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Message From Alumni Chairman



When I speak about Babe Ruth League Inc. and the Alumni Association, I am reminded we have a huge group of passionate, loyal and committed volunteers and fellow Alumni. I hear several phrases again and again:

"I'm proud to be associated with the Babe Ruth program." "My family's legacy with Babe Ruth League goes back generations." "Everyone in my family has participated in the Babe Ruth program."

I know this loyalty is part of the reason why our Alumni Association has been able to grow our membership to 1,000 members over the past

two years. Babe Ruth League has worked hard to provide programs and services that



enhance the lives of youth and to create opportunities for the Alumni to partner with them to advance the general welfare of the program.

If you are already a member, we're so thankful for your support and welcome feedback on how we can make your membership more valuable to you and the Alumni Association.

You can play a crucial role in helping us translate our incredible alumni loyalty into increased BRL Alumni

Association membership which will result in increased support for the Babe Ruth League program.

If you are not a member, join the Alumni Association and enter into a new phase of support for everything Babe Ruth that will extend far beyond the years you spend as a player and/or a volunteer. Membership is FREE!

Finally, by joining the Alumni Association, you are providing a significant boost to BRL's reputation as a leader in youth baseball and softball and as a leader in providing youth with a fun, productive and educational experience.

James Wagoner

Graduate Corner — Chris Archer

Christopher Alan Archer is a pitcher for the Tampa Bay Rays and a graduate of the Raleigh, North Carolina Babe Ruth League.

Chris Archer has a curious mind. He enjoys reading, learning and seeking answers. And he is all about giving back.

His good work has been on display since he joined the Rays in a trade prior to the 2011 season. Included have been regular visits to the Juvenile Detention Center and to the Children's Hospital.

He's teamed up with Good Sports, Inc. to donate thousands of dollars' worth of equipment to schools and programs in need; visited Burg Baseball (nonprofit league) in South St. Petersburg and invited the team out to see him pitch; and visited The Academy, a high school in Port Charlotte for students who would otherwise not graduate regular high school.

Archer has spoken to the boys from the Write Field Program, a collaborative program between the Rays and the Poyner Institute, and during last year's holiday season, he handed out turkeys in his hometown of Raleigh, North Carolina, in addition to donating gifts to needy families.

Yes, you can say he cares about others.

So Archer was the perfect choice to travel to South Africa in December as part of Major League Baseball's ambassador program, which helps

build awareness of the game in different countries and continents. The trip left him humbled.

"It was pretty special," Archer said. "It was everything you would expect it to be, going to an underprivileged country."

"What I learned while I was over there is they don't view themselves as underprivileged. Life is just what it is. And they were just happy people."

Apartheid no longer exists in South Africa, but the 26-year-old Archer saw remnants of the ruling party's division of the races that existed from 1948-94. "During the apartheid, you stop schooling at a very early age and started working, almost plantation style," Archer said. "You just learned basics, then you worked in the mines or on the farms.

"The point is, they're so far behind in education. If you were born there and you were black, you would have no formal education. A lot of people I ran into are now going back to school, or they're really harping to their children to take advantage of the schooling we have. There are few black-owned businesses. It's just interesting to see that dynamic and kind of learn from it and appreciate."



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Graduate Corner — Chris Archer

Archer was blown away by the number of languages spoken in South Africa. Fortunately for Archer, English was one of those languages. "There's 11 official languages in South Africa, and one of them is English," Archer said. "They can all understand. They have a hard time with the American accent. But as far as English goes, they all spoke English. And most of the kids spoke four or five languages."

On the baseball side, Archer learned that his sport was less popular than other sports, particularly soccer and cricket.

"They don't have baseball in their public schools or colleges," Archer said. "What I kind of compare it to was the early stages of rugby here in the United States. When I was in high school, it was a club or intramural sport, but not what they offered to letter in. It wasn't a varsity sport."

"They aren't playing the sport with the mentality that they are going to play professionally and make a lot of money and have a better life for their family. They're playing strictly for the love of the game. That was so cool."

The talent level was a far cry from that of the United States. Nevertheless, Archer said "there were some talented players over there."

