

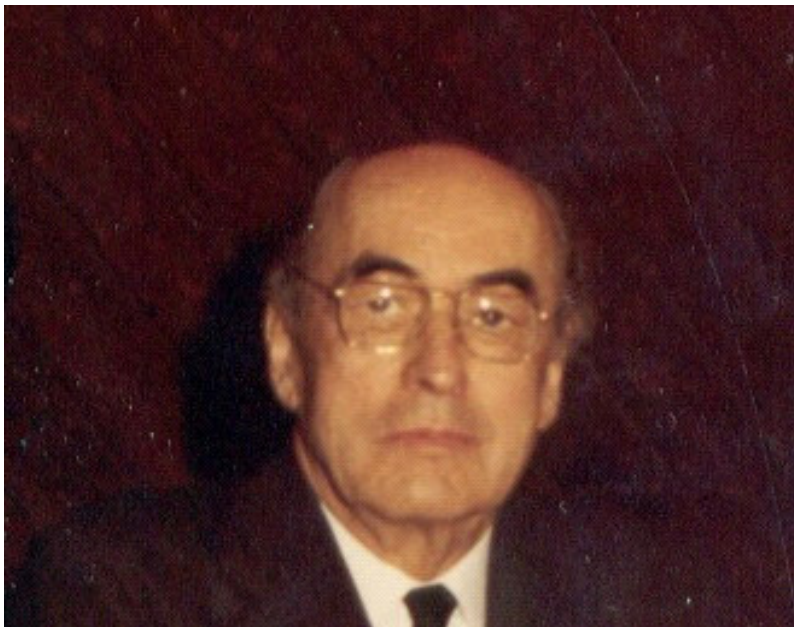
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Alumni



In Our 75th Year

Chatter



NBGC FOUNDER ROBERT BUEHLER PASSES AWAY AT 103

We are sad to report that NBGC Founder Robert O. Buehler, who celebrated his 103rd birthday on April 1st, passed away on May 22nd.

Mr. Buehler was the third of four brothers raised on the West side of Chicago. His father owned the Buehler Brothers meat packing company, and later the Victor Adding Machine Company located across the park from NBGC at Irving and Rockwell. It was from his office window that Mr. Buehler envisioned a club for boys, run by boys, to provide a positive influence on their lives during the hard times of the Depression era.

The Neighborhood Boys Club was started on October 19, 1931 as a tribute to Carl Buehler, Robert's father. NBGC started as a one-time football program. When the season ended and the awards were presented to the league champion Revers, Robert Buehler and co-Founder Richard Valentin saw the spirit and enthusiasm of the boys and parents and decided to continue the program. At that time no one dreamed that NBGC would continue to grow and thrive, serving the community and over 25,000 children for almost 75 years. NBGC lives on as a testament to the vision of Robert Buehler and a tribute to the memories of Carl Buehler and Richard Valentin.

A memorial service is being planned this Fall with the Buehler Family, which requested donations be directed to the NBGC. There will be more information in the next newsletter as details become available. You can also check our web site, www.NBGC.org, for updates. A tribute to Mr. Buehler will be a part of the 75th Anniversary dinner program October 21st.

75TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET OCTOBER 21, 2006 ORDER A YEARBOOK TODAY!

Our diamond anniversary is right around the corner (6 months away). **Villa Brunetti Banquet Hall** at 9755 W. Grand Avenue in Franklin Park will be the site for all of us to meet old friends and relive our days at the Club. The maximum attendance is 470, so reserve your tables now! We will be reserving rooms at the Country Inn and Suites on Grand Avenue in Bensenville, which offers shuttle buses to and from the event. The room rate is \$93.24 which includes the tax. You can call 630-279-0100 and reserve your room under the NBGC.

The celebration will start at 6:00 PM, followed by a family style beef and chicken dinner at 7:00 PM. A cash bar will be open throughout the night. Tables will be set up with memorabilia, Monkeyshines and pictures from across the eras. A hard cover 8.5 x 11 yearbook with a silver metalay NBGC logo on the front highlighting the past 75 years with pictures, articles and quotes is available for only \$35.00. **Orders are being taken now.** After September 1st, the price will be \$40.00.

There are table sponsorships available for \$100. To date the Traba Family, Melissa Kline from Big Buzz Entertainment and Service Insurance Agency have sponsored tables. The entertainment and speakers are still a work in process and further information will be forthcoming. The cost for a ticket is \$45.00, with tables of 10 for \$450.00.

