

DIAMOND LEGACY NEWSLETTER

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Message From Alumni Chairman



Swinging for Scholarships

The 20th Annual Babe Ruth League Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament held on June 3, 2016, was a huge success in generating funds for the Babe Ruth League Scholarship program. I want to personally thank everyone who participated and/or contributed. For more information about the outing, please visit <http://www.baberuthleague.org/14014.aspx>

Many of you are traveling the tournament trail. Babe Ruth League's

postseason represents more than wins and losses, or trophies that await the champion. Focus is placed on creating memorable moments and experiencing various social and cultural moments.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, I would like to sincerely thank the many communities who are hosting a Babe Ruth tournament and opening up their beautiful corner of the world to all of our baseball and softball enthusiasts.

Staying connected is a simple but powerful bond, and provides the opportunity to reflect on our experiences with Babe Ruth League and the rich tradition and growing community that makes the Babe Ruth League experience unique.

With a history in attracting many alumni, you are likely to reconnect with old friends, former teammates, coaches, and other volunteers, as well as make some new connections along the tournament trail.

I am looking forward to my World Series travels. I plan to attend the 13-Year-Old World Series in Ottumwa, Iowa and the 13-15 in Williston, North Dakota. If you will be in attendance, I hope to touch base with you and exchange ideas on how we can continue to improve the Babe Ruth program.

Mark Watkins
Chairman



Graduate Corner — Ian Anderson

BABE RUTH LEAGUER'S JOURNEY ENDS ATOP A MOUNTAIN

The Alumni Association is proud to congratulate Ian Anderson, a graduate of the Clifton Park, New York, Babe Ruth League, on being selected the #3 overall by the Atlanta Braves at the Major League Draft.



Looking back at the 2013 Babe Ruth 14-Year-Old World Series...

Several hundred people were already in the stands around the baseball field at Larson Playfield, a complex where spectators can see the body of water with which the small city of Moses Lake, Washington, shares its name.

On the field, the Clifton Park Knights warmed up for their first game of the World Series. Many in that growing crowd three summers ago were not there to see the boys from New York. The hometown team had the tournament's next game, and its fans were taking advantage of a cool August evening to catch some extra baseball.

The scene made Clifton Park a bit nervous. So, too, did their opponent—Word had gotten to the Knights that their foe from Bryant, Arkansas, had won the prior year's 13-Year-Old World Series.

"Everyone told us we had no chance," said Bob Anderson, an assistant coach for the Knights.

The Knights offered up one of their twins to pitch the game. This teen had blossomed that summer, the spoils from the years he spent pitching to his brother in the backyard and chasing after the players on the varsity teams his father coaches. This kid had been great during the team's run to the World Series, but the Knights needed something special from him this game. And they got something more than special. He was transformational.

That day, that kid emerged as Ian Anderson who would terrorize Section II hitters and draw attention of Major League Baseball scouts. Having recently graduated from Shenendehowa High School, it was out in Moses Lake where Anderson first looked like the player expected to be a top-20 pick.

Anderson was perfect through the first four innings of that first World Series games. Anderson allowed a hit to start the fifth inning, then induced a double play. Before exiting prior to the seventh inning, he struck out eight and did not allow a run, facing the minimum 18 batters. The Knights won in stunning fashion, 10-1.

"He just did his thing," said Anderson's twin brother Ben, the pitcher's lifelong battery mate. "That's one of the most fun games I've ever caught."

The 2013 World Series preceded the three varsity seasons Anderson has played. During that time, the 6-foot-3, 175-pound right-handed pitcher struck out 172 batters in 121 1/3 innings while allowing 10 earned runs. In the summer between his junior and senior years, he won a world championship in Japan playing for the USA Baseball 18U national team.

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Graduate Corner — Ian Anderson

Ian Anderson has enough accolades to fill the front of any business card he could hand any prospective client – Vanderbilt University Baseball commitment, USA 18U gold medal winner, a recent NYSPHSAA championship and the No. 3 draft pick by the Atlanta Braves.

Anderson will almost assuredly decline his scholarship to Vanderbilt University, and instead begin his professional career.

“It’s exciting,” Anderson said moments after hearing MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred call his name. “You never know going into the draft where you are going to go. I’m happy the way it played out.”

Talk about Family Ties...

