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## SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON HONORS LEADERS



The NBGC Scholarship Committee, along with the Northcenter and Ravenswood Chambers of Commerce, Ravenswood Community Council and Ravenswood Industrial Council, hosted the seventh annual "Leaders of the Future" Scholarship Luncheon May 5th at Barba Yianni's Grecian Taverna at Lincoln and Lawrence. A crowd of 134 parents, alumni, Board members, former award recipients and business supporters gathered to honor twenty Youth Leaders, including fifteen 2004 college scholarship winners.

The program included an official welcome from NBGC Board President Peter Maxfield, the reading of the NBGC Mission Statement by Amber Jotzat and Ashley Pernau. Our keynote speaker, Chicago Police Superintendent Phil Cline, gave an outstanding speech and applauded the Leaders for their exemplary community service. Phil recalled growing up at the Club in the late 1950's and early 1960's, coming to the Club every day, participating in all of the programs and the benefits he received from being a part of the Leader Program. Phil credited the Club for the role it played, giving him the opportunity to develop the leadership skills which enabled him to rise to the top of the Chicago Police Department. Also participating in the program was NBGC alumnus, and former Board President, Joe Walsh. Joe was a member in the 1950's and is the President of Walsh Associates, a corporate financial consulting company. Our emcee was WGN's Larry Potash, broken arm and all!

The program continued with the presentation of "Excellence in Leadership" awards to Samantha Prodromos and Katelyn Krey, and the introduction of the scholarship recipients. The students honored were Mark Pycke (Blaine School), Vince Millwood (Lane Tech), Holly Schroeder (Walter Payton), Ashley Pernau (Lane Tech), Erin Gschwind (Walter Payton), Sean Gschwind (Walter Payton), Elliott Gschwind (Walter Payton), Maggie Nickels (Lane Tech), Amber Jotzat (Lane Tech), Manny Miranda (Lakeview), Nina Kanoon (Lincoln Park), Kevin Ward (DePaul University), Dan Ward (DePaul University), Matt Henneman (Wright College) and Phil Jensen (Northeastern University).

Many thanks to our scholarship sponsors, the American Theater Company, Arrow Messenger Service, Chicago Board of Trade, Community Bank of Ravenswood, Community Home Supply, Family & Friends of Jerome Baumhart, Family & Friends of Thomas Flatley, Family & Friends of Bill Grayson, Family & Friends of Peter Krier, Ferris Enterprises, Greening of Ravenswood Committee, William Hobert, Hoellen Family Foundation. Jim Kartheiser, Lake View Realty, Laschet's Inn, Lincoln Park Savings Bank, E. R. Moore Co., Morici, Figlioli and Associates, Mystery Limited, NBGC Scholarship Club (Bill Finkler, Sherry Flores, German American Police Assn., Jean Goerner, Frank Hashimoto, Steve Kreher, Jerry Jakubco, Pat marczuk, Jerry Martin, Kevin O'Donnell, Del Ramirez, Dr. Todd Renn, Richard Rush and Steve Strawn), Northcenter Chamber of Commerce, Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce, Ravenswood Community Council, Ravenswood Garden Club, Ravenswood Industrial Council, Alderman Eugene Schuller, and Structures 1.

We thank Ziad Ihmoud and the staff of Barba Yianni's for preparing an outstanding lunch. We also thank Superintendent Phil Cline, Joe Walsh, Larry Potash & WGN-TV, Barbara Werstein and Committee members Bill Abplanalp, James Baumhart, Tom Lambros Bornstein, Betty Bauer-Crescenzi, Thomas Boettjer, Frank Crescenzi, Paul Goerner Jr., Jerome Jakubco, Anne Kamykowski, Ursula Kokott, Jim McNulty, John Tillman, Joe Walsh, Bonnie Werstein and Fares Zanayed.



## NBGC TRACK MEET & PICNIC SATURDAY!



One of NBGC's longest-running events, dating all the way back to 1932, is the annual Track Meet. The event has been run every year since, except for 1974 when they were building the McFetridge Sports Center and 2003.

The 2004 edition will take place on Sat. May 15th in Paul Revere Park starting at 9:00 a.m. In addition to our traditional jumping events we will have various races, dashes and a few fun twists. We are also planning a family picnic in the park, a musical instrument making workshop, entertainment and LOTS of fun! Boys and girls of NBGC age are invited to participate, whether playing the current sport or not. You could win a ribbon or trophy and set a new record!



