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Message From Alumni Chairman



Like most Babe Ruth League participants and players, the years that followed since joining the program changed my life, for the better and forever.

Volunteers and members of the Babe Ruth Headquarters Staff all helped strengthen my connection to this great organization. I met lifelong friends and people that I know will have lasting impacts on their communities.

There is no better way to keep those memories and meaning alive than actively being a part of the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association.

I got involved with the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association to contribute to this amazing community. The Alumni Association exists to foster connections between Alumni and Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Our mission, vision and priorities all serve to build on the strong foundation of our alumni community and the success of Babe Ruth League, Inc. That success cannot be achieved without the members of the Alumni and the vast network of volunteers who serve the Babe Ruth League program. Their commitment of time, talent and enthusiasm will carry forward the foundation of the many life lessons and life-changing moments we provide to our participants.

The one thing I ask of you is to consider getting involved in any way you can. We all know that when the Babe Ruth League family put their heads together, we can accomplish great things!

You can stay involved without leaving your

h o m e through the A l u m n i website. As you explore the site, you will discover and learn about the many alumni-only benefits, connect with former teammates, coaches and other volunteers, stay up to date with news on the Babe Ruth League and Alumni program, and much more.

With something to offer to all alumni, the association and its Web site are valuable resources. Visit www.baberuthleague/alumni.aspx today.

Sincerely,

Mark Watkins
Chairman

Graduate Corner — Jace Chamberlin

Babe Ruth Leaguer Jace Chamberlin Keeps Baseball Odyssey Going with Fullerton

JACE CHAMBERLIN, a graduate of the Visalia, California Babe Ruth League, caught our eye when he participated in the 2011 and 2012 Cal Ripken World Series. He set a record for batting averages with a .800, for most strike-outs with 18, threw a no-hitter (coming close to throwing a perfect game), captured the Most Outstanding Player and Batting Title Awards, and participated on a team that won back-to-back World Series.



Visalia's Jace Chamberlin walks off the field with his batting title and most outstanding player awards after the 2011 Cal Ripken Major/60 World Series.

Jace arrived at Redwood High as heralded a youth baseball player ever to come out of Visalia, which has produced first-round draft picks (such as Aaron Hill and Beau Mills), All-Stars (Mike LaCoss and Stephen Vogt) and a

World Series champion (Bobby Ojedga).

And in his first varsity at-bat as a 14-year-old freshman, Chamberlin showed what all the hype was about, crushing an opposite-field double off the left-center-field fence on an 0-1

pitch from Clovis North's Duke-bound right-hander Jack Labosky, The Bee's Outstanding Pitcher of the season in 2014, during the Coca-Cola Classic.

"When he came up, there was a feeling in the air," Redwood coach Dan Hydash said. "I remember even the kids on the team were pumped to see him hit because he was so special. They were like, 'Wow, he's the real deal.'"

The 6-foot-3, 270-pound left-handed hitting senior first baseman hasn't stopped crushing since, earning a scholarship to national power Cal State Fullerton.

Chamberlin celebrated his choice in front of family and friends, and alongside college-bound Redwood teammates Parker Cantrell (Fresno Pacific), Chris Gonzalez (Antelope Valley) and Vincent Pratti (Antelope Valley) during a campus ceremony on National Signing Day.

"I'm really excited. It's a good opportunity," said Chamberlin, who also drew college recruiting interest in football from Arizona of the Pacific-12 Conference after a standout sophomore season as an offensive lineman before giving up the sport to focus on baseball. "I went there on a visit and fell in love with the school. The academics fit me perfectly, and the program was great. It all fit me well. I'm ready to hop in there and be a Titan."

Hydash said Fullerton, traditionally a factory of pro prospects, had targeted Chamberlin for two years before he signed with the Titans in November.