Two days after Ian Anderson was drafted, the Toronto Blue Jays selected his twin brother and teammate Ben in the 26th round. Ben catches for his brother and others, but is also a very effective pitcher who has committed to Binghamton University.

Being drafted by a MLB franchise as a high school senior is an outstanding accomplishment. Considering pitcher Ben Anderson turned his focus from catching to pitching less than two years ago, his selection by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 26th round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft makes it even more impressive.

“Definitely been something I’ve been looking to do my whole life,” Ben Anderson said of being drafted. “It’s definitely every baseball player’s dream to get to be able to play professionally. It’s still crazy to me.”



Pictured above (l-r) Ben Anderson and his twin brother Ian.

Support the BRL ALUMNI Today!

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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Alumni Association Invites You to *Pop In at our Pop-Up Tents*

Calling all Babe Ruth Alumni and Friends!
Show off your pride for the Babe Ruth
League program during the World Series.

Babe Ruth League fans and alumni are
hitting the road this summer attending the
openings of the following World Series:

Cal Ripken Major/70
Aberdeen, Maryland
Playing Dates: July 29 – August 2

Babe Ruth Softball
Jensen Beach, Florida
Playing Dates: July 28 – August 10



13-Year-Old World Series
Ottumwa, Iowa
Playing Dates: August 11-18

13-15 World Series
Williston, North Dakota
Playing Dates: August 13-20

This will be the first official “We love Babe Ruth League” event hosted by the Alumni Association, and we encourage all attendees to look for the Red, White & Blue Alumni Pop-Up Tents at the above-listed World Series. Our mission is to celebrate all that makes the Babe Ruth League program great by uniting and connecting participants, volunteers, alumni, friends and fans through membership in the Alumni Association.

The Babe Ruth World Series is a celebration of the best youth baseball and softball in the world, and are the exciting finish to a season’s worth of dedication and hard work from the millions of volunteers and players who participate in the program. You will be in awe while watching baseball and softball at its purest level. And when you *pop in at our pop-up tents*, you will be amazed to learn how your membership in the Alumni will help Babe Ruth League continue to support communities across the nation in offering their youth a fun, healthy and educational outlet to learn the basics of the game, make lifelong friendships, and learn valuable life lessons.



From the Sandlot to the Big Leagues...

Ryan Blakney, Major League Umpire, started his career in 1992 as a batboy for his older brother's 15-year-old Wenatchee, Washington Babe Ruth League All-Star team that won State and Regionals gaining entry to the Babe Ruth 13-15 World Series.

In 1994 when Wenatchee added Cal Ripken Baseball to their charter, Ryan participated in the Rookie League and continued to play Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball.

When Ryan broke his arm at age 11 and was unable to finish the season, his mom Kay, current Assistant Regional Commissioner for the Pacific Northwest Region, asked him if he would like to umpire for the Rookie Division. When Ryan found out he would be paid \$5 a game, he was hooked.

Ryan continued to umpire Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball, as well as High School and community College games. After graduating college, he went to the Jim Evans Umpire School in Florida in 2006, and was invited to go to the Professional Baseball Umpire Corp. After graduation, Ryan umpiring for many leagues, including the Arizona Rookie League, the Northwest League, the Midwest League, the Carolina League, the Texas League and the Pacific Coast League. In 2015, he was assigned a Major League umpire number and was made one of five rovers for the Pacific Coast League. A rover fills in for an injured or vacationing Major League umpire. As of 2016, Ryan has umpired over 100 Major League Games.



Ryan as a MLB Umpire and as a batboy

Heard it through the grapevine...



The Babe's daughter, Julia "Ruth" Stevens is celebrating her 100th birthday on July 15.

There is no other youth program in the world than Babe Ruth League that always puts kids first with everything they do.

BRL Employee Daniela Bottoni is once again a proud Aunt with the birth of her nephew Noah.

In 1927, Ruth and Gehrig became the first pair of teammates in baseball history to each hit 30 home runs. Gehrig walloped 47 to go with Ruth's record 60.