"Soccer is No. 1, so there are a lot of athletes, and they play cricket, so overhand throwing is not foreign to them," said Archer, noting that he could see the day when academies sprout up in the country much like they do in the Latin American

countries.

In the future, Archer would like to see what he can do to promote a cultural exchange, perhaps as early as next season. He's hoping Major League Baseball and the Rays would be interested in helping such a project come to fruition.

"It would be nice to bring a guy or two over every Spring Training," Archer said. "Let them get on a Major League field. See a game or two. Maybe practice some with the Major League players. Let them see what baseball can offer them on a greater level."

Clearly, visiting South Africa was a touching experience for Archer.

"I learned a lot from them about the love of life," Archer said. "The love of the game. Just waking up every day with a greater appreciation of what we're blessed with over here."

Clearly, Archer was inspired and humbled by his visit to South Africa.

Babe Ruth League is proud of its millions of graduates who have gone on to excel in various fields of life. And the many who have gone on to not only make a positive impact in their communities, but also throughout the world.



New Headquarters—It’s One Sharp Building

In Hamilton Township, New Jersey, the birthplace of Babe Ruth League, a showcase of the program’s commitment to continue as a leader in youth baseball and softball, is taking shape.

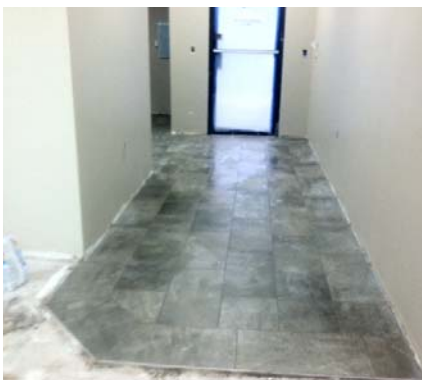
Renovations and interior design enhancements are underway at the new Babe Ruth League Headquarters, which promises to be an innovative project that illustrates Babe Ruth League, Inc.’s commitment to better service its leagues and participants.



Photo taken from the Hall of Fame Room, showing the main section of the office.



New Board/Conference Room



Employee entrance, where new tile was laid and grouted.



Executive Offices

BRL President Steven Tellefsen said, “It’s seeing the progress as the new Headquarters building is being totally transformed, and as it is coming to life, it is a very exciting milestone for all of us. Certainly, a tribute to all who were involved in securing a new home for Babe Ruth League.”

