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Message From Alumni Chairman



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Such obstacles have Babe Ruth leagues struggling to fill rosters and struggling to find the necessary operating funds. Less available leagues and teams could result in fewer kids being able to reap the benefits that come from participation in Babe Ruth League.

Studies show that playing the same sport year-round can result in physical and emotional costs. Studies also show that participating in multiple sports leads to greater skill and muscle development.

Youth baseball and softball, especially for players ages 4-12, need to be competitive in a fun environment, organized, safe, and serve as the foundation for learning the game. Babe Ruth League's position is that kids should play baseball/softball, soccer, basketball, a

musical instrument and specialize later on.

The Babe Ruth League experience is all about parents, relatives and neighbors serving as coaches, umpires, working in the concession stand and in other volunteer positions. Babe Ruth League is about scores being forgotten when the game is over and everyone celebrating the accomplishments of the players on both teams. Babe Ruth League is about learning many valuable life lessons that extend beyond the field of play.

Community-based youth baseball and softball programs like Babe Ruth League should be a very prominent part of the growth process for kids. The bottom line is we must give kids a childhood they will want to replicate with their own children.

The Alumni is seeking

your assistance in making sure the family tradition of Babe Ruth League is available for generations of kids to come. I am challenging every Babe Ruth League volunteer to donate just \$5 to the Alumni Association.

A SMALL donation of \$5 will make a BIG difference in making sure the Babe Ruth League program is available to ALL kids for years to come.

Please feel free to visit www.baberuthalumni.org to make an online donation or mail a check in the amount of \$5 made payable to the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association to 1670 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619. Every donation is tax-deductible and all donors will be recognized in DIAMOND LEGACY and on the Alumni website. Thank you!

**Mark Watkins
Chairman**

Graduate Corner — Jack Morris

JACK MORRIS, a Babe Ruth alumnus from St. Paul, Minnesota, is an American former professional baseball starting pitcher, and played between 1977 and 1994, mainly for the Detroit Tigers, winning 254 games throughout his career. Armed with a fastball, a slider, and a forkball, Morris was a five-time All-Star (1981, 1984, 1985, 1987, and 1991).

Jack Morris knows a thing or two about winning. He led Major League Baseball's American League in wins twice. And if that wasn't enough, he played on four World Series championship teams (1984 Tigers, 1991 Minnesota Twins, and 1992-1993 Toronto Blue Jays).

Since retiring as a player, Morris has worked as a broadcast color analyst for the Blue Jays, Twins, and Tigers. He has also been an analyst for MLB broadcasts on Fox Sports One.

Morris served as the guest speaker at the 2016 Babe Ruth 13-15 World Series Banquet of Champions, hosted by Williston, North Dakota.

When asked about the Seattle Mariners' 15-year playoff drought, he said they have talent, but they don't have the most important attribute. Heart.

"Individual character makes special clubs," Morris said. "Character and heart goes beyond stats."

He referenced the Kansas City Royals, who won the 2015 World Series without the top-flight talent some other teams enjoy. "You can't quantify it in any formula, you really can't," he said. "The teams that win figure out a way. They figure out a way to buy into each other. They weren't better than anybody else."

Sometimes, though, the stats help. Morris' status as one of baseball's legendary pitchers is undeniable. He carries a career 3.90 ERA and won double-digit games in 10 consecutive seasons from 1979 to 1988.



He also delivered clutch performances in the biggest moments. In 1991, pitching for his hometown Minnesota Twins, Morris went the distance in game seven to capture the title over a loaded Atlanta Braves squad en route to a World Series MVP award.

While winning at the Babe Ruth World Series is the goal, Morris spoke about the most cherished aspects of his baseball career. It wasn't the accolades or championships. Rather, it was the bond between himself and his teammates.

"My fondest memories of the 1991 Twins team was not winning the World Series," he said. "It was the daily camaraderie. It was going out and watching five guys not do any pre-game exercises—they were the five best players," he laughed.

"Teammates and memories last a lifetime," he finished.

Other career highlights for Morris include:

- 2x MLB wins leader (1981, 1992)
- AL strikeout leader (1983)
- Pitched a no-hitter on April 7, 1984

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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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Defining Moments

Every kid wants to pitch baseball it seems. Young pitchers learn how to throw different pitches and are usually the center of the game. Young pitchers feel great when they strike out the #3 hitter in the lineup. They float to the dugout after a one, two, three inning. They don't have to run off the field like everybody else.