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@baberruthleague.org Or Send Mail to: Theresa Cleary, Babe Ruth League Alumni Association, 1670 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Bear, Delaware Babe Ruth League Alum Chad Kuhl Makes Big-League Debut for Bucs

Chad Kuhl just had to keep his cool. That was no small task on a scintillating summer evening on the banks of the Allegheny River, where PNC Park seemed the center of the baseball universe. In one of baseball's most picturesque settings, Kuhl ascended the pitcher's mound for the hometown Pirates in front of a national ESPN-TV audience and 32,228 discerning pairs of eyes.



As fate would have it, the former Bear, Delaware Babe Ruth Leaguer was making his Major League debut in a game where Clayton Kershaw happened to be hurling for the Dodgers. The three-time Cy Young Award winner arrived with an 11-1 record and 1.57 ERA. The mound has been his throne and Kershaw has wielded nearly invincible power.

Summoned from Triple-A Indianapolis, Kuhl could have been a bit player in Kershaw's latest turn. But there's nothing trivial about pitching in a big-league game, especially one's first, and the PNC Park gathering welcomed Kuhl enthusiastically. They would give the 23-year-old right hander some of their loudest cheers.

Chad Kuhl squeezed a lot of highlights into five innings of action during his MLB debut. He worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the first inning, inducing a force-out on a grounder from Dodgers slugger Yasiel Puig. He worked the count to the tune of eight pitches against three-time Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw in the second inning, then saw his teammates rally for four runs against the Dodgers ace afterward.

But his best play might have been his very last of the day. In the fifth inning, he charged the plate after a wild pitch got past catcher Chris Stewart and made it there in time to get the throw back from Stewart and make a diving tag on Justin Turner to end the inning and preserve a 4-3 lead.

He punctuated the play with a fist pump (Turner had hit a two-run homer against two innings earlier) as he headed back to the dugout. He left the game with a 4-3 lead and would, ultimately, outpitch Kershaw while earning the victory by that very score—the Pirates bullpen kept L.A. scoreless the rest of the way, preserving the win for Kuhl.

The whole experience is something Kuhl won't soon forget. "You go up against him, and that's something you can dream about. My first debut was against Kershaw." Kuhl told

"I thought it was fun to watch him out there," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "Talk about a guy rolling up his sleeves and going to work. There was probably a lot going on inside, and I thought he channeled his emotions well." Hurdle wouldn't say how long Kuhl will remain in the Bucs rotation, but Kuhl's father saw a positive sign. "They gave him a suitcase," he said of the black bag with the Pirates' logo in front of Kuhl's locker.

Elk Grove Babe Ruth Concludes its 55th



In this age of tournament-teams, baseball showcases and parents shelling out thousands of dollars a year so their sons can play at a high level of youth baseball,

there is a group of men, who for more than 15 years apiece, have faithfully organized and coached hundreds of boys aged 13 through 18 in the Elk Grove, California Babe Ruth League. As one of these men, Doug Penney, a local attorney and longtime board member of the organization said, "It's for the love of the game."

Penney, along with men such as Rick Venegas and Joe Matlen, still coach participants, years after their own sons have left the game. Some of the boys look like the next objects of attention by college, and perhaps, professional baseball scouts. Most boys, though, are just out there to play baseball for fun. But that's the purpose of this league: to give a place for any boy, no matter the ability level, a chance to play on a regulation-sized diamond. Penney says Elk Grove Babe Ruth Baseball has since its inception in 1962 modified the rules so that every player participates.

"We bat the entire lineup, all 11, 12, whatever we have, and there's a participation requirement that they must play three innings in the field every game," Penney said. That's one reason why Babe Ruth Baseball in Elk Grove has remained as popular as it has, that each boy knows he'll be on the field for all of the league's 22 regular season games and playoffs. Penney has coached a team in the league every spring since 2001. Matlen, who has been the League President for the last 15 years and has coached as well, announced he will be retiring.

"We feel it is a hidden gem in the baseball world with experienced coaches, competitive play, but still has the flavor of a large group of friends playing baseballs," said Matlen. "We highly value sportsmanship and ethics; as coaches we have found that we can be part of a friendly coaches fraternity and still enjoy competitive games."

Penney says he's coached a lot of quality young men for all the years and he sees the importance of getting his boys ready for high school baseball, but there's more:

"We never want to lose our flavor of being a recreational league," he said. "That's what we are here for. We are trying to teach these guys appreciation for baseball and a respect for baseball."

