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COMPUTER LAB GRAND OPENING MARCH 16TH AT 6:00 PM



The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is proud to announce that through the generous support of **Smith Barney** and the **Citigroup Foundation** – the largest and most profitable financial institution in the world - along with a contribution from alum **Mike Panitch** (Apaches 40's), we were able to fund a complete overhaul of our outdated computer lab.

The funding we obtained will allow us to purchase state of the art equipment for the members to use. The new Computer Lab will feature a network of ten Pentium 4 window PC's and one G4 I-Mac and three superdrive E-Mac Computers. In addition to the computers the youth will also have access to digital, still and movie cameras, scanners and printers to be used for graphic arts, photography, film and NBGC archives. We will also have Internet access.

Tremendous thanks go out to **Smith Barney** and the **Citigroup Foundation** (for which the lab will be named) and **Mike Panitch** for his contribution and help in securing the Smith Barney and Citigroup Foundation funding.

PHIL CLINE HEADLINES SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Chicago Police Superintendent Phil Cline will be the keynote speaker at the seventh annual "**Leaders of the Future**" **Scholarship Luncheon** on Wed. May 5th. Phil was a member of the Tarantulas and a Youth Leader in the 1950's and 60's.

The **Richard Valentin "Leaders of the Future" Scholarship Program** was initiated in 1984 by **Jim Baumhart** and **Joe Walsh**. More than twenty NBGC Youth Leaders have applied for scholarships and are being interviewed by the Selection Committee in March. Awards range from \$500 to \$1,000 for high school Leaders and \$2,000 to \$5,000 for college aged Leaders. The event is open to alumni, parents and community members. Tickets are \$25.00. For more information please call Jim McNulty at 773-463-4161 or e-mail NBGC1931@aol.com.



DRIVERS NEEDED ELECTION DAY



Arrow Messenger Service is looking for drivers with vehicles for **Election Day, March 16th!** Drivers will earn \$12.00 per hour working from 5:00 AM until 7:00 PM. You must be 21 or older, have your own vehicle, current auto insurance, a valid driver's license and have a general knowledge of Chicago streets. If you are interested call Kathryn at 773-489-8032 or Judy at 773-489-5299.



NBGC GOLF OUTING COMING



Mark your calendars for **Sat. August 14th**, as we will be holding our **34th Annual Golf Outing**. This year's event will again be held at **Arlington Lakes Golf Course**, 1211 S. Wilke Rd (between Algonquin and Central) in Arlington Heights. The first tee time will be at 10:30 a.m.

A dinner will be held at the Arlington Lakes Banquet Hall with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be catered by **Manzo's Banquets**. We will have a cash bar.

There will be several hole-in-one contests, longest drive, straightest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin on the par 3's, and peoria scoring prizes. We will also have a variety of raffle prizes at the dinner.

The cost for golf and dinner is \$95 (same as last year), which includes golf, cart, lunch at the halfway house, peoria scoring prizes, the hole-in-one contests, banquet dinner and the raffle prizes at the banquet. The cost for golf only is \$75, which includes golf, cart, lunch at the halfway house, peoria scoring prizes and the hole-in-one contests. The cost for dinner only is \$25.

For more information, to reserve a foursome, to sponsor a hole, to donate a prize or to volunteer, please call Bill Abplanalp at (773) 463-4161 or e-mail BillNBGC@aol.com.

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

Ron Julian (1945-53) sent in an obituary for **Don Bublitz**. He believes Don played at NBC about the same time he did. Ron receives the various e-mails from the Club and enjoys reading about what's going. The list of activities is impressive.

Ed Dieschbourg, his wife, dad **Tom Dieschbourg** and **Mrs. Bill Nickels** recently had a chance to catch up with **Mr. Buehler** at his apartment. Ed reports that Mr. Buehler is doing well as he approaches his 101st birthday April 1st.

Steve Wright (Lions, 1960's) enjoyed his Thanksgiving Day visit. He played on the same team as **George Wild** and **Greg West** and is looking for a "Chatter" from a few years ago with a photo of his team and coach **Frank Peters**.

Dr. William B. Fischer wrote a note from Palm Desert, CA. He believes that **George Hackbarth** is the only other surviving Cobra from the 1930's.

Tony Ramirez (Vikings 1980's) was recently in Mexico for the wedding of his sister, **Kim**. Both Tony and Kim were a part of the Leader Program. Tony won a number of scholarships and served on the Staff for several years. He currently works for **Heartland Home Mortgage**. Tony is also training for a martial arts competition in Greece.

Delores Stahl would like to thank everyone who sent her cards, flowers and kept her in their prayers during her hospital stay around Thanksgiving. Delores had bypass surgery and is doing very well.