## NBGC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BENEFIT SATURDAY, MAY 15TH



The American Theater Company, located at 1909 W. Byron, has donated 50 tickets for the Sat. May 15th performance of Preston Sturges' "Strictly Dishonorable". The play starts at 5:00 p.m. will run approximately two hours. We will be selling the tickets for \$25.00 to benefit the NBGC Scholarship Program and the scholarship earned by Erin Gschwind. The play will be followed by a reception at Xippo Lounge, located at Damen and Grace just a few blocks from the theater. Alums Alex and Nick Samardzija will donate the hor d'oeuvres and there will be a cash bar.

To make reservations for the NBGC benefit performance, call Sharon Clement or Jim McNulty at (773) 463-4161 or e-mail NBGC1931@aol.com. Tickets must be paid for in advance and will be held at the door.



## DOGS ON DAMEN & CATS



Lincoln Park Savings Bank is proud to be hosting one of Chicagoland's biggest pet adoption events, "Dogs on Damen & Cats". The event takes place in the bank parking lot at the corner of Damen and Cuyler in May. The dates are Friday, May 14th from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 16th from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Participating shelters are Chicago Animal Care and Control, The Anti-Cruelty Society, Chicago Canine Rescue Foundation, Lake Shore Animal Shelter and PAWS Chicago. For more information call 1-800-780-5886.



## SPRING DINNER TUESDAY



The NBGC Moms' Club is holding their annual Spring Dinner on Tuesday, May 11th. All moms are welcome! The event starts with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will take place at Caro Mio Italian Ristorante, 1827 W. Wilson. The cost is \$20.00 per person. The delicious menu includes Bruschetta con Basilico, soup, Insalata della Casa, Pasta Arrabiata, Pasta Primavera, Chicken Vesuvio and Vitello Parmigiana. To make your reservation contact Angie Jensen at (773) 583-6534, (773) 895-4150, or e-mail Mutti5@aol.com by Mon. May 10th.



## THANK YOU DADS' CLUB!



We would like to thank the NBGC Dads' Club for their recent donation of \$14,500.00! This brings their total for the year to \$15,500.00!!!! Great job! The group recently held new elections. Tom Nickels will continue as President, Pat Kane will serve as Vice President, Bob Scheffler as Treasurer and Ron Prokaski as Secretary. Congratulations to the new officers and thanks for stepping up! It takes leadership to have success and the dads sure have that.



**THIS WEEK IN PREP BASEBALL**

By: Dan Ward



This past Saturday was a cold, wet, and miserable day for baseball. The Prep boys braved the elements though and showed up for their game. The **Cougars** started off the day with a game against the **Bees**. This was a very hyped matchup and both teams figure to be battling for the championship. The Bees got off to a quick start when Tommy Kane took a walk and scored off a Sam Hobert blazing single. The Cougars got out of a jam with two runners on to keep the Bees to a one to nothing lead. The pitchers for both teams took over after the first inning. Both **Eddie Seda** and **Andre Morsy** were dealing for the next three innings. The big blow for the Bees came in the top of the fourth inning. With the bases loaded, **Eddie Seda** of the Cougars unloaded on a high fastball for a grand slam. The Bees were never able to recover from that shot, and they ended up losing by the final of 5 to 2. Coming out in the cold for the Cougars were Tyrone Palmer, Bobby Palushek, Ricardo Guzman, Rodolfo Santillan, Christian Schroeder, Samuel Morales, Amicar Morales, Andrew Figueroa, Eddie Seda, Anibal Rodriguez, Joseph Zapata, and Julian Figueroa. Playing hard for the Bees were Kyle Pequeno, Tommy Kane, Ross Uhler, Gabe McDonagh, Gary Dickerson, Nikko Gonzalez, Sam Hobert, Zach Wright, Patrick O'Connell, and Mike Sbordone.

The second game of the day was supposed to feature the Eagles and the Spartans. Unfortunately, the weather took a turn for the worse and some of the Eagles were unable to show up. The Spartans claimed the victory on because of a forfeit.

