

Alumni



Chatter

June 2014

THE BUZZ FROM THIS OLD WASP...

Tom Krier, Executive Director

Memorial Day and the 70th anniversary of D-Day have just passed. A week or so before the holiday, I was struck by an article in the most current edition of the AARP Bulletin (yes, I am that old!!!). It started; "Since the early days of the Revolutionary War, American soldiers have been writing letters that shared their fears, hopes for the future, and love with those who waited anxiously behind." It later notes who the senders are; "They are a parent, a sibling, a child a spouse, a fiancé or best friend. " They were also NBGC alums!

During World War II the NBC published the Service Paper, a bi-weekly collection of letters, articles and pictures. It kept everyone up-to-date about what was going on at NBC. The Service Paper became extremely popular among NBCers overseas and among their families at home. In 1997, alum Ray Donner compiled letters from the Service Paper, creating a booklet dedicated to the memory of those who served and sacrificed during WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

The following are two of those letters;

September 10, 1943: Stephen Klinger, former coach of the Midgets and member of the Ramblers, was killed in action in Sicily on August 5th. We can truly say that Steve was one of the few boys around whom the NBC was built. He was a natural leader and a real organizer. He was the first coach in the NBC, and he was the first boy to organize a younger group of boys – the Midgets...His heart and soul were truly for the Midgets in every respect. He taught them how to play as true sportsmen should.



Our Flag waves in front of the clubhouse

December 3, 1943: (letter from Marty Costanza, Trojans): I want to thank you again for your kind efforts to make my life in the service easier because of the (NBC) Service Paper. I had known for some time that my dear friend Marty Joyce had passed into the great beyond, but was unaware until the day before yesterday that he met his fate here at Guadalcanal...So I spent all day yesterday looking for the grave of our dear friend, and my search was not in vain...The cemetery is very uniform, but I'm going to see if I can fix it up a bit.

December 25, 1943: (an excerpt from Robert Buehler-Founder): Things are just about the way you left them.

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NBGC 66TH ANNUAL FAMILY FEST

In just a couple of weeks the NBGC will host its 66th Annual Family Fest. The big event starts on Wednesday, June 25th and continues through Sunday, June 30th. A schedule of the many activities appears to the right and on the next page.

In some ways, this year's event has been "in the news" for several months. As many of you know, at the beginning of this season the Chicago Cubs began a new remote parking operation on the "old" Victor lot (now Basic Wire & Cable). Cub fans start arriving a couple hours before the game (nights and weekends) and get a ride on a school bus to Clark and Addison. After the game they get a ride back to the lot. Recently I was speaking with an alum living in California who asked how the Cub's remote parking was going and would it interfere with the carnival. The WGN TV reach continues to be coast to coast!

The Fest is ON!!!! The Cubs organization and Basic Wire & Cable have been extremely generous in allowing NBGC to continue its long tradition of hosting the Fest on the lot. We are going to share the space during the event. Here's hoping Cub fans stop in the Fest after the game(s) and celebrate the "W" on the scoreboard.

The 11th Annual Jack Pittges "All Alumni Reunion" takes place on opening night, Wednesday, June 25th starting at 6pm. Alumni gather in the Beer Garden (is there a better place to meet...I don't think so) and then enjoy rides, games, refreshments and stories from Jack!!! We look forward to see alumni from all eras at the event. I am sure stories from the 70's through the 00's can match those of the 40's.

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club Family Fest & Carnival

at 3900 N. Rockwell Street (Irving & Rockwell)

Wednesday, June 25th through Sunday, June 29th

Open Weekdays at 6:00-11:00pm • Weekends at 2:00-11:00pm

Live Entertainment • Beer Garden • 18 Carnival Rides • Games with Prizes

Family Activities • Great Food • \$10,000 Lucky Jackpot Drawing • Plenty of Parking

Wednesday, June 25th OPEN 6-11pm

ALUMNI REUNION NIGHT

Ride Special - Unlimited Rides \$20.00 6pm-close

9pm Live Music featuring "Artie Fitz"

Thursday, June 26th OPEN 6-11pm

Ride Special - Unlimited Rides \$20.00 6pm-close

8:30pm Live Music featuring "Street Goat"

