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Even with a crazy schedule, Bob Hope found the time to serve as League President of the Toluca, California Babe Ruth League in 1956, 1957, and 1958 while his wife Delores served as Secretary.

Bob Hope was an English-born American comedian, vaudevillian, actor, singer, dancer, author, and athlete who appeared on Broadway, in vaudeville, movies, television, and on the radio. Over a career spanning 60 years, Hope appeared in over 70 films. In addition to hosting the Academy Awards fourteen times, he appeared in many stage productions and television roles, and was the author of fourteen books.

Hope was noted for his numerous United Service Organizations (USO) shows entertaining American military personnel—he made 57 tours for the USO between 1942 and 1988.

Hope loved the game of baseball. He bought a small stake in the Cleveland Indians baseball team in 1946 and owned it for most of the rest of his life. He appeared on the June 3, 1963 cover of *Sports Illustrated* magazine wearing an Indians uniform, and sang a special version of “Thanks for the Memories” after the Indians’ last game at Cleveland Stadium.