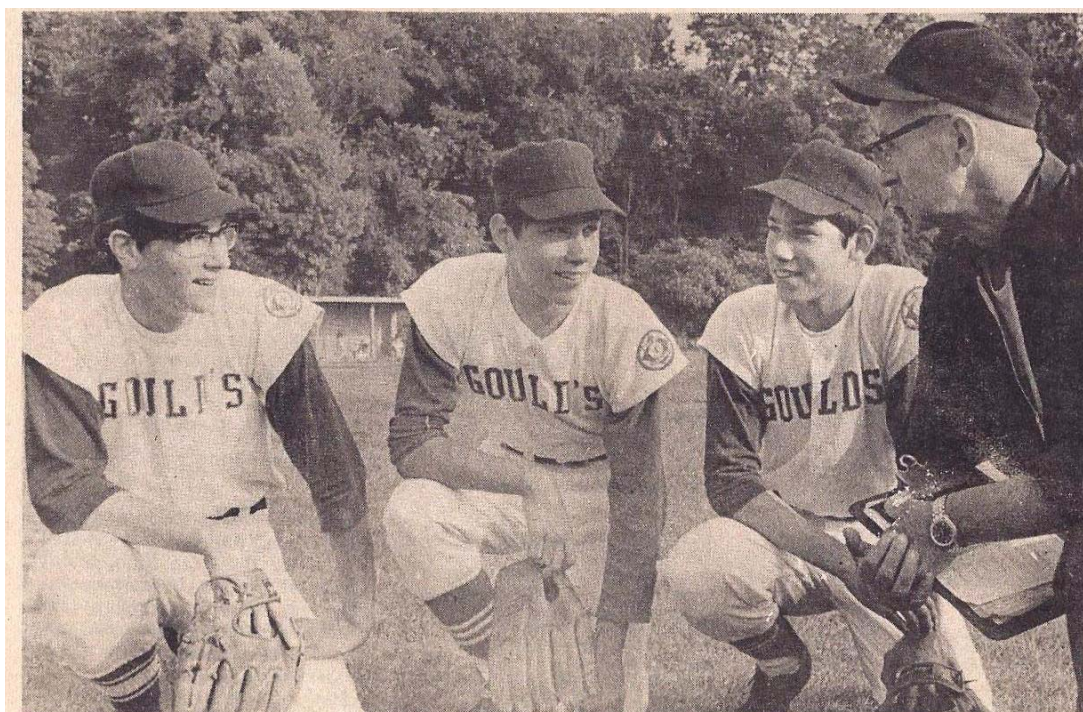
Pitchers can also experience many defining moments as was the case with 14-Year-Old Brian Furey, a player on Atlantic Shore's Southern New Jersey championship team that participated in the 2016 Babe Ruth 14-Year-Old World Series hosted by Westfield, Massachusetts.

Mere hours after catching 10 innings of win crucial for his team's seeding for a playoff game, Furey hurled a no-hitter, leading his team to a 2-0 win.

Probably the most defining moment for Furey was when he realized what he was on pace to accomplish in the fifth inning. He said that he kept composed thanks to the focus being on winning as well as confidence in the team behind him. "I didn't think too much about it, I was just trying to get the win," Furey said. "I wasn't worried about giving up a hit because my defense behind me was doing their job. I was just throwing strikes, letting them make the plays." Furey pitched 7 innings, struck out 3, had 12 first pitch strikes, and had a WHIP of 0.43.



Memories...From 1970



SEEING TRIPLE—Dave, John and Paul Tewhill, 15-year-old triplets from Northampton, Massachusetts pictured with manager Joe McGrath.

To this day, triplets are unique in Babe Ruth League.

Joe McGrath was one of the founders of the Northampton Babe Ruth League and never could be blamed if he occasionally confused the three Tewhill triplets.

48th Annual Clinic at Fenway

Since 1969, the Boston Red Sox have invited the New England Region coaches to participate in a clinic at Fenway Park. Throughout the morning the Babe Ruth coaches are given the opportunity to meet with and receive instructional guidance from the Boston Red Sox Major League staff. Later in the day, the coaches are invited back to watch the game. Pictured below is a training session from the 49th Babe Ruth Coaches Clinic at Fenway Park held during the 2016 season.

