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**84th Anniversary Celebration  
Cocktail Party &  
Hall of Fame Induction**



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**October 29, 2015**

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**Des Plaines Elks Club**  
495 Lee Street  
DesPlaines, IL

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## Program of Events

<b>6:00 pm</b>	Check-In
<b>6:00pm - 9:00pm</b>	Cocktails
<b>6:30pm - 7:30pm</b>	Hors D'oeuvres
<b>7:00 pm</b>	Hall of Fame Presentation
<b>8:00 pm</b>	Mingling & Fun
<b>9:00 pm</b>	Conclusion

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### Criteria to be selected as a candidate for the Hall of Fame is based on the following criteria:

- Nominee must epitomize the Club's mantra: "For Better Men and Women".
  - Nominee must demonstrate Leadership, Sportsmanship and Volunteer Service.
  - Nominee must have a history of volunteering, supporting and/or contributing to NBGC.
  - Candidate must be nominated via an essay about why the candidate should receive "Hall of Fame" status.
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## HALL OF FAME

2015

*James E. Baumhart*

*Bob & Anna Mae Cole*

*Tom & Mary Nickels*

*Herb Preiner*

*Tom Van Den Bosch*

*Johnny Weigelt*

*Leo Wollins*

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## **James E. Baumhart**

Following in the footsteps of his older brothers Raymond and Jerry, Jim became a member of the NBC in the 40's. He was a very active alumnus, member of the Board of Directors, elected Director Emeritus and a generous donor. His desire to see continuity in the NBGC leaders program drove him to create and initiate the Leaders of the Future Scholarship Awards together with then Club president Joe Walsh. Established in 1984, it remains in place today. He also established a scholarship fund in memory of his brother Jerry that has evolved into the Baumhart Family Scholarship. The NBGC now honors the top youth leader each year with the James E. Baumhart Excellence in Leadership Award. Jim had a very successful career and was president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois at the time of his death in 2006.

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### **NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

#### **ANNUAL LEADERS OF THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Since 1984, the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club's (NBGC) Scholarship Program has offered Youth Leaders, in our unique and innovative Leadership Program, the opportunity to earn college tuition awards.

This past May, the NBGC Scholarship Committee awarded over \$38,000 in scholarships. During the past three decades, 65 young adults have graduated from a school of their choice with support from the NBGC. This successful program supports the aspirations and goals of youth in the community, ensuring that they have the necessary resources to pursue their dreams. As our program continues to grow, we are always looking for new scholarship sponsors.

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## **Bob & Anna Mae Cole**

Parents of 3 sons, Bob and Anna Mae started their long standing dedication to the Club in the 1950's. It didn't take long for Anna Mae to join the Mothers Club where she held numerous offices, helped with the annual spaghetti dinners and performed in many skits. Her family and friends knew not to schedule her for anything during the yearly NBGC Carnival. Anna Mae's Club activities continued long after her sons had moved onto college and their careers. She also spent many years volunteering in the office working alongside Elma Stone. Eventually she was employed by the Club for a number of years. About this time Bob retired from a job that he worked 7 days a week and holidays. During those years, his only time at the Club was for the annual Thanksgiving football games. This was and still is a memorable time for the Cole family as all 6 of the family were together. He was able to watch his sons play football and his daughter perform her part as an NBC cheerleader. In his retirement, Bob enjoyed his time helping out at the Club and with Anna Mae, they were among the most devoted volunteers for all the different Club fundraisers and activities. They would come to the NBGC on a minutes notice to help with various mailings and administrative tasks. Bob passed away in 2012. Anna Mae is living in a seniors' community.

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### **Upcoming Special Events**

November 25th Pep Rally

November 26th Thanksgiving Day Classics

December 5th X-Mas Tree Sale

December 18th Holiday Ham Sale Pick-up  
(Pre-order 11/09—12/04)

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## Tom & Mary Nickels

Tom was a member of the Bees in the 70's while Mary cheered on her three older brothers, all Alumni. Mary remembers collecting raffle tickets from the members during the Boys Benefit before the Annual track meet. As time went on they had three children: Tina, Maggie and Tommy, who all participated in the club. Mary enjoyed coaching Maggie as a Jr. and Sr. Panther and they both enjoyed watching Tommy play in all of his sports. Tom and Mary were both involved in the Dads and Moms clubs, respectively. Tom loved being part of the Haunted House from the Brickyard to the end at the Club, although being coerced by his brother-in-law Bill, Paul Goerner and Bill Grayson. He also enjoyed the Tree Sale and Bears Bash. Their favorite was the Family Fest. Mary inherited Krazy Ball from her brother Bill, and Tom chaired the Beer Garden as a Dads Club member. They quickly became members of the Committee. Mary was a member, Secretary and President of the Board of Directors until they moved to Arizona in 2011. Even then, one or both returned for the Family Fest as they planned vacation time accordingly to come back to Chicago to help out.

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## Hooray for NBGC!!!