Alumni Launches Website

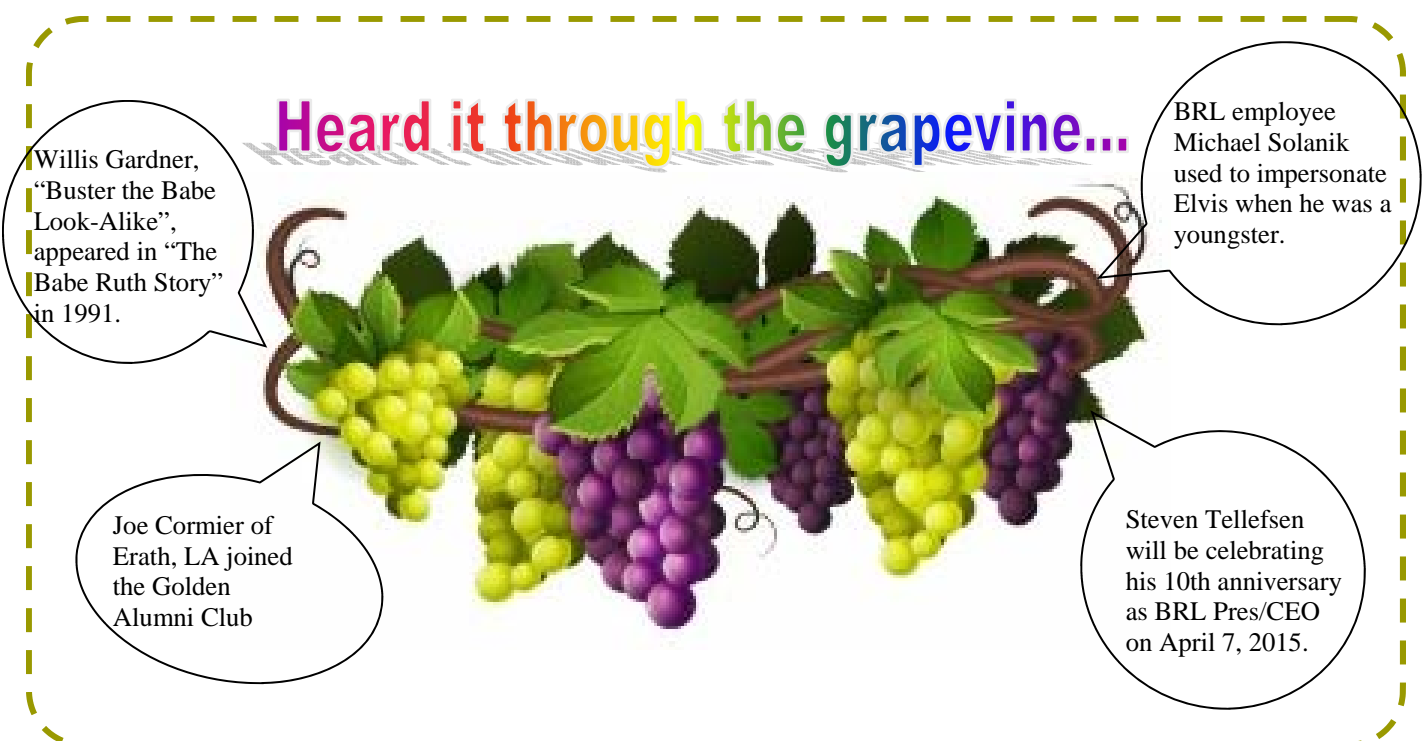
The Babe Ruth League Alumni Association has been working on a website redesign for the past year. Even though a few features need to be added, this dynamic new site has been officially launched.

The website – www.baberuthleague.org/alumni.aspx – is a result of feedback and recommendations from alumni and friends. “We began the redesign process a year ago with the help and support of our Alumni Executive Committee members, Chairman James Wagoner, and BRL IT Development Director John Parish,” said Theresa Cleary, a member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee. “We have been able to put together a variety of elements we believe will position us at the forefront of youth sports alumni association sites.”

The new website features a better layout, is more organized and much more user-friendly. And everything you want to know about the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association is only a click away.

We invite all of you to visit the new site. If you aren’t already a member, please join so you can stay connected with *everything Babe Ruth League*. Membership is FREE. We also invite you to share announcements about your career and life events, share stories about your days in Babe Ruth League, as well as share special photos to include as part of the website.

Look for updates and improvements in the coming months. We also welcome any feedback you have regarding the website and/or the Alumni Association. Email theresa@baberuthleague.org.



Giving to the Alumni Association

Welcome to your resource for charitable giving. It's no secret that the Alumni Association depends upon your goodwill. There are many simple options from which you can choose—strategies that enhance your personal well-being, as well as support the Alumni Association. If you're not sure where to begin, listed below are a few options:

FINANCIAL GIFT—A gift of cash is an easy way to have an immediate impact. Download a donation form from the website and mail it with your check payable to the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association.

MAKE A RESOLUTION FOR 2015 TO CREATE AN ESTATE PLAN—Every year we ritually make resolutions to improve our lives—exercise more, be on time, put more money into our savings accounts. While some resolutions are more critical than others, updating or creating your estate plan is one promise you must keep. If you die without a will, the laws of the state where you reside will determine how your property is divided among your closest surviving relatives. If you have a spouse and children, they may have to share part of your estate in proportions you wouldn't have wanted. This can lead to family squabbles and serious financial consequences for your loved ones.

Once you have a will, it is critical that you keep it current. Here are a few events that may result in a visit to your estate planning attorney:

- You or someone in your family has recently had a change in marital status or welcomed a child.
- A loved one has died.
- You have moved to another state.
- Tax laws have changed.
- Your concerns have shifted from the needs of your children to long-term care planning for your aging parents or even yourself.
- You would like to use a portion of your estate to support a favorite cause.