Happenings in Babe Ruth League

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

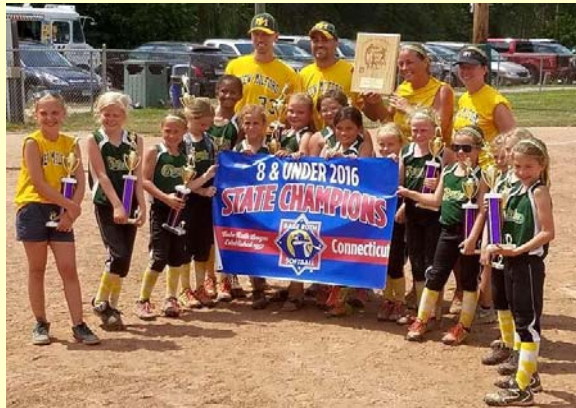
The Alumni Association is your gateway to Babe Ruth League, Inc. for a lifetime of connections. Our focus is to create and nourish lifetime fellowship and active participation of Alumni with Babe Ruth League through advocacy, support, service and communication.



BRL Board Members visit Headquarters. (L-R) Chairman, James Wagoner, Steve Hupka, Leonard Hammer and Bob Dickson.



Babe Ruth Headquarters Staff Supports Red Nose Day



Congrats to New Milford, CT for winning the first ever BR Softball 8U Connecticut State Tournament.



Congrats to Dave Hanaway, Rae Schriener and James Norsworthy on being inducted into the Middle Atlantic Regional Hall of Fame.



BRL Golf Outing Happy Foursome



Smiles all across the board from the participants in the Altamonte Springs Babe Ruth League.

BRAND PILLARS



Through your support, the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association creates impact for youth.

We Serve!
We Strengthen Connections!
We Enhance the Lifelong Babe Ruth League Experience!

SERVE

- We serve communities across the nation beyond the diamond.
- We make dreams come true for our young participants.
- As a non-profit organization, we coordinate alumni advocacy in support of Babe Ruth League, Inc.
- We represent values and traditions that help youth develop into happy, healthy and productive adults.
- We create impact through alumni volunteerism and contributions.

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

- A sense of community is an important aspect for residents to participate in fostering positive development through direct development with youth.
- The Alumni understands the critical needs of communities today and the tangible way in which children lives can be improved from a wholesome Babe Ruth baseball and softball experience.
- Our purpose is to advance the general welfare of Babe Ruth League to make sure the program is available for generations of youth to come.

ENHANCE BRL EXPERIENECE

- As a member of the Alumni Association, you enter into a new phase that extends far beyond the years you spend as a player and/or volunteer.
- Great social and cultural exchanges that fellow Alumni can provide.
- Make new friends. Reconnect with former friends, teammates, coaches and other alumni.
- The Alumni Association brings BRL Alumni and friends together in support of Babe Ruth League.

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



The individuals pictured are both named Michael Burke, and both were involved in baseball. On the right is the late Michael Burke who served as President of the New York Yankees from 1966 to 1973, when the team was sold by CBS to George Steinbrenner.

The other Michael Burke was a participant of the Schenectady, New York Babe Ruth League, who played on an Upstate New York championship team.

The photo was taken in Schenectady when the Yankee President was there to appear on a television show.

Buddy Ball Brings Baseball Players Together in Spencer



With a baseball bat firm in his grasp, Ryan Brooks stepped up to the plate after setting his feet, Brooks swung hard at the first pitch and missed high. With equal force, he swung at the second pitch and smacked it into right field, drawing a round of cheers from those on the field and in the stands.

He dropped the bat, locked his eyes on first base and took off. He rounded first, and eventually stopped at second. He smiled and it seemed the entire crowd at Spencer's 8th Street Park smiled with him.

Brooks drew cheers just a few moments later when he rounded third and sprinted for home. After scoring, he lifted his hands in celebration. "Way to go, Ryan," a person in the crowd shouted.

After one inning and a couple rain delays, Brooks was back up again. This time, he swung and missed a few pitches. When he made contact, the ball zipped toward second base. The crowd again cheered loudly.

Brooks was among the many baseball players, parents and coaches who gathered at the 8th Street Park for the Spencer, North Carolina Cal Ripken program's buddy ball league. It pairs mentally and physically challenged children and teens with those in Spencer Cal Ripken's other leagues. The North Rowan High School varsity baseball team has also helped out.

