

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club

Alumni



Chatter

November 2018

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Happy Holidays from our family to yours!

As I write this letter, I see the leaves falling off the trees, boys playing flag football, girls playing soccer, children playing in the Clubhouse, and our teenage Leaders are assisting with programs. The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club would not be able to provide these vital programs and services without YOUR support. Your generosity keeps kids off the streets and engaged in structured programs during the most vulnerable time of the day... the out-of-school time.

Recently, Bill Abplanalp (1960's) and I visited Jack Pittges (1940's). Jack is doing well. We had a great time reminiscing about the "good old days" here at the NBGC. Jack also shared some great stories of his days as an NFL referee. Did you know that he was the official time keeper for all the Chicago Bears home games that were played at Wrigley Field?



NBGC family sightings: It is always great to see alumni, past cheerleaders and Moms' & Dads' Club members come back and visit the NBGC. Recently, the following alumni were spotted walking through the NBGC and supporting local events:

1940's: Don Valentin

1950's: Ron Bare, John Chambers, Sue Fahey, Jim Swaggerty, Tom Stone Sr., Tom Tracey, Peter Wiczorek

1960's: Bob Bolvin, Debi Broll, Jerre Jean Broll-Cook, Joe Cullotta, John Cullotta, Chuck Davis, Ed Feuling, Gale Geschrey, Jerry Geschrey, Tom Geschrey, Dennis Gologly, Frank Hashimoto Sr., Arp Horvath, Bill Jensen, Jim Kartheiser, Linda Krier, Tom Krier, Ira Kudish, Juanita Loosevelt, Mary Nickels, Greg Nimietz, Mike Nimietz, Bob Pattullo, Glenn Stahl, Ray Sugrue, Jim Swanson, Tom Van Den Bosch

1970's: Roo Geschrey, Gloria Goerner, Jean Goerner, Paul Goerner Jr., Frank Hashimoto Jr., Dave Ottesen, Gloria & Jerry Ottesen, Tom Stone Jr.

1980's: Keith Kielnik, Mark Kielnik, Jeff Prause

1990's: Rich Ayala, David Cruz, Amanda Fox, Jeanne Hair, Chris Nelson, Tony Palumbo, Fares Zanayed, Jovi Zanayed

2000's: Ozzi Fernandez, Cassie Kielnik, Tommy Nickels

Holiday Season: Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season when many focus on their holiday and year-end giving.

Last year during this time, we had a #GivingTuesday Campaign with a \$10,000 anonymous match that remarkably raised over \$34,000 in one month! This year, I am thrilled to announce that thanks to the generosity of 3 anonymous donors, all donations received from now until Giving Tuesday (November 27) will be matched 2:1, up to \$15,000. That means that your donation will have **TRIPLE** the impact. A \$25 gift will be valued at \$75!

And remember, never underestimate the power of matching gifts. For example, if a donor gives \$100 and their company has a 2:1 match, that results in a \$300 gift to the NBGC. Then with our #GivingTuesday match, that \$300 has a \$900 impact. It does not hurt to ask if your company or your spouse's company matches any philanthropic gifts, so ask today! Please take advantage of our #GivingTuesday 2:1 match. It is truly a life-changing opportunity. Your investment in the life of child will have an immeasurable impact. Thank you!

Make sure you like our Facebook page for a chance to win some cool NBGC gear!

 <https://www.facebook.com/NeighborhoodBoysAndGirlsClub>

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Sadowski
Executive Director



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87th Anniversary and Hall of Fame Dinner

The NBGC celebrated its 87th Anniversary and 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees at our annual cocktail party that was held on Friday, October 19th (which is the actual date that the Club started with its first football game that was played back in 1931). 95 alumni, family and friends were on hand to honor the induction of the new members to the NBGC Hall of Fame. These individuals were selected based on a nomination process. Programs with the biographies of this year's inductees are available at the club for those that were unable to attend in hard copy or electronic format.



Joann Geschrey and Family



Cathy Kattner and Jeff Sadowski



Board Member, David Ottesen and Family

2018 Hall of Fame Members

Dick & Joann Geschrey
Peter Kattner
Bert Lawrenz
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Frank Peters



Jeff, Barbara and Gretchen Peters



Karen Sterling, Friend of Bert Lawrenz



Board President, Peter Maxfield with Family and Friends

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Jim Pottinger with NBGC Board Member, Jeff Rich

Meet Our New Director of Youth Development Jim Pottinger

Hello my name is Jim Pottinger and I am a new addition to the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club family as the Director of Youth Development. My past experience includes working with inner-city youth for over 30 years at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago. I have a proven record of accomplishments working effectively with children and families in low-income environments. I am the recipient of numerous awards showcasing my abilities to effectively work with at-risk youth and teenagers. One of my initiatives was to create a city-wide sports league that involved 16 different locations. In this capacity, I recruited over 1,000 youth to participate in a variety of sports for both boys and girls, as well as facilitated the Organizational Teen Leadership program called the Keystone Club. I am very excited to meet all the alumni, donors and families at the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club.