**Thank you
Boston Red Sox**



Heard it through the grapevine...

New England, Ohio Valley and Midwest Plains Volunteers visit new BRL Headquarters in September and October

Babe Ruth Asst. SW Regional Commissioner Joe Cormier welcomes new granddaughter Georgia Estelle Cormier

Jerry Bodden from Lewisville, Idaho elected as new Pacific Northwest Regional Commissioner

Iowa State Commissioner Scott Spurgeon reached his special goal of working on a World Series Task Force at the 2016 "13" held in Ottumwa, Iowa.



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

Greater Lynn Babe Ruth League

It doesn't seem that long ago when Ben Bowden was 15 and pitching for the Greater Lynn (Massachusetts) Babe Ruth League in the Eastern Massachusetts State final. His all-stars lost that game, but the experience only whetted his appetite for the game of baseball. He went on to star at Lynn English, pitching a perfect game during his junior season, and winning the Gatorade Player of the Year Award.

His star kept rising at Vanderbilt where, as a freshman, his Commodores won the College World Series. In June, upon completion of his junior season, he was drafted in the second round by the Colorado Rockies (45th overall) and sent to Asheville, North Carolina, for the franchise's rookie league team, the Tourists.

Home for a few days this past September, before getting set to drive his new pickup truck to Arizona for the fall instructional league, Bowden returned to his roots to offer some words of wisdom for the current crop of Lynn Babe Ruth players.

"You're at a time when baseball is still fun," he said. "I remember when I was 15, we had a great team. There was a lot of talent on it, and it was fun to be around it. Now, I still love baseball, but I'm involved in the business side of it now. You are told where to go, what to do and how to do it."



But make no mistake. Bowden still has the same love for the game now that he had when he was 12.

"I remember," said Lynn BRL Board Member Jim Earp, "managing the Gallant team in Lynn and looking for guys who could pitch, and who had good stuff. I came to Ben, and he said to me, 'I got stuff.' I'll never forget that."

Bowden still has stuff. He said he got up to 97 on the radar gun this year, and that his fastball is his best pitch. But, he said, one of the big differences between being in college and being at the next level is everybody can hit. In college, you may have people who can mash the ball, but once you get up to the next level, everybody can hit. "And," he said. "There are an awful lot of people who can turn around a 97-MPH fastball if its flat."

For now, he told the players to play fall ball, just enjoy the game and be grateful that there are people who are dedicated to coaching them and running the league.

"I don't think I'd be where I am today if it weren't for the people who coached me all the way up the line, especially the coaches from the Greater Lynn Babe Ruth League."

Mifflin County Celebrates World Series Title

Babe Ruth Baseball 13-Year-Old World Series Champions, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, were honored with a special parade in their hometown of Lewistown upon their return from a very successful tournament trail.

In his 38 seasons coaching Babe Ruth Baseball, Scott Reigle had experienced this rush only once before. Connersville, Indiana was the site of the 2002 Babe Ruth World Series, and Reigle’s Mifflin County, Pennsylvania chapter emerged as the fifth-best youth baseball team in the United States.



While topping that run seemed improbable, there was something about his latest group of all-stars that activated those same emotions. Turns out, Pennsylvania State and Middle Atlantic Regional titles were enough for his group of 13-year-old ballplayers. “Once we started tournament play, I knew we had a chance to finish high in the state tournament, but thinking about winning the 2016 Babe Ruth 13-Year-Old World Series hosted by Ottumwa, Iowa, wasn’t on our minds,” said Reigle.

When Mifflin County charged into the state tournament, teammates sold ham sandwiches to cover the freight. A tag sale at the local Wal-Mart helped cover the cost to the Regional Tournament. And when the long road trip to Iowa was scheduled, dozens of local businesses and corporate sponsors emerged to make sure players were taken care of.

“I think we kind of trusted each other early on,” said third baseman and pitcher Brian Yetter. “People don’t think this but we relied on each other. Even if we struck out or made an error, we couldn’t get down on each other. We knew we could pick each other up. We had confidence in each other. That was the biggest thing.”