Jim Baumhart, Frank Hasimoto, Mike Panitch, Dick Geshrey, Joe McHugh, Joe Walsh (2 tables) (see page 2)

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

ILLINOIS BATTERY...A GREAT COMMUNITY FRIEND

By George Howe

The name Illinois Battery has sent a positive charge of energy throughout the NBGC and the community for more than 85 years. Originally opened by founder John Lunkes Sr. in 1920, Illinois Battery has been instrumental in the continuous success and development of the Club. Third generation owners Bill, Mike, and Jim now oversee the business that sells over 100,000 batteries annually. Illinois Battery's clients include the CTA, Pace, and United Parcel Service, not to mention countless neighborhood businesses and residents that have been the life-blood of the company.

On any given day, someone can pull their car into the shop on Irving Park Road and have its system checked free of charge, whether they bought Illinois Battery's products or not. "My father was very concerned about the quality of all aspects of our company and instilled that in all of us," said CEO Jim. "We realize that a very big part of our future longevity is repeat customers. Some of our best advertising is word of mouth."

Growing up in the shadows of the Club, working right across the street, Jim, Mike, and Bill were given all kinds of tasks to learn and perform. "As young boys we swept floors, stacked batteries, put away stock. There aren't any jobs that I haven't done," related Jim with a chuckle in his voice. As a member of The Spiders in the 60's, on more than one occasion Jim would sneak out of work to play a few games of ping pong with teammates Ken Griswold or John Gannon, or to attend weekly seasonal sports, such as basketball, baseball, or football. "I have such fond memories of my time at Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club," said Jim. "It was always such a big thing and so much fun on Thanksgiving Day's Turkey Bowl. We would run onto the field, people cheering, my dad (John Jr.-1930's) watching, hoping to win our game. One year we were so cold, wet, and losing, by halftime we thought about going home. But we were taught good sportsmanship, to tough it out, and we did," Jim added.

Although Jim's playing days are long since passed, that same drive and dedication has paid immeasurable dividends for the NBGC. Illinois Battery's ongoing support leads the way of alumni owned businesses, setting a great example of how loyal former members can continue to make a difference. Contributions are many, including taking out an ad in the directory every year since 1949, allowing the club to store seasonal equipment free of charge, the use of trucks and vans for special events. "Anytime that we have a crisis, if they can help us, they always do," said Club director Jim McNulty.

Jim Lunkes doesn't view what his company has done for such a long time to be anything more than what is expected. "My father felt that the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club was a tremendous asset to the neighborhood," said Jim. "He believed in the need to give kids somewhere to go and have something to occupy their time. I fully intend to carry on the tradition. My brother's and I benefited and we want the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club to stay a strong organization, to help mold future generations, and to keep the community strong."

NBGC ALUMNI INVITED TO MEETING

The NBGC Alumni Association, under the leadership of new president **Rich Paschall** (Tarantulas, 1960's), began holding quarterly meetings in March. Among those who attended the first two meetings were **Bob Mergens, Father Ray Baumhart, George Demes, Lewis Shapiro, Bill Abplanalp, Ron Bergman, Amanda Fox, Arp Horvath, Bonnie Werstein, Rick Abplanalp, Julie Dakers, Ali Erzurumly, Howard Baden, Scott Goerner and Jim McNulty**. Alumni interested in participating can e-mail **Rich** at rjp69@comcast.net, or contact **Bill** (BillNBGC@aol.com), **Bonnie** (bonnie.werstein@NBGC.org) or **Jim** (NBGC1931@aol.com). The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.**

BO DEANS & FREDDY JONES BAND HEADLINE RIVERVIEW MUSIC FESTIVAL IN AUGUST

The second annual "**Riverview Music Festival**" will take place on Friday and Saturday, **August 25th and 26th**, on the **DeVry University campus** at 3300 N. Campbell. The event features a weekend of music from local and national bands, food, beverages and kids activities. **Tickets are on sale now through TicketAlternative.com**. Advance tickets are \$27.50, not including service charges. Our Friday lineup includes **Jackie Green, The Subdudes and The Bo Deans**. On Saturday we'll feature **Ecoostic Hookah, Assembly of Dust, The Freddy Jones Band and a special surprise performance!!** This event is sure to sell out so get your tickets today! Tickets are \$27.50 in advance, VISA/MC accepted. There is more information posted on our website so check out www.NBGC.org.



ALUMNI E-MAILS REQUESTED



If you have an e-mail address (It is the 21st century!) we would like to add it to our database. With all the events and news that happen here at the NBGC, we would like to be able to keep our alums up to date instantly. We can do that easily through e-mails. We realize that e-mail addresses change and keeping us in the loop will allow us to keep you informed. **In the future, we would like to begin e-mailing the Alumni Chatter**. Please send your e-mail address to either **Jim McNulty** at NBGC1931@aol.com or to **Bill Abplanalp** at BillNBGC@aol.com.