This was the first year that the Spencer Cal Ripken League first organized a buddy ball league. It's free,

games usually last two or three innings and no one keeps score. The "buddies" help the challenged players with running from base to base and fielding the ball.

"Our goal is for these kids to have someone to play with and be a mentor and, in return, the other players can learn a little something from it," said Spencer Cal Ripken President Jeremy Bates.

Several of the of the players who participate in the current buddy ball league are part of programs put on by the Arc of Rowan, a United Way partner agency. Others simply found out about the league and decided to play. Arc of Rowan Executive Director Sheila Sapp said buddy ball has positively affected its participants. One important part of the buddy ball league, she said, is that parents are able to sit in the stands and watch their kids "like any child playing a sport." Some parents, however, decide to run the bases with their child.

North Rowan baseball coach Aaron Rimer's players talked about how grateful they were to participate in the buddy ball program. "It makes our day to come out here," Rimer said. "These kids just have a ball out here, they enjoy it so much and it's a great thing that's been put together. I don't think our kids truly grasp how important this is to these young men and women out here."

After crushing the baseball into the outfield during the first inning, Brooks said his favorite part the game is hitting the ball. From his expressions, Brooks also clearly enjoyed the interaction with other players, too.

When Brooks stepped up to the plate in the second inning, he looked at North Rowan junior Steven Thurston and smiled.

"Wooooo," Thurston exclaimed, and the pair both lifted their hands into the air. Seconds later, Brooks would nearly smack the ball into the outfield.

Driving Alumni Engagement

The Babe Ruth League Alumni Association is a cornerstone to one of the leading youth baseball and softball programs in the world. Deeply committed, our focus is vital to enhance the relevancy of Babe Ruth League to the world.

Alumni engagement is important for the future of Babe Ruth League, Inc. Alumni appreciate the life-long community that is built during their days on the diamond.



The community that young athletes build in Babe Ruth League is an unforgettable, life-changing and valuable experience; one that most want to sustain for a lifetime. In everything we achieve, we take satisfaction from our own efforts, perseverance, mental strength and judgment. Yet, we learn to acknowledge the contributions of others upon whose shoulders we stood. The people who worked with us to reach important goals, taught us many valuable life lessons, and who provided many enjoyable moments.

However, life can move fast and sometimes it is hard to keep in touch with those individuals who played a major role in your life.

The Alumni Association believes we can keep the Babe Ruth League experience alive, among ourselves, among other alumni, among current members and future participants in the Babe Ruth League program.

We put kids first! We are committed to our mission and believe in our vision. We are forward focused and seek out diversity. We preserve, we set the example, and we build excellence.

It is our goal to strengthen lifelong bonds for everyone involved in Babe Ruth League—Past, Present and Future! Alumni are permanent members of the Babe Ruth League community. They are the torchbearers of the Babe Ruth League spirit and guardians of its future.

If you are not already a member, we encourage you to join today. Membership is free, and the only requirement is a love for Babe Ruth League.

Babe Ruth League
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Steve “Spike” Hupka Joins Golden Alumni Club

Steven “Spike” Hupka of Nolensville, Tennessee, recently joined the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association Golden Alumni Club.

Spike is a current member of the Babe Ruth League International Board of Directors, and a member of the Alumni Fund Development Committee.

Spike has been involved with the Babe Ruth program since 1970. After playing in a local Babe

Ruth league for three years and coaching for 14, he served as a District and State Commissioner for the Tennessee Babe Ruth Leagues.

He was elected to the Board in 2008 and has worked numerous Babe Ruth World Series.

After military transfer to several states, his family settled in Nashville in 1953. Active in his youth, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

In high school, he earned eight varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He went on to play baseball for the University of Tennessee until an injury ended his career.

The Golden Alumni Club is for those individuals who want to take their loyalty and passion for Babe Ruth League to the next level.



Brazoswood Baseball Vandalized

The Brazoswood, Texas Babe Ruth League was left stunned after vandals broken into their press box. Among the items burglarized was their PA system.

Their league has been chartered with Babe Ruth since 1982. They have hosted many state tournaments and are preparing for their 4th Southwest Regional Tournament beginning July 21.

Longtime Brazoswood volunteer, Alvin Bartek said, “The items that were stolen we cannot replace due to a lack of

funding in our budget.”