Friday, June 27th OPEN 6-11pm

7pm Live Music featuring

7pm "Paradoxx" & 9pm "MST" (Michael Schenker and UFO)

Saturday, June 28th OPEN 2pm-11pm

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY

Ride Special - Unlimited Rides \$20.00 2-6pm

3pm Live Music featuring

3pm "Heaven & Hell Chicago" (Ronnie Dio/Rainbow), 5pm "Animation" (Rush)

7pm "Kashmir" (Led Zeppelin) & 9pm "War Pigs" (Black Sabbath)

Sunday, June 29th OPEN 2pm-11pm

FAMILY DAY

Ride Special - Unlimited Rides \$20.00 2-6pm

Ride Special "LAST BLAST" Unlimited Rides \$15.00 7pm-10pm

\$10,000 Jackpot Drawing

Raffle for 7 Night Condo Stay for 4, some restrictions apply or \$1,000.00 Cash (courtesy of Tom Kelly, Cougars 60's), iPad or \$500.00 Cash (Courtesy of Realty Insurance and Realty World All Pro, Bill Abplanalp, Homets 60's), Kindle Fire or \$250.00 Cash (Courtesy of Cooney Funeral Home) & Cubs Tickets (Courtesy of Steve Baumhart)

Children's Petting Zoo from 4pm-8pm

Live Music featuring 2pm "Horner Park Jazz Band" 4pm "The Noize" (Classic Rock)

& 6pm "Kaleidoscope Eyes" (Beatles Anniversary)

MEGA PASSES ON SALE NOW - \$55 until 6/20/14 \$60 until 6/25/14

Includes Unlimited Rides Every Day (33 hours) of Fest!

All proceeds benefit the youth programs at the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club

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JUNE 25 - 29

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

NBGC HALL OF FAME

We will celebrate the NBGC's 83rd Anniversary and 2014 Hall of Fame Induction on Thursday, October 23rd from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. The event will take place at the Des Plaines Elks Club at 495 Lee St. in Des Plaines. The cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes appetizers and cash bar. The highlight of the evening will be the induction of the new members to the NBGC Hall of Fame. A nomination form is enclosed in this Chatter. All nominations need to be in by 8/1/14.

2011 Inaugural Inductees

ROBERT BUEHLER

RICHARD VALENTIN

RICH BRANDON

FATHER RAY BAUMHART

BOB HOELLEN

JIM KARTHEISER

GENE SCHULTER

RALPH STAHL

2012 Inductees

JACK PITGEGS

ELMA STONE

PAUL GOERNER, SR.

JEAN GOERNER

GLORIA GOERNER

RICH PASCHALL

2013 Inductees

CAS URBAN

BOB MERGENS

DON WILHELM

TED LOOSEVELT

JUANITA LOOSEVELT

JERRY OTTESEN

GLORIA OTTESEN

THE JOHN "BUD" LUNKES
FAMILY

We Remember... From each edition of the Chatter to the next we learn of NBGC alumni, supporters, contributors, family and friends who pass away. While it is always with a heavy heart we share the news among the community, we also are proud to celebrate their place in the club's tradition. In ways to numerous to count, it is with their passion for the club we continue to do what we do.

This past February **Robert Noesen** passed away. Bob's sons, Mike, Larry, Don and Glen were members in the late 60's and early 70's.

In March **Raymond Laffey** passed away. Ray was an alum from the 30's, on the Aces and Eagles.

In May we lost beloved **Eddie Donahue**, "Da Master". Eddie was a member of the Spiders in the early 60's.

Just of few weeks later, **Irene "Sis" Krey** passed. Sis was mom to Mike and Ed of the 60's Cougars. Her daughter Sonya taught gymnastics and sports at Revere and grandchildren Karl, Mackenzie and Katelyn were NBGC members in the 90's.

A few days ago, **Edward Kestler** passed away. Affectionately call "Uncle Ed" by NBGCers and St Ben's parishioners, he often was at the club to watch nephews Ray, Greg, Paul and Mark (60's-70's Spiders), Tom Krier (60's Wasps) and grandnephew Zachary Kurczak (current Bees).