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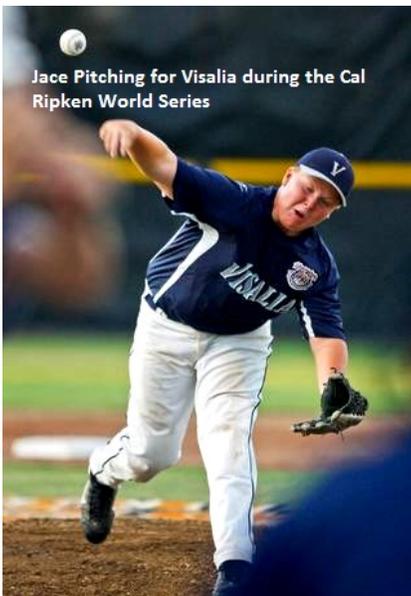
At the time of his signing, Fullerton's coaching staff commented that Chamberlin "is a very physical hitter that shows tons of power potential and could be a middle-of-the-order hitter for years to come."

That power potential has caught the attention of professional scouts, too.

Chamberlin likely will be selected in the major-league draft in June, according to Hydash.

And that will present a challenging decision for the 17-year-old who has been groomed for a baseball career by his father, Mark, since his youth.

"I'm just sitting back and hoping for the best," Chamberlin said. "If college works out, college is awesome. If the draft happens to come into play, I'll have a long talk with my family and see what's going on."



Jace Pitching for Visalia during the Cal Ripken World Series

As a youth, Chamberlin got an up-close look at Visalia professionals such as Hill, Mills, Vogt and Shane Costa as they trained at his father's Chamberlin Baseball Academy.

"He was brought up around all those guys," Mark Chamberlin said. "Jace was practically born there. He was under tables listening to hitting lessons all his life."

Chamberlin is coming off a Bee Fab 50 and first-team All-West Yosemite League junior season when he hit .408 with 14 doubles, five home runs, 33 RBIs, 24 runs and a .504 on-base percentage for a Rangers team that went 23-8 and beat Tehachapi 14-4 in the D-II final.



As a sophomore, Chamberlin hit .381 with 12 doubles, five homers and 36 RBIs to lead Redwood to a 28-7 record and a 4-0 win over Hanford for the D-II title. Chamberlin as a freshman hit .356 with eight doubles, two homers and 17 RBIs as the Rangers went 19-13 and reached the D-II semifinals.

"Every once in a while in your lineup, you get lucky if you have a difference maker," Hydash said. "He's a special hitter. He's one of those guys with great discipline. He always has a plan up there."

He's going to be very successful down the road. He just has to keep that good work ethic up."

Jace has made the Babe Ruth League program proud. He plays the game with integrity, and with an intensity to compete and lead by example, both on and off the field.

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Because of his love of the BRL program, Babe Ruth Board Member George Lally joined the Alumni as a Golden Alumni Club Member



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Mario Moccia, Director of Athletics

Babe Ruth League Alumnus Mario Moccia returned to his alma mater as the 23rd Director of Athletics at New Mexico State University after serving for nine years as the Director of Athletics at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. The 2015-16 athletic season was highlighted with five student-athletes being honored as All-Americans. Football sophomore Larry Rose III was selected to the Associated Press Third Team, volleyball senior Gwen Murphy was named an American Volleyball Coaches Association Honorable Mention and men’s basketball sophomore Pascal

