting in September.

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Preserving Our History

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is rich in history, originating in 1931. For over 85 years, we have been changing the lives of youths through countless programs, special events and fundraisers: such as football and the Thanksgiving Day Classics, basketball, Christmas programs, choir, baseball, Devils Lake trips, spaghetti dinners, the haunted house, the Family Fest carnival, track meets, Bears Bash, golf outings and summer camp. Over the years, we have added so many people to the NBGC family tree. In an effort to preserve this robust history, we have been digitizing photos, VHS tapes, documents, etc. Thank you to **Bonnie** and **Aric Werstein** for working on this vital project. Also, a big thank you to **Ray Sugrue** for digitizing many old slides and scanning all the letters written during World War II from NBC members to **Dick Valentin**. Dick then compiled excerpts of these letters and mailed newsletters to all the NBC servicemen that were stationed all over the world. They were so grateful to receive updates of where their NBC peers were stationed and what was going on back home. If anyone is interested in receiving copies of these letters from your family members, please contact Bill at Bill@nbgc.org.

This year, Chicago Film Archives just digitized 21 reels of old NBC movies, over 3,630 feet of footage! We have yet to sort through all the footage, but some of the highlights include a 1940 Field Meet/Decoration Day, 1953 & 1955 Football games, the 1956 Softball Classic, the George Gobel Football Classic, and 1975 & 1976 NBC Shows. We will be hosting an Alumni Night viewing party to watch some old movies and slides and reminisce with old friends. This will potentially be in January or February – stay tuned!! We ultimately would like to scan all of our Monkeyshines, which date back to the 1930s, Alumni Chatters, Parent Reporters, etc. If anyone is interested in helping us with this tremendous undertaking, please contact Bonnie at Bonnie@nbgc.org.

Flashback from 1974!!



N.B.C. Carnival cont'd

While at the carnival we know you'll meet many other people from the community who will be happy to enjoy the evening with you. If you live in the suburbs or farther, plan on at least one night of family fun at the carnival as you will probably run into a lot of old friends.

Come to the N.B.C. Carnival and have a good time -- for a good cause!

The carnival is held to raise funds to help operate the Boys Club. N.B.C. offers a year-round program for the boys in the neighborhood, something that not only benefits the boys but also the entire community. By attending the carnival you can help support the club and have fun doing it.



CARNIVAL



JULY 27 thru AUG 4



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EVER --- 10 RIDES !

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NBGC Alum and current parent, Roo Geschrey enjoying the new park benches that were installed this summer

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 unintentionally left you off the list, please contact Bill
 Abplanalp at 773-463-4161x115 or Bill@nbgc.org

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34th Annual Bears Bash

Thursday, September 28, 2017

BEARS vs PACKERS

**The Piggery: 1625 W. Irving Park Rd
Doors Open at 6:30pm
Kickoff: 7:25pm**

**All Proceeds Benefit The Programs at
The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club**

**Tickets \$50.00 in advance
(No tickets will be sold at the door)**

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Tickets Include: Pulled Pork Sliders, Pizza, Pork Pot Roast
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Flashback!!

The NBC Reporter 

JULY, 1974

PLAN TO ATTEND THE N. B. C. CARNIVAL

JULY 27 thru AUG. 4

N. B. C. 's 21st annual Carnival will open on Saturday evening, July 27th at 7:00 o'clock with a loud bang and then continue every night thru Sunday, August 4th. We'll be open "rain or shine" so stop over and enjoy yourselves as often as you wish. The activities will be held on Victor-Comptometer's Parking Lot with entrances at Byron & Campbell and at Irving Park and Rockwell, right adjacent to Paul Revere Park, home of N.B.C. for the past 43 years! You can drive your car inside the gates and be right near the action - no need to drive all over the neighborhood to look for a safe spot. For added protection police will patrol the parking lot in addition to the carnival. By the way, parking is FREE!

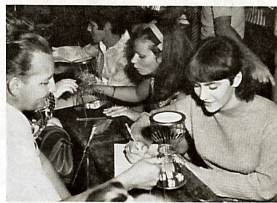
The various booths will include Ham & Bacon, Zoo Parade, Shuffle Bowl, Gifts, Cigarettes, Sporting Goods, Toys, Transportation, Animal Fair, Duck Pond, Electrical, Hooligan, Crazy Ball, Transistor, TV & Radio, HiFi Stereo, Colossal, Hoopla, Dolls and for a big splash of fun - Dip Tank.

This year the carnival will be bigger than ever with 10 rides which will include: Ferris Wheel, Merry-go-Round, Trabant, Moon Walk, Tilt-a-Whirl, Sky Diver, Round-Up, Bumper Cars and two kiddie rides.

