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Alumni



Celebrating 75 Years

Chatter



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND CHICAGO CUBS ROOF TOP GAMES



OK, the Bears lost the Super Bowl so football is over. The Blackhawks are in their usual spot - last place - and the up and down Bulls are gearing up for a playoff run. So what is there for a Chicago Sports Fan to do? With Spring Training underway, **think warm! Think Wrigley! Think NBGC Alumni Rooftop Outings!**

Due to the overwhelming demand for the rooftop tickets we sold last year, the NBGC Alumni Association is holding two rooftop games again this season. The first is on **Sunday, April 15th, a 1:20 p.m. game against Cincinnati**. The second is on **Monday, April 23rd, a 7:05 p.m. game against Milwaukee**. The rooftop is located at **1038 W. Waveland** and the doors open a half hour before game time. The cost for these games is **ONLY \$100.00**.

Besides a rooftop view of the game there will be food – Classic Chicago Hot Dogs, Grilled Veggie Pizza, Bratwurst, Italian Sausage, Char Broiled Hamburger/Cheeseburgers, Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken, Veggie Burgers and Grilled Steaks. To wash down your meal there will be Domestic and Imported Beer, California Wines, Soft drinks and Bottled Water. You can view the website at www.beyondtheivy.com.

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN. You must pay by credit card or mail a check payable to the NBGC for the number of seats you want. *All participants names must be to the Club no later than April 1st or your money will be refunded.* An email address would help us contact you confirming your payment and the number of seats purchased. Please call **Chris Prokaski** at the NBGC at (773) 463-4161 to pay by credit card or if you have any questions. Seats will be sold on a first come, first paid basis. Don't be left sitting on the bench...call us today! There are a limited number of Sunday seats available at this time.



FIRST ANNUAL BOB TURCO OPEN MARCH 10TH

Rich Paschall, NBGC Alumni President



It may be cold outside but it is time to warm up your table tennis game. Register now! There may be no spots available by the day of the First Annual **Bob Turco Open**. The fun takes place in the NBGC game room on **Saturday, March 10th at 3:00 p.m.** (warm ups at 2:00). The first 32 players in with the \$40.00 entry fee will compete in a double elimination tournament. Those eliminated can join in "around the world" while the tournament continues. **Bob Turco** will run the tournament and present the awards to the top 3 players. The "after party" will be at the **Windy City Inn**, Irving and Oakley (2 drinks and pizza included in your entry fee, cash bar after that).

The tournament is open to all alumni so spread the word to your team mates and former opponents. Already signed up are **Bill Abplanalp, Arp Horvath, Jim Kartheiser, Jim McNulty, Joe Miceli and Rich Paschall**. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new table and some new equipment for the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club game room. Send your \$40.00 to the Club to reserve your spot. Credit cards can now be accepted in person at the Clubhouse or over the phone.

NBGC ALUMNI MEEETING

The NBGC Alumni Association, under the leadership of president **Rich Paschall** (Tarantulas, 1960's), holds quarterly meetings throughout the year. Alumni from all eras are invited to attend. The meetings have focused on increasing alumni participation, locating "lost alumni" and planning events such as the **Bob Turco Ping Pong Open**, two **Cubs rooftop outings** and a **Golf outing**. Alumni interested in participating can e-mail Rich at rjp69@comcast.net or contact Bill Abplanalp (BillNBGC@aol.com) or Jim McNulty (NBGC1931@aol.com). The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 14th** at 7:00 p.m.

NBGC 2007 GOLF OUTING HEADS UP AND FORE!

The **37th Annual Golf Outing**, sponsored by the Alumni Association, will be held **Sunday July 22nd** at the beautiful **Cog Hill Golf and Country Club** which is located in Lemont Illinois. The first Tee Times will start off at Noon. Something new this year will be the ability to play on any of the four courses. Cost will include green fee and dinner. Dinner can also be purchased alone at \$40. Courses 1 and 3 will cost \$125. Course 2 is a more difficult course and will cost \$150. Course 4, the site of previous **Western Open PGA tournaments** is one of the premier and most difficult Chicago courses and will cost \$200. Deduct \$25 for golf only. The prices reflect the fee structure we received from Cog Hill and reflect the quality and demand the golf courses receive. A limited number of course #2 and Course # 4 foursomes will be available on a first come first paid basis.