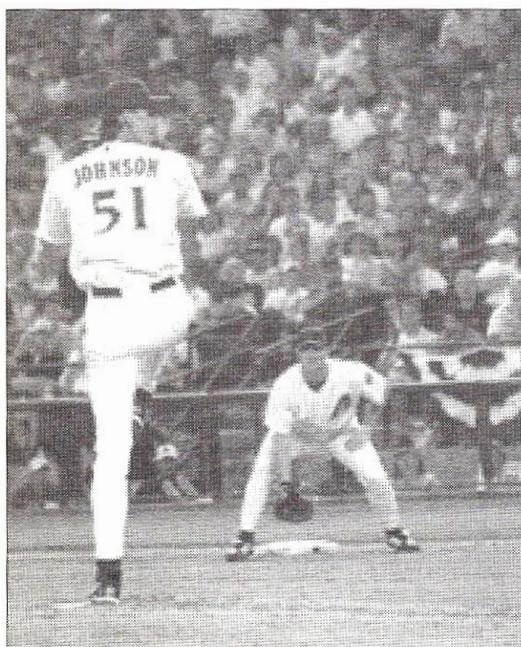
Siakam was an AP Honorable Mention as well as a first round draft pick of the Toronto Raptors. Baseball had two All-Americans as junior center fielder Daniel Johnson was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association Third Team, while pitcher Kyle Bradish was named to the Louisville Slugger All-Freshmen Team.

With Moccia at the helm, the Aggies made several facility upgrades during the 2015-16 academic year. Presley Askew Field installed a state-of-the-art synthetic grass infield. In addition, the baseball stadium saw renovations to its bullpens and batting cages as well as construction of a new press box and field turf. The swimming and diving team is enjoying the new Wanda Glass Swimming and Diving Locker Room as well as new coaches offices, while Aggie Memorial Stadium received a major upgrade with the addition of Club 27. NM State has also continued to excel in the classroom since Moccia took the reigns as all athletics teams surpassed an Academic Progress Rate of 930. Two teams, women’s golf and women’s tennis, achieved a perfect 1,000 APR.

A member of the US Bank New Mexico State Hall of Fame inducted in 1998, Moccia was the captain of the Aggie baseball team. He was twice honored as the Aggies MVP and won a team triple crown (leader in batting average, home runs and RBI). He was selected by the Detroit Tigers in the 1989 Major League Baseball draft, and played two seasons in the Tigers minor league system before entering athletic administration.



Memories...From



BABE RUTH GRADUATES NOW TEAMMATES...

First baseman, Lyle Overbay, a 2003 Rookie of the Year candidate and a Babe Ruth League graduate from the Centralia, Washington Babe Ruth league (90-92), joined Randy Johnson, a Walnut Grove, California Babe Ruth League graduate on the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Enjoy the Cultures Around You

- **Corporate Culture**—Culture at work can be shown in a variety of ways including how people dress, how offices are designed, how employees are treated and the way a company injects its culture into products and services.
- **Culture of Diversity**—You may live in a town that is very accepting of people of different races, gender and national origins.
- **Popular Culture**—The activities of the citizens generate the popular culture. What you listen to, what you wear and how you speak are all examples of popular culture.
- **Foreign Culture**—You might visit a new country and marvel at the way in which people in that country talk, think or act.
- **Recognizing Examples of Culture**—You may not think about being exposed to different examples of culture every day, but you intuitively know there are certain attitudes, feelings and ideas that exist when you go to a certain place. These attitudes, feelings, ideas and things that you perceive as you go about your day are all examples of culture.
- **High Culture and Sophisticated Taste**—While one definition of culture relates to the attitudes and beliefs of a group of people as a whole, there is also another definition of culture as well. This definition refers to high culture—culture, in this sense, refers to having what has come to be known as sophisticated taste in the fine arts or humanities.

Understanding the different meanings and types of cultures is important. When you think about different examples of culture, it helps to give you a better understanding of the world around you and the ideas, beliefs and values that you experience every day.

Heard it through the grapevine...

BRL Employee Colleen Clarkson's daughter Caitlin is now Sweet 16!

BRL Alumnus Roy Williams Celebrates his 800th win as UNC Basketball Coach.

Michael Gibbons is retiring as Executive Director of the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum.

Beijing, China will participate in the 2017 Babe Ruth Softball World Series.



