

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club

Alumni



Chatter

July 2018

Alumni and Friends,

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is an organization that was founded on the values of honesty, self-reliance, sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership and lasting friendships. All of these qualities were instilled in our fabric from our alumni. Please allow me to share some updates with you highlighting some of these inspirational individuals and then provide a snapshot of the Club.

On May 29th, I had the absolute pleasure of having lunch with some very iconic and influential women that served on the Mothers' Club and their children were active at the Neighborhood Boys Club. **Jerre Jean Broll-Cook, Debi Broll, Sue Fahey, Dorothy Jacob, and Juanita Roosevelt** visited the NBGC to view some of the videos that we digitized from the 1930's-1970's. It was so rewarding to hear the women reminiscing about the "good old days"! They watched segments from the Spring Socials held at Johnny Weigelt's and mentioned names such as: **Bill & Carol Abplanalp, Dolores Stahl, Norma Schmidt, Jim & Mary Ann Nimietz, Tom Krier, Mike Teolis, Dick Geschrey, Giz Barrett, Elma Stone**, and so many more! We will be having another viewing of these videos again in the near future. If you are interested in joining us, please just email me at jsadowski@nbgc.org.

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you the passing of Maryann Brandon. She was more than just Rich Brandon's wife. She was also a mother and role model to hundreds of children. Maryann still gave back to the NBGC until 1 week before she passed. Every Wednesday she would come to the NBGC and teach an arts & crafts class to our members. Maryann always greeted the children with a hug and then taught them how to make projects with recycled items. She was so creative and resourceful with her time, talent, and treasures. Maryann will always have a special place in our hearts and her legacy will continue to live on here at the NBGC. She will be greatly missed.

Prior to me writing this letter, I walked around the NBGC to see 400 children engaged in many different summer activities. As I passed the game room, a 9 year old girl asked me to play her in ping pong. She beat me! Then I went outside and the older boys were playing kickball, so I was able to watch a couple of innings. As I was walking back to the Clubhouse, the playground was filled with our 7-8 year old campers. I ran through there and played a quick game of tag! Next to the parking lot on the walking path, I noticed a group of campers were playing "tetherball" while other groups were playing "hop scotch" and "four square". This evening, I will go outside and give a tour and overview of our mission to a potential donor as we watch our baseball program play a couple of games on our renovated athletic fields. Another action-packed day!

We would not be able to provide quality programs and services without your support and generosity. Thank you to the donors that have made a life-changing gift already. For those that have not made their donation yet, please consider making it TODAY! Your gift will have an immeasurable impact on our members.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Sadowski

Executive Director



Juanita Roosevelt, Sue Fahey, Jerre Jean Broll-Cook & Dorothy Jacobs



NBGC Staff with Maryann Brandon

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2018 "LEADERS OF THE FUTURE" SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Left to Right 1st Row: Adalyce Hollis, Mary Baker, Sienna Casey, Ashley Lopez, Laura Arroyo, Jackson Dunne, Yasmina Chammas, Taina Cabrera
2nd Row: Sergio Arroyo, Brandon West, Hailey Mercado, Kayla Nelson, Sandro Santos, Colin Sheedy, Gabriel Bikoma, Natalia Rueda-Marshall, Karlie Kielnik, Andrew Alvarez, Lilyanna Lebron, Alison McLeod, Dalia Arroyo, Luke McNamara, Jasmine Natividad

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club celebrated our 2018 Leaders of the Future by awarding nearly \$57,000 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.

A very special "thank you" to all of our Scholarship Sponsors.