REST IN PEACE.

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 Service.

Candidate must be nominated by an alum from your era 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

Other-Volunteer, Community Business, Community Leader

Submitted by: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

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.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Applicable Era: _____ Team: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please submit an essay describing the reasons why this nominee should be inducted into the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame:

Please Send form and essay to Bill Abplanalp, 2501 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60618 or email to bill@nbgc.org.



**Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club
45th Annual Golf Outing
Saturday, August 23, 2014**

**WHITE PINES GOLF CLUB
500 W. Jefferson Street, Bensenville, IL**

Registration Fee:

\$100 per golfer, \$375 for a foursome

Dinner Only ~ \$30 per person

Registration Includes: green fee, cart, dinner, prizes, & cash bar

Tee times begin at 1:00 PM.

Dinner (Smoque BBQ, brisket, pulled pork, baby back ribs, mac n cheese, beans, cole slaw and cobbler, begins at 5:30 pm in the Pine Room(531 S. Church Rd.)

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Raffle Prizes, Special Raffle & Split the Pot.

All proceeds benefit the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club.

2501 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60618

Please RSVP by August 16th, 2013

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION

- Dinner Only \$30 per person
 Golf Individual \$100 per person
 Golf Foursome \$375 per foursome
 I am unable to attend but would like to support NBGC with gift of \$_____

Name (Player #1): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Player #2: _____ Email: _____

Player #3: _____ Email: _____

Player #4: _____ Email: _____

**Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club
"For Better Men & Women"**



ANNUAL NBGC CUBS' "ROOFTOP OUTING" DRAWS THE DIE-HARDS ...HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

The 9th annual NBGC Rooftop Outing was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014. The event was held at the Down The Line Rooftop on Sheffield overlooking the right field wall. As bad as the weather had been all winter long, those that attended this game were treated to a sunny day and temperatures in the 60's. The Cubs on the other hand treated us to a 2 – 0 defeat at the hands of the Philadelphia Phillies. Thanks to Frank Hashimoto (AGAIN) for donating 2 pairs of Cubs tickets for door prizes.



NBGC STEP TOGETHER FUN WALK

The date has been set, the locations have been confirmed, the children are pumped up for it, and the entire community awaits it. The Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club proudly presents its **1st Annual "Step Together" Community Fun Walk to take place on Sunday, September 14, 2014** to celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

Our goal for this event is to unite the entire community, student & parents, promote community development, education, and bring the entire neighborhood together to support our schools, our students, and our community.

Please join us in leading your school at our "Step Together" Community Fun Walk as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year.



NBGC 31st ANNUAL BEARS BASH

Sunday November 9, 2014

BEARS vs PACKERS

St. Andrews Gymnasium – 1658 W. Addison, Chicago

Doors Open at 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Game Time 7:30 pm

Tickets \$45.00 PAID IN ADVANCE

Cash, Check, Visa or Mastercard – Must be 21 or older

773-463-4161 (ext. 113) or Bonnie@nbgc.org

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

Ticket Price Includes:

Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner, Snacks, Beer and Soft Drinks, Half Time Buffet
AND

Bears vs Packers on the BIG SCREEN !!!!!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NBGC PROGRAMS

CONGRATULATIONS 2014 “LEADERS OF THE FUTURE” SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

High School Freshman Award Recipients

Courtney Boyce (Lake View High School). Sponsored by Patrons of Laschet’s

Dalia Arroyo (Lane Tech High School). Sponsored by Gene & Rosemary Schuler Foundation

Liam Hudson (Senn High School). Sponsored by Mike Martinez Memorial Scholarship.

High School Sophomore Award Recipients

Victoria Rueda-Marshall (Lane Tech High School). Sponsored by the Chicago Brauhaus.

Samantha Fultz (Lane Tech High School). Sponsored by Maifest Chicago.

High School Junior Award Recipients

Sergio Arroyo (Von Steuben High School). Sponsored by Wintrust Financial Corporation, Northcenter.

High School Senior Award Recipients

Baylee Cabrera (Lake View High School). Sponsored by Community Savings Bank.