Tom Adams (Scorpions 1950's) wrote that he and his wife now reside in Minnesota and enjoy the more-relaxed lifestyle. He thinks it is terrific that the Club continues to be a positive influence for the kids.

YOU & ME NEWS

By: Jim McNulty

Congratulations to **Mike Guidara** (Locusts 1980's) and **Debbie Gesklin**, who were married on December 27th. Among those at the wedding were alums **Chris Britton, Paul Abraham, Matt Guidara, Nick Britton, Adam Ballog, Al Krajecke** and his wife, **Marion** and **Bill Hebert**.

Bud Jerger (1940's) will be going in for a knee replacement soon. Many years of Coonley schoolyard softball have finally caught up with him.

Jim Swaggerty (Renegades, 1950's) donated a carved autographed bat of the Cubs playoff roster to the Dads' Club's Bears Bash in November. Jim is in the toy and sports collectibles business. He recalled many good times with **Chuck Morowski, Ed Thorholm, Ray and Ron Ruth and Skip Reinhart**.

Rich Cornacchia (Bobcats, 1980's) has moved from Chicago's Waters school to a school in Westmont. He'll also be coaching the high school's JV baseball team. Rich and wife Debbie reside in Brookfield.

Jim Baumhart (Demons, 1950's) continues to rehab from major surgery late last year. In fact, Jim missed the heartbreaking Cubs loss to Florida. We expect to see him at the scholarship luncheon in May and back on the golf course as soon as possible.

Tom Prohaska (Hornets, 1950's) made his first visit to the "new clubhouse" on Thanksgiving. He remembered many great times at NBC, including waiting in line to find out which team he'd be on, selling Boys Benefit chances and choir. Tom lives in Arlington Heights.

Congratulations to **Rene Duran** (Bobcats, 1980's) and his wife **Elisa** on the birth of their daughter, **Izabela**, this past August.

Jack Hoffman (Ghosts, 1930's), an original NBC member, sent a funny note with his recent contribution. "I wanted to add a couple of more zeros to this, but the bank would not approve!"

Congratulations to **Coleman Conneely** (Cougars, 1970's) and his wife **Sally** on the birth of daughter **Bridgette Reilly** last year.

George Howe and his family were sponsors of the Parent and Child Turkey Toss in November, providing turkeys for the winners. George and his wife, **Mary**, still live in the Bateman School area. Mary is the new manager of the 1730 Outlet Store (Clybourn & Wrightwood). Son **George Jr.** is studying to become a radiologist and son **Dan** an x-ray technician. Both boys played for the Pirates in the 1980's.

It was nice to see former coach **Scott Feaman** at a local Veteran's Day service. Scott is the principal of Lake View High School and his ROTC color guard was part of the service. Son **Brandon** (Bobcats, 1990's) will graduate college this year with a degree in accounting.

Billy Winters (Cougars, 1980's) stopped in a few months ago. He is a prison guard in PA. The ultimate "gym rat" as a kid, Billy was the hoops legend of his era and dominated the Revere Park and NBGC gyms. Billy loves the rural lifestyle, but not the cold. He was a Leader, Staff member and Asst. Program Director before moving in 2002.

Joe Gudella (Locusts, 1990's) took the Glenbard North Panthers to within an eyelash of the state 8A finals. He will be the QB at the College of DuPage this year.

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YOUR WILL COULD BE A WAY TO HELP THE YOUTH AT NBGC



Occasionally an alum tells us, "I wish I could do something to help the programs at NBGC, but my cash is low right now."

If this is your situation, there is a way you can help significantly, without any money leaving your bank account. It is by putting the NBGC in your will. Talk of a will can strike alarm in some people, but it need not. You can designate a percentage of your estate after other obligations are covered. That percentage does not have to be large. Whatever amount, it will mean support for the boys and girls at NBGC after your lifetime.

Understandably, your first concern in estate planning is to provide for loved ones. But once that is done, there may still be an opportunity to do something to help the kids at NBGC experience what you were able to enjoy when you were a member.

If you would like to know more about planning your estate, please call **Bill Abplanalp** in our Development Department, (773) 463-4161.



DID YOU KNOW EMPLOYERS OFFER MATCHING GIFTS?