Youth Leadership Program

Youth Leaders are the backbone of our organization, open to youth, teenagers, and young adults ages 13 through 26. Currently, we have over 100 Leaders engaged in the Youth Leadership Program and 21 participating in the Leaders in Training Program (LIT). The Youth Leaders and LITs are responsible for working the counter, helping with the out-of-school time programs, as well as learning to score keep and officiate all sports offered at the NBGC. But most importantly, this Program not only changes their lives, but the lives of their families and friends. This ripple effect makes our community a better place to live.



Leader Summer Trips

Recently, the Youth Leaders had the opportunity to participate in 3 outdoor education trips that helped them grow in some essential areas, including working together, being responsible and exceeding their goals and expectations. These life lessons are transferable to all aspects of their lives.

Camping and Biking Trip (August 18th & 19th): The Leaders had the opportunity to participate in a 2 day camping and biking trip at the end of the summer. The Leaders worked hard all summer long as day camp counselors and really needed a nice weekend off. What could be better than spending a couple of days in the wilderness camping, swimming and bike riding through the beautiful forest preserves in Wisconsin.

Tubing Trip (August 29th): At the end of the summer day camp program, some fortunate youth at the NBGC had the opportunity to relax and enjoy a beautiful day tubing in Indiana on the Tippecanoe River.

Mississippi Canoe Trip (October 6th - 8th): The Leaders had the opportunity to camp out and canoe for 3 days on the Mississippi River near the town of Savanna, Illinois. They camped on the islands that are part of the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge in primitive areas without bathrooms or running water. All participants were taught primitive camping skills while adhering to Leave No Trace outdoor guidelines. Paddling can be hard work and tiring, but it was really rewarding for the Leaders to paddle to camp with everything you need to live in the wilderness. They set goals, journaled and talked each day about what they had learned. On the 2nd day, the weather did not permit us to canoe, so we made other plans which was to go and explore a few different historic caves. The Leaders had a great time in the caves, especially when they had to work together to get through some of the tight and slick places. The Leaders really bonded and became good friends during this 3 day excursion.



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NBGC Cubs Night & Cookout

The NBGC held a BBQ cookout before the Chicago Cubs night game on August 27th. Thanks to event chairman **Frank Hashimoto** and his contacts at the Chicago Cubs, 350 people attended the 7:05pm Cubs vs. NY Mets game with many making the 4:00pm - 5:30pm cookout that was held at the NBGC Clubhouse. **Vienna Beef** donated the hot dogs and buns, burgers were purchased with a sponsorship from **Wintrust Bank**, and the charcoal for the grills was donated by **Dan Buino** at the **True Value store on Southport**. **Tom Krier** and **Jeff Rich** brought 4 charcoal grills from their backyards. In 90 degree heat, chefs **Jim Pottinger**, **David Alvarez**, **Jeff and Carol Rich** grilled over **300** hot dogs and hamburgers. Many in attendance used the free remote parking and free shuttle buses the Cubs provide for their night games that is located right across from Revere Park at the Basic Wire and Cable property (the old Victor Comptometer lot). With ticket prices for the event at only \$30 per person, the NBGC raised over \$5,500 at this first time event and the Cubs Won 7 – 4! The Cubs 2019 schedule just came out and we are looking at dates to hold our 2nd annual event. Hope to see you there!



35th Annual Bears Bash

The Annual Bears Bash was held on Sunday, September 23rd against the Arizona Cardinals. The Bears **WON** the game, yes, **WON** the game 16-14!! Many of us in attendance couldn't remember the last Bears Bash we had where the Bears won the game. This year's event was held at **ROCKS Northcenter** at 4138 N. Lincoln Ave. All in attendance were treated to a buffet of pulled pork sliders, cheeseburger sliders, mac & cheese, pretzel bites, hummus platters, salad and dessert. There was a 4 hour drink package of domestic bottles, drafts, house wine and well drinks that were included in the price of the ticket. Thanks to Josh and the staff at ROCKS for their wonderful hospitality.