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Paul & Jean Goerner, Jim Kartheiser, Tom Krier, Roc Olson, Fares Zanayad (2 tables) and Bill Abplanalp have already reserved a table. The following people working to fill a table are: **Glenn Stahl, Dan Diversey and Mike Krey**. We would be happy to add your name to the list. These alums have already shown an interest in attending: **Jim Morici, John and Jim Schmitz, Jim and John Best, Frank Katzbeck, Bernie Schank, Rich Gaul, Jerry Moon, Leroy Wilde, Ray and Ron Ruth, Bob and Chuck Becker, Dan Sagel, Jack Sharkey, Tom Meyer, Jim Gulesarian, John Vogel, Jack Pittges, Fred Stoesser, Ray Grund, Roc Olsen, Jim Nykol, Gene Jessick, Ron Samuelson, Vicki Bauer-Spivey, Tom James, Al Topp and Rich Paschall**.

Richard Brandon, Jim McNulty and Bonnie Werstein
invite you to cruise with them for a

75th Anniversary Cruise Fundraiser Celebration

sailing January 14 - 21, 2007 on the beautiful

CARNIVAL VALOR



Sunday	Jan 14	Chicago to Miami
Monday	Jan 15	Nassau
Tuesday	Jan 16	Fun Day at Sea
Wednesday	Jan 17	St. Thomas
Thursday	Jan 18	St. Maarten
Friday	Jan 19	Fun Day at Sea
Saturday	Jan 20	Fun Day at Sea
Sunday	Jan 21	Miami to Chicago



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* ~~Activities~~ from Dawn 'til Dusk *

* ~~Plus~~ special NBGC activities *



Rates:

	Special NBGC Price *
Category 4A - Interior	\$744
Category 6A - Oceanview	\$894
Category 8A - Oceanview with Balcony	\$994

* The price is per person and does not include airfare.

Air from Chicago (Jan 14 - 21) and transfers to/from the ship
additional \$325 per person.

Air from Chicago (Jan 13 - 21), one night pre-cruise hotel and
transportation airport/hotel/ship additional \$540 per person.

*If you have questions, want to know more about our special payment plans,
or want to make reservations, call Kathy Seiwert at Travel Gallery, 773-763-6161
or Billy Abplanalp at NBGC, 773-463-4161.*

ALUMNI APPEAL CONTINUES

One of the key sources of funding for our many programs and services is the generous support of our alumni. Your support is vital to the Club. Our new fiscal year started on September 1st. You can join our growing list of supporters. Just clip the form below and return it with your check.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

I played at the Club in the _____'s on the _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail address _____

Contribution levels:

Anniversary	\$ 75.00
Corporate/Century Club	\$ 100.00 +
Team Sponsor	\$ 500.00 +
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Founder's Club	\$ 5,000.00 +
Other	\$ _____
In memory of _____	\$ _____

I have applied for a matching gift from:

I have remembered NBGC in my will _____

I have or would be interested in including the NBGC in my Estate Plan _____

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club
2501 W. Irving Park Road
Chicago, IL 60618

Mission Statement

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

This is accomplished through a year round, multifaceted program where "everyone plays". This approach stresses teamwork, sportsmanship, character and leadership - qualities that will build "Better Men and Women".

NBGC/MISSION HILLS MONTE CARLO NIGHT FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2006

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club and the **Mission Hills Country Club Men's Golf Association** will be partnering to put on an evening of gaming, food, drink and fun. The NBGC was chosen as this year's partner for this annual event through the help of alum **Dan Prinn of Grizzly's Lodge** (Spiders, 70's and past board member). We will be helping to staff the Monte Carlo night by providing dealers, cashiers, registration volunteers and, of course, gamblers. The proceeds generated from the Monte Carlo Night will help subsidize the many programs we offer to over 1,200 kids throughout the year. The hours will be from 6:00 – 11:00 PM and the event features craps, black jack, big six and roulette for the chance to win raffle prizes. There will also be a variety of Silent Auction items to bid on. Admission is only \$10.00.

Volunteers are needed! If you want to help with the dealing, cashiers table or registration table please let us know. There are sponsorship opportunities available and prizes for the raffle and silent auction items are also welcome. Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$50.00 to \$400.00. Sponsors will receive various levels of recognition in the program booklet and at the event, as well as free tickets.

Mission Hills Country Club is located at 1677 West Mission Hills Road in Northbrook.

NBGC'S DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY...SHINING BRIGHTER EVERY YEAR