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Founded By Robert Buehler and Richard Valentin in 1931 for Carl Buehler



NBGC 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED



The 2007 NBGC Board of Directors were elected by the corporate membership on January 17th. The Board is comprised of one third current parents, one third alumni members and one third businesspeople, friends and neighbors. The group usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month to oversee the affairs of the non-profit corporation.

The Board has a number of committees that work together to keep the Club functioning and growing. Those committees are: **Family Fest, Finance, Marketing & Public Relations, Nominating & Board Development, Personnel, Program, Property, Resource Development, Riverview Music Festival, Scholarship and Technology.** Parents and friends are welcome to join a committee. If you are interested, please contact Rene Torres or Jim McNulty.

The new officers include President **Mike Brundidge**, Vice-President **Jim Gallery**, Treasurer **John Chambers** and Secretary **Julie Dakers**. The remaining members are Jovi Argumedo, Vicki Bauer-Spivey, Nancy Behrendt, Richard Brandon, Jim Coffman, Paul Dolan, Robbie Ehrhardt, Andy Ekern, Julie Fierro, Jean Goerner, Paul Goerner, Jr., Paul Goerner, Sr., Luke Howe, Pat Kane, Jim Kartheiser, Jim Lunkes, Jack Lydon, Jim McGuire, Allan Mellske, Mary Nickels, Gloria Ottesen, Rich Paschall, Robert Pattullo, Herb Preiner, Sr., Ron Prokaski, Kelly Przytulski, Bob Scheffler, Ricardo Solis, Jamie Tipton, Tom Van Den Bosch, Donald Wilhelm and Fares Zanayed. If you have an idea or concern you cannot share with the Staff, please feel free to contact a Board Member.

YOUR WILL COULD BE A WAY TO HELP THE YOUTH AT NBGC

Occasionally an alum tells us, "I wish I could do something financially to help the programs at the NBGC, but my cash is low right now."

If this is your situation, there is a way you can help significantly, without any money leaving your bank account. It is putting the NBGC in your will. Talk of a will can strike alarm in some people, but it need not. You can designate a percentage of your estate to go to the NBGC after other obligations are covered. That percentage does not have to be large. Whatever amount, it will mean support for the boys and girls at NBGC after your lifetime.

Understandably, your first concern in estate planning is taking care of your loved ones. But once that is done, there may still be an opportunity to do something to help the kids at NBGC experience what you were able to enjoy when you were a member.

I'm sure your accountant, attorney or financial planner can assist you in accomplishing this type of support for the NBGC.

ALUMNI E-MAILS REQUESTED

If you have an e-mail address (it is the 21st century!) we would like to add it to our database. With all the events and news that happen here at the NBGC, we would like to be able to keep our alums up to date instantly. We can do that easily through e-mails. We realize that e-mail addresses change and keeping us in the loop will enable us to keep you informed.

In the email, could you please help us update our database with your address, phone number(s), the years you were a member and on what team(s) you played. We are always looking for our alums to help us find other alums. If you are still in contact with any NBC/NBGC'ers, please forward to us any information you have on them. We can verify the info against our database. PLEASE HELP US WITH THIS REQUEST.

Moving into the future, we would like to begin e-mailing the Alumni Chatter. Please send your e-mail address to either **Jim McNulty** at NBGC1931@aol.com or to **Bill Abplanalp** at BillNBGC@aol.com.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies will match an employee's charitable contribution to a non-profit organization, like the NBGC. All you need to do is ask your employer! The following is a list of alumni and the companies who have matched their gifts.

Charles Sachs	Abbott Fund
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Jim Nykol	Safeco Insurance Co.
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Robert Peskac	Unilever Best Foods
George Stancak	World Reach Inc.

If we have accidentally missed you and your company, please let us know.

Did you also know that many corporations have a philanthropic budget that give monetary or in-kind gifts to non-profit organizations, like the NBGC. All we ask from our alums is that you ask your employer if they do any philanthropic giving. You might be surprised how this one little question can help fund the many programs we offer at the NBGC.

GOLF OUTING AT COG HILL - from page 1

Reservations can be made through the club by calling Chris with your credit card number starting March 15th.

THE COURSES

Interesting layouts and well-conditioned courses have lured golfers to Cog Hill for over 70 years. With four regulation courses, Cog Hill tests players at all levels. Courses #1 and #3 tend to be gently rolling, wooded and with mostly elevated greens. They range from very tight to fairly open. There is also a blend of lengths requiring a range of shot making ability. Courses #1 and #3 have enough sand, woods and water to test the accomplished player, but not to punish the beginner.