In addition to a will, there are a few other essential documents you should have to round out your plan. See below:

WILL	The cornerstone of your estate plan, this document ensures your assets will be distributed exactly as you intend.
TRUST	You can make special arrangements for the management of your assets for yourself and others. Trusts can shelter assets for a surviving spouse and benefit heirs and charitable beneficiaries.
LIVING WILL	This document allows you to articulate your wishes concerning heroic, life-sustaining measures.
DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY	You can designate a trusted individual to handle legal and financial matters on your behalf.
HEALTH POWER OF ATTORNEY	If you are unable to make health care decisions, this document stipulates who will make those decisions on your behalf.

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Giving to the Alumni Association

Creating a will is smart and, yes, a mature way to protect your family. But that's not all you can do. Did you know you can also have a significant impact on the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association by adding just a few simple words to this document? It's called a charitable request. The following sample bequest language (in your will or trust) will ensure your gift directly benefits the Alumni Association for the purpose you specify: *"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Alumni Association, a nonprofit corporation, headquartered in Trenton, NJ, the (sum of \$_____) or (_____ % of my estate) or (the property described herein) or (the remainder of my estate) to benefit the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Alumni Association.*

There are four major benefits for naming us in your will:

- **Simplicity**—just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed.
- **Flexibility**—Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.
- **Versatility**—You can structure the bequest to leave a specific amount of money or item, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to us.
- **Tax Relief**—If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

For further and complete details, always consult your estate planning attorney.

SHARE YOUR GOOD FORTUNE—Want to get the most value from your nest egg, protect your heirs from heavy taxes and make your mark on the Alumni Association. Consider leaving a portion of your retirement plan assets to us. If you die with retirement plan assets in your estate, those assets are subject to income taxes. This can reduce the amount that normally would be passed to heirs by up to 35 percent. In contrast, as a nonprofit organization, the Babe Ruth Alumni Association is tax-exempt and eligible to bypass any federal taxes.

LIFE INSURANCE—is a low-cost way to provide a gift to the Alumni Association.

INSURANCE ANNUITIES— carry an income tax burden, making your named beneficiary responsible for paying the income tax due on the growth of your annuity. The tax burden makes these assets a popular choice to leave to an organization like the Alumni Association because, we, as the recipient, can eliminate the tax bill on the portion we receive.

MEMORIAL/HONORARY DONATIONS— A memorial donation is a special way to honor a departed loved one, teammate, coach, or any other individual that held a special place in your heart. A honorary donation is a great way to recognize a person or celebrate a milestone reached by an individual.

The Babe Ruth League Alumni Association is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization. Whenever you give a donation to the Alumni Association, you will be able to make a tax deduction when you file your taxes.

St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on March 17th. For all of our Irish Alumni, we wish you a very Happy St. Patrick's Day!



This March holiday signals the start of spring for many. Feasting on the day features traditional Irish food, including corned beef, corned cabbage, coffee, soda bread, potatoes and shepherd's pie. Many celebrations also hold an Irish breakfast of sausage, black and white pudding, fried eggs, and fried tomatoes. Other common traditions include: parades, drinking,

dyeing water or beer green, wearing green, religious services, and pea planting (in the Northeast, many celebrate by planting peas—this is largely due to the color and time of year, prime pea-planting conditions).

There are many legends associated with St. Patrick, or the "Apostle of Ireland" He was born around 460, and by the 600s, he was already known as the Patron Saint of Ireland. The symbol of the shamrock used for St. Patrick's Day comes from the story of St. Patrick using the shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity. Another popular belief is that St. Patrick banished the snakes from Ireland. The story says that while St. Patrick was fasting, snakes attacked him, so he chased all the snakes into the ocean. (Since snakes often represent evil in literature, when Patrick drives the snakes out of Ireland, it is symbolically saying he drove the old, evil pagan ways out of Ireland and brought in a new age.) One legend has St. Patrick sticking a walking stick into the ground while evangelizing, which turned into a tree. These tales and others were likely spread by well-meaning monks centuries after St. Patrick's death.