**THIS WEEK IN PEBBLE SOFTBALL**

By: Phil Jensen



Instead of writing about the usual Saturday games, this week's articles will be based on the games we had on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. On field 1 we had the **Aliens** playing the **Angels**, while on field 2 the **Twisters** faced off against the **Pumas**. On field 1, the **Angels** were giving the **Aliens** a hard time. In the first inning the **Angels** hit 8 singles and scored 5 runs. The **Aliens** had 3 hits of their own, but left everyone on base. 2<sup>nd</sup> inning scoring was absent, as both teams turned up the defense. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning the **Aliens** got on the board, scoring 3 runs on 8 hits of their own. The **Angels** swapped with the stats from the **Aliens'** 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, by churning out 3 hits and not scoring any runs. Moving into the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the **Angels** added 2 more runs before being forced out along the bases. The **Aliens** went scoreless in the 4<sup>th</sup> and added 2 more runs in the 5<sup>th</sup>, but could not take the lead from the **Angels**. The final score of this game was 7-5 in favor of the **Angels**. Coming out and making the win possible for the **Angels** were: Erika Perez, Karen Gibbons, Sara Brodner, Madeleine Jones, Mary Gulragossian, Emma Turbyville, Mariella Rodriguez, Andrea Lopez, Emily Lopez, Rachelle Imhoff and Jennifer Morales. Rounding up the **Aliens** squad was: Adriana Medina, Michelle Nunes, Ivette Cebrero, Naomi Lopez, Angella Starr, Claudia Cox, Joselyn Avitia, Dora Slotnick, Vivian Moreno, Vanessa Moreno and Jessica Soberanis.

Over on field 2 the **Pumas** were having their way with the **Twisters**. In the first inning the **Twisters** added 2 runs on 6 hits. The **Pumas** unleashed the fury in the first, with 3 runs and then a **GRAND SLAM** by Devlin Flanigan to close out the inning. The second inning didn't do much for the **Pumas**, but the **Twisters** found a way to add 3 runs on 6 hits. Surprisingly that was all the scoring the **Twisters** would do for the rest of the game. The **Pumas** on the other hand, were not finished with their bats. Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> innings combined, the **Pumas** tallied up 3 more runs on 5 hits and closed the game with the lead. The final score of this game was 10-5 with the **Pumas** on top. Playing a great game for the **Pumas** was: Andrea Scardina, Sarah Bodenstein, Amanda Pisani, Audrey Haderlein, Elena Bernstein, Renee Haderlein, Tess Waldmann, Vivian DeBord and Marisa Nakamura. Giving their all for the **Twisters** was: Nichol Phillips, Sarah Becker, Marisa Rosario, Tonya Prodromos, Valin Myers, Murielle Vansach, Caitlin Carney, Rosana Mulchrone, Gabriela Rodriguez, Jacqueline Rodriguez and Jocelyn Parks. The attendance for these games was awesome considering the change in the scheduling. Remember picture day is this Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>, be sure you are there even if you're not purchasing pictures, it shows good sportsmanship!

**Concerns? Questions?  
Comments? Ideas?**

**Don't know who to talk to?**

**E-mail Bonnie at NBGC1991@aol.com**

**PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
ARE YOU ON THE LIST?**

By: Bonnie Werstein



The Family newsletter "The Real Deal" was sent out at the end of March and I am happy to say that more and more families are responding to our Parent Appeal Letter that was enclosed. If you did not receive your copy please stop in the office for a copy. Our goal is \$15,000.00 so we have a long way to go!

It is because of fundraisers and donations that we are able to keep the Club programs available free of membership fees. The annual budget for the organization is about \$300,000 and it is a challenge to meet that goal. The strong support that our parents are showing makes the difference! Families that have responded through April 20th are:

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ackerman, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Brodner, Mr. & Mrs. Igor Playner, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Welch, Ms. Dalilah Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gschwind, Mr. & Mrs. Tom O'Brien, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bernstein, Mr. & Mrs. John Culver, Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Friedman, Ms. JoAnn Horano, Mr. & Mrs. Andy Ekern, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Zimmer, Mr. & Mrs. David Parks, Mr. & Mrs. David Schaper, Mr. Diaz DeLeon & Ms. BenBow, Mr. David McNamara, Ms. Melody Bose, Ms. Ana Villata, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kloehn, Mr. Post & Ms. Heap, Ms. Mable Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Schiro, Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Arroyo, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Silva, Mr. Summerville & Ms. Turner, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Predergast, Ms. Sherry Sims, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Verner, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Sodolski, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ward, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Werstein, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cohen, Ms. Marian Henneman, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Benson, Ms. Kelly Przytulski, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Nickels. The total parent donations to date total \$2996.00 THANK YOU!