Class Notes

What's new in your life? Stay in touch and keep us posted on all of your news—send us an email and give us an update on what's happening in your life. Feel free to include photos. EMAIL: theresa@baberuthleague.org Or Send Mail to: Theresa Cleary, Babe Ruth League Alumni Association, 1670 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Babe Ruth League Alumni Association Helps Local League that Suffers Extensive Loss and Damage from Tornado

At least four people were killed in southern Mississippi recently when a destructive tornado roared through the Hattiesburg area, leveling homes, ripping off roofs and tossing trees into roadways across the region. As dawn broke, residents awoke to find trees, massive limbs and poles wrapped in power lines littering the streets next to decimated and severely damaged homes. Nearly 15,000 homes and businesses were without power.

A member of the Babe Ruth family, the Petal Babe Ruth League, sustained a lot of damage to their complex, and lost one of the equipment sheds, due to the destructive weather. Not knowing what insurance will cover, they are currently looking at \$80,000 worth of damage to their complex and about \$15,000 in equipment loss.

The Petal Babe Ruth League serves 700+ kids, and they are slated to host the 13-15 regional tournament this summer. They are doing their best to make repairs to get the season started and expect to be making repairs throughout the season to get ready for the tournament.

The Babe Ruth League Alumni Association places a high priority on assisting leagues that experience extensive loss due to destructive weather conditions, and was happy to send funds to the Petal Babe Ruth League to use towards covering the damages not covered by insurance.

Baseball and softball are about teamwork, and clearly it is going to take *team by team, fan by fan, neighbor by neighbor* to provide comfort to the youth of Petal by making sure they have some type of normalcy restored by being able to play the great game of baseball during the 2017 season.

The Babe Ruth League program consists of many “family” members whose great spirit of support, giving, and caring for youth goes well beyond the field of play. If you would like to join the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association in assisting the Petal Babe Ruth League with a financial, equipment or other donation, please contact League President Derek Hall, 455 Cedar Street, Petal, MS 39465 – cell: 601-274-0708, email: director@petalbaseballassociation.com.



Spare Change Challenge

This past year, we've challenged you to contribute just \$5 to the Alumni Association. Many of you responded and many of you donated well beyond the \$5 for which we are very grateful.

The next couple of months, we're taking it back to the basics with an old-school challenge that everyone can easily join, a spare change challenge.



Have you ever thought about how much loose change you have lying around the house, everywhere from coat pockets to junk drawers to the bottom of your purse? Maybe \$5 worth? \$10? \$100 or more?

The idea is simple. Search around the house for a jar or bowl to fill with your spare change for the next couple of months. Get the spouse and kids involved as well. When family or friends come by, ask them to throw their loose change in the jar/bowl. Take the challenge to your local league – have a little fun by pairing up males vs. females or kids vs. adults.

Then on June 1, cash it in and then have a “Feel Good Moment” by donating the funds to the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association. It's worth it. After all, you're only using spare change – money that people often do not miss.

Are you in? If so, let us know, and tell us how you plan to round up and save! We look forward to sharing your stories and photos on the Alumni website and in the DIAMOND LEGACY Newsletter.

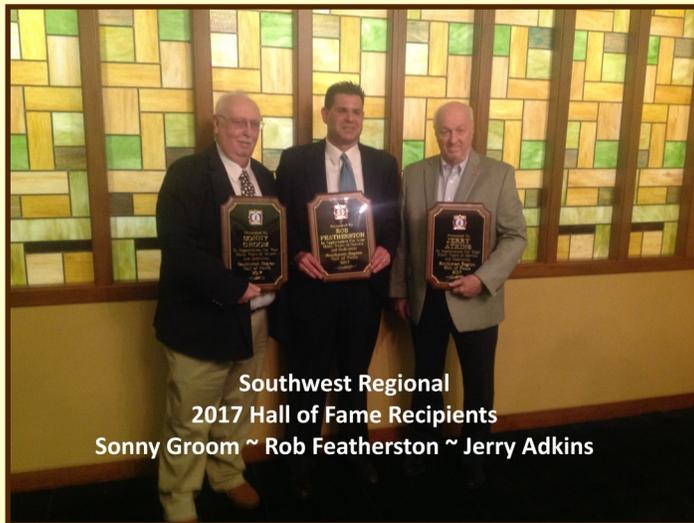
To share or if you have any questions, please contact Theresa Cleary at 609-278-2308 or via email at theresa@baberuthleague.org.