Until the 1970s, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland was a minor religious holiday. A priest would acknowledge the feast day and families would celebrate with a big meal, but that was about it. St. Patrick's Day was basically invented in America by Irish-Americans. St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in America in 1737, organized by the Charitable Irish Society of Boston, including a feast and religious service. This first celebration of the holiday in the colonies was largely to honor and celebrate the Irish culture that so many colonists had been separated from.

Eighteenth-century Irish soldiers fighting with the British in the U.S. Revolutionary War held the first St. Patrick's Day parades. Some soldiers, for example, marched through New York City in 1762 to reconnect with their Irish roots. Other parades followed in the years and decades after, including well-known celebrations in Boston, Philadelphia, New York, and Chicago, primarily in flourishing Irish immigrant communities. Today there are not only large parades in these cities, but also in many other cities throughout the United States. They come with a nip in the air and a spring in the step of everyone from bagpipers to flag twirlers. It has become a way to honor the saint, to confirm ethnic identity, and to create bonds of solidarity.



Graduate in the News...Athlete of the Week

Hamilton, NJ Babe Ruth League graduate, Kevin Smiegocki, was named *Athlete of the Week* by njtimes.com for his outstanding performance during a high school basketball game. (Kevin is the son of BRL Vice President Joe Smiegocki).

During a recent basketball game, Kevin, a Hamilton High School West senior forward, picked up the slack for his struggling Hornets with a strong first-half effort during a narrow 70-60 win over Trenton. Hamilton West and Trenton were tied going into the half, but Smiegocki, known for his defensive contributions, stepped up for Hamilton West on the offensive side of the ball, putting up eight first-half points—a season high for the senior—while also playing his usual stout defense.

“The game was really fast-paced,” said Smiegocki. “We didn’t start out great so I tried to pick up the slack. I try to do whatever is best for the team, and the team needed me on offense.”

Smiegocki’s efficient night nearly translated into a double-double on the stats sheet, as he finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

“I felt better than usual offensively,” said Smiegocki. “My points came via layups, free throws, and a lot of hustle. I’m a team player and I always try to do what’s right for the team; during that game, they needed me to step up on offense.”

Smiegocki’s first half allowed the Hornets to stay afloat and reach intermission with the score tied.

“At halftime, we knew we all had to come back out, step up, and take the lead because it was a big game for us. We knew that if we wanted to win, it was going to take a team effort.”

The Hornets came out and played the second



half with a fire lit under them, as they took control of the game as a team after being carried early by Smiegocki.

“We always have each other’s backs,” said Smiegocki, who said he was proud to have powered his team until his teammates got going. “We don’t mind picking up the slack for each other when needed, that’s what teammates do.”

It was a productive night for a player whose main job, in his own words, is normally just “rebounding and defense.” “I take a lot of pride in being the defensive backbone of the team,” said Smiegocki. “I like my presence as the bruiser of the team.”

While Smiegocki is focused on his team’s success and eager to see how far they can go as a team, he has made a few decisions about his future. “Next year, I’ll be playing baseball as an outfielder at Ramapo College. I’m excited for next year and cannot wait,” he said.

Kevin Smiegocki is a Babe Ruth graduate who has clearly learned many life lessons through participation in youth sports, especially the value of teamwork. You could say Smiegocki has a thirst for putting his team first!

To Those We Lost...

Owen Raymond Kaufman, 67 of Moundridge, Kansas, died on January 8, 2015, surrounded by his loving family.



Owen's love of baseball started at an early age playing Babe Ruth Baseball as a young man in McPherson. He returned to the game as an adult by becoming the Moundridge representative to the Newton Babe Ruth League, and later served as Kansas District 5 Commissioner for many years. In addition, he served as the Midwest Plains Regional Secretary, an Assistant Baseball Commissioner, and as member of the BRL Alumni Association Executive Committee.

Owen enjoyed being involved with kids playing baseball and cherished the relationships he built with youth throughout the years. He was inducted as one of the first members of the Kansas State Babe Ruth Hall of Fame in September 2000.

He is survived by his wife Sondra, son Grant and his wife Pam, and son Alex and his wife Mandy.

Richard A. "Rick" Karlson, 49, of Hudson, Massachusetts passed away suddenly on February 6, 2015.

