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News from the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association

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Message From Alumni Chairman

As a new Chairman, one of my goals is to preserve a mutually beneficial, enduring relationship among alums and the Babe Ruth League program. The Alumni Association, as your representatives, are constantly seeking meaningful ways to embrace your needs and unite our efforts for the continued growth and success of Babe Ruth League.

Whether you are currently involved with Babe Ruth League or retired from the program five days or five years ago, you are still a member of the Babe Ruth family. Our experiences with the program connect all of us in a very special way, so I hope that if you are not a member of the Alumni Association that you consider joining—membership is free and membership keeps us all connected no matter where life takes us.

Staying connected through experiences in the Babe Ruth League

program is a simple but powerful bond, and provides the opportunity to reflect on the many great times had by all of us.

These memories include the bonds made with teammates, friends, coaches, and the many other volunteers who give unselfishly of their time and resources. There is no better way to keep those moments alive than by being a part of Babe Ruth League and the Alumni Association.

While financial contributions are appreciated and needed to support the goals and mission of the Alumni Association, we recognize alumni as a talent pool and not a money pot.

Just imagine if the Alumni Association could harness the total population of alumni behind a mission and not just one at a time—how powerful and inspiring that would be for the benefit and well



being of our young participants.

The Alumni Association places a strong emphasis on affording every child the opportunity to play baseball or softball and providing them with valuable life lessons to be successful in life, both on and off the field.

This is your Alumni Association. Please join your fellow Babe Ruth League alum in exploring and participating in dynamic programs and events to not only add to your great memories but to also enhance the experience of our participants and prepare them for success later in life.

Mark Watkins
Chairman

Graduate Corner — Honorable Michael K. Newell

The Honorable Michael K. Newell, Chief Judge for the Delaware State Courts, served as a volunteer for the Piedmont, Delaware Babe Ruth League. He is credited for convincing the Piedmont league to move from another youth program to Babe Ruth League's Bambino Division (now known as Cal Ripken Baseball) in 1995.



1995 Piedmont, Delaware All-Star Team—Coach Mike Newell is shown in the middle back row.

Michael K. Newell was sworn in as Delaware's new Chief Judge this past July, before a packed courtroom and surrounded by his family for the occasion; his wife Susan held the family's Bible, and his sons, Ryan, Michael, Brendan and Sean, took turns honoring their father. Even his granddaughter could be heard cooing in the audience.



After being sworn in, Newell said, "We have an obligation to the citizens of this state to conduct fair, objective hearings and render impartial justice. Our litigants and children deserve protection, the right to live in a safe household and to have a healthy upbringing."

Newell, 62, of Hockessin was nominated to the Chief Judge position, one of the highest in the state's court system, by Governor Jack Markell in Mary. He was confirmed by the state Senate in June.

Newell has been a Family Court judge since 2004. Before becoming a judge, he was a partner at Connolly, Bove, Lodge & Hultz, LLP, where he was head of the Family Law Department.

Newell was praised for his time, both as a judge and a family law attorney, at the ceremony and reception.

"We are blessed in the state by a family law Bar where many of our most distinguished practitioners have been willing to leave a practice and give themselves to public service, and that is certainly true of Mike Newell," state Supreme Court Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. said. "Mike is a big-spirited person."

A Delaware native, Judge Newell is a graduate of the University of Delaware and has a master's degree in criminal justice administration from Northeastern University and a law degree from Widener University Law School. In his spare time, he enjoys relaxing by reading, exercising, and spending time with his family, and also, the great game of baseball.

Scholarships—The Gifts That Keep On Giving

Opening Doors and Transforming Lives—Scholarships are the Gifts that Keep on Giving.

Right off, Danielle Williamson of Sellersburg, Indiana, lets you know where she stands. “I believe that we are the sum of our experiences and that’s why I am loyal to one particular experience—participating in Babe Ruth Softball.” Danielle was selected as one of the 2015 Babe Ruth League Alumni Scholarship Program recipients.