*Remember, **Contributions are never used to pay salaries.** The Babe Ruth Alumni Association is strictly a **volunteer-driven**, non-profit 501(c) (3) Organization. All charitable donations go to where the **need is greatest** - for example, to support players, teams and leagues that otherwise would be unable to participate because of lack of funding or due to catastrophic loss; to support special initiatives, programs and projects that advance the general wellbeing of youth; and to **donor-designated causes**, such as scholarships and endowments, to honor or remember an individual, to support a specific individual, team or league, etc.*

Happenings in Babe Ruth League

Stay up to date with what is taking place in Babe Ruth League

The Alumni Association is your gateway to Babe Ruth League, Inc. for a lifetime of connections. Our focus is to create and nourish lifetime fellowship and active participation of Alumni with Babe Ruth League through advocacy, support, service and communication.



Southwest Regional
2017 Hall of Fame Recipients
Sonny Groom ~ Rob Featherston ~ Jerry Adkins



Grand Slam Opening Day for Heritage Harbour, Florida. The Blue Jay's Brody Rose, also a member of the Sarasota Youth



Opening Days Galore in Florida—Pictured above are the North Brandon and Okeeheele, Florida Babe Ruth Leagues. Okeeheele is the defending champion of the 2016 Cal Ripken Major/60 World Series.

Irby Luquette Scholarship Winners



2016 Irby Luquette Scholarship Recipients

The Irby Luquette Endowment Scholarship was established by Luquette's son, Gary. The late Irby Luquette gave close to 60 years of dedicated serve to Babe Ruth League as a coach, manager, League President, District Director, State Commissioner, Regional Commissioner, Tournament Director and World Series consultant. The Endowment Fund strives to promote the pursuit of higher education by alleviating financial barriers.

Pictured above joining Louisiana State Commissioner Mike Markins (left) and Southwest Assistant Regional Commissioner Joe Cormier (right) are: Top left, Courtney Roberts, top right, John Houeye and bottom, Joshua Maggio, recipients of the 2016 Irby Luquette Scholarship.

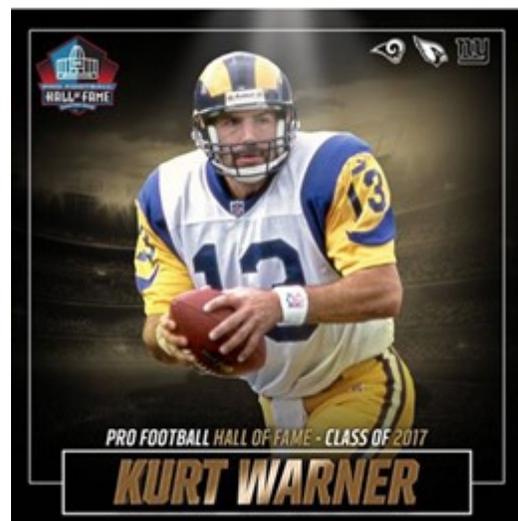
CELEBRATING OUR ALUMNI

BABE RUTH LEAGUE GRADUATES MAKE THEIR MARK ON THE WORLD

KURT WARNER VOTED INTO PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Kurt Warner, a graduate of the Cedar Rapids Metro, Iowa Babe Ruth League, just added a new ending to his storybook football career. The retired quarterback was one of five modern-day candidates voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Kurt is a former American football quarterback, a part-time TV football analyst, and a philanthropist. He played for three National Football League (NFL) teams: the St. Louis Rams, the New York Giants, and the Arizona Cardinals. Off the field, he and his wife, Brenda, who have seven children, have devoted their lives to serving others. Thousands continue to benefit from their outreach initiatives.