**COMPUTER LAB  
OPEN AFTER SCHOOL**

Our brand new Citigroup SmithBarney Computer Lab opened March 16th and is the hottest spot in the Clubhouse every day! Stop by and check it out. Learn how to use i Macs, Linux machines as well as Windows. Work on school projects, surf the internet safely and with supervision, learn graphic design.

Many things are under development for the future. We have plans to have our Tekkies and kids develop and update the NBGC.org website, scan the NBGC archives (pictures and Monkeyshines dating back to 1932!) and upload them to the website, create team year books and much more. Parents and even grandparents have asked about classes or have come in to check their e-mail. Now that the clubhouse is WIFI, bring that laptop with you and catch up on your work or e-mail while your kids play!

If you would like to get involved in the lab, or if you have ideas, talk to our HGIC (Head Geek In Charge), Luis Arauz. We owe a great deal to Luis, Steve, Brian and Rob for all that they have done to get this lab running and the building hooked. Without them we would have a room full of nice, new, expensive equipment gathering dust!

*Remember that you have to wipe your feet before entering the lab and there is ABSOLUTELY no eating or drinking allowed!*

**FALL FOOTBALL AND SOCCER SIGN UP IN JUNE!**

Are you going to be in 2nd -8th grade in the fall or were you born between 9/1/91 - 8/31/97? The Fall Football & Soccer leagues will be holding early registration Tuesday, June 1st through Saturday, June 5th. You can get the first shot at a team roster spot by coming in between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on the weekdays and between 1:00 and 3:00 on Saturday. Camps start at the end of August and games in mid-September.

Parents must be present at registration. A \$35.00 uniform deposit is required. If you are new to NBGC you must complete a new member registration packet and provide proof of address and birth. Teams are formed by neighborhood on a first come, first serve basis. Give your coach and teammates a call and get your team ready! Remember that team rosters are limited!

**CURRENT NBGC HOURS**

Monday - Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday

3:30 until 7:00 PM  
8:30 AM until 2:00 PM  
CLOSED

**CADET BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

Sat.	May	8th	9:00	Falcons	vs.	Scorpions
			11:00	Spartans	vs.	Cougars
Mon.	May	10th	4:15	1st place	vs.	2nd place
			4:15	3rd place	vs.	4th place
			4:15	5th place	vs.	6th place
End of First Half						
Wed.	May	12th	4:15	Falcons	vs.	Spartans
			4:15	Cougars	vs.	Bees
Thurs.	May	13th	4:15	Wasps	vs.	Scorpions
Mon.	May	17th	4:15	Falcons	vs.	Cougars
			4:15	Spartans	vs.	Wasps
			4:15	Bees	vs.	Scorpions
Wed.	May	19th	4:15	Falcons	vs.	Bees
			4:15	Cougars	vs.	Wasps
Thurs.	May	20th	4:15	Spartans	vs.	Scorpions
Sat.	May	22nd	9:00	Falcons	vs.	Wasps
			11:00	Spartans	vs.	Bees
			1:00	Cougars	vs.	Scorpions
Wed.	May	26th	4:15	Spartans	vs.	Cougars
			4:15	Falcons	vs.	Scorpions
Thurs.	May	27th	4:15	Bees	vs.	Wasps
Sat.	June	5th	9:00	1st place	vs.	2nd place
			11:00	3rd place	vs.	4th place
			1:00	5th place	vs.	6th place

End of Regular Season/Start Playoffs

**PREP BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

Sat.	May	8th	8:30	Eagles	vs.	Cougars
			10:30	Spartans	vs.	Bees
End of First Half						
Tues.	May	11th	4:15	Eagles	vs.	Spartans
			4:15	Cougars	vs.	Bees
Thurs.	May	13th	4:15	Eagles	vs.	Bees
			4:15	Spartans	vs.	Cougars
Tues.	May	18th	4:15	Eagles	vs.	Cougars
			4:15	Spartans	vs.	Bees
Sat.	May	22nd	9:00	Eagles	vs.	Spartans
			11:00	Cougars	vs.	Bees
Tues.	May	25th	4:15	Eagles	vs.	Bees
			4:15	Spartans	vs.	Cougars
Sat.	June	5th	9:00	Eagles	vs.	Cougars
			11:00	Spartans	vs.	Bees

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**SENIOR SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

Sat.	May	8th	11:00	All Senior League Teams	
Mon.	May	10th	4:15	All Senior League Teams	
Mon.	May	17th	4:15	All Senior League Teams	

**NBGC CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**



The Club will close for several days over the Memorial Day weekend. NBGC will be closed from Fri. May 28th through Mon. May 31st. We will be back to our regular schedule on Tues., June 1st.