Dear Babe Ruth League President and Board,
 Thank you, thank you, thank you! I am so excited and thrilled about being selected a scholarship recipient. This will help my parents and I so much! As you can see from my tuition bill, Bellarmine is an expensive college. I so appreciate this opportunity and thank you for providing it. Enclosed is a copy of my fall schedule and tuition bill. I'm looking forward to playing softball for Bellarmine this Spring!
 Sincerely, Danielle Williamson

The course of a young adult’s life can be forever changed with the gift of education. The goal of Babe Ruth League and the Alumni Association is to make a difference in the life of a child. We are committed to providing our participants with the very best educational, sports experience possible. With the help of alumni and friends of the program, we have been able to, and will be able to continue to, enrich their lives long after their days on the baseball and softball diamond.

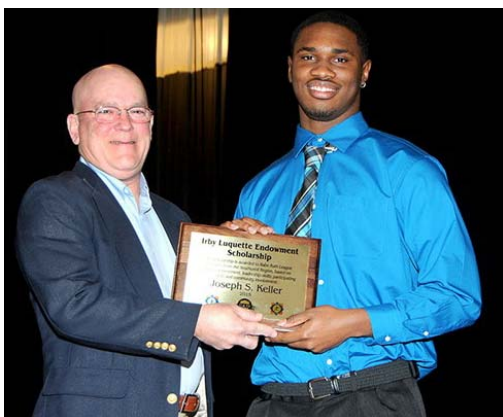
There is ample evidence to support the assertion that education is the gift that keeps on giving. Earning capacity has been shown to be linked to the degree of educational attainment, with those who possess a high school degree and those who earn an undergraduate degree. And just as vital as earning capacity, a college education offers enormously valuable social benefits. There are numerous reports that college graduates live longer, vote and volunteer at higher levels. All of these contribute to a better quality of life.

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Scholarships—The Gifts That Keep On Giving

If you choose to contribute to one of the scholarship programs provided by the Alumni Association, you will experience the fulfillment of knowing that your gift is paying for tuition, books, a computer, tutoring sessions, and gas or bus fare to get to and from part-time jobs. Your gift keeps on giving by helping individuals in their pursuit of education; by increasing their earning capacity; and by growing the middle class that is the bedrock of our democracy. When you provide the gift of education, you help create the future.

At the present, the Alumni Association offers two scholarship programs—the Babe Ruth League Alumni Scholarship and the Irby Luquette Endowed Scholarship. Information on how to apply or contribute to these scholarships, as well as criteria for both can be found on the Babe Ruth League Alumni website—<http://www.baberuthleague.org/alumni.aspx>.



BRL Louisiana State Commissioner Mike Markins presents Babe Ruth graduate Joseph Keller from Plaquemine, LA, with a special plaque and check for being one of the recipients of the 2015 Irby Luquette Endowed Scholarship

Mr. Steven M. Tellefsen July 30, 2015
President/CEO
Babe Ruth League, Inc.
1770 Brunswick Pike
P. O. Box 5000
Trenton, NJ 08638

Dear Mr. Tellefsen

In 2010 you and your committee selected me as a recipient of a college scholarship. At that time I was a freshman at the University of Vermont. I want you and Babe Ruth Baseball to know I have not forgotten your kindness. Since then I graduated from UVM and am finishing my master's at Duke University—Nicholas School of the Environment. This summer I am the forester for the US Department of the Interior for Umbagog National Forest and Wildlife Refuge in Erroll, NH. I just want to say "thank you!" I will never forget how much fun I had playing Babe Ruth baseball.

Very truly yours,

Pat Smerczynski

It is no exaggeration to claim that giving is at the heart of American life. Never worry about the size of your gift. Simply give at a level commensurate with your capacity. Education is a gift that will never lose its luster, the gift that changes lives.

Babe Ruth Alum Jeff Knepper

His Life Has Followed Several Paths



Thus far, in his 45-year journey down life's path, Jeff Knepper has followed several trails.

A 1987 graduate of Mount Union, Pennsylvania Area High School, the early days of Knepper's trek featured being an outstanding baseball player and baseball and softball coach. The lessons Jeff learned and taught that brought success and recognition on the diamond were invaluable as he later turned to a more eternal reward.

Now, as the Rev. Jeffrey A. Knepper, pastor of Beavertown Bible Church, his impact on lives and souls both young and old is more eternal than temporal. But, athletics have certainly played a vital role in molding him into the man of God

that he is today.

Jeff's numbers on the diamond were little short of phenomenal and a brief coaching career only added to that success. His dominance is still remembered by the membership of the Huntingdon County Sports Hall of Fame, which elected the first-time nominee for induction with the Class of 2014.

