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73 Years of Service

Alumni



Chatter

WHY THE NEXT DECADE BELONGS TO PLANNED GIVING JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON JOIN THE NBGC BEQUEST CIRCLE

It is timely to pause and take an informed look at the future of Gift Planning in North America and here at the NBGC.

Overall, the last decade in fund raising has shown little net gain in revenues raised. Close inspection to gross United States' numbers shows that after inflation is taken into account, totals have remained relatively flat. Annual fund raising is actually decreasing against inflation. There are an ever increasing number of organizations pursuing a limited amount of available funding at a growing cost of doing business. This trend will continue.

Special event fund raising is becoming more and more difficult to produce, increasing net funding. Only unique and larger events are expanding annually and the special event arena has become very crowded. There is little prospect for any significant growth. Corporate fund raising is actually declining. The heightened competition for shrinking dollar base has made corporate giving an unlikely growth area within the sector.

Major gift fund raising (larger gifts by individuals) has shown dramatic growth in the last decades (this is an area that we are trying to capitalize on at the NBGC) and in many ways it could be said that major gift fund raising has dominated the arena over the last decade, but what lies ahead? There are massive campaigns underway in almost all sectors of the charitable marketplace that far outstrip this potential philanthropic capability. We have the pronounced phenomenon of an ever-increasing demand seeking major gifts from a comparatively static number of givers. There is some growth left in this area of fund raising but this growth will peak in a short time if it has not already. I strongly urge all alums to consider this increased form of giving in this New Year.

Planned Giving, on the other hand, has shown increasing growth over the last ten years, recently at 10% annually (Giving USA) and a close examination of its potential demonstrates that there is vast untapped growth for the future.

Broad-based research in the general North American population has always shown tremendous potential of gifts from assets. It is important to remember that simple bequests are the overwhelming choice for Planned Gifts. Eighty-nine per cent (NCPG, 2000) of U.S. Planned Gifts are bequests – **uncomplicated transfer of assets upon death**. In 2000 the NCPG research reported that 8% of Americans had included a charity in the will and another 14% were considering it *without being asked*. The comparative number in 1992 was 5.91% in the will already.

Well, we at the NBGC are asking... would you consider this option as a potential avenue of future revenue for the boys and girls at our club? We are hoping to unveil in the near future a "NBGC Bequest Circle" for those that see this type of planned giving as a viable avenue of revenue. Please call Bill Abplanalp at the NBGC for any additional information or if you have any questions.

75TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

By: Bill Abplanalp

Our diamond anniversary is coming in 2006! Plans for this gala event are under way. WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT! Please give us your ideas on any of the following. You can mail – 2501 W. Irving Pk. Rd. Chicago IL. 60618, fax – 773-463-5392 or email BillNBGC@aol.com your ideas on:

- √ Date of event – October or ?
- √ Theme? (65th was "Handing off to the Future"; 70th was "Teamwork in the New Millennium")
- √ Banquet Hall?
- √ Cash Bar only?
- √ Ticket prices to cover our costs only; or build in a profit?
- √ Should the NBGC members put on a performance?
- √ Should we sell the 100 squares board again?
- √ Should we have a Silent Auction?
- √ Do we need a DJ/Music?
- √ Do we need a Guest Speaker?
- √ Should we have one person from each era give a short talk?
- √ If so whom would you suggest?
- √ Would you like to be on a committee?
- √ Would you like to sell a table? (We can supply names and addresses)
- √ Do you have any memories or thoughts about the NBC/NBGC you want to share?
- √ Other thoughts?

Your immediate response would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Bill Abplanalp or Jim McNulty at 773-463-4161

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

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.

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Joe Prybell	World Reach Inc./ Cardinal Health
George Stancek	World Reach Inc.
Ray Sugrue	Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

(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 gives monetary or in-kind gifts to non-profit organizations, like the NBGC. All we ask from our alums is to 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.

These are the Foundations and Corporations who are currently supporting the NBGC programs:

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NBGC COMMUNITY DIRECTORY AD CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY!

For over 50 years the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club has printed a Community Directory. You may have volunteered to help deliver the booklet in recent years. The book contains ads from local businesses as well as those of alums, parents and friends. Last year's ad book generated over \$13,000.00 to support the programs.

We are asking our alumni, parents and friends to help on this project. We need help from people with the knack of salesmanship who might visit the many new businesses in the area with a directory packet. And anytime you frequent a local business, ask if they would consider an ad. **If you have your own business, consider supporting the Community Directory or asking your company to consider an ad.** The ads range from \$40.00 to \$300.00 and all of the proceeds go to a good cause - your kids! For information call or e-mail **Sharon Clement (sclement@NBGC.org)** or **Jim McNulty (NBGC1931@aol.com)** at (773) 463-4161.