“We joked about it but we never thought it would happen,” said Colby Bodtorf, Mifflin County’s shortstop and pitcher. “It was just playing with my team and having fun. We’re all just a bunch of good ball players that had fun playing.”

During their run at the pinnacle of the Babe Ruth League tournament trail, young pitcher Ethan Eichhorn threw a no-hitter over host Ottumwa as teammate Casey Conner bashed three hits in the same game. Eichhorn also had a three-run blast to fuel Mifflin County’s win over Waterford, Connecticut.

Yetter, Bodtorf and Conner (MVP) were touted as all-tournament selections, with but not a single interview passed without the credit shifting to teammates.

Only a complete baseball team can bypass improbable.



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.



Regional Commissioner Gord Welbourne (front row—far right) and State Commissioners from the Pacific Northwest Region pose for a photo at the recent Regional Meeting.



Julia "Ruth" Stevens, daughter of The Babe, celebrated her 100th birthday this past July.



Pictured right (l-r) are Gavin Baird of South Brazoria, TX, and Southwest Assistant Regional Commissioner Joseph Cormier at the 13-15 Southwest Regional Tournament. Gavin was named MVP.



Winners of the 2016 Norm & Colleen Travis Midwest Plains Sportsmanship Award

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@baberuthleague.org. **HAVE ARTICLES OR STORIES**—Submit them to theresa@baberuthleague.org or mail to Theresa Cleary, 1670 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619.



Blast From The Past



From 1988—Keeping BRL in the Family - Babe Ruth Baseball Western Massachusetts State Commissioner Larry Papagni (right) poses with his son Pat (left) and his grandson Steven (center).

Alumni \$5 Challenge



What can a \$5 bill buy today? Not much—perhaps a \$5 foot-long, a few items off the fast-food dollar menu, a few lottery tickets? Actually, the best way you can spend a \$5 bill is when you contribute it to the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association. What it can pay for is priceless!

The Babe Ruth Alumni Association is **challenging** all Babe Ruth League volunteers - commissioners, league officials, managers, coaches, etc., to make a **one-time donation of \$5 to the Alumni Association.**

Babe Ruth League and the Alumni Association are about empowering youth to be the best they can be in a fun, competitive and educational environment. Our aim to provide youth with valuable life lessons to encourage their drive for excellence and personal achievement.

There are several obstacles today that are threatening the existence of community-based programs like Babe Ruth League, such as year-round travel ball and early specialization. Babe Ruth leagues are struggling to fill rosters and are struggling to find the necessary operating funds. Less available leagues and teams could result in fewer kids being able to reap the benefits that come from participation in Babe Ruth League.

Growing up involved in Babe Ruth League and high school ball was always the right path to take to provide kids with the best opportunities to succeed in life. Babe Ruth League set the foundation and high school set the stage. And we believe this is still the path to take!

If you believe the Babe Ruth League program offers life-changing moments for youth and volunteers and you would be proud to help carry on the tradition of Babe Ruth League to make sure the program is available for generations to come, please consider **rising to this challenge**. Donate just \$5 to the Babe Ruth Alumni Association. This will be the best \$5 you will ever spend and the investment will provide priceless opportunities for all youth.

Please feel free to visit www.baberuthalumni.org to make an online donation or mail a check payable to the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association in the amount of \$5 to 1670 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619.

If you have any misconceptions about giving to the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association, please be advised of the following:

- The Babe Ruth Alumni Association is a **separate group** dedicated to supporting the welfare of the Babe Ruth League program.
- **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 and 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.
- In order to serve all Babe Ruth League Alumni and be a more welcoming association, the Alumni Association does not charge membership dues.

We want to thank each of you for your involvement with Babe Ruth League, whether as a participant, parent, and/or volunteer at the local league, district, state or regional level. Because of your involvement, we have produced many graduates who have been successful in their chosen path.

Tulsa's 1963 WS Champion Team Reunites

CUTLINES -TIME LONG AGO stole their youth, but it never dimmed their enthusiasm.

Not even 50 years could do that.

Members of Tulsa's 1963 Babe Ruth League World Series championship team gathered for their 50th reunion recently at a midtown restaurant. Good food and great memories and tall tales of short pitchers filled up the night.