Jeff dabbled in a number of sports, playing Pee Wee football for coach Don Fortson's Mount Union Vikings and later on the Trojans' junior high and high school football teams. He also wrestled two years and played one year of varsity basketball.

He clearly loved the game of baseball.

Jeff was a three-time Junior Babe Ruth all-star and was a member of Mount Union's district title team in 1984 at the age of 15. His Senior Babe Ruth League team won three league titles from 1985-87 and he authored three no-hitters along the way, as well as winning the league batting crown with a .689 average in 1986. He played on a Mifflin County all-star team that won the Pennsylvania State Senior Babe Ruth championship in 1986 and reached the Middle Atlantic Regional finals when he pitched in a 2-1 losing effort to Staten Island, New York, with a berth in the Senior Babe Ruth World Series in Texas at stake.

A four-year letterman, Jeff had an amazing career for Coach Nick Imperioli's Mount Union Trojans. As the Trojans went 77-19 during that span and won two District Six Class AA and two Blair County League Division II championships, Jeff had a 31-7 mound mark with a microscopic career earned run average of 0.55. He appeared in 41 games, completing 29 as a starter, and worked 248 and one third innings with 408 strikeouts, just 78 walks and 126 hits allowed. He averaged two strikeouts per inning over his final two seasons. most outstanding senior athlete in 1987. As a batter, he carried a .391 career mark (97 hits in 248 at-bats) with seven home runs, six triples, 15 doubles, 76 runs scored and 41 runs batted in. He was the Trojans' most valuable player in the 1986 Paul "Bumpy" Bumgardner Memorial Tournament after shutting out rival Huntingdon 5-0 in the finals. He was chosen Mount Union's most outstanding senior athlete in 1987.

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He also played three years of AAABA ball in Altoona and helped L.S. Fiore win the league title in his second season. He competed in the AAABA national tournament at Johnstown during two of his three seasons and hit a walk-off home run against New Brunswick that helped Fiore stay alive on one occasion with an extra-inning win.

Chosen in the 21st round of the 1987 June baseball draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates, Jeff opted to accept a full scholarship to Gordon College in Barnesville, Georgia, which played a 36-game fall schedule in addition to the spring regular season. Playing left field when not on the mound, he hit .371 as a freshman and had a 7-2 mound mark that included a win over the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. In a 62-game spring season, Jeff batted clean-up and hit .422 with 18 home runs and 81 RBIs. On the mound, he set a new Gordon freshman record for wins after going 11-4 with a 2.84 earned run average. He finished his career at Gordon after suffering a fifth-inning shoulder injury while pitching against Middle Georgia in a 5-2 state semifinal loss.

Jeff left school after his freshman year and entered the military where he served two years as a military police officer. It wasn't until recently that he finished his education at Altoona Bible Institute and Lancaster Bible College, from which he graduated in 2011.

He was a coach from 2004 to 2008, first as an assistant in softball to head coach Tracy Cornelius at Fannett Metal when the Lady Tigers won the school's first-ever District Five title. The Willow Hill high school went 13-8 for the program's first winning softball season since it began in 1978. Jeff became head softball coach in 2005 and led the Lady Tigers to a second straight District Five Class A championship. That 14-11 team advanced to the PIAA Class A "final four" before falling to powerhouse Minersville in the semifinals. His 2006 Lady Tiger team went 12-9 and lost in the district playoff second round. The 39 total wins the program notched during his three years of affiliation was more than the school had won in total since its inception.

Jeff became head baseball coach at Southern Huntingdon in 2007 and guided the Rockets to a 15-3 record. The season ended with a heartbreaking 10-9 loss to Mount Union in a thrilling 10-inning District Six playoff that was Imperoli's milestone 600th coaching win that came at the expense of his protégé. Three of Southern's seven seniors received baseball scholarships to Division II schools. In 2008, Southern had a 13-5 record in Jeff's final season of coaching, falling in the second round of district play to Central. One of his two starting seniors that year earned a college baseball scholarship.

In 2009, Jeff returned to Fannett-Metal as pitching coach for the Tiger baseball team under head coach Paul Coffman. F-M made the district playoffs that season and reached the second round of the District Five playoffs.