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## Herb Preiner

Born in 1918, Herb contracted diphtheria as a child. The doctors told his mother that he would never be able to play sports. But his "weak heart" took him to the age of 91. He played baseball, basketball, softball, and in his later years, golf was a huge part of his life. During the depression, the family moved to Chicago and settled in St. Benedict parish. It wasn't long before Herb and his brother Rich joined the Neighborhood Boys Club, as it was then known. Herb played on the Midgets in the 1930's and Rich kept score. During WWII, Herb was sent to Hawaii and later attended officer candidate school, graduating as a second lieutenant. In Europe with the 78th division, he fought in several important battles, including the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery. After the War, Herb attended Loyola University, played on the basketball team there, and graduated in 1947, the same year he married "Bunny". Herb and Bunny had three children, Herbert, Barbara and Richard. Their two sons, Herb Junior and Rich, also were members of the Club, a fact of which Herb was very proud. Herb worked for several companies, mostly at Victor Comptometer Corporation (as it became known). Herb was always involved with the Club. He worked at the carnivals, sang with the Christmas carolers, helped plan anniversary dinners, and loved the golf outings, in which he played until he was almost 90. Herb served on the board of directors in the 70's and 80's. The Club was a part of Herb's life for more than 70 years. Herb died in 2009, and his wife, Bunny, died in 2013.

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*In October 2016, the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club will celebrate its 85th Anniversary and 25th year with programming for young women. Alumni from all eras are encouraged to help plan the celebration.*

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## Tom Van Den Bosch

One of four generations in his family participating in the NBC, Tom was a member in the mid 1960's and early 1970's, playing on the Cougars and then becoming a leader. His son Michael was a member in the 2000's and Tom is now often seen enjoying his grandsons play at the Club. He is a past Board of Director President, and continues to serve as Board member and advisor. A regular contributor, Tom has set the bar for volunteering time and talents, most notably to Family Fests, RibFests, Track Meets, Golf Outings and Bears Bashes. Taking the lead for his era, he brings out a team of alumni leaders to officiate each year at the Thanksgiving Football Games. Tom helped build and work at the Haunted House every year. He was instrumental in changing the by-laws to incorporate the girls into the Club in 1991.

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## Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club

### By-Laws—Preamble

*The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club offers boys and girls a year-round program of athletics, educational and social programs. The Program is built around neighborhood teams under the leadership of boys and girls. The Club has served the same neighborhood since 1931. Strong, supportive alumni remember the Club's Program for the fun and activities they enjoyed as members. But, more important, they credit the Club's purpose and principles for the impact the Club has had on them all through their adult lives.*

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## Johnny Weigelt

The owner of Johnny Weigelt Catering Hall, Johnny was a longtime supporter of the NBC. Many NBC events were held at "Weigelt's" on Damen Ave. Johnny supported several leaders by giving them paying jobs in the business. He supported the annual Family Fest & Carnival with equipment and supplies. Johnny could be seen with Robert Buehler and Dick Valentin at many NBC functions, especially the Thanksgiving Day football games. For many years Johnny provided the hot chocolate, coffee and doughnuts on Thanksgiving Day. Come rain, shine, snow or whatever, the hot chocolate had to be delivered. During the entire day, Johnny would be worrying that he would run out of hot chocolate, sometimes making extra trips to get more! Johnny seemed to always want to spend time walking the fields as an observer. He usually had one of his overcoats on and always a hat. As years progressed, he gave up his fedora for a stocking cap. His daily walks were part of his life and walking around the NBC was one of his favorite routes. Johnny passed away in 1985.

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### A Hot Chocolate Toast to the Hall of Fame



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## Leo Wollins

Providing significant support to the founders Robert Buehler and Dick Valentin, Leo was instrumental in starting the NBC. He was a counselor and instructor in the early years of the boys club. Leo was an original member of the Board of Directors and organized the Forum, serving as its chairman from 1934 – 1946, when he moved to California. He always came back to be a timer at the annual track meet. Leo died suddenly from a fall in 1964.

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## The Original Clubhouse



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## Hall of Fame Members

*The Barrett Family 2014*

*Tom & Mary Nickels 2015*

*James E. Baumhart 2015*

*Jerry & Gloria Ottesen 2013*

*Father Ray Baumhart 2011*

*Rich Paschall 2012*

*Rich Brandon 2011*

*Jack Pittges 2012*

*Robert Buehler 2011*

*Herb Preiner 2015*

*Bob & Anna Mae Cole 2015*

*Gene Schuller 2011*

*Ray Donner 2014*

*Ralph Stahl 2011*

*Mary Dwyer 2014*

*Fred Stoesser 2014*

*Gloria Goerner 2012*

*Elma Stone 2012*

*Paul Sr. & Jean Goerner 2012*

*Cas Urban 2013*

*Bob Hoellen 2011*

*Richard Valentin 2011*

*Arpad Horvath 2014*

*Tom Van Den Bosch 2015*

*Jim Kartheiser 2011*

*Herb Veith 2014*

*Ed Kelly 2014*

*Johnny Weigelt 2015*

*Ted & Juanita Roosevelt 2013*

*Don Wilhelm 2013*

*The John "Bud" Lunkes Family 2013*

*Leo Wollins 2015*

*Bob Mergens 2013*

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## Mission Statement

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is a non-profit independent organization founded in 1931 dedicated to youth development. Our mission is to enhance the well-being and develop the potential of our members, their families and the community.

## Vision

To build better men and women

## Value

We value a relevant, multi-faceted, year-round program where "everyone plays" in a safe and supportive environment that promotes:

Honesty ★ Self-reliance ★ Sportsmanship ★ Teamwork ★ Leadership ★ Lasting friendships

**We believe these qualities  
build better men and women who carry these  
values into their adult lives.**