Memorial Day is more than just a day off of work and school. Memorial Day honors American soldiers killed in our country's wars. Many thousands of brave Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our freedom and protect our lives. We should all take a moment to remember them on Monday, May 31st, especially those who have died in Afghanistan, Iraq, and who are currently serving overseas.

**YARD SALE COMING IN JUNE!**

The NBGC Moms' Club is holding a Yard Sale on Sat. June 5th to benefit the boys and girls programs. Keep that date open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Sell your wares and make money! Crafters and other vendors are welcome to join us. Tables will be available for just \$25.00. If you are not a crafter, come out by a Father's Day gift or something for yourself! Call Victoria at (773) 509-0862 to reserve your table. We look forward to seeing you there.

**PEBBLE SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

Sat.	May	8th	8:45	Aliens	vs.	Twisters
			10:45	Angels	vs.	Pumas
Tues.	May	11th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Pumas
			4:15	Angels	vs.	Twisters
End of First Half						
Fri.	May	14th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Angels
			4:15	Twisters	vs.	Pumas
Tues.	May	18th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Twisters
			4:15	Angels	vs.	Pumas
Fri.	May	21st	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Pumas
			4:15	Angels	vs.	Twisters
Sat.	May	22nd	9:00	Aliens	vs.	Angels
			11:00	Twisters	vs.	Pumas
Thurs.	May	27th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Twisters
			4:15	Angels	vs.	Pumas
Sat.	June	5th	9:00	Aliens	vs.	Pumas
			11:00	Angels	vs.	Twisters

End of Regular Season/Start Playoffs

**JUNIOR SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

Fri.	May	7th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Twisters
Sat.	May	8th	9:30	Aliens	vs.	Pumas
Wed.	May	12th	4:15	Twisters	vs.	Pumas
Thurs.	May	13th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Twisters
Fri.	May	14th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Pumas
End of First Half						
Mon.	May	17th	4:15	Twisters	vs.	Pumas
Wed.	May	19th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Twisters
Fri.	May	21st	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Pumas
Sat.	May	22nd	9:00	Twisters	vs.	Pumas
Mon.	May	24th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Twisters
Wed.	May	26th	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Pumas
Thurs.	May	27th	4:15	Twisters	vs.	Pumas
Wed.	June	2nd	4:15	Aliens	vs.	Twisters
Sat.	June	5th	9:00	Aliens	vs.	Pumas

End of Regular Season/Start Playoffs

**BOYS BASEBALL STANDINGS FIRST HALF**

CADET	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Wasps	4	0	0	3	4	0	15
Falcons	3	1	0	4	4	0	14
Spartans	2	2	0	4	4	0	12
Bees	1	3	0	4	4	0	10
Cougars	1	2	0	2	3	0	7
Scorpions	0	3	0	2	3	0	5

  

PREP	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Cougars	4	1	0	5	5	0	18
Spartans	3	2	0	5	5	0	16
Bees	2	3	0	5	5	0	14
Eagles	1	4	0	5	5	0	12

Includes games played thru Wed., May 5th

**GIRLS SOFTBALL STANDINGS FIRST HALF**

PEBBLE	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Pumas	3	1	0	3	4	0	13
Aliens	3	1	0	3	4	0	13
Twisters	1	3	0	4	4	0	10
Angels	1	3	0	3	4	0	9

  

JUNIOR	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Pumas	2	2	0	4	4	0	12
Aliens	3	0	0	3	3	0	12
Twisters	0	3	0	3	3	0	6

  

SENIOR	W	L	T	ATT	SPTS	FOR	PTS
Angels	2	1	0	3	3	0	10
Aliens	1	2	0	3	3	0	8

Includes games played thru Wed., May 5th