Many companies will match an employee's charitable contribution to a non-profit organization, like the NBGC. If you have given a donation to the NBGC, all you need to do is ask your employer! The following is a list of companies who have matched an employee's contribution:

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Did you also know that many companies have a philanthropic budget that gives monetary or in-kind gifts to non-profit organizations, like the NBGC? All we ask from you is to ask your employer if they do any philanthropic giving. You might be surprised how this one little question can help fund the many programs we offer at the NBGC. These are some of the companies who are currently supporting the NBGC programs:

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You have a unique opportunity to keep our FREE PROGRAMMING alive at the NBGC through your annual contribution, your company's matching gift or asking your company for a donation. Your support in this area would be greatly appreciated. If you or your employer has any questions, please call **Bill Abplanalp, NBGC Director of Development, at (773) 463-4161.**

YOU & ME - continued from page 2

Congratulations to **Guenter Seidel** (Cougars, 1980's). He is finishing his studies at Northeastern Illinois University, works in market research and is engaged to get married in August.

It was nice to visit with **Steve Boring** (Pumas, 1950's). He was in town for a St. Benedict's reunion and stopped by the Club. He remembered nickel bottles of Coke, playing 16" softball, freezing on Thanksgiving, the varnish smell of the Revere gym, selling Boys Benefit books and Marie Valentin's plays.

Denny Fudala (Apaches, 1940's) enjoyed paging through our Monkeyshines archives. He remembered meetings in the attic of the old clubhouse, **Mike Panitch, Roc Olsen, Ken Matsumoto** and outdoor boxing in the park. Denny's brother, **Bob**, beat out future Heismann Trophy winner Johnny Laettner for the 1949 Prep Bowl MVP.

Mary Gallery (Panthers (1990's) is doing well after half a year at Princeton University. She was in for a visit at Thanksgiving and enjoyed reffing some of the girls soccer games. Her sister, Anne, is following in her footsteps after recently joining the Leader Program.

Frank Piatek (1930's), a leader of the ACT NOW community group in the Cleveland School area, is doing well after heart surgery last summer and a recent knee replacement. The recovery is slow, but that does not stop Frank from working to keep the community strong.

Congratulations to **Bill Abplanalp** (Hornet, 1960's), who was named 2003 Business Leader of the Year by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce! (continued on page 8)

2003-2004 NBGC CONTRIBUTOR HONOR ROLL

The following contributed to the Annual Appeal between September 1, 2003 and February 1, 2004. **If you were unintentionally omitted from the list, please accept our apologies** and give Sharon a call at (773) 463-4161 so we can correct this in the next issue.

Your generous support allows us to continue offering boys football, basketball, floor hockey, baseball and softball, girls soccer, basketball, floor hockey, volleyball and softball, a younger children's Discovery Program, Karate, Summer Enrichment, Leader Program, Scholarship Program and more, free of membership fees to the 1,100 girls and boys who participate in one or more programs. *Just think what the Alumni Association could do for the kids if each contributor brought in one new contributor!*

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**DADS' CLUB HAS SUCCESSFUL
HOLIDAY FUNDRAISERS**

A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to the **NBGC Dads' Club** for their recent efforts on behalf of our members.

The Dads' set a record at their **20th Annual Bears Bash** on Nov. 23rd. Leading the fundraiser were president **Tom Nickels, Paul Goerner, Ron Prokaski, Bob Scheffler, Matt Nolan, Pat Kane, Tom Lewis, Peter Glassman, Bob Bernstein and Mike Brundidge**. Also helping at the event were **Jean Goerner, Debbie Groh, Mary Nickels and Grace Welsh**.

Additional thanks go to our event sponsors, alum **James J. Morici Jr. of the law firm Morici, Figlioli and Associates and Mike Hosp**. Other donors included alum **Jim Swaggerty and J.S.A. Sales & Marketing**, alum **Jim Kartheiser, Kathi Flanigan**, alum **Dan Prinn and Grizzly's Lodge, Kinkos on Western, Mailbox Plus on Addison, Lube Express on Western, LePeep Restaurant, West Lakeview Liquors, Office Depot at Belmont & Ashland and Hero's**.

In addition the Dads had a great Christmas Tree Sale. Among those running the event were **Bob Scheffler, Tom Lewis, Mike Wright, Ron Prokaski, Tom Nickels, Mike Brundidge, Paul Goerner, Bob Bernstein, Jerry Ottesen and Tommy Nickels**. If anyone was missed in the busyness of the events, we apologize.



**THANKS FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**



The **NBGC Moms' Club** would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to the many alumni who supported their **Holiday Ham Sale and Winter Fair**. The moms, led by **Angie Jensen, Darcia Brundidge and Barb Kanoon**, raised \$3,500.

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The **NBGC Dads' Club** will be selling hams in March to benefit the boys and girls programs. These delicious hams are fully cooked, spiral cut, smoked and defatted. Orders will be taken between **March 10th and April 2nd**. Pick up and payment is on **Wed., April 7th from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Call Sharon at (773) 463-4161 or e-mail **NBGC1931@aol.com** to order.