Course #2 (Ravines) is a very sporty, championship caliber course. Three new holes, a par 3, par 4 and par 5, were constructed for the U.S. Amateur Championship and when substituted for the usual par 3, 4 and 5, are known as the tournament setting. They also permit a hole to be rotated in and out for construction or repair. Course #2 is every bit a championship course with tree-lined fairways, ravines, water, sand and testing greens.

Course #4 (Dubsdread) has been ranked nationally since it opened in 1964. It is known not only for its demands on shot making, but for its vast displays of natural beauty. Tight landing areas combined with heavily bunkered, large, undulating greens make the course a test for the best. It is here that the Western Open is has been played. The PGA Tour will be back on this course in 2007 for the BMW Championship, which is a playoff tournament for the new Fed EX Cup.

More info on Cog Hill can be found at <http://www.coghillgolf.com/index.html>. Check www.nbgc.org after March 15th for additional info. As part of this fund raising event, we will have raffle prizes, hole in one prizes, and the ability to purchase dinner only or golf only packages. We will keep you updated with more info in the future.

FREE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

The law firm of **Morici, Figlioli and Associates**, a long time friend and supporter of the NBGC, led by alum **Jim Morici** (Cougars, 1960's), will begin providing no cost legal consultations at the NBGC on **January 23, 2007** from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month thereafter. Come in for a free confidential visit with an attorney (one on one) in all legal areas including personal injury, workman's compensation, automobile collision, wills, trusts, estates and real estate. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 312-372-9600.

FREE TICKETS TO NCAA REGIONAL OPEN PRACTICE DAY!

The Big Ten Conference is hosting the **NCAA Regional Open Practice Day** at the United Center and we have *free tickets!* The event features all of the college basketball teams seeded to play in the Chicago Regional of the NCAA Tournament. You'll be able to watch them practice and get ready for their big game. It takes place on **Thursday, March 15th between Noon and 7:00 p.m.** There will be a lot of activities free shirts and other free stuff! If you would like some tickets, talk to **Rene, Tim or Phil.**

YEARBOOK AVAILABLE

A must-have keepsake for all alumni and friends - a 75th Anniversary Yearbook - was delivered to the Clubhouse in January and they have been flying out the door! This collection of memories and photographs spanning the decades is the first-ever attempt to document the history of the organization.

There is a section on each decade filled with historical facts and dozens of photographs. Many of these photos have not been seen in decades, if ever! All total there are 80 pages and more than 300 photos. You will be taken back in time to the early days of the NBC. See photos of **Robert Buehler**, **Dick Valentin**, baseball field 3 when there was a grandstand, the "old clubhouse", the original **Victor building**, our **World War II servicemen**, the old **NBC bus**, Robert Buehler on the "Ducks", **Jack Pittges** officiating the Thanksgiving Football Classics, the ground breaking for the "new clubhouse", **Rich Brandon** without a moustache, **Jim McNulty** with hair, **Bonnie Werstein** with pom pons and MORE!

This historic collection is available now for just \$40.00 (plus shipping and handling if unable to pick up at NBGC). Only 500 copies are being printed and we already have orders for 127 books. To order this special keepsake, just call **Chris Prokaski** at (773) 463-4161 or e-mail chris@NBGC.org.

ROBERT BUEHLER TRIBUTE VIDEO AVAILABLE

The highlight of the 75th Anniversary dinner was a video tribute to our founder, **Robert Buehler**. The video was also played at the November 19th memorial service and throughout the day on Thanksgiving.

This heartfelt tribute video, produced by **Looking Back Productions**, is available for a limited time for \$25.00. The video chronicles the life, times and vision of a great man. To order this special keepsake, just call **Chris Prokaski** at (773) 463-4161 or e-mail chris@NBGC.org.

UPDATING OUR RECORDS

Many of our Alumni Chatters do not reach our alums direct because we still have their parent's address. **Parents, please help us reach our alumni more directly** by passing along a current address. We will be happy to continue mailing a copy to your home. Please call **Chris Prokaski**, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, at (773) 463-4161, or e-mail chris@NBGC.org. Thanks for helping us keep our records current!