During this year's round of interviews, board member **Tom Lyons** remarked upon the diversity of backgrounds and aspirations of the scholarship applicants. The scholarship applicants attended *Blaine, Burley, Cleveland, Coonley, DePaul College Prep, DePauw University, Hawthorne Scholastic Academy, Jahn, Jones High School, Lake View High School, Lane Tech College Prep, LaSalle Language Magnet School, Niles North High School, Northeastern Illinois University, North Park University, Pritzker College Prep, Senn High School, St. Ignatius High School, University of Kansas & Von Steuben High School*. Many of them are the **first** generation in their respective families to attend college or university, and are considering schools like Bradley University, Chicago State University, Columbia University, DePaul University, DePauw University, Hawaii Pacific University, Knox College, Northeastern University, University of Illinois at Chicago & University of Illinois at Urbana. The scholarship recipients expressed interest in the fields of anthropology, aviation, computer science, early childhood and secondary education, engineering, firefighting, geology, meteorology, music and theatre, criminal justice, psychology, the military, or veterinary sciences. This diverse range of scholarship recipients are all exceptional in their achievements.



Bonnie Werstein, Laura Arroyo & Barbara Baumhart

James E. Baumhart Excellence in Leadership Award Winner is LAURA ARROYO

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. This year's recipient was **Laura Arroyo**. **Laura** is currently a Junior at Lakeview Highschool. **Laura** was chosen by her peers for her constant hard work and dedication to the NBGC and its programs, despite her academic load and extracurricular activities. **Laura** is a great example to her peers and dedication in all that she does.



Nikki Santos with Bonnie Wernstein

Program Innovation Award Winner is NIKKI SANTOS

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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2018 "LEADERS OF THE FUTURE" SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER



Frank Crescenzi, Taina Cabrera & Betty Bauer-Crescenzi



Patrick McCaskey,
Co-Owner of the Chicago Bears



Jeff Sadowski, Executive Director



Patrick McCaskey speaking with NBGC Leaders



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Board Member Lori Novak and colleagues from
Associated Bank with Laura Arroyo

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NBGC 49th Annual Golf Outing

82 golfers participated in the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club's annual Golf Outing on Monday July 16, 2018 at the Links at Carillon Golf Course in Plainfield, IL. The format this year was a shotgun start and scramble play with many raffle prizes, golfer swag bags and awards. Unfortunately, nobody won this year's \$2,000 Hole-In-One Contest sponsored by Golf Chairman, **Arp Horvath**. Awards were given out for the following contests: Lowest Team Score – Men; Lowest Team Score – Women; Lowest Team Score – Coed; Highest Team Score; Men's Longest Drive; Women's Longest Drive; Men's Closest to the Pin; Women's Closest to the Pin; Longest Putt for both Men and Women.

Our Board and Development Staff strive on continuous improvement and it shows with the financial results of this year's Golf Outing. The Golf Outing raised over **\$13,000** which is **11%** more than last year's event. The Dinner Sponsors were **Lakeside Bank** secured by Board member, **Grace Marcordes**. The Beverage Cart Sponsors were **Arp Horvath** and **Local 134 – Electricians Union**. Hole sponsors included: **Celergo & GPS Capital Markets** secured by Board member, **Jeff Prause**; **Just Get Sleep**; Alum, **Tom Kelly**; **In Memory of John Barrett** donated by **Tom Wenholz**; **Liberty Mutual Insurance**; **Realy Insurance Agency & Weichert, Realtors – All Pro** donated by Alum, **Bill Abplanalp**; **McWinney Benevolent Association** secured by Alum, **Frank Hashimoto**; **Raymond J. Spaeth II**; Board Member & Alum, **Arp Horvath**; **Aces Softball Team 50th year**, donated by Board Member & Alum, **Jim Kartheiser**; **Picnic at the Cabin** secured by Board Member & Alum, **Sean Chambers**; **Tappers Softball Team**, donated by alum, **Bob Hubberts**; **The Henry Palmisano Memorial Fishing Foundation**; **The Law Offices of Timothy J. Deffet** donated by Board Member, **Tim Deffet**; **The Ancient Order of Hibernians** secured by **John Moriarty**.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the golfers, sponsors, raffle and door prize donors, and the following volunteers: **Audrey Horwitz-Abplanalp**, **Julie Stone**, **Mary Sudie**, **Jim Pottinger**, **Candice Werstein**, **Aric Werstein**, **Bill Abplanalp**, **Lily Lebron**, **Ashley Lopez**, **Luke McNamara**, **Karlie Kielnik**, **Tim Jensen**, and **Jeff Sadowski**, who all contributed to the success of the event.