Kurt Warner's football career has proven to be of the more improbable rags-to-riches stories ever to come out of the sports world. Bypassed by the big Division I colleges, and at one point working the graveyard shift stocking shelves at a supermarket so he could stay in football shape during the day, Warner, a 28-year-old no-name back-up, catapulted to stardom in 1999. During his second full year in the NFL, he drove a high-powered St. Louis Rams offense to a Super Bowl victory, and collected MVP honors along the way. Over the ensuing decade, Warner captained two other teams to the Super Bowl, registered another MVP season, and threw for more than 200 career touchdowns.

His journey from working the aisles of a grocery store to winning two NFL MVP awards serves as a reminder to never stop pursuing your dreams. Kurt Warner is a great role model for today's youth. They see more than athletic brilliance. They see an athlete who played the game with gratitude, hustle and enthusiasm.



Gibbons Retires as Executive Director



Michael Gibbons, after serving 35 years as the only Executive Director of the Babe Ruth Birthplace & Museum, has decided to retire from his post.

Gibbons welcomes his longtime colleague and friend Shawn Herne as the new Executive Director. Gibbons will be staying involved as Director Emeritus & Historian, overseeing all curatorial, archival and exhibit development projects.

In the early 1980's, the building that housed the Babe Ruth Museum (which was the building in which Babe was born) was fighting demolition, when Gibbons, originally a historian and documentary producer, agreed to become involved in turning the Babe Ruth Museum around.

Over the course of a year, Mike's turn-around of the Museum was already apparent and they asked him to stay on as Executive Director. What was supposed to be a temporary position, turned into a career.

Over time, through the efforts of Mike and his dedicated staff, the Museum's Board of Directors, local and state government and other passionate Babe Ruth fans, the Museum has been preserved and interest, as well as exhibits, have flourished.

More than 100 years after he debuted, Babe Ruth continues to astonish, as much or more a cultural icon as a baseball figure. He accomplished the almost-unfathomable feats when he was playing. These feats that people, if they hadn't seen them, they wouldn't believe. Stuff that seemed superhuman in his time, and as time passes, and

those legends and stories are handed down, they still amaze us.

When it comes to Babe Ruth, it can be hard to separate the myth from reality.

Michael Gibbons is one of the most passionate historians who cares about Ruth's real-life legacy. The Museum expends ample energy telling Ruth stories. The 714 home runs. The 60 blasts in the 1927 season. The seven championships. The three home runs for "Little Johnny Baseball." But what sets the museum apart are the smaller items, the actual relics of a once-ordinary man. Here you can see the room where Ruth was born. The rosary he prayed. His hymnal. Envelopes he addressed.

"We're storytellers," said Gibbons. "We use artifacts to interpret the life of Babe Ruth and tell stories about Babe Ruth."

Still, in at least one way, it's a jarring collection, almost discordant. To see something that Ruth touched is to acknowledge that Ruth was actually real, that he existed, that he inhabited the same Earth on which we now ride. There's more, of course. You can see the bat Ruth wielded, which is heavier than anything in use today. There's a jersey he wore at St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys, signed balls, near-priceless baseball cards and other artifacts from a legendary career.

Babe Ruth League and the Alumni Association is sincerely grateful to Michael Gibbons as we believe there is no other atmosphere that does justice to Babe Ruth's life than at the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum. And we are honored that he will be staying on as Director Emeritus & Historian to ensure the Museum continues to be a leader in the sports heritage industry.



A Little Bit of Humor



A boxer went to a doctor for a treatment of insomnia.

"Have you tried counting sheep?" suggested the doctor. "It doesn't work," replied the boxer. "Whenever I get to nine, I stand up!"

My wife claims I'm a baseball fanatic. She says all I ever read about is baseball. All I ever talk about is baseball. All I ever think about is baseball.

I told her she's way off base!