Jeff and his wife, Stacey (Anderson) Knepper, are the parents of two daughters, Tara Knepper and Heather (Knepper) Walters.



Aspire to Inspire—Rock Your World

- **The Things That Count The Most**—It isn't about being able to put volunteer service items on your resume', it's about that feeling you have given someone else in need. That moment is priceless.
- **Who Dares Wins**—Everybody who is a winner, a success, is there because at some point they dared to be different, dared to take a chance, dared to believe in something nobody else did.
- **There Are Two Types of People**—The ones who give you 50 reasons it can't be done...and the ones who just do it.
- **There's No Crying In Baseball**—Sometimes you just have to hunker down and do the work. No crying, no complaining, just do it. Even against large odds, people can follow their passion.
- **Do What You Love and Feel That It Matters**—Make a difference and have fun doing so.
- **Humans Are Imperfect**—We will make mistakes. We will disappoint. We will come up short. Strive for excellence in everything you do. Seek to learn from your shortcomings so you can get just a little bit better every day.
- **Jump To The Other Side of Fear**— Everything you have ever wanted to do is on the other side of fear. We often create our own obstacles by fearing to cross the threshold. All we need to do is face our fears.
- **Anything Worth Doing Is Worth Doing Well**—A successful outcome in any endeavor often depends on outside factors out of our control. Despite our efforts in some of our most hard-fought battles, success is not assured. But we could end up winning despite the odds.

Heard it through the grapevine...

Babe Ruth Alumni Association Opens New Online Store.

Pascagoula, Mississippi joins Babe Ruth League Family.



John Lucas of Tallahassee, Florida elected to Babe Ruth League International Hall of Fame.

Opening Day Excitement for many Babe Ruth leagues across the country.

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

All in the Family—From Bat Girl to Assistant Regional Commissioner



When you first meet Evelyn (Gouveia) Skiendziel, the first thing you will notice is a big smile and radiating positivity about Babe Ruth League. Met with a serious desire to always improve, Evelyn exudes a healthy balance of optimism and getting down to work.

Evelyn's involvement with Babe Ruth League covers 50+ years, and in an era where change in leadership is often, she continues to carry the Babe Ruth League mantle. Whether it is a League President, a State Commissioner, a Regional Commissioner or Babe Ruth League Headquarters, they all know they can call on Skiendziel for help and support.

Evelyn fell in love with Babe Ruth Baseball when she was 9 years old. When her father, Manny Gouveia, was a Babe Ruth Coach in Clifton, New Jersey, Evelyn was the team's bat girl and scorekeeper. At that time, they didn't let girls play. And when Manny was cruising cross-country as a truck driver, Evelyn would take over her dad's coaching duties. In 1975, when Manny was elected Northern New Jersey State Commissioner, Evelyn took on the position of Assistant State Commissioner.

In 1991, Evelyn joined her father Manny in serving as an Assistant Regional Commissioner for the Middle Atlantic Babe Ruth League program, a position she still holds today. Evelyn also serves as Chairman of the Alumni Public Relations/Communications Committee.

In addition, Evelyn has been a member of 22 different World Series Task Force, covering all age groups.

Professionally, Evelyn works for Harris, an electronic warfare defense company, as a Senior Software Engineer. The detail-oriented nature of her professional life might explain her early fascination with keeping score, which she still enjoys at major and minor league games in the Tri-State area.

In 2010, Evelyn married Victor Skiendziel. They worked together for over 11 years before Vic officially popped the question. When planning their wedding, Evelyn told Vic that the months of June, July and August were out of the question as those months were the heart of the baseball season.



Evelyn's charisma and positivity significantly add to the success of Babe Ruth League for both participants and volunteers. We are proud to have her a member of our team.

List of Career Achievements by Babe Ruth

We are proud to continue our feature from the last DIAMOND LEGACY, listing some of Babe Ruth's special achievements.

