Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club

Alumni



Chatter

March 2019

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the sudden and unexpected passing of my father, Robert Sadowski. The love and support from the NBGC family has been overwhelming, as well as inspirational. Similar to NBGC's mission, during my father's life, he impacted thousands of inner-city lives through the power of athletics. If you have time, please read the *Chicago Sun-times* (February 13, 2019- "A life of hustling, volunteering, coaching, fishing: Remembering Bob Sadowski.") touching article on the life of my father that was recently published. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

I am thrilled to announce that the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club (NBGC) and Revere Park have been awarded \$6 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars to provide upgrades and improvements to both of our buildings. Specifically, NBGC will be getting an improved HVAC system (air conditioning), in addition to new doors and windows. Special thanks to Alderman Ameya Pawar for earmarking and approving these vital dollars.

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club never ceases to amaze me. With the recent record breaking weather conditions that closed schools, businesses, museums, and local after-school providers, children had no place to go while their parents had to go to work. When the schools are OUT, NBGC is IN! Our staff drove in from all around the city and suburbs to offer quality, structured programs and activities for our members. The NBGC parents were very appreciative that we provided a safe haven for their children.

Calling all Young Professionals! If you are a young professional who does not have much time for meetings, but you are passionate about helping children, then please consider joining our Associate Board. The role of an Associate Board member is two-fold: (i) to increase NBGC's brand awareness, and (ii) to increase its fundraising capabilities. This is also an amazing networking opportunity that looks great on your resume. If you are interested in being a part of this initiative and supporting a worthy cause, please email me at jsadowski@nbgc.org.

At our most recent corporate board meeting, the board voted unanimously to increase the dollar amount required to be a corporate member. **Effective in 2019, corporate dues are a minimum of \$200.00 per year**. If you donate \$100.00, you will still be in the Century Club, but will not have voting rights. By donating no less than \$200.00 by December 31, 2019, you will be a corporate member in good standing and shall be entitled to one proxy vote.

For 88 years, the NBGC continues to provide hope and opportunity for children every day. This could not be possible without YOUR generosity and support. Please consider making a life-changing gift today. You can send a check or credit card number in the return donor envelope enclosed, or visit www.nbgc.org and click the "donate" button. Thank you for investing in the life of a child.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Sadowski Executive Director



Fishing lesson with Bob Sadowski



NBGC & Revere Park have been awarded \$6 Million in TIF funds for some much needed building renovations

2018 Thanksgiving Day Classics

The NBGC is very thankful for the continued support of NBC/NBGC alums Ernie Chowanec, Pat Geraghty, Phil Haley, Rich Schuster, Bill Sharkey, Dennis Sharkey, Jack Sharkey, Terry Sharkey & Joe Traubenik for the amazing refreshments and help serving. This alumni group played at the NBC in the 1950's and 1960's and love being a part of the Thanksgiving tradition! Also a big THANK YOU to Kuppie's Bakery in Villa Park, home of the best doughnuts in northern Illinois! This year, these alums came together in memory of their teammate Ernie Sardilli.

We also thank **Wayne and Virginia Duckmann** for co-sponsoring the event. Wayne and Virginia coached in the 1990's when their children, Wayne and Christine, were active members. They also own a local silk screening company, **Ultimate Sports Apparel**, and have been printing NBGC clothing for over 30 years. The coffee this year is sponsored by **Starbucks** at 4557 N. Lincoln Ave (Lincoln & Wilson).







Boys Flag Football

NBGC Cheerleaders

Girls Soccer



Ray Sugrue, Arp Horvath & Bill Abplanalp



Jack Sharkey, Pat Geraghty, John Fahey, Pat Pfeiffer, Bill Sharkey, Pat Fahey, Sue Fahey & Bill Abplanalp



Kevin & Katie Ward with Bonnie Werstein



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Brandon West, Yasmina Chammas & Kayla Nelson



Boys & Girls LACROSSE Clinics are coming to NBGC!

U.S. Lacrosse has given us a grant which includes Lacrosse sticks, balls & nets so NBGC can add this fun sport to our existing athletic programs.

Look for updates & photos in the July Chatter.



What Polar Vortex?