The popular field is a haven for young people. “We don’t turn any kids away because we want to provide them with something positive,” added Bartek. “This is all for the kids. You know, one of the kids saw the damage done and it was heartbreaking to see his reaction.”

The Babe Ruth League Alumni was honored to provide some financial assistance to Brazoswood.

“We’ll be back, we’ll be ready.

We will make this happen for the regional tournament and will represent Brazoswood real good,” said Bartek.



Pictured above, Alvin Bartek throws out the first pitch during

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...

GARY LEE BUSER, SR., passed away at his residence in Barnegat, New Jersey, at the age of 75. Born in Mount Holly, NJ, Buser was a resident of Burlington, Willingboro, and Springfield, Virginia, before moving to Barnegat.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Buser served between the Korean and Vietnam wars. After his discharge from service, he began a civilian career with the Navy/ U.S. Department of Defense that lasted more than 30 years. He was a Test Program Manager, specializing in Air Craft Carriers. After his retirement, he then worked for Northrup Grumman for a time, and then later as an independent contractor for the Navy until 2014.

In addition to his love of country, Gary was an avid baseball fan who spent many hours coaching in Willingboro and surrounding areas. He started the Willingboro Babe Ruth Baseball League in the 1960s, and was co-founder of the Babe Ruth Bambino (10-12) League (now Cal Ripken) in the 1980s. He was also very active in the Willingboro PAL, and served as a State and Assistant Middle Atlantic Regional Commissioner.

Gary served in many other community organizations such as Cub Scouts and St. Paul's PTA. He was honored to be the recipient of the Willingboro Jaycees Distinguished Citizen Award for his many hours spent volunteering for and coaching youth.



JAMES OTIS WALLING of Lolo, Montana safely slid across the home plate into the arms of Jesus.

He and his beloved wife of 64 years, June, had four daughters, one son, 12 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Three of Jim's passions in life were children, baseball and church. He was blessed to be able to coach youth baseball and serve in many volunteer positions, including State Commissioner for the Montana Babe Ruth Association for 41 years. He served as State Commissioner from 1976 until his retirement in 2010. For his extreme dedication to the Babe Ruth League program, he was inducted into the Babe Ruth league International Hall of Fame in 2010.

Jim loved all sports and was an avid Griz and Lady Griz basketball and football fan. He and June enjoyed going to every game they could make it to.

Jim was a member of the Lolo Community Church and loved his men's Bible Studies. An avid bowler, he passed on his skills to his grandchildren. He loved spending time with his family, particularly his grand - and great-grand children.



Sincere Thanks to Those Who Donated During the Past Quarter

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By Dennis Jacobsen

By Steven Tellefsen

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Welcome New Alumni Members

William Jones – Uniontown, Arkansas

Dan DeBenedictis – Arlington, Massachusetts

Madison Williams – Louisville, Kentucky

Scott Williamson – Sylacauga, Alabama

Brain Teasers/Trivia—Do You Know the Answer

Answers appear at the bottom of the page.

1. Three women stood under one umbrella, but none of them got we. Why?
2. A farmer has 17 sheep and all but 9 die. How many are left?
3. How do you get 24 from 9, 6, 11 and 3 using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division?
4. A cowboy rode into town on Friday, stayed three days, and rode out again on Friday. How did he do that?
5. It is an insect, and the first part of its name is the name of another insect. What is it?
6. I' mw here yesterday follows today, and tomorrow's in the middle. What am I?
7. What costs nothing but is worth everything, weights nothing, but can last a lifetime, that one person can't own, but two or more can share.
8. What word, if pronounced right is wrong, but if pronounced wrong is right?
9. Which month has 28 days?
10. Yankee Clipper Joe DiMaggio set a record for having at least one hit in how many consecutive games in Major League Baseball?
11. Passing away at the ago of 93, this manager gave well more than half his life to managing a baseball team. He managed for 53 seasons, an unthinkable record to ever duplicate. Who was this manager?



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Answers to Brain Teasers

1. It wasn't raining.
2. Nine
3. $(6-3) \times 11 - 9 = 24$
4. His horse's name is Friday.
5. A Beetle.
6. A dictionary.
7. Friendship.
8. Wrong.
9. All of them.
10. 56
11. Casey Stengel.