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Polk Bros. Foundation, Chicago Board of Trade, Cubs Care, Sulzer Family Foundation, AT & T, Children's Care Foundation, LaSalle National Bank, IBM, Citigroup Foundation, Chambers Family Memorial Fund, Levi Strauss Foundation, Foresters, Day Care Action Council, Comcast Foundation



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Please let us know when you move so we can update our mailing list. Just call **Sharon Clement**, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, at 773-463-4161 or e-mail the info through www.NBGC.org. Thanks!

QUESTIONS...COMMENTS...IDEAS???

We welcome your input. Call Jim McNulty or Bill Abplanalp at the Club, (773) 463-4161. If you have news items for the Alumni Chatter please mail them to the Club or e-mail Jim McNulty at NBGC1931@aol.com.

THANK YOU COMCAST!

The 4th Annual Comcast Cares Day was held last Fall. Close to 30,000 Comcast employees and their families volunteered to impact over 284 communities nationwide, contributing over 180,000 man hours. NBGC was one of the lucky organizations that benefited from this program.

The service day was organized by NBGC Board member **Robbie Ehrhardt**. Many cleaning, painting and landscaping projects were completed, giving the clubhouse a much-needed face lift. The local **Menards**, on Clybourn, donated \$3,000.00 for supplies.

After the event, the **Comcast Cares Foundation** made a \$1,230.00 contribution to the Club in recognition of the positive difference we make in the community.

IN MEMORIAM

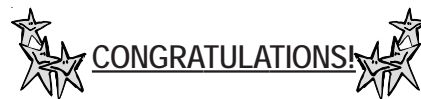
Owen C. Tully, Dragons, 1930's
October 20, 2004

John Gill, November 2004

Margaret Victorine, Moms' Club, 1960's
November 1, 2004

Dick Gould, Dads' Club, 1960's
December 12, 2004

Mary Jane Hoellen, January 7, 2005



After our last issue, Lane Tech and Walter Payton high schools met for the city 16" boys softball championship. This was their third straight meeting in the title game. The first two years saw Lane Tech come out on top, but this year belonged to Payton. They won a nail-biter 5-4. Their team included NBGC Leaders **Sean Gschwind** and **Elliott Gschwind** and alums **Sean O'Connell**, **Ryan Sechrest** and **Ben Nadel**.

**NBGC MOMS' CLUB
SPAGHETTI DINNER
SAT. APRIL 30TH
4:00 - 8:00 P.M.**

YOU & ME NEWS

By: Jim McNulty

I ran into **Thomas Perkins** (Cougars, Bees 1980's) in November. Thomas lives on Maplewood with his wife, **Anne Marie**, and their 15 month old daughter, **Lillian**. Thomas still plays Sunday Morning Hoops at Revere Park. He also donated a load of plywood and lumber for the Christmas Tree Sale.

It was great to meet **Mike Sedlack** (1940's) at the Christmas Tree Sale. Mike grew up at Irving Park and Hamilton and now lives at Leland and Sacramento. Mike meets **Rich Brandon** regularly for coffee.

Thanks to **Art Geschrey** (Centipedes, 1950's) for donating some custom made rubber stamps. Art's business, **Liberty Rubber Stamp**, is located in Portland, OR. If you are interested in ordering any products, e-mail him at stampit@ipinc.net.

NBGC alumni are everywhere! We had a section of bleachers delivered in December and the driver was **Mike Ortman** (Tigers, 1960's)!

Jack Leske (Ravens, Wings 1940's) sent a note with his annual donation. "It was the summer of 1938 and Dick Valentin was giving out team numbers. He assigned number 77 to the Ravens (from Ravenswood), and mentioned that he expected great football from this team because it was the same number that Red Grange wore. We were so young and naive; they thought Grange was a cowboy!"

Walter Marbach (Marines, Midgets 1940's) sent a note with his annual contribution. He remembered the Club as a wonderful time in his life and mentioned friends **Robert Emmerich**, the late **Frank Munch**, **Charley Oliva**, **Sam Cassota**, **Bud Clark**, **Leo Herkert**, **Max Snider**, **Don** and **Ray Schaefer**, **Kem Lewan** and **Henry Hanrath**.

Jean Broll Cook stopped by in December to thank **Sharon Clement** for locating an alum's phone number. She was involved in the Moms' Club's plays with **Sue Fahey** and the late **Geri Vogel**. Her brother, **Bill Gorman**, played on the Apaches in the 1940's and was a teammate of alum **Mike Panitch**.

Carlos Mendoza (Spartans, 1990's) is a senior at DePaul University. He is majoring in Finance with a minor in Marketing and will graduate this year. Carlos is an intern for Comcast. He is also a former Leader, Staff member and scholarship recipient.