The polar vortex didn't stop the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club's dedicated staff from closing down the non-profit on Wednesday (1/30) and Thursday (1/31)! As committed NBGC staff traveled near and far from their homes, such as Maria Gomez who drove 35 miles round-trip from the Brighton Park neighborhood by Midway Airport, the club remained open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on both days and served over 130 children during the historic, deep freeze. The NBGC is committed to assisting the parents and guardians of our youth during times that they need us the most! Help us continue our important work of providing a safe haven for children from all backgrounds.



NBGC kindergarten & 1st grade members enjoying lunch while being safe & warm at the Clubhouse



NBGC staff Ashlee Reynolds with NBGC members playing board games during the 1st day of the vortex

NBGC Afterschool Programs

The NBGC's Afterschool Program enrollment is at an all-time high with a total of 350+ youth participating at Coonley, Bateman and Cleveland elementary school and at the NBGC Clubhouse. Currently, the kids at Cleveland are picked up and brought to Bateman to join the afterschool activities, but we are excited to announce that on April 1st, we will be opening a new on-site program at Cleveland Elementary School! This new site will allow the NBGC to serve more youth within the community and build another strong relationship with a Chicago Public School (CPS).

With the warm weather approaching, all the NBGC programs are excited and looking forward to getting outside again! During the winter months, the NBGC staff chose to take time and have our youth write thank you letters on "Thank You Tuesdays", to our veterans, doctors, senior citizens, friends & family. Our afterschool programs also enjoy many teambuilding activities, and the kids always love when our Leaders come up with new ways to play games on the fly!















Founded By Robert Buehler and Richard Valentin in 1931 for Carl Buehler

YOU & ME ARTICLE

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MELEM ONA TOTAL Playoff losers By: Steve & Carl If you haven't seen Mark Collier lately it's because he's having his diamond ears cut. A very special early baseball regist Joke of the Year: Paul Flatley with and the Trish gnoise special day is Wed will hold baseball registration from h Dave Grosch is the winner of the contest to guess who Ron "Pickle Juice" Pittelkau's sister is. Instead of giving him Monopoly money, we are sending him to visit his friends in Trannsylvania. 36.00 uniform deposit at the time of Don Falk of the Prep Falcons made an unassisted triple play against the Cougars last Monday! Congratulations! rep and Tribe Leaguers will

Tom Stone and Dan Diversey are the Drainos of the Week for needing only 1 yard for a goal in pinball and letting it go right down the drain! put into a Unifor Mike Celler of the Prep Spiders made the Catch of the Week against the Wasps. He robbed Jim Krug of a home run. you will be left The Shortest Members in the Club are: Prep League : jack parisi Tribe League: brian kelk Teen League : paul "short stuff" robin They are so short that we spell their names without capitols in blod at dI pens each ni Mystery of the Week: Who is George Turner? If you find out, we'll give gyoura booby prize a era admenda erie Answer to Mystery of the Week: Who cares'

Note To Alumni

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club's (NBGC) very own Bill Abplanalp has recently become NBGC's deputy director of development and alumni liaison. In Bills new role, he's interested in knowing how many alums remember the **YOU & ME** column (pictured above) in the weekly Monkeyshine publication. It was dedicated to what was happening with NBGC members throughout the week. Well, Bill would like to bring back the YOU & ME section in our Alumni Chatters, but he needs your assistance!

Please write or email Bill with your updates. You can also fill lout the online alumni registration form in the alumni section at www.nbgc.org.

- 1. Your full name, including your maiden name, if applicable.
- 2. Your NBGC connection: Alumni & years involved, parent or quardian of alumni, grandparent of alumni or other connection?
- 3. What activities were you involved in during your time as an NBC/NBGC member?
- 4. What are your fondest memories of your time with NBC/NBGC?
- 5. Where did life take you after leaving NBGC?
- 6. What are you currently doing? Working? Retired?
- 7. If applicable, were your siblings involved with the club? If yes, what are their names?
- 8. If applicable, what is your spouse's name?
- 9. If applicable, what are your children's names?
- 10. If applicable, what are your grandchildren's names?
- 11. What is your email address?
- 12. What is your home, work or mobile number?
- 13. Is there any additional info you would like to share about you, your time with NBC/NBGC or your family?
- 14. Are you still in touch with any alumni? If applicable, please list.
- 15. Do you have an old picture or current picture you would like to share?

By sharing the above information with Bill, you are giving the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club permission to publish your stories and/or pictures in future Alumni Chatters or other publications. The NBGC will never share your contact info with fellow alumni or to companies.