Rick was a private, yet public man. Rick was Rookie Director for the Hudson Babe Ruth League from 2003-2005, Minor Director from 2005-2007, Major Director from 2007-2011 and Head All-Star Coach in 2007-2011. He was still known by many as "Coach Rick."

Beyond coaching, Rick never hesitated for a moment to dedicate himself to so many organizations in the Hudson community. He was President of Hudson Youth Football and Cheerleading for many years. At the time of his passing, Rick was the current President of the Hudson High School Athletic Booster Club.

Rick was most importantly a loving family man. Above all, he loved his wife, and both of his sons. He was forever proud of his children and their actions. Out of all the things he accomplished in life, he truly believed that his greatest achievement was his children. He was their father, coach and best friend, all in one. He was always supportive and wanted the best for them. His presence will be missed, but his impact will be apparent for the rest of their lives.

Rick is survived by his wife, Brenda, and his sons Randy and Erik Karlson.

A True Babe Ruth League Family

You know those magic moments in life when you meet a group of people and instantly feel like you have known them for years. You feel a special connection like they are part of your family. Not family in the sense that is determined by DNA, but family that is made by ties to the heart.

For many of us in Babe Ruth League, that magic moment was when we met George and Donna Lally of Norwood, Massachusetts.

As a couple, George and Donna go back several decades. They didn't meet in high school or college. They met *along the Babe Ruth trail*. They not only have an undying love for each other, but also for the Babe Ruth League program.



George first became involved in the Babe Ruth organization in 1963 serving as a League President. He went on to serve as a State Commissioner and Regional Commissioner, among other capacities. Elected to the Babe Ruth League Board of Directors in 1975, George still serves as a Board Member today. George is also involved working as a World Series Director or Task Force member each year. In addition, he is President of the BRL Hall of Fame Committee and a member of the Alumni Executive Committee.

Donna is no stranger to the Babe Ruth program. Besides her love for her family, her passion for the Babe Ruth program is unsurpassed. Donna was introduced to Babe Ruth Baseball well before she met George, as her dad, Herby J. Violette, held many positions in the program at the local league, state and regional level, and her mom Theresa ran the concession stand for a local league.

Donna and George's sons, Adam, Matthew and Patrick, grew up playing for the local Babe Ruth league and participating in tournament competition. Over the years, their teams made it to many district, state and regional tournaments. They also worked several Babe Ruth World Series as bat/ball boys and as Press Box Coordinators.

The Lally family is engaging, animated, energetic, and intellectually on fire. If you ever have the wonderful opportunity to meet the members of this special family, you will instantly feel like you have known them for years. Their charisma, charm and down-home friendliness instantly make you feel like a member of their family—a family that is true to Babe Ruth League and a family that will tug on the strings of your heart.

Attention All Alumni!

We are planning to do stories on Alumni who participated in the Babe Ruth League program as a player. Please share your experience while participating in Babe Ruth, and update us on what you are doing today. We look forward to hearing from you.

Send stories and photos via email to Theresa Cleary at theresa@baberuthleague.org. or mail to the Babe Ruth League Alumni, P. O. Box 5000, Trenton, NJ 08638.

Kids Are Our Mission, Our Future, Our Plan.



“Cormier Receives Deserved Prestige”



Pictured r-l are: BRL President/CEO Steven Tellefsen, Louisiana State Commissioner Mike Markins, Joe Cormier, Dr. Kevin Cormier.

Southwest Assistant Regional Commissioner, Joe Cormier, was recently inducted into the Louisiana Babe Ruth Hall of Fame during the Southwest Regional Meeting in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in honor of his many dedicated years of service. We are proud to share a letter below, written by Joe's son, Dr. Kevin Cormier, in support of Joe's induction.

“I am writing this letter in support of Joe Cormier's induction into the Louisiana State Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame, as well as the Southwest Regional Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame. First off, let me introduce myself. My name is Kevin Cormier, and I am the oldest son of Joe Cormier. Growing up in the Cormier house, my father introduced me to baseball at a young age, as he did

with my two younger brothers, Justin and Nathan. Even at a young age, I could see the passion my father had for the game of baseball. You see, growing up, he was not only my father, he was also my coach. I didn't realize it at the time, but I came to understand that my father performed the same role for hundreds, probably thousands of other young kids through his work with the Babe Ruth Baseball Organization.