American League Records

Regular Season

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE:

Slugging percentage, career: 0.692

Slugging percentage, season: 0.847 (1920)

Slugging percentage by a lefthander, season: 0.847 (1920)

Seasons leading the league in slugging percentage: 13 (1918-1924, 1926-1931)

RUNS:

Runs, season: 177 (152 games, 1921)

Runs by a lefthander, season: 177 (152 games, 1921)

Seasons leading the league in runs: 8 (1919-1921, 1923, 1924, 1926-1928)

Seasons with 150 or more runs: 6 (1920, 1921, 1923, 1927, 1928, 1930)

DOUBLES:

Doubles by pitcher, game: 3, at Washington Senators, May 9, 1918 (10 innings)

HOME RUNS:

Home runs, career: 714

Home runs with one club, career: 659, New York Yankees (1920-1934)

Home runs in extra innings, career: 16

Home runs by outfielder, career: 686

Home runs, season: 60 (151 games in 1927)

Seasons leading the league in home runs: 12 (1918-1921, 1923-1924, 1926-1931)

Home runs on the road, season: 32 (1927)

Seasons hitting home runs in all parks, career: 11 (1919-1921, 1923, 1924, 1926-1931)

Seasons with 50 or more home runs: 4 (1920, 1921, 1927, 1928)

Most times hitting home runs in a doubleheader, career (homering in both games): 7 (1920, 1922, 1926, 1927, 1930, 1933)

Home runs, two consecutive days: 6, May 21, 1930 – May 22, 1930



**To Be Continued in Future Editions of
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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.



BRL President/CEO presents Service Rep Grace Paglione and Mailroom Coordinator Anthony Chell with special awards in honor of 35 and 15 years of service, respectively.



Naples, Florida held their 2016 Opening Day Ceremonies on Valentines Day Weekend.



2015 East Bay Youth 8U Regional Champions honored during the leagues 2016 opening day ceremonies.



Spongebob was on hand to help with sign-ups for the Lakeshore Babe Ruth League.

Retired Hunter Returns to Warm Welcome

As hometown hero Torii Hunter entered into Taylor Field, home of the Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Babe Ruth League, he was greeted with a round of applause by a nicely sized crowd.

Hunter recently retired after a 19-season career as a Major League Baseball player. During that time, he represented the city of Pine Bluff fantastically, and the support that he has from the city is widespread. Hunter wanted to come back and show his appreciation to his supporters, and he was able to do just that.

Surprised by the turnout, Hunter stated that he didn't expect to see so many people. But when someone is regarded as highly as he is, people tend to stand behind you. Not only was Hunter a great player on the field, but he's also a great role model in all aspects of life.

Pine Bluff Mayor Debbie Hollingsworth and Babe Ruth League Board Member Jim Hill led off the ceremony with opening remarks and gift presentations to Hunter, thanking him and acknowledging him for all he's done for the city. What Hunter was able to accomplish is very rare, and he inspires both the young and old that have been him grow into a success. Hill can remember when Hunter was a kid, and even back then he figured that he would be something special. Now that Hunter has turned out to be a pro baseball star, it was heart warming to see the joy that he brought Hill by returning to Taylor Field.

As Hunter gazed into a crowd of faces—some familiar, some unfamiliar—he made it known that he never forgot where he came from. Hunter stated that throughout his career when someone asked him where he was from, he told them, "Pine Bluff, go Google it." He thrived to be a positive brand for a city that has become known for a lot of negativity.

During his speech you could directly sense the passion and generosity that he has for Pine Bluff. Hunter directed most of his message to the younger people in attendance, because he knows it's not too late for them to live out their dreams. Hunter stated that a person can be just a dreamer or a dream chaser, and he explained the difference between the two. He was once a young dream chaser attending Pine Bluff High School, and he didn't stop chasing those dreams until he ended up where he was destined to be.

This past summer, Hunter became a member of the Babe Ruth World Series Hall of Fame, and the tournament held in Pine Bluff was dedicated to him. Hunter was happily overwhelmed with all of the accolades, and he was sure to make a point to the kids in the crowd that all of this comes with hard work.

After delivering a passionate message, Hunter and his family received more gifts, one of them being the plaque representing his induction into the Pine Bluff Junior Babe Ruth Hall of Fame.

Hunter is such an inspiring individual, and when he spoke he had the full attention of those who were in attendance.



Pictured above, Hunter with Babe Ruth League Board Member Jim Hill. Hunter, a graduate of the Pine Bluff BRL, talked about being grateful for the positive influence and personal interest paid to him in his younger years by Jim Hill.