Harry walked over to the Priest after services, "You know Father, I am really stuck in a quandary. I would like to attend church next week but I just can't miss the big game next Sunday, it's just out of the question." "Oh Harry, Harry" said the Priest putting his arm around Harry, "don't you know that's what recorders are for." Harry's face lit up "You mean I could record your sermon?"

Shop the Alumni Store

The Babe Ruth League Alumni Association invites you check out the Alumni Online Store by visiting Alumni website and clicking on "Alumni Store".



Is your game day garb looking a little shabby? Add some stylish options to your collection with cool merchandise from the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association store.

The Alumni Store is your one-stop-shop for alumni apparel and accessories.

The Alumni Store stocks the best collection of apparel for men, women, kids and fans in the most popular brands, such as Nike, Majestic, Lids, Impact, Russell, Badger Sportswear and more.

Buy your brand from the Alumni Store to support Babe Ruth League and show fellow fans you care!



Resolve To Get Involved!

The Alumni Association exists to personally and professionally support Babe Ruth League successes; to inspire pride in, and promote involvement with the organization.

RESOLVE TO GET INVOLVED by joining the Alumni Association today. Membership is free and the benefits are plenty!

Happy 50th!

Happy Anniversary to the following leagues who are celebrating 50 years with Babe Ruth League during the 2017 season!



Mystic River BRL (CT)
 North Providence-Smithfield BRL (RI)
 West Windsor/Plainfield BRL (NJ)
 Mercer County 16-18 BRL (NJ)
 Brookfield-Western Conference 16-18 BRL (IL)
 St. Stephens Opt Club BRL (NC)
 East Central BRL (CO)
 Turtle Mountain BRL (ND)
 Atmore BRL (AL)
 Del Rio BRL (TX)
 Lewiston BRL (ID)

ROBERT TRAHAN INDUCTED

The late Robert L. Trahan was inducted into the Louisiana Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame at a social held March 5 in Maurice, Louisiana. A family gathering of approximately 30 people attended the event. Robert Trahan dedicated over 20 years of service to Babe Ruth League.



Pictured left to right: Becky Bordelon, Claire Guillory, Dr. David Trahan, BRL Asst. SW Regional Commissioner Joe Cormier, Mayor Wane Theriot, Jennifer Chiasson, Camille Huval. Sitting in the chair is Gladys Trahan.

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!** Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Christian missionary given credited with converting Ireland to Christianity in the AD 400s. St Patrick's Day is the traditional religious feast day of St. Patrick and the day he is believed to have died in 460 A.D. The Irish have observed this religious holiday for thousands of years.

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.

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, dying 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).

Corned Beef and Cabbage Recipe



Ingredients: 2 gallons chicken stock; 1/2 cup pickling spice; 6 cloves garlic; 4 bay leaves; 4 cloves, 2 pounds raw beef brisket, 2 heads of cabbage, cut into wedges; salt and freshly ground pepper; vegetable oil for frying; and 3 medium Idaho potatoes, cut into wedges.

Directions: Pour the stock into a large 4-gallon pot over medium-high heat and bring to a simmer. Add the pickling spice, garlic, bay leaves and cloves. Reduce heat to medium, then add the beef and cabbage. Simmer until tender, 3 hours. Season with salt and pepper.

Heat a few inches of oil to 325 degrees in a deep pot. Fry the potato wedges until tender, 6 to 7 minutes. Remove and season with salt and pepper.

To build the plate, place wedges of cabbage on a plate with corned beef next to it, then add potatoes and finish with 2 to 3 ounces of the cooking broth on top.

FRIENDS we will miss...

IRBY JOSEPH LUQUETTE, 90, of Abbeville, Louisiana, passed away on December 25, 2016. Irby had two loves in his life—his family and baseball. And the two were intimately intertwined.



Irby was a fixture at the ballpark, first as a father and baseball coach for his sons, and then later just because baseball was a part of who he was. He shared his love of the game of baseball with Babe Ruth League participants for over 62 years. He positively shaped the lives of many youngsters, serving as a coach, manager, umpire, League President, District Director, State Commissioner, Regional Commissioner, Tournament Director and World Series consultant. Many times, parents of children that benefitted from Irby's involvement in Babe Ruth League programs would thank him for his encouraging impact on their children.