The major sponsor again this year was alum **Jim Morici of Morici, Figlioli & Associates**. His generosity provided over 100 raffle prizes and the large flat screen TV that was won by a new Board member **Kyla Bailenson**. There were also numerous 100 square pools to choose from. Each attendee went home with a Morici, Figlioli & Associates / NBGC shopping tote bag. Another sponsorship thanks goes out to **Byline Bank** and **Manny Herrera** for being a Field Goal Sponsor. The Bears Bash raised over **\$5,300**, which was an increase of **12%** from last year. Alumni president **Arp Horvath** donated 2 Mitch Trubisky jerseys that were won by Alum **Ed Feuling** and staff member **Sergio Arroyo**. Alum **Jim Swaggerty** generously donated several prizes that were a big hit in the raffle. Thanks to the event volunteers: **Candice Werstein**, **Bill Abplanalp**, **Julie Stone**, **Sergio Arroyo**, **Andrew Alvarez**, and **Jeff Sadowski**.



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Robert Buehler Legacy Society

Would you like to make a generous gift to a cause you care about without using any of your current income? It is possible by joining the Robert Buehler Legacy Society. A planned gift to the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club allows you to make a gift later if you are not able to give one now, or you can make a final gift after a lifetime of giving. To leave a legacy, you must first find the right strategy for you.

A bequest in your will to the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is an easy way to make a difference without affecting your current cash flow. You can leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. You may also bequeath property or specific assets. Adding a bequest to your will is easy—have your estate planning attorney contact us for our formal bequest language—and it can easily be amended or changed.

The Robert Buehler Legacy Society Donor Wall is located on the wall at the park side entrance to our building. **Will your name be added?**

Call Bill Abplanalp at 773-463-4161, ext.115 or email bill@nbgc.org today to talk about designing a legacy—large or small—that will represent your enduring values. The envelope enclosed in this chatter has a section for you to reply.



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#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving. Spread the word that all unrestricted donations received from now until Tuesday, November 27th, will be matched 2:1, up to \$15,000! To make your donation today, visit www.nbgc.org and click the "Donate" button. Share your giving with your family, friends & community. Lets make this campaign viral!

NBGC 2018 - 2019 Calendar

Nov. 21 st	88th Annual Pep Rally 5:30pm
Nov. 22 nd	88th Annual Thanksgiving Day Classic 8am - 12pm
Nov. 22 nd	Lucky Date Raffle Drawing @ 10am
Nov. 23 rd - 25 th	NBGC Closed for Holiday
Dec. 8 th	Holiday Tree Sale 9am - 2pm
Dec. 14 th	Holiday Ham Sale Pick Up 1pm-6pm
Dec. 15 th	Parents Night Out 5:30pm - 11:30pm
Dec. 24 th - 26 th	NBGC Closed for Holiday
Dec. 27 th - 28 th	Winter Break Camp
Dec. 31 st - Jan 1 st	NBGC Closed for Holiday
Jan. 2 nd - 4 th	Winter Break Camp
Jan. 21 st	CPS Day Off School. NBGC Open 8am - 6pm

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, like 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.

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, Member of the Robert
Buehler Legacy Society & Parent of Alum

Charlotte Sugrue - Mothers Club Member ,
Parent of Alum

July

Ron Julian – Alum, Member of the Robert
Buehler Legacy Society

August

Dan Bigelow – Alum

September

Jack Leske – Alum, Member of the Robert
Buehler Legacy Society

Memorial Notices can be sent to bonnie@nbgc.org



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bill@nbgc.org.



Holiday Tree Sale
Saturday, December 8
 9am-2pm, or until we run out
Holiday Trees-Wreaths-Roping
All Proceeds Benefit NBGC Youth Programs



Holiday Ham Sale

Orders Due Monday, December 10

Pick Up & Payment Due on
Friday, December 14th
1pm-6pm

Hams: \$3.75/lb, Spice Kits: \$2.00

To place your order please contact Julie at
773-463-4161 X118 or finance@nbgc.org



\$\$ Lucky Date Raffle \$\$

You have to be in it, to win it! The NBGC Lucky Date Raffle is bigger and better this year! Not only do you have a chance to win \$10,000 by guessing the Lucky Date that is picked but we have 12 other amazing prizes for you to win!

Raffle Ticket Sheets are only \$30 (\$50 value)

To Purchase your ticket sheet today visit <http://www.nbgc.org/events.html>

Drawing will be at our 88th Annual Thanksgiving Classic: November 22nd @ 10am



Save the Dates!



Leaders of the Future Scholarship Dinner
 May 10, 2019

50th Annual Golf Outing
 July 15, 2019

2019 Hall of Fame Dinner
 October 18, 2019

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