They were adolescent boys when manager Charles "Bud" Barkley first gathered together his all-star squad of 14- and 15-year-olds. Now they're grandfathers, lawyers, coaches, plumbers, dentists, some retired, some not. "A lot of us are still here," said Don Jernigan, the reunion's chief organizer and an outfielder on that amazing team. "We're close. We just stayed together and played well together. That's what made us so good as a team."

In all, seven of the 14 players showed up. One, Bob Daily, died in 1970, the day he graduated from the University of Arkansas. Nobody could find another. The five others simply couldn't make it this time. "We're here tonight. Close then, close now," said Mike Barkley, the manager's son and a middle infielder. "We didn't have dissension. There were no egos. No one was better than another, and no one was less than another. We really had a strong team."

Since their first reunion 25 years ago at Bud Barkley's home - a total surprise, and he "bawled like a baby," said infielder Jerry Hill - they've gotten the gang back together every few years. But this recent reunion was "a special deal," said catcher Rick Amilian. "I haven't seen a lot of these guys in 15-20 years."

CLOSE CALL

In Farmington, New Mexico, where the Babe Ruth League World Series was staged, Babe Ruth's widow herself attended the annual pre-tournament banquet, and Yankees star Lefty Gomez was the guest of honor. Pepper Martin and Bob Feller also attended.

Tulsa, comprised mostly of sophomores from Central and Rogers, became the first Babe Ruth team to go 14-0 in the state tournament (played in Tulsa), the regional tournament (in El Paso, Texas) and the World Series.

Two major elements led to their success.

In the World Series opener against the local Farmington club, pitcher Jim Mastin only allowed a leadoff home run, then pitched a shutout the rest of the way. Farmington's pitcher, meanwhile, was cruising with a no-hitter going into the seventh until he mishandled a leadoff grounder up the middle by Bob Banfield. Jernigan then broke up the no-hitter with a single to right. Farmington retired the next two Tulsa hitters, but Amilian lofted a fly ball to right field that was dropped. Both base runners scored and Tulsa, the home team, prevailed 2-1.

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CRAFTY LEFT-HANDER

The other key was pitcher Eli Gourd.

Tulsa crushed Klamath Falls, Oregon, in the semifinals, as the left-handed Gourd - at 14 the youngest player on the team, and at about 5-foot-4, the shortest player on the team - took over. Gourd gave up only four hits in a 9-2 victory.

"Very crafty," Amilian said. "They used to call him Sly Eli. He had a curve and slider that just seemed like major league. He threw with pretty good velocity, too, but he threw a lot of junk, and he could control it."

That victory set up a championship showdown against mighty Puerto Rico. Although having lost earlier in the tournament and coming through the losers bracket, Puerto Rico was a physically imposing favorite over the Tulsans.

"They all had beards," Mike Barkley cracked. "They were probably driving cars to the stadium. But we took 'em out."

Said Amilian, "I turn around and this little kid goes, 'Come on, Daddy!' I'm going, 'Daddy?' I mean, these guys were big."

Before a crowd of 8,350, Gourd held Puerto Rico to six hits in a 9-0 championship performance. "I had a great coach," Gourd said. "Mike's dad taught me the curveball, the drop ball that I threw. He was just a wonderful man.

"The things that he taught me were real simple. He taught me muscle memory. Once you practice it enough, it's there. There were little techniques that Bud taught me that, when I wasn't doing so well, I would just think about those things."

Gourd made the final out, flipping a ground ball to Banfield at first base, but there was no dog pile. "We kind of went crazy," said center fielder Gary Marrs, who got things rolling with a third-inning home run. "But the other team didn't come out to shake hands. They had started getting real aggressive and stuff when they got behind - matter of fact, I hate to say this, but they came out of the dugout with bats after the game. They were wanting to put a whipping on somebody."

FUTURE STARS

One reason that Tulsa team was so good: All 14 players either eventually played college sports or had scholarship offers.

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Tulsa's 1963 WS Champion Team Reunites

Amilian was a linebacker at Oklahoma State and roomed with Jon Kolb. Barkley played football at Kansas State. Banfield played basketball for Eddie Sutton at Southern Idaho (he now coaches girls basketball at Mannford). Hill was a two-time state champion wrestler and played baseball at OU. Marris played baseball at NEO and Northeastern State. Jernigan and others played at NEO. Gourd said he had offers from Oral Roberts and Tulsa, but declined college baseball, figuring now he probably became burned out.