Thank you Mike Janicki for Honorary Donation



Mike Janicki

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 would like to thank **Eastern Massachusetts Cal Ripken State Commissioner Mike Janicki** for choosing the Alumni Association as a vehicle in which to pay tribute to his District and Assistant State Commissioners as well as the other volunteers who give unselfishly of their time and resources for the youth of the Babe Ruth program. These special honorees included:

Bob Nutile
Michael Creane
Steve Troscianecki
Joe Sullivan
Nicole Maher
Ryan Peck
Don Banzi

Karen Janicki
Paul Carroll
Chuck Salvo
Bill Hebard
Jeffrey Janicki
Mark Pellegrino
Bob McNamara

Rick Jardin
Roger Robey
Jim Julian
Evan DaSilva
Ed Souza
John Fitzgerald

The generous contribution provided by the Eastern Massachusetts Cal Ripken Leagues will give an even greater number of young athletes the opportunity to become Babe Ruth League success stories. We encourage all State Commissioners to consider making an honorary contribution to recognize the hard work and extra efforts put forth by the volunteers that assist them in providing a wholesome, educational experience for our participants. These individuals are special people whose capacity to care know no bounds and who should be honored for their countless hours of service.

All donors receive a tax deduction receipt. The Babe Ruth League, Inc. Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) Organization. Whenever you make a donation to the Alumni Association, you will be able to make a tax deduction when you file your taxes. (When it comes to tax deductions, please contact an attorney to discuss your particular circumstances.)

You can provide an unique tribute to a special volunteer or group of volunteers by mailing your tax-deductible contribution to: Babe Ruth League Alumni Association, 1670 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619. Donations can also be made online by visiting the Babe Ruth League Alumni website and clicking on "Make a Gift."

The Babe Ruth League Alumni Association relies on financial contributions to help us better serve Babe Ruth League, Inc. and its participating youth.

We want your old pictures!

We are looking for your old pictures. They can include anything—teammates, team photos, plays, special events, etc. We would like to feature pictures from the past in issues of *Diamond Legacy*. Simply scan them and email them to theresa@baberruthleague.org. **HAVE ARTICLES OR STORIES**—Submit them to theresa@baberruthleague.org or mail to Theresa Cleary, 1670 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619.



Blast From The Past

Shown below is the 1998 Fern Creek Babe Ruth Softball 18U All-Star Team.



Remembering Robert Blouin

Upon his death in 1984, a Lewiston newspaper respectfully tabbed Robert Blouin as the "Father of Babe Ruth Baseball in Maine.

Blouin was a lifelong resident of Springvale, Maine. He attended Notre Dame Grammar School and Sanford High School, graduating in 1943.

Blouin was a big kid, much larger than his peers. He loved to eat and had to work to control his weight, but his love for sports never wavered. He went out for football in the fall of 1939. His size and lack of mobility relegated him as a lineman. He played four years as a stellar two-way tackle.

In the spring of 1941, during his sophomore year at Sanford High School, Blouin entered the coaching world when he was asked to coach the Notre Dame Grammar School baseball team. With little talent, he was 1-7 in the competitive Sanford-Springvale Grammar School Baseball League. His 1942 team improved to 4-4 and had as its third baseman a future Maine Baseball Hall of Fame and professional player, Paul Demers.

Following high school, Blouin entered the U.S. Army and saw action in World War II.

Following service to his country, he returned to Springvale. Encouraged by school superintendent Neil Sullivan, Blouin entered the University of Maine and received in B.S. in education and was promptly hired to teach and coach in Sanford schools.

A confirmed bachelor, Blouin dedicated his life to the youth of Sanford. In addition to his teaching and coaching duties, he was a longtime member of the Sanford Park Commission and supervised operations at Goodall Park.

In 1954, the Goodall Mills abandoned Sanford, leaving thousands of feet of real estate, including Goodall Park. The new owners of the Goodall

holdings turned the historic park over to the town.

Blouin wasted no time in fixing up the Roberts Street facility. Blouin previously helped organize Maine Babe Ruth Baseball League for boys aged 13-15.

Blouin found local sponsors to help support a four-team league that played games in the mornings.

Blouin coached many all-star teams to state championships and hosted state and New England Regional Championships at Goodall Park while grooming the park into a showplace. He was responsible for installing the first set of floodlights there.

Blouin was a master of fundamentals, and could see talent in kids others could not. He was a practical joker and kept everyone loose. He coached many Babe Ruth teams over the years and also served as Tournament Directors for Maine State Babe Ruth Championships held at Goodall Park.