NEXT ISSUE IN JUNE

If you have any news for the next "Chatter" please submit it by May 15th. If you can e-mail your news, please direct it to NBGC1931@aol.com. The Alumni Chatter is printed in September, December, March and June.



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Your generous support allows us to continue offering boys football, basketball, floor hockey, baseball and softball, girls soccer, basketball, floor hockey, volleyball and softball, a younger children's Discovery Program, Summer Enrichment, Leader Program, Scholarship Program and more, free of membership fees to the 1,200 girls and boys who participate in one or more programs. *Just think what the Alumni Association could do for the kids if each contributor brought in one new contributor!*

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HOW TO MINIMIZE FAMILY UPHEAVAL AND AVOID YOUR WILL BEING CONTESTED



Reprinted with permission of the Planned Giving Pulse **How to Minimize Family Upheaval and Avoid Your Will Being Contested:**

1. Get expert legal advice to protect your interests. In addition to ensuring your will is valid, the legal counsel could insert explanation clauses that articulate the reasons behind the wording of the will.

2. Anticipate who might contest your will. Who might challenge the content? Those who feel they should have been included, those who didn't get as much as they thought they should, or those who have restrictions around their receipt of the bequest.

3. Pre-plan your own funeral. Pre-planning alleviates the burden placed on your family and friends and allows you to make a meaningful decision. It also protects you against inflation. In addition, it can save you money because those making arrangements at the time of your death may feel obliged to spend more money.

4. Make a decision on organ donation: Make your wishes known to your family. They could face added stress if they have to deal with this request at the time of death.

5. Minimize the amount in your estate.

- o Deplete the value of the estate covered by the will by dedicating beneficiaries for RRSPs, RRIFs and life insurance
- o Have joint ownership of the bank accounts and/or property
- o Set up living trusts or testamentary trusts
- o Consider gifting to others while you are still alive

6. Reasons for Gifting While You Are Alive

- o A family member needs financial help now
- o It gives you the pleasure to see them enjoying it while you are still alive
- o It prevents family from fighting over it

7. Some ways to do this include:

- o Contribute to RESP's for children and/or grandchildren
- o Change to co-ownership with family members

Vacation Properties: One of the most contentious issues is often what will happen to the family cottage or vacation property. There are a number of options including:

1. Transfer ownership to a child. The cottage can stay in the family much longer before the capital gains tax is triggered at the time of someone's death. However; you need to decide which child or children to transfer the property to. What if the child's marriage dissolves in the future? Will family law legislation exempt the vacation home from a marriage settlement? Should you keep ownership as a safeguard against inflation? For example, you could sell the property later, invest the proceeds and live on the income.

2. Transfer ownership to a trust. This keeps the ownership one step removed from your child. Terms could include your right to occupy the cottage for the rest of your life and that you are the income beneficiaries. The Capital beneficiaries will be the children. After the parents' death the trust is dissolved and ownership will be transferred to the children in equal shares. No capital gains will arise on the parent's death.

Things to keep in mind:

- o If thinking of selling or changing ownership, talk it over with your family before you act.
- o If planning to leave the property to one or more kids, discuss plans with all the children now to avoid hard feelings
- o if planning to leave the property under joint ownership, think it over carefully.

NBGC CHANGES FISCAL YEAR

Effective January 1, 2007, the NBGC fiscal year has changed to a calendar fiscal year. The decision, based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, passed unanimously at the December 20, 2006 meeting. Previous to this the fiscal year ran September 1st through August 31st. Alumni dues contributions made between September 1st and December 31st, 2006, will expire December 31, 2007 as will those made since January 1, 2007.



There are many ways to donate to the NBGC other than with a cash contribution. In kind gifts also make a great difference. The gift may be the time it takes to repair our hockey boards, mount a hand towel dispenser, troubleshoot our network system, donated tickets to a high school, college, minor league or professional sporting event, raffle prizes, equipment and office supplies for the kids' programs and much more. Thanks to the NBGC Friends listed below for making recent in kind gifts.

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NEW PHONE TECHNOLOGY AT NBGC
By: Mike Hammet, Intelligent Computing Solutions

We all know how phone service works, or at least we think we do. You pick up your phone, push some buttons, someone else's phone rings, and finally you receive a big bill later. Wait, what? Big bill? Yes, few of us realize just how much we're paying for features like caller ID.

The Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club realized that they were paying more for their phone service than they should. As with most businesses, their existing system was outdated and this became a problem. If the company that made their phone system is still around, getting a technician out to perform any changes or maintenance could be a difficult and/or expensive task. If your system can be expanded, and you can find the equipment to do so, it is more than likely going to be expensive. While a home user isn't usually faced with the multitude of maintenance and expansion problems that a business faces, they both share the problem of paying too much for their phone services.

The NBGC expressed to Intelligent Computing Solutions their desire to get something more for less. ICS used their knowledge of VoIP systems to help do just that. VoIP is an acronym for Voice Over Internet Protocol, or in more common terms, phone service over the Internet. If you have a high speed Internet connection, you can get your phone service through that existing connection instead of from your local phone company. An Internet phone service typically costs 50% less than traditional service from an industry leader. ICS provides adapters to interface with the phones already in your home or business. If you choose to take advantage of the new technology we have to offer, ICS can provide phones that plug right into your existing home or business network. If you would like to replace your existing PBX, we can provide you with a VoIP PBX that has more features and far more expandability than your old system.

ICS is eager to bring this new technology, and the cost savings it delivers, to more homes and businesses in Northern Illinois. In doing so you help the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club in the form of a referral credit with each sale. For more information on ICS, please check out <http://www.ics-il.com>

ALL ALUMNI REUNION AT THE NBGC FAMILY FEST!

The 4th Annual Jack Pittges "All Alumni Reunion" will take place on the opening night of the NBGC Family Fest on **Wed. June 27th**, and you are invited! Jack Pittges started this idea in 2004 when he recruited 14 of his friends from the 40's. They reminisced for hours and had a great time! *Why should only the guys from the 40's have a great time!* We will have live music and some specials for our alumni, so circle that date on your calendar!

The annual NBGC Family Fest and Carnival will be held from **Wed. June 27th through Sun. July 1st** on the old Victor parking lot behind Revere Park. This is our **BIGGEST FUNDRAISER** of the year, with all of the proceeds going to support the boys and girls programs. We'll have unlimited ride specials, as well as the MEGAPASS. The MEGAPASS is just \$45.00 (until June 20th, then \$50.00) and allows for unlimited rides during the entire 33 hours the Fest is open to the public! Our food selections include the NBGC Moms' Club Food Tent, Funnel Cakes and more!

There are also opportunities for alumni to support and sponsor the event. Many alums, including **Andy Lawrence, The Lunkes Family, Ald. Gene Schultzer, John Byrne, The Cooney Family, Frank Hashimoto, The Dan Buino Family, The Tom Ward Family, Bob Seablom, Jim Morici, Rich Paschall, Ron Bergman, Dennis Rued, Steve Stauber, Tom Kelly, Jim Kartheiser and The Duckmann Family** have sponsored booths, raffle prizes, booth merchandise and other promotions in recent years. Sponsoships start at \$50.00.

Volunteers are always needed! We need game barkers, ticket sellers, beverage pourers, food servers and chefs! We also need game players, ticket buyers, beverage drinkers and food eaters! Maybe a business you support, or your employer, would like to sponsor the Ham & Bacon booth, the Moms' Club's Food Tent or the Dunk Tank or would like to donate some prizes, merchandise, supplies or services. If you are interested in sponsoships, donating or volunteering, please call or e-mail Jim McNulty (NBGC1931@aol.com) or Chris Prokaski (chris@NBGC.org,)(773) 463-4161.

YOU & ME NEWS

Russ Koepke called from Tennessee recently where he and his wife reside in a retirement community of 7,000. Russ was the NBC Program Director in 1938 and 1939. He graduated from Loyola University and is 89 years old. Russ mentioned that Loyola is building a new dormitory dedicated to **Father Ray Baymhart**, the longest serving president in the history of the university.

Mike Gschwind (1960's) is now the VP of Sales and Marketing at Bodine Electric.

Congratulations to **Tony Ramirez** (Vikings, 1980's) and his wife, **Katrina**, on the February 17th birth of their first child, son **Aden Jose Ramirez**.

Dennis Cotter (1940's-50's) remembers many great times and great friends at NBC, Our Lady of Mercy grammar school and DePaul Academy. Dennis has been playing Senior Softball since 1995, and is looking forward to the 2007 season in his 70 and older league! Among his memories were great times with **Jerry, Jim and Ray Baumhart, Len Ratskoff, Irv Huber, Roc Olson, Willie Lindahl, George Amend, John McDonald, George Bauer, Irv Pfaff, Charlie Consideine, Tom and Art Roth, Eugene Abraham, Ed Meyer, Ray Germann, Ray Grund, Ray Donner, Grant Dace, Dick Drehobl and Gene Wuestenfeld**.