Please save the date for next year's outing...**Monday, July 15, 2019**. The event will be NBGC's 50th Annual Golf Outing and it promises to be an event you don't want to miss. To register, and/or secure a sponsorship, please contact Candice Werstein at Candice@nbgc.org or 773-463-4161 x110.



Frank & Michele Hashimoto,
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DID YOU KNOW?

- Legislation was put into place at the end of 2015 which allows people to directly donate distributions from their IRAs.
- If you are 70 1/2, you can donate up to \$100,000 per year direct to a qualified charity (The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, for example!). Donations made directly from your IRA to charity have several advantages over just giving cash.
- Giving long-term, appreciated publicly-traded stock is another tax-efficient way for alumni and friends to make gifts to the NBGC.

For more information on creative options to give to NBGC, please contact Bill Abplanalp, Director of Development at 773-463-4161 x115 or Bill@nbgc.org



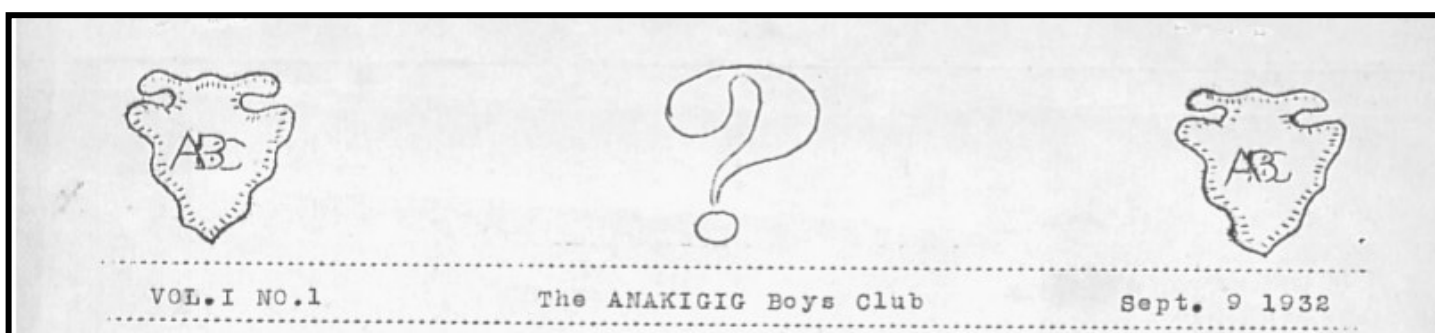
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The Monkeyshines Just Hit Edition No. 4000!