"We take a bus ride home 18 hours, get home the next morning, and Gary Marris and I had to go at 6 a.m. to report for football practice," Barkley said. "So we never had a chance to ever really enjoy this." Just four years after the 1959 Tulsa Babe Ruth team, led by future major leaguer Rich Calmus, won the World Series, the '63 Tulsa club was made up mostly of players off Bud Barkley's Northside Civitans team. He hand-picked the rest from teams sponsored by First National Bank, Murphy Safety Switch and the VFW.

Troy Money is the team's the last living coach but, at 85, players say he's recently become ill and was unable to attend the reunion. Hill, who homered in the semifinals, said Money was a big contributor to the postseason run.

"He was my coach all year long with First National Bank," Hill said. "He was really a stern coach and very excitable."

CHAMPIONSHIP METTLE

Not far from where Tulsa's Babe Ruth Leaguers used to play at old Virgin Street Field - lovingly hand-manicured by groundskeeper Frank "Red" Anderson, now obliterated under a highway overpass - Jernigan's billboard company recently erected a display north of downtown, depicting a black-and-white photograph of a bunch of 15-year-olds holding up a giant "World Champions" pennant.

"I never did think we had that great a team, but everybody was just Steady Eddie," Hill said. "We only made two errors all through the state tournament, the regional tournament and the World Series."

The talent was there, no question. But long after athletic ability has shriveled in the dungeons of time, character remains. On this team, that's as plain in 2013 as it was in 1963.

"Everybody in this group would give you the shirt off their back," Gourd said. "Except for Barkley. Mike would probably just buy you a new shirt." Said Marris, "We were all blue-collar kids that didn't have much, but we were scrappy. And good athletes."



(Pictured clockwise from front left) Eli Gourd, Gary Marris, Bob Banfield, Mike Barkley, Jerry Hill, Dr. Rick Amilian and Don Jernigan)

2016 Scholarship Recipients

The young athletes that participate in Babe Ruth League come from a variety of backgrounds and circumstances. There is no question that higher education is more important than ever before to help these young people meet the challenges of a changing work force. The Babe Ruth League Alumni College Scholarship Program was established to recognize the excellent achievements of former Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball players wishing to further their education beyond high school.

Babe Ruth League received many outstanding applications and equally exceptional recommendations making the selection process very competitive. However, based on such qualities as academic excellence, personal achievement, and commitment to community, the following candidates were selected for 2016 scholarship awards.

BABE RUTH LEAGUE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Christopher Slavin, Jr. - Holden, MA
 Cameron Bruschini - Yardville, NJ
 Evan Kennedy - Hopewell, NJ
 Teddy Zaphiris - Goshen, NY
 Taylor Childress - Louisville, KY
 Isaac Stephens - Somerset, KY
 Kara Flynn - Port St. Lucie, FL
 Seth Owens - Lexington, SC
 Alec DeMaria - Fresno, CA
 Jacob Rush - Fresno, CA



IRBY LUQUETTE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Ryan Crockett - Wetumpka, AL
 John Houeye - Roseland, LA
 Joshua Maggio - Kentwood, LA
 Kyle Smith - Wharton, TX

Gary “Sarge” Matthews Visits Babe Ruth Headquarters



Pictured (l-r) BRL President/CEO Steven Tellefsen and Gary “Sarge” Matthews. “Sarge” is an American former left fielder in Major League Baseball. He was a color commentator for the Philadelphia Phillies. From 1972 through 1987, Matthews played for the San Francisco Giants, Atlanta Braves, Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago Cubs and Seattle Mariners. He batted and threw right-handed. He is the father of former Major Leaguer Gary Matthews, Jr.

The city of Philadelphia nicknamed Matthews “Sarge” because of the way he saluted fans in the left field bleachers.

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...

MARIO MASCARO, 60, of Riverton, Utah passed away peacefully on September 22, 2016 surrounded by his family. Mario was a proud 35+ year member of the Teamsters Union Local 222, and most recently worked for ABF Freight.