Dick Drehobl (1940's) is the owner of **Lincoln Square Lanes** and was featured in a February 15th Chicago Tribune article on bowling. Lincoln Square Lanes, located above a hardware store at 4874 N. Lincoln Ave. opened in 1918 and is the oldest bowling alley in Chicago. Among the things Dick has done to revitalize bowling in the area is to host private evening parties and feature live music on weekends.

Hap Nannen (Ramblers, 1930's) wrote that Robert Buehler and Dick Valentin gave him his first job as a Leader in 1932. He eventually went to Victor Adding Machine and became head on the Subcontract Engineering Dept., working on the Norden Bombsight.

Congratulations to **Brian Waslik** (Falcons, 1990's) who was named to the Pioneer Press Chicago Group All Area team. Brian played football at Lane Tech.

This missed our last issue. **John Manning** hosted a fundraiser at his business, **Windy City Inn** at Irving Park and Oakley, last September. The event raised over \$15,000.00 to purchase stronger helmet liners to protect our Marines in Iraq. John, we salute you!

The family of **Jim Pease** (1931, Reveres & Ghosts) wrote that he still talks frequently of his great times at, and the impact of, the NBC.

Bill Ozanne (Aces, 1930's) grew up in the Irving and Whipple area. Now 81, he lives in Wilmington, NC. He enjoyed playing soccer and remembered the Aces winning the softball tournament one year. He also wonders if any of his teammates are still around.

REMEMBERING JIM BAUMHART

By Jim McNulty

The NBGC lost a great man, and a great friend, last November 12th when James E. Baumhart passed away. Jim was 66 years old and had battled cancer for several years. His wife, Barbara, said that his death was unexpected. Jim had been working at home the day before he died and was set to fly to Houston for a new, experimental treatment before Thanksgiving. Jim and the Baumhart clan all attended the 75th anniversary dinner just three weeks earlier. In fact, he was very proud of the NBGC banner he had purchased and could not wait to hang it up at home.

Jim's battle started with major surgery in October of 2003. There were complications and he was in a coma for ten days. I remember Barbara telling me that Jim went under with the Cubs leading the Marlins in that infamous playoff series, and came out of it only to hear that the Cubs had lost. Unlike the rest of us, Jim did not have to watch and agonize during that collapse. He gradually regained his strength and was looking forward to getting back on the golf course.

Jim's had a long career with the Better Business Bureau, starting in 1964. He worked his way up through the ranks and spent the last 17 years as president. It was there that Jim and Barbara first met.

In 1984, Jim founded our Scholarship Program. Because of his support and great vision, more than 70 students have received college tuition scholarships. Over those years, 25 of the students have graduated from college, three with Master's degrees, and more than 40 of them are either in college or still in high school. One of Jim's greatest achievements is this program, the profound impact it has made on our Leaders and Staff and will continue to make for future generations.

IN MEMORIAM - ALUMNI & FRIENDS

<p>Albert Joseph Klein, Pioneers 1930's, September 27, 2006 John M. Otto, Jr., December 31, 2006 Jeff Otto, 1960's-70's, December 31, 2006 Kathy Shapiro, February 10, 2007</p>

YOU & ME NEWS - continued

Gordie Falknor (Wings, 1938-45) recently wrote that he was a Gold Star Award winner. Unfortunately, he lost his ring one day later. He is now retired, 77 years old, and resides in Omand Beach, FLA. He raised 3 sons, 3 daughters and has been blessed with 20 grandchildren. He spent 35 years in pediatric medicine, then spent 20 years as a pastor.

Jack Semler (Gremlins, 1940's) wrote that he enjoyed the wonderful article that **Rich Paschall** did for the Fall Alumni Chatter. He enjoyed playing all of the sports at NBC, track meets and the pool at Cal Park.

Ben Hillfman (Trojans, 1930's) recalled that **Bill Krienitz**, who worked for **Robert Buehler** at Victor's, was instrumental in the early years of NBC's development. Ben also remembered paying dues of 2 cents a week to play in the clubhouse.

ALUMNI APPEAL CONTINUES

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