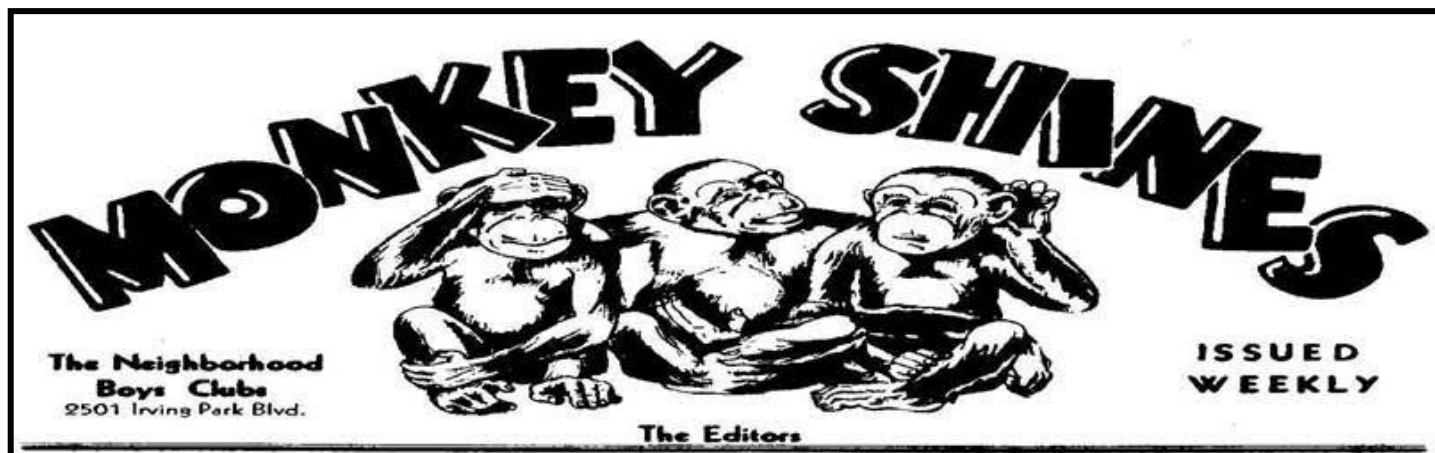
On September 9th, 1931, the Anakigig Boys Club printed its first ever issue of “the official newspaper of our club,” writing that it was also “the first official use of our new name - “The Anakigig Boys Club.” This official newspaper did not yet have a name, and would not have one until early 1933, where it became known as *The Monkeyshines*. “Monkeyshine,” according to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, means “mischief or playful activity,” and redirects you to “prank.” A fitting name for a newspaper which reported the daily antics of a group of boys. Included just below is the header of the first and only page of the first edition. Below that is a header you may recognize from over the years, and on the bottom is what our most recent header design looks like, as seen on our 4,000th edition!

You can still pick one up in the clubhouse right at the counter, or view them electronically on the website under the tab “Monkeyshines.”

This change in length from 1 page to 8 pages reflects the growth the NBGC has gone through over the years. From transitioning out of Mr. Buehler’s garage to our clubhouse next to Revere Park, to the Leadership program and the addition of the Afterschool and Summer Camp programs. We have so much more to report on!



The first *Monkeyshines* header, ca. 1932.



The *Monkeyshines* header from 1932 until around 1938, we still use this one sometimes!



The most recent header we use.

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NBGC 88th Anniversary



Pictured: Robert Buehler with a Neighborhood Boy.

Happy 88th Birthday NBGC! Hall of Fame Induction Cocktail Party

NBGC is turning 88 this October and every year we celebrate by inducting a few prestigious alumni into our Hall of Fame. The celebration will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club on our official Birthday, October 19th. Doors open at 6:00pm with appetizers and cocktails. Dinner will be at 7:00pm followed by the Hall of Fame induction. Tickets will be \$40.00. Dinner will be Buffet Style and a cash bar. Dinner Includes: Salad, London Broil, Baked Chicken, Parmesan Crusted Seabass, Vegetable Medley, Mashed Potato's & Gravy and Assorted Pies for Dessert.

Please join us and help celebrate 88 years of building
"Better Men & Women".

Please reach out to Candice Werstein at Candice@nbgc.org or by phone 773-463-4161 x110.

In Memory of those we recently lost

February

Melissa Cabrera - Parent of Alum

*Beatrice Coppola - Hall of Fame Member,
Mothers Club Member & Parent of Alum*

Craig T. Loiacano - Alum

April

Adam Hennig - Alum

May

*Maryann Brandon - Hall of Fame Member,
Mothers Club Member & Parent of Alum*

Charlotte Sugrue - Parent of Alum

Memorial Notices can be sent to
Bonnie@nbgc.org

\$10,000 LUCKY DATE RAFFLE

This year our Lucky Date Raffle will be held on the day of our Thanksgiving Day Classic, November 22, 2018. Raffle Tickets will be available starting in September.