Blouin retired from teaching and athletics in the late 1980s.

Unfortunately, following his retirement, Blouin spent a lot of time in hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic. In April 1984, Robert J. Blouin succumbed to the complications of Type II, adult-onset diabetes and an automobile accident. He had a large funeral mass at Notre Dame Catholic Church and was buried in its cemetery.



Shop the Alumni Store

The Babe Ruth League Alumni Association invites you check out the **NEW** Alumni Online Store by visiting <http://www.baberuthleague.org/alumni.aspx> 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!

FRIENDS we will miss...



James C. Lemp, 93, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, passed away on February 22, 2016.

Jim started in the Babe Ruth program in 1959 at the grass roots level, serving as a team manager and League President, Secretary and Treasurer. After leaving the local league level, he served as a District Commissioner, Assistant State Commissioner, State Commissioner and Assistant Regional Commissioner.

In 1983, Jim was elected as Pacific Northwest Regional Commissioner and a member of the Babe Ruth League International Board of Directors. He served in this capacity until 2000, at which time he was elected as an At-Large Board Member. Jim retired from the Babe Ruth League program in 2010.

Jim retired from the Union Pacific Railroad in 1988 after 43 years of service. He has been the recipient of numerous awards for his public and community service, such as the Wyoming Park and Recreation Award for a Non-Professional and Cheyenne's

"Golden Deeds" Award for Man of the Year. The Cheyenne Lodge 122 Knights of Pythias also honored Jim by awarding him the "Degree of the Golden Spur", which is the highest honor they can bestow upon an individual. Jim was inducted into the Babe Ruth League International Hall of Fame in 2009.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, his son Jimmy Lemp, Jr., and his daughter Carol Moore. He is survived by his daughter Marianne Mansfield, and four grandchildren.

The Alumni Association also extends our heartfelt condolences to the following friends who have lost loved ones.

Babe Ruth League Board Member **Joe Featherston**, who lost his sister Margaret Louise Hightower.

Babe Ruth League Board Member **Ray Lotierzo**, who lost his son, Larry Lotierzo.

Babe Ruth League Headquarters Service Representative **Sharon Montervino**, who lost her father, Joseph Edward Csolak.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe Featherston, Ray Lotierzo and Sharon Montervino during this most difficult time.



Sincere Thanks to Those Who Donated During the Past Quarter

In Memory Of...

Ronald Tellefsen

By Nancy and Robert Faherty

Eva Sermons

By West North Carolina BRL (Tom Steele)

Norm Messier

By James Wagoner

By Mark Watkins

By Steven Tellefsen

By George and Donna Lally

By Norwood Babe Ruth League

In Honor Of...

Eastern Massachusetts BRL Board

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Brain Teasers/Trivia—Do You Know the Answer

Answers appear at the bottom of the page—No Peeking

1. First I threw away the outside and cooked the inside, then I ate the outside and threw away the inside. What did I eat?
2. When can you add two to eleven and get one as the correct answer?
3. A man condemned to death has the option of picking one of three rooms. The first room is a furnace filled with feeding flames. The second has armed men with loaded guns, and the third has lions who have been starving for years. Which room should he choose?
4. He has married many women, but has never been married. Who is he?
5. Which travels faster? Hot or cold?
6. A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. Why?
7. How many times can you subtract the number two from the number fifty?
8. What number comes next in the following sequence? 2 4 8 10 20
9. Find a number less than 100 that is increased by one-fifth of its value when its digits are reversed.
10. A bat and ball cost \$1.10. The bat costs one dollar more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?
11. I come in different shapes and sizes. Parts of me are curved, other parts are straight. You can put me anywhere, but there is only one right place for me. What am I?



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- Answers to Brain Teasers**
1. Corn on the Cob
 2. When you add two hours to eleven o'clock, you get one o'clock
 3. The third room because lions hungry for years would be long dead
 4. A preacher
 5. Hot is faster because you can catch a cold
 6. She was walking
 7. Once. After that, you would be subtracting from 48
 8. 22 (The sequence alternates +2, x2)
 9. 45 (1/5 of 45=9, 9 + 45 = 54)
 10. The ball cost 5 cents. One dollar more than 5 cents is \$1.05. The sum of which is \$1.10.
 11. A jigsaw puzzle