In addition to being involved with Babe Ruth at the local league, state and regional levels, Irby served numerous terms as a Tournament Director for many District, State and Regional Tournaments. As well, Irby served on the first Abbeville World Series committee and was very instrumental in bringing the 1974 Babe Ruth 13-15 World Series to Abbeville. This was the very first tournament to show a profit, also breaking the record for attendance at that time. Plus, Irby helped prepare the Abbeville facility for the first Bambino World Series to be hosted in Louisiana in 1995.

Even after he retired from Babe Ruth League, Irby continued to watch the local Vermilion teams compete. People who knew him could count on seeing him at the ballpark most days seated in his folding chair as near to home plate as possible.

Irby was recognized both locally and nationally for his contributions to youth baseball with a ballfield named after him in Abbeville to being inducted into the International Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame. Over the last four years, the family established the Irby J. Luquette Scholarship Program in conjunction with the Babe Ruth League Alumni

Association, which provides college tuition to underprivileged high school students who embody the character and work ethic that Irby exemplified himself.

BILLY SANDY, 89, of Tanner, Alabama, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2016.



Billy was a faithful and hardworking volunteer for Babe Ruth League. He served as Alabama State Commissioner, Southeast Regional Director and was a member of the Babe Ruth League International Board of Directors.

Billy was an amazing and caring individual, and one of those volunteers who stood head and shoulders above the rest. He was a strong supporter of youth sports and of providing kids with many valuable life lessons. His passion for the athletes who participated in the Babe Ruth program was unwavering.

Billy was a member of First Baptist Church Tanner, where he served as a Deacon.

He retired from Monsanto Chemical Plant in Decatur and enjoying owning and operating Sandy's Greenhouse and Nursery in Tanner. Billy was cherished as a husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

The Alumni Association also extends our deepest condolences to Ohio Valley Assistant Regional Commissioner John Pearson and his wife Linda, of Crown Point, Indiana, on the loss of their son **BO PEARSON**, who passed away on February 26, 2017, at the young age of 39.



Sincere Thanks to Those Who Donated During the Past Quarter

In Memory Of...

Manny Gouveia

By North Carolina BRL

Billy Sandy

By North Carolina BRL

By James Wagoner

Irby Luquette

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Brain Teasers/Trivia—Do You Know the Answer

Answers appear at the bottom of the page.

1. A doctor and a bus driver are both in love with the same woman, a girl named Sarah. The bus driver had to go on a long bus trip that would last a week. Before he left, he gave Sarah seen apples. Why?
2. Removing one from eleven makes it ten and removing one from nine makes it ten. Is it possible?
3. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
4. What has six faces, but does not wear makeup. It also has twenty-one eyes, but cannot see?
5. Which actress has won the most Oscars?
6. Name the only heavyweight boxing champion to finish his career of 49 fights without ever having been defeated?
7. A container without hinges, lock or a key, yet a golden treasure lies inside me. What am I?
8. What do you get if you cross a germ and a comedian?
9. What building has the most stories?
10. What is always coming, but never really arrives?
11. Neither bought, nor sold, but more valuable than gold. It is built but not by hand. What is it?
12. What points the way without a hand. It floats on water, but exists on land?
13. I have roads, but no pavement, rivers, but no water, and cities, but no buildings. What am I?



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Answers to Brain Teasers

1. An apple a day keeps the doctor away!
2. Yes—in Roman Numerals.
9 = IX
10 = X
11 = XI
3. Footsteps
4. A die (dice)
5. Katherine Hepburn, with 4 Oscars and 12 nominations.

6. Rocky Marciano.
7. An egg.
8. Sick Jokes.
9. A Library.
10. Tomorrow.
11. Trust.
12. A compass.
13. A Map.