*Prizes are still needed! To donate, please contact:
Bill@nbgc.org

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club 2018 Calendar

May 5 th -Aug. 24 th	Fall Sports Registration, 12pm-6pm Daily
Jul. 30 th -Aug. 24 th	August Camp
Aug. 6 th	Beer Social @ Lagunitas, 5:30pm-8:30pm
Aug. 19 th	Garden Tea Party @ Tuscan Hen Market, 11am-4pm
Aug. 27 th	Cubs Night @ Wrigley Field, Game time 7:05pm
Aug. 30 th	Poker Event @ Diplomat West Hotel, 2pm-12am
Sep. 23 rd	35 th Annual Bears Bash, Doors @ 2:30pm
Oct. 19 th	Hall of Fame Cocktail Dinner @ Des Plaines Elks, 6pm
Nov. 21 st	Pep Rally
Nov. 22 nd	Thanksgiving Day Classic
Nov. 22 nd	Lucky Date Raffle

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Leaders of the Month



From Left to Right: January: Sr. Leader Laura Arroyo, Sr. Leader Alex Torres. February: Jr. Leader Adalyce Hollis, Sr. Leader Aidan O'Shea. March: Sr. Leader Gerry Gonzalez, Jr. Leader Emily Buelvas. April: Sr. Leader Natalia Rueda-Marshall, Jr. Leader Yasmina Chammas.

In past years, the NBGC Staff has selected two Youth Leaders each month who have gone above and beyond what is expected of them. NBGC Leaders play a valuable role within our organization and its because of their dedication, hard work and drive for success we are able to flourish. Twice a year, we invite promising 8th graders to follow in the footsteps of the successful Youth Leaders that came before them to enter a 12 week Leadership Program. Many of our Leaders In Training have either played on an NBGC team, attended our Afterschool Program or had an action packed summer in our camp. Once our Leaders in Training graduate to "Leader" status, each of them is expected to uphold his or her promise to be role-models for the next generation. The NBGC Leadership Program has reached new heights over the past few years. Currently we have 86 Youth Leaders paving the way for those who will follow in their footsteps. Our Youth Leaders care about the future of the Club, their future, family values and what it means to belong to a community.

"A Mother to us all"

Throughout her years with us, Maryann Brandon has been a big hug, warm smile, kind word and second mother for many of us NBGC members. In 1960, Maryann's husband, Richard C. Brandon accepted a position with NBC (then Neighborhood Boys Club) and Maryann was definitely the "woman behind the man". Maryann worked behind the scenes, helping wherever she could at NBC. She has been a vital part of what NBGC is all about throughout her 58 years with us.

The moment Maryann's van pulled up in the parking lot of NBGC, she would be met at the door by a staff member with a big hug and a huge smile. Time stopped and hours would fly by without concern while Maryann was in the building. She would start her visits in the front program office and eventually make her way back to the executive office or vice versa (depending on who she came to see that day). Her quick wit and adorable puns would keep us entertained for hours! Every Wednesday, Maryann and her son Forrest would arrange a craft to do with our Afterschool Program and all of the kids looked forward to their time with Maryann.

Maryann will always be a second mother to all of us at NBGC. She will be truly missed but always remembered.



Maryann Brandon: July 16, 1937 - May 8, 2018

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Summer Baseball is in Full Swing!



Summer Camp 2018!



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Meet the Staff: Tim Jensen, NBGC Athletic Director



Tim has been the Athletic Director at the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club since the Summer of 2016, making Tim the third of his siblings to serve as Athletic Director after his older brothers Phil and Sam. Tim's cheerful demeanor and great work ethic set a great example to the youth Leaders and younger Staff members who work with him. Tim always comes in to work with a smile on his face and a joke. Tim is a former scholarship recipient.

We were able to sit down with Tim and ask him a few questions about his time as a youth member in our programs, and in service to the club...