Lilyanna Lebron (Lake View High School). Sponsored by Lake View Realty.

Aric Werstein (Maine West High School). Sponsored by Pi-Hi Café, Ferris Zanayed

College Award Recipients

Daisy Salazar (Northeastern Illinois University). Sponsored by Goerner Family & Friends

Gabriel Bikoma (Dominican University). Sponsored by Morici, Figlioli & Associates

Heidy Torres (Truman College). Sponsored by Ravenswood Kiwanis Club

Gabe Parra (Wilbur Wright College). Sponsored by NBGC Scholarship Club

Valin Myers (North Park University). Sponsored by Lake View Kiwanis Club

Dear Baci (University of Illinois, Chicago). Sponsored by Arrow Messenger and Peter J. Krier Memorial Scholarship

Cassie Kielnik (DePaul University). Sponsored by the Baumhart Family Scholarship

Tim Jensen (Wilbur Wright College). Sponsored by Jim Kartheiser & Kathy Kartheiser Kennedy and the John Barrent Memorial Scholarship

Kathy Jensen (Northeastern Illinois University). Sponsored by the Hoellen Family Foundation

Sam Jensen (Northeastern Illinois University). Sponsored by the Hoellen Family Foundation and the Valentin Family



In addition to these scholarships, *Tim Jensen was awarded the Jim Baumhart Excellence in Leadership Award.* This award is given to the Youth Leader who most embodies the characteristics of leadership, honesty and integrity that guided Jim Baumhart throughout his life. The scholarship is made all the more special as the recipient is chosen by his peers. Barbara Baumhart made the award presentation.

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That, of course is what you want, for you are fighting this war to keep things such as NBC going. If it was good for you at one time , it ought to be good for the kid who is there now. For every one of you there is some guy like you around there now.

I share this not just because Memorial Day just past. A more recent occasion brought me to pull the booklet off the credenza next to my desk...it is always out to share with visitors. In early May, Gabe Bicoma, one of NBGC League Directors, left for 14 weeks of reservist basic training. During the weekly leader meeting the afternoon before he left, he was honored for his commitment and dedication to both the club and to our country. I was most moved when Edward, his younger brother, an ROTC officer (Lake View High School) raised his hand to address the group. Rather than say anything, he stood up at attention and gave his brother a very respectful salute.

Every day NBGC is open, the counter leader is asked to raise the flag on the pole outside the clubhouse, lower it when the "day is done" and properly fold it, making it ready for the next day. It is a simple gesture of honor and respect...a part of "building better men and women".

From our start in 1931 to the present day, we are so very proud of all the men and women of NBGC. And, those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country, symbolizing all that is good and true and selfless in America, will always be remembered.

36 BIKES DONATED TO NBGC

With the help of TEAMBONDING and the support of NORTHERN TRUST BANK, 36 NBGC'ers went home with a new 20 inch Huffy bicycle through their Build a Bike program on Monday April 28, 2014.

During this terrific charity event organized by the creative folks at TeamBonding (www.teambonding.com), teams armed with wrenches and enthusiasm, race to construct the ultimate human-powered, no-gasoline-needed rocket: children's bicycles. Helping companies like Northern Trust Bank, TeamBonding has donated more than 12,000 bicycles (and counting) around the world.

The NBGC thanks TeamBonding for choosing the club as the charity to receive this wonderful donation from Northern Trust Bank.

TWO NEW "CENTURY CLUB" MEMBERS

Most often recognition of donations during the year is captured in the Donor Honor Roll (see pages 6 and 7) and on the clubhouse Donor Wall of Fame, just inside the park entrance. We recently received two contributions worth special attention.

Brian Wilkes and Finn Gilner are new members to the Century Club. Why is that so special? Brian and Finn are second graders at Coonley Elementary School!!! How did they do it? Instead of getting presents at their birthday parties, they asked their guest to make contributions to NBGC.

I am sure you will agree, these two young members set the example for what it means to "build better men and women". Future Leaders...no doubt...Future Hall of Famers...they have an excellent start!

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. The contributor list can be viewed at www.nbgc.org.



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