Since before I was born, my father has been involved with youth sports, in particular, Babe Ruth Baseball. Over his lifetime, he was a player, a coach and an organizer, working at every level imaginable within the Babe Ruth organization. He served on the Stadium Committee for the first Babe Ruth World Series in Abbeville, Louisiana in 1974. This was just the beginning of a long, proud tournament history for the City of Abbeville, with numerous District, State, Regional and World Series tournaments to follow. In 1995, in preparation for the upcoming World Series, he raised \$100,000 over a three-month period to help renovate Ralph Sellers Field. From 1996 to 2008, he served on seven Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball World Series Committees for the City of Abbeville. He has gone from serving as Assistant District Commissioner from 1985-1990, all the way up to Southwest Regional Tournament Director from 2006-2010. At every level of involvement, his dedication and commitment to the organization is evident. In fact, most every summer now you can usually find him across the country, helping to run a tournament or getting contracts finalized for an upcoming event. Since 2008, he has served on seven Babe Ruth World Series Task Force groups. And the best part of it all...he truly loves it. He loves every part of Babe Ruth Baseball.

Currently, he is serving as Southwest Assistant Regional Commissioner for the 13-15 Division, as well as Chairman of the Southwest Region Hall of Fame Committee. As part of his responsibilities as Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, he is tasked with ensuring great people within the organization are recognized for their outstanding service and commitment. He has worked relentlessly to place other outstanding individuals into these “Famed Halls”. I now believe it is his turn to join them.

For the past 37 years, Joe Cormier has set an example of community, volunteerism and citizenship that is rivaled by no one. For the past 36 years, I have had the honor of calling him my dad. Help me honor him further by recognizing his amazing accomplishments within the Babe Ruth organization, and placing him in the Louisiana State Babe Ruth Hall of Fame.”

Class of 2015—Southwest Hall of Fame



Southwest Hall of Fame— Pictured right to left: BRL President/CEO Steven Tellefsen, Sissy Jones (inductee) of Sissy's Log Cabin, Bill Jones (inductee) of Sissy's Log Cabin, Larry Matthews (inductee), Duke Fakouri (inductee), Southwest Regional Commissioner Joe Featherston and BRL Board Member Jim Hill.

Four Babe Ruth League **Alum-inaries** from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, were recently inducted into the Southwest Region Hall of Fame for their outstanding service to Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Larry Matthews has spent over three decades involved with Babe Ruth League from the t-ball level to the Babe Ruth 16-18 level. He has always shown a willingness to advance the mission of the Babe Ruth program whenever called upon. Professionally, Larry is the Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Pine Bluff.

Duke Fakouri has spent many years serving as an umpire, coach and league board member. Since 2000, Duke has served as the Vice President for the Seabrook Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth League. As a member of the Babe Ruth League National Umpires Association, Duke has worked three World Series and served as Staff Umpire and UIC for numerous Southwest regional tournaments. In addition, he has hosted and worked several umpire clinics held in South Arkansas, as well as served as South Arkansas UIC and the assigning umpire for local leagues.

Sissy's Log Cabin and the Jones Family have been involved in every aspect of Babe Ruth Baseball in Pine Bluff for over 30 years. Sissy and Murphy Jones, owners of Sissy's Log Cabin, continue to support Babe Ruth Baseball at every opportunity. Their son Bill, who serves as President of Sissy's Log Cabin, finds the time to manage multiple Babe Ruth teams. Many of these teams have earned the right to participate in Southwest regional tournaments. Recently, Sissy's has completed and equipped an indoor training facility offered free of charge to coaches and players in several local Babe Ruth leagues.

Funding Dreams through Scholarships



For many families, paying for tuition, fees, and books is tough, sometimes impossible. Some students have to make difficult decisions about whether they can continue their education. The goal of Babe Ruth League is to make that decision easier by providing scholarships to academically successful students who are graduates of the program.

These scholarships are offered through the Babe Ruth League Scholarship Program and alumni funded endowments and gifts.