Q: How long have you been here?

The first program I participated in was called the Discovery Program when I was in Kindergarten. At the time, that program was the introduction to the club before I was old enough to participate in the sports leagues. I have 4 older siblings that all participated as kids, joined the Leadership program, and all of them eventually held staff positions. Like any other kid that got to watch their older siblings play sports growing up, I was very eager to jump in the program and get started myself.

Q: When did you become a Leader? Why?

I joined the Leader program when I was in 8th grade, as soon as I became eligible to, this was about 12 years ago. I wanted to join because all of my older siblings were either Leaders or Staff already and I was also interested in learning how to referee games.

Q: When did you become a Staff Member? What were you doing?

When I was 15 years old, after being a Youth Leader for a few years, the club decided to start an instructional flag football program for kids in K-1st grade, called the Discovery League. A fellow Leader and I were given the responsibility of running this program. We started with just a handful of kids at the beginning of the Fall season. Word spread among the parents that were signed up about how much they enjoyed the program, and so we had a steady growth of kids joining throughout the season. By the end of the season we ended up with two full teams, and two more teams on each bench for our annual Turkey Bowl on Thanksgiving Day. From that point on, we have been running sports leagues for boys and girls in K-1st grade year round. It's our only league for Baseball this summer, which demonstrates its success.

Q: When did you become the Athletic Director?

In the summer of 2016, my older brother Sam graduated from *Northeastern Illinois University* and got a teaching position with the *Chicago Public Schools*. Once he was officially on his way out, the club posted an opening for the Athletic Director position and I applied, interviewed, and was bumped up to oversee all athletic programs after running individual leagues for several years.

Q: What kept you here at first? What keeps you here now?

There have always been a lot of people that I looked up to throughout my years here. I could go on and on and list all of the older Leaders, Staff members, and alumni that I learned a lot from since I first started... Since then, I've gotten to know many families at the NBGC and I would have to say that watching all of the kids grow up, from being a member of a program to joining the leadership program and in a lot of cases eventually joining our Staff, is the most enjoyable thing for me at this point in my life.

Q: What lessons have you taken away from your time here? What lessons do you think everyone takes away?

From my time in Leader training to my time running Leader training, the club teaches too many valuable lessons for later in life for me to list here. Some of the most important ones that stand out for me are taking initiative to complete a task, maintaining a positive attitude in any circumstance, and working together as a team with many different individuals and different situations.

Q: What do you do when you're not at the club?

I enjoy long walks on the beach... I play a lot of team sports throughout the year, including hockey, 16-inch softball, and more hockey! I'm always open to giving a new sport a shot or joining an unfamiliar team so I can meet new people. Traveling, camping, and spending time with family and friends are some of the other things I enjoy.

You can catch Tim at that first desk on your right when you walk into the programming office if he's not out and about making sure all of our facilities are in order or helping teach the Youth Leaders and Staff Members a new and valuable working skill. Thank you Tim, for all that you do!



NBGC's Beer Social

Monday, August 6, 2018

5:30pm ~ 8:30pm

THE TapRoom at Lagunitas Brewing Co.

2607 W. 17th St | Chicago, IL 60608

Tickets: \$10 | \$6 Lagunitas Pours | Delicious Food | Live Music | Raffle | Free Parking

*For More Info Contact: Candice@nbgc.org or 773-463-4161 x110

Tickets: <https://nbgcbeersocial2018.eventbrite.com>



NBGC's CUBS NIGHT



Monday, August 27, 2018

Cubs vs. NY Mets

Join us for a night with the Chicago Cubs!

NBGC will be hosting a cookout at the clubhouse (2501 W. Irving Park Rd) before the game, then taking the FREE shuttle to Wrigley Field.

Tickets: \$30 (Includes Cookout at NBGC and a Ticket to the Game)

Cookout: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm | Game Time: 7:05 pm

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