Bill would like to get the ball rolling and connect with NBGC alumni! You can email him at bill@nbgc.org or write him at:

NBGC C/O Bill Abplanalp 2501 W. Irving Park Road Chicago, IL 60618

Meet Our New Director of Development

Michelle Lura White, a native of Grand Ridge, Illinois, recently joined the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club (NBGC) as the new director of development where she brings a wealth of knowledge and results from her professional non-profit, private and public sectors experiences in Chicago, Milwaukee and Springfield. Her proudest fundraiser accomplishment includes devising the "Help Japan Fundraiser at Sunda" in 2011, which raised over \$30,000 in less than one-month for the earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan. Michelle's fundraiser vision was made possible thanks to Bill Dec and his company, Rockit Ranch Productions, who sponsored and hosted the entire sit-down dinner at one of his restaurants, Sunda New Asian in downtown Chicago. Additional top memorable fundraiser events which Michelle oversaw as project manager includes the pan-Asian non-profit, the Chinese Mutual Aid Association's (CMAA) 35th Annual Dinner & Silent Auction at the Museum of Contemporary Art in 2016 and the 2015 Nepal Now fundraiser at MillerCoors' corporate office in Chicago.

Outside work, Michelle serves as one of the Filipino-American leaders in the Midwest and was a past advisor to the Consulate of the Republic of the Philippines-Chicago and the Philippine diplomats between 2010-2018. During those years, she helped broker then President of the Philippines Benigno Simeon "Noynoy" Cojuangco Aquino III's meetings with Chicago's top decision makers in the private and public sectors, arranged and participated in economic development meetings with decision makers, such as Midwest governors to create economic opportunities for local Midwest economies and the Republic of the Philippines, and instituted partnerships with the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and Midwest universities' business schools.

As an advocate for higher education, Michelle was a past advisory board member of Concordia University Wisconsin's Batterman School of Business. Although Michelle stepped down from the board, she is still involved with the business school and is committed to providing opportunities for young adults from underserved communities and ones who are the first generation in their families to attend college.

Michelle looks forward to working with the entire Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club's extended family from leaders, staff, board of directors, associate board, members' families, and community supporters!

Michelle's (far right) first day with the NBGC's executive team members Jeff Sadowski, Bonnie Werstein, Julie Stone, & Bill Abplanalp





MB Financial Bank's
Joel Lefkowitz &
Malgorzata Dubert
present a \$5,000
grant check for
NBGC to Michelle
Lura White &
Jeff Sadowski

Leadership Program Spotlight

The NBGC Leader Program is what sets our organization a part from all others within the community. Our Leader Program has grown to 90 teens, who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of NBGC youth members. Each leader plays a vital role in the day-to-day activities at the clubhouse or at the afterschool program school sites. This past December the leaders celebrated their hard work with a group outing to Dave & Busters, where they were able to socialize with one another and just have fun! Later in December, 9 leaders had the opportunity to join Chicago Voyagers on a cross-country ski trip to Herrick Lake Forest Preserve. Unfortunately, plans changed (due to lack of snow), but that did not stop our leaders from quickly switching gears and decided to go hiking instead. For two days, they hiked a total of 10 miles, enjoyed team-building activities, first aid training, cooking their own meals & learned to safely build a campfire. One of the top highlights of this trip was how the leaders communicated with one another and bonded. This summer, the leaders are looking forward to camping, canoeing and sailing adventures!

We are excited to announce that 14 teens have successfully completed a 10-week leader training course and have now graduated to "Leader" status! The Leaders in Training (LIT) program is structured to develop NBGC's youth into productive Leaders and guide them into successful adulthood. Congratulations to the following new leaders: Bella Artega, Mayra Baez, Olivia Cordero, Jacob Fortner, Noah Han, Noah Kharouf, Jenna Palumbo, Iliana Perez, Jonathan Perez, Alex Rodriguez, Elaysia Sander, Ruby Silich, Matthew Sorto, and Anabella Wathrich. Currently, there are 16 candidates participating in the spring LIT program, which is from February 8th- April 11th.



NBGC Leaders & Chicago Voyagers



NBGC Leaders pumping drinking water



NBGC Leaders & Staff at Dave & Busters

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Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club 2019 Calendar

Feb. 1st– Apr. 6th

Feb. 1st–Jun. 2nd

Apr. 15th–19th

Coed soccer registration

Summer baseball registration

CPS spring break camp ● 8am-6pm

Apr. 20th Easter egg hunt ●10am

May. 5th NBGC's Poker Night | AMVets in Wheeling ● 2pm-12am May. 10th Leaders of the Future Scholarship Dinner ● 6pm

Jun. 3rd-21st Summer pre-camp
Jun. 11th NBGC's Poker Night -TBD
Jun. 14th-16th Ribfest- volunteers needed!