The Irby Luquette Endowment Scholarship, established by his

son Gary, is awarded annually to deserving Babe Ruth League graduates from the Southwest Region.

The Babe Ruth League Scholarship program is funded through money raised from the annual BRL Golf Tournament, along with contributions from K&K Insurance, Rawlings Sporting Goods and private gifts and is offered to Babe Ruth graduates throughout the United States.

The 2015 Babe Ruth League Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 5 at Gambler's Ridge Golf Club in Cream Ridge, New Jersey, with a shotgun tee-off at 7:45 a.m. There will be a lunch with an awards presentation, raffle and memorabilia auction directly after the tournament.

You can make a difference in a student's life, too, by way of a financial contribution to the BRL Scholarship Program or the

donation of an item to be used as a door prize or auction item designated for the 2015 golf tournament.

Another excellent way to ensure continuing education for deserving students is the establishment of an endowed scholarship in your name or the name of a loved one or other honoree. A minimum commitment of \$25,000 is necessary to establish an endowment fund. Once established, donors and other individuals may continue to give to the fund if they desire.

All checks should be made payable to Babe Ruth League Alumni Association. Checks and auction items/door prizes should be sent to the Babe Ruth League, Alumni Association, 1770 Brunswick Pike, Trenton, NJ 08648.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Theresa Cleary at 609-278-2308 or at theresa@baberruthleague.org.

Joseph Cormier - A Golden Alumni

Joseph Cormier of Erath, LA, was officially presented with a special bat by BRL President/CEO Steven Tellefsen, commemorating his membership in the BRL Golden Alumni Club for his personal contributions to the Alumni Association,

as well as his dedicated service in raising funds for the association. Membership in this elite club is reserved for those individuals whose loyalty and passion for the BRL program is taken to the next level and is limited to 1,000 members.



Shown left: BRL President/CEO Steven Tellefsen (left) presents Joe Cormier with a special bat commemorating his membership in the Golden Alumni Club.

Sincere Thanks to Those Who Donated During the Past Quarter

In Memory Of...

Owen Kaufman

By James Wagoner
By Steven Tellefsen

James Lunt

By Pacific NW Region
By Margery Inteso

John Kerr

By Robert/Alice McGlone
By Sandra Sisisky
By Colonial Men's Golf Association
By Helen Hinsaw

Eileen Egan

By Patrick Egan

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By North Carolina Babe Ruth Leagues
By Robie's Food Center
By Mississippi Babe Ruth Leagues
By Arkansas Babe Ruth Leagues
By Peter McGoey

By Lehigh Valley Cal Ripken League
By Industrial & Oilfield Services
By Chevron (In honor of Joe Cormier)
By Jerry Bodden
By South Texas Babe Ruth Leagues
By Tennessee Babe Ruth Leagues
By NiSource Charitable Foundation
(In honor of Rick Galloway)
By North Dakota Babe Ruth Leagues
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Brain Teasers—Do You Know the Answer

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1. What 5 letter word typed in all capital letters can be read the same upside down?
2. Can you name the American tree that contains all five vowels?
3. What is the 11-letter word that all smart people spell incorrectly?
4. Supply the missing number:
2 3 5 8 13 21 34 _____
5. How could the 22nd and the 24th US Presidents have the same parents, but not be brothers?
6. What is the next letter in the following sequence?
B C D E G P _____
7. What gets broken without being held?
8. A barrel of water weighs 50 pounds. What must you add to make it weigh 35 pounds?
9. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have 5 children. Of these five, half are boys. How is this possible?
10. Which is greener—a stop light or a green pepper?
11. In which sport are the shoes made entirely of metal?
12. What costs nothing but is worth everything, weighs nothing, but can last a lifetime, that one person can't own, but two or more can share?



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- Answers to Brain Teasers**
1. SWIM
 2. Sequoia
 3. Incorrectly
 4. 55—Each number is the sum of the previous two.
 5. They were the same person—Grover Cleveland.
 6. T—they all rhyme.
 7. A promise.
 8. A hole.
 9. All of them are boys. Then half of them must be boys, too.
 10. A green pepper as stop lights are red.
 11. Horse racing.
 12. Friendship.