Mario dedicated over 25 years to volunteering for the Babe Ruth League program. His passion for kids was unwavering. He was about getting the kids the recognition and opportunities they deserve. At the time of his death, he held the position of Utah State Commissioner. In honor of his years of service, Mario was inducted into the Pacific Southwest Region Babe Ruth Hall of Fame.

ROBERT MOUMBLOW, 76, of Staten Island, New York, died on Saturday, July 9, 2016.



Bob spent 25 years as a track inspector for the MTA and Mayor Koch bestowed a Proclamation to him for his extraordinary services during the NYC 1977 blackout.

Bob devoted 35 years to running the South Shore Babe Ruth League, most of those years as its League President. In 2009, he received the Joe Ryan Memorial Award for his years of dedication to the youth of South Shore. He was honored to be recognized for such a prestigious award.

Bob was always excited and delighted when one of his players was accepted into the Major Leagues.

VICTOR PTYCIA, 74, of Hamilton, New Jersey, died on July 29, 2016.



Vic participated in the Babe Ruth League program in the 1950's. Up until his untimely passing, he was proud to talk about the Babe Ruth League program and reveled in his team's Babe Ruth League World Series win at the 1965 13-15 World

Series hosted by Portland, Oregon. Born in Ukraine, he resided in Hamilton Township the past 61 years. Vic retired in 1993 after 25 years as a detective from the Hamilton Township Police Department.

STAN ZIOMEK, 92, of Amherst, Massachusetts, died on July 6, 2016. Dubbed the "Father of Amherst Baseball", Ziomek began his affiliation with Babe Ruth League in 1952 when he founded the Amherst Babe Ruth League. Within the Amherst Babe Ruth League, Ziomek serve as a coach, umpire, supervisor for umpiring activities and as League President. As President, Ziomek organized annual banquets bringing in numerous Red Sox players and other professional ballplayers to speak to his young athletes. He always had the best interest of the kids at heart in whatever decision he made for the Amherst league.



Stan Ziomek served as President of Babe Ruth League, Inc. from 1968-1969 and as the Chairman of the Board in 1969. In addition, he held a position on the Babe Ruth League Board of Directors from 1956 until 1976. A man who was proud to wear many hats for the Babe Ruth program, serving as a Regional Director, State Director and District 2 Commissioner, as well as shared his time at the state and regional level to support the activities of Babe Ruth Baseball. Through the 1960's and 1970's, he assisted in running numerous successful Babe Ruth World Series tournaments.

Stan was inducted into the BRL International Hall of Fame in 2011 and the BRL Western Massachusetts Hall of Fame in 2015..

Stan donated more than 60 years to Babe Ruth League, retiring from the program in 2012.



Sincere Thanks to Those Who Donated During the Past Quarter

In Memory Of...

Ronald Tellefsen

By Nancy and Robert Faherty

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By Steven Tellefsen
By James Wagoner

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Brain Teasers/Trivia—Do You Know the Answer

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1. A girl is twice as old as her brother and half as old as her father. In 22 years, her brother will be half as old as his father. How old is the daughter now?
2. What day would tomorrow be if yesterday was five days before the day after Sunday's tomorrow?
3. If you have three, you have three. If you have two, you have two. If you have one, you have none. What is it?
4. What's black when you get it, red when you use it, and white when you're all through with it?
5. Removing one from eleven makes it ten, and removing one from nine makes it ten. Is it even possible?
6. Can you find a word that begins with the letter I and by the addition of the letter A becomes another word that is pronounced the same?
7. I have a foot on either side of me and one in the middle. What am I?
8. If it's information you seek, come and see me. If it's pairs of letters you need, I have consecutively three. Who am I?
9. If an electric train is going south and the wind is blowing north, what direction is the smoke going?
10. There was an airplane crash, every single person died, but two people survived. How is this possible?



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Answers to Brain Teasers

1. 22
2. Saturday
3. Choices
4. Charcoal
5. Yes it is possible in Roman Numerals: 9 = IX, 10 = X, and 11 = XI. Thus by removing one from 9, you are getting 10 and by removing one from 11, you are getting 10 again.
6. Isle becomes aisle.
7. A yardstick
8. A bookkeeper
9. There's no smoke as electric trains do not have smoke.
10. They were married.