Refreshments will include beer, soft drinks, pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, coffee and home-made cake.

On Wednesday night, July 31st the Mardi Gras will take place featuring a costume parade for all boys and girls 10 years of age and under. It'll start at 8:30 PM and take place inside the grounds so that everyone will have a chance to see the big event. Awards will be given out to those having the best costumes. Help the kids get dressed up and bring them out - it's fun for everyone.

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FUN-PACKED!

In MEMORY of those we recently lost

July 2016 (late notice)
Ron Hosking, Alum 40's

January
Anne Teske, Grandparent of Alum

Mary Lou Kestler, Parent & Grandparent of Alum

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February
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June
Charlie Elkin, Parent of Alum

July
Eleanore VanDenBosch, Parent & Grandparent of Alum

Memorial Notices can be sent to Bonnie@nbgc.org

2017 Ribfest Volunteers

Each year Northcenter Chamber of Commerce holds their annual Ribfest on Lincoln Ave. NBGC had over 60 volunteers come out and help make the event a huge success! In 2016 the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce presented NBGC with a \$5,000.00 Grant for our volunteer work at Ribfest. We hope to receive the same grant for 2017!



Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club 2017 Calendar

- Aug. 7th-Aug 25th Summer August Camp 8am-6pm
- Aug.-11^h -13th** **Volunteers Needed for Retro On Roscoe**
- Sept. 1st-4th NBGC Closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 20th Board of Directors Meeting 7pm
- Sept. 30th-Oct 1st** **Volunteers Needed for Apple Fest**
- Oct 2nd-30th Basketball Registration
- Sept. 28th **NBGC Bears Bash**
- Oct. 19th NBGC 86th Birthday! 87th Year!
- Oct. TBA NBGC Hall of Fame Induction
- Oct. 27th Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Nov. 15th Board of Directors Meeting 7pm
- Nov. 22nd NBGC Closed for Thanksgiving Prep
- Nov. 22nd 87th Annual Pep Rally
- Nov. 23rd 87th Annual Thanksgiving Day Classics
- Nov. 24th-26th NBGC Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend
- Dec. 21st Board of Directors Meeting
- Dec. TBA NBGC Closed for Holiday Weekend
- Dec. TBA Winter Break Camp 8am-6pm

Bike the Drive with The Piggery

On May 28th, the Piggery located on Irving Park Rd and Ashland Ave held a fundraiser for NBGC. Over 70 participants rode their bikes on Lake Shore Drive, some making it all the way to Museum Campus. The ride ended at the Piggery where a delicious breakfast buffet was served and participants had the chance to win some great prizes in our raffle. The Piggery raised over \$3,600.00 for NBGC members to keep participating in our year round programs.



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Schools Out for Summer!

Summer Camp has officially started here at NBGC. Over 400 kids ranging in age from 4 to 13 are registered for Pre-Camp, Core Camp and August Camp. Boys & Girls will enjoy playing games at the Clubhouse as well as the many field trips we have in store for them: educational trips to the Shedd Aquarium and Museum of Science & Industry, water park trips to Rainbow Falls and Mystic Waters as well as themed days at the clubhouse like C.S.I. Scene Investigation and Amazing Race. We are in for a Fun packed summer at NBGC!



NBGC Leaders are looking for Adventure!

Outdoor Adventure for NBGC Leaders is an important part of a Leader's development at NBGC. Learning how to choose a campsite, set up tents, work a whisperlight stove, treat water, and work as a team while being eaten alive by mosquitoes are just some of the skills our teens master. This summer we have already gone rock climbing in Devils Lake and the group above is currently hiking part of the Appalachian Trail in the Great Smokey Mountains. Later this month we will be canoeing in Turtle Flambeau Flowage, biking at Kettle Moraine and another trip to Devils Lake.



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86th Anniversary Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Criteria to be selected as a candidate for the NBGC Hall of Fame will be based on the principles of the Club:

- Nominee must epitomize the Club’s mantra: “For Better Men and Women”.
- Nominee must demonstrate Leadership, Sportsmanship, Scholarship and Volunteer Services.
 - Nominee should show a NBGC history of volunteer, support and/or a contributor.
- Candidate must be nominated via an essay about why the candidate should receive “Hall of Fame” status.

NOMINATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING ERAS:

1930-1949 | 1950-1969 | 1970-1989 | 1990-2010

Other (Volunteer, Community Business, Community Leader)

Submitted by: _____ Phone: _____

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INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Applicable Era: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please submit an essay describing the reasons why this nominee should be inducted into the NBGC Hall of Fame:

All information must be completed. **This is a nomination only. It does not guarantee that the nominee will be inducted.** Please keep the nomination confidential to avoid embarrassment.

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