Jun. 24th-Aug. 2nd Summer core camp

Jun. 29th Mattress sale at Revere Park ● 9am-4pm Jul. 15th 50th Annual Golf Outing ● 12pm

Aug. 5th-23rd August camp

Sept. 18th NBGC's Cubs Night ● Cookout @ 4pm ● Game @ 7:05pm
Oct. 1st NBGC's Beer Social ● Lagunitas TapRoom ● 5:30-8:30pm
Oct. 18th Hall of Fame Dinner ● Des Plaines Elks Club ● 6pm

In Memory of those we recently lost

November

Bill Shoemaker - alum Ron Julian - alum

<u>December</u>

Tom Valentin - alum

<u>January</u>

Frank Bappert - NBGC supporter Michael "Mikey" Prodromos - alum Mary Ann Nimietz - Parent of alumni

<u>February</u>

Bob Sadowski - Parent of NBGC staff John Stephans - NBGC supporter Patricia Ann Blackburn - Grandparent of alum

Memorial notices can be sent to **bonnie@nbgc.org**

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, NBGC's deputy director of development at 847.826.1317 (m) or Bill@nbgc.org.

Corporate Membership

Effective January 1, 2019, corporate dues were increased by the NBGC Board of Directors to be no less than \$200.00 annually. Each corporate member in good standing shall be entitled to one proxy vote per year.

For questions, please contact Jeffrey Sadowski at jsadowski@nbgc.org.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

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Do you like to shop on Amazon? AmazonSmile is a way for shoppers to support the NBGC every they shop on Amazon.

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Visit the link below and Amazon will donate 0.5% of every purchase to the NBGC at no cost to you. Thank you to all the Amazon shoppers who spent over \$23,000 last holiday season and selected NBGC as their charity!

http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2139256

Calling All Young Professionals

This means YOU!!! The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club (NBGC) is forming an Associate Board. This Junior Board will be comprised of young professionals that are passionate about youth development, athletics and leadership programs. The role of an Associate Board Member is 2 fold: (1) increase NBGC's brand awareness and (2) increase NBGC's fundraising capabilities. There is a very minimal time commitment and this is a great networking opportunity that will help you in your career. This amazing opportunity looks great on your resume and helps us to introduce NBGC's power mission to new families and donor prospects.

For more information, please contact Jeffrey Sadowski at jsadowski@nbgc.org.



Jeff & Barbara Peters with Joanne (Peters) Murphy

*Correction: In the November 2018 Alumni Chatter, we listed the names of the above alumni incorrectly.

We apologize about our error.



NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT THE

FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER "ENCOURAGING GROWTH"

MAY 10, 2019 | 6 PM | DANK HAUS | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

David Otunga

ACTOR, WWE SUPERSTAR, PHYSIQUE CHAMPION, AND HARVARD-EDUCATED LAWYER KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Open bar | Hearty hors d' oeuvres, dinner & desserts | Silent auction | Inspiring address | Scholarships presentation

Please visit www.nbcg.org for more info and to secure your tickets.



Complimentary parking is available at our community partner

MB Financial Bank's parking lot at 4800 N. Western Avenue | Chicago, Illinois

50th Annual Golf Outing • Monday, July 15, 2019

PRESENTING SPONSOR—\$4,500

- Two foursomes (includes lunch & dinner)
- Hole-in-one sponsorship with signage
- Premiere sponsor's logo on event materials
- Your logo prominent on day-of-event signage
- E-blasts, social media & media recognition
- Your logo on website for 8-months

DINNER SPONSOR—\$3,500

- One foursome (includes lunch & dinner)
- Hole-in-one sponsorship with signage
- Your logo on event materials
- E-blasts, social media & media recognition
- Your logo on website for 6-months

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR—\$2,000

- One foursome (includes lunch & dinner)
- Hole-in-one sponsorship with signage
- Name or logo on all beverage carts
- Your logo on website for 3-months



For complete sponsorship benefits info, please contact Michelle Lura White

> 773.463.4161, x133 (w) 414.350.5300 (m) michelle@nbgc.org

HOLE SPONSOR + FOURSOME—\$700

- One Foursome (Includes Lunch & Dinner)
- Hole-in-one sponsorship with signage

HOLE SPONOR—\$250

Hole-in-one sponsorship with signage

FOURSOME—\$500

One Foursome (Includes Lunch & Dinner)

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER—\$125

Includes Lunch & Dinner

DINNER ONLY—\$40

The Links at Carillon 21200 S. Carillon Dr. Plainfield, IL 60544

Registration & lunch: 12 p.m. Shotgun Start: 1 p.m. Dinner, awards & raffle: 6:30 p.m. *Free beverage cart on course*

The Robert Buehler Legacy Society

Preserve Your Values Along With Your Assets Consider the NBGC in Your Estate Planning

Recent additions include: Richard Muenow & Ronald Julian

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club's mission is to enhance the well-being and develop the potential of its members, their families and the community. This is accomplished through multi-faceted programs where "Everybody Plays."

The Robert Buehler Legacy Society recognizes individuals who desire to invest in the future of the NBGC. A gift of any size can make a difference. NBGC can assist you in finding the giving strategy that works best for you:

- OUTRIGHT GIFTS: Cash or Appreciated Securities/Properties\

- BEQUESTS: Designate a Percentage of your Estate, or a Particular Dollar Amount INSURANCE POLICIES: Name the NBGC as the Beneficiary/Owner of a Life Insurance Policy TAX CONSIDERED LIFE INCOME PLANS: Establish a gift to NBGC that provides an income plan for the lifetime of the donor while providing significant tax advantages including an income tax deduction and reduction/elimination of capital gains taxes, if funded with appreciated assets.

Whatever strategy you select, there may be considerable advantages, including reduced exposure to state and federal estate taxes and control or greater income from assets designated for charity.

- The Robert Buehler Legacy Society will provide critical and valuable resources so that:
 The NBGC can maintain reasonable and affordable program fees by providing investment underwriting.
- All children/youth can participate in NBGC programming—regardless of the family's economic circumstances.
- There is a source of funds available to invest in new program initiatives to further NBGC's mission.

Protect your Estate and Support our Mission!

Designing a legacy - large or small - will represent your enduring values. There is no obligation and your information will remain confidential. The Robert Buehler Legacy Society Donor Wall is located at the park side entrance to our building. Will your name be added?

For more information contact: Bill Abplanalp, NBGC's deputy director of development 847.826.1317 (m) | bill@nbgc.org



88th 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 & Women".
- Nominee must demonstrate leadership, sportsmanship, scholarship and volunteer services.
- Nominee should show an NBGC history of being a volunteer, supporter and/or 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, etc.)

Submitted by:	Phone:		
Email:			
	INDIVIDUAL NOMINEE INFORMAT	ION	
Name:		Applicable Era:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Primary Phone:	Work Phone:	Work Phone:	
Email:			

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.

Nominations should be submitted to the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, Attn: Hall of Fame Committee, 2501 W. Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60618. All nominations are due by **June 17th, 2019.** The Hall of Fame Inductees will be honored on Friday, October 18, 2019 at the Des Plaines Elks Club.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The NBGC has the opportunity to earn premium fundraising \$\$ with your help! We are looking for volunteers to help us at Ribfest on Lincoln Ave.

June 14th & 15th with gates, ID line, beverage tent & the Kids Square

ID line & beverage tent volunteers must be 21+

For more information or to register as a volunteer, please contact:

Candice Werstein 773.463.4161 x110 | events@nbgc.org



NBGC's 3rd Annual "Get Sleep" Mattress Fundraiser

On **Saturday, June 29th**, buy a brand name mattress, save HUNDREDS of dollars, and help send a child to the NBGC's Summer Camp!



Experts will be on hand to answer any questions and help you find the best mattress for you.

Your new mattress will be custom-built and delivered "white-glove" to your bedroom.

ONE DAY ONLY- Saturday, June 29, 2019 9am - 4pm | Revere Park



SAVE UP TO 50% BELOW RETAIL!

NBGC will receive up to \$500 PER SALE!!





NBGC's Cubs Night at Wrigley!
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Cubs vs. Reds • Game Time: 7:05pm



Tickets: \$35

Includes: BBQ before the game at the NBGC, FREE parking & Shuttle to/from the game!





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Founded By Robert Buehler and Richard Valentin in 1931 for Carl Buehler