I had a nice conversation with **Brenda Weigelt-Fowler** near Thanksgiving. She sponsors refreshments for the Classics in memory of her late husband, **Johnnie Weigelt**. Football players from the 1960's and 70's will remember that Mr. Weigelt, who owned a banquet hall at Damen and Byron, provided the hot chocolate and coffee (and white pants for the officials) for the day.

Dr. Jim Caudell (Dragons, 1960's) retired four years ago and has moved to Afton, OK. He remembered many fun times with teammates **Steve Hoffman**, **Jim Lancaster** and **Tom Valentin**, as well as some trips out west with Dick Valentin.

Lowell Kohlrust (Demons, Jets 1940's) enjoyed seeing the reunion photo of the front page of the last issue. He wrote, "How come I look so young and all those other guys look so old?"

Eve DelMonte wrote a short note around the Turkey Bowl. Her son, **Dan** (Bees, 1990's) is a sophomore at Carroll College (alma mater of **Jim Stahl**, Wasps, 1960's, and former QB at Carroll) in Waukesha, WI. He is a running back. Her husband **Mike**, who coached at NBGC, is an assistant coach at Highland Park High School. She added, "Thanks for keeping them both busy and out of trouble all those years! They have turned out okay thanks to the programs you offered!"

The New Year has brought great news to the Gudella Family. **Tom Gudella** (Locusts, 1990's) is an Army Ranger. He has just finished a second tour of duty in Iraq. He is now in Kuwait and will be home on leave in mid-March. Later this year Tom will be instructing at West Point. Congratulations, Tom, and thanks for your many sacrifices.

Bob Pattullo (Leopards, 1960's) was selected to serve as a poll watcher in Wisconsin for the Presidential Election. Bob is an attorney for **Rock, Fusco and Garvey**. Bob served on our Board for many years, is a past president and current advisory member.

TJ Doherty informed us of the passing of his godfather, **Owen Tully**. His dad, **Russ Doherty**, and Owen were among the original group of Claremont Ave. kids to join the Club in the 1930's.

Many of us at the Club were sad to hear of the recent passing of **Cara Dunne Yates** at age 34. She visited the Club in 2000 and inspired the kids with her story. Cara battled cancer since the age of one. In spite of her handicap, she learned to ski and cycle. She won numerous medals in competitions, including the Paralympic Games.

It was great to visit with **Bob Noesen** in early January. I remember Bob from scouting at St. Ben's, Pack 3865. Bob's sons Larry, Mike, Don and Glenn were members between the 1960's and 80's.

Bill Bongartz (Tigers, 1950's) and his wife, **Stephanie**, own a business in Laguna Hills, CA, called **Bongo Ink**. They donated a bunch of toys and games for our November fundraiser. Bongo Ink is a very diverse and unique business. You can visit their website, www.bongoink.com.

Congratulations to **Debbie Groh** on her promotion to Supervisor at Gladstone Park on Chicago's northwest side. Debbie is the daughter of **Jean and Paul Goerner** (Demons, Raiders 1940's). Her brothers, **Paul and Scott**, were members of the Locusts in the 1970's-80's.

Donald Shoard (1940's) stopped by the Club in December. He resides in Studio City, CA and was visiting family. It was his first visit back to the "old neighborhood" since 1943. Don was a Navy radio man on a destroyer and served in the 82nd airborne infantry. He still remembers the Coonley School fight song!

That was actually **Bill Lindahl**, not **Louie Klauck**, in the front page reunion photo of the last Alumni Chatter. Sorry Bill!

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The following alumni, parents and friends made contributions to the NBGC during the fiscal year September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004. **If you were unintentionally omitted from the list, please accept our apologies** and give Sharon a call at (773) 463-4161 so we can correct this in the next issue. **Thank you to everyone who supported the Club during the 2003-04 year.** *Your contributions make a difference!*

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, Karate, Summer Enrichment, Leader Program, Scholarship Program and more, free of membership fees to the 1,100 girls and boys who participate in one or more programs.

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→ **THIS DANCE IS NO APRIL'S FOOL!** ←

The NBGC and the Dad's Club would like to remind you to get your ticket today for the **2nd Annual April Fool's Boogie Into Spring Disco Ball!** This great event takes place on Friday, April 1st at Queen of Angels Guild Hall at 4412 N. Western Ave. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the always exciting all-girl band "**Catfight**" warming things up. Then the Main Event features the world-famous titans of disco - "**The Afrodisiacs**"!

Last year's event was a lot of fun for everyone, so get your old 70's wear out of the closet for your chance at winning a prize for best dressed and being crowned this year's Disco King or Dancing Queen! Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door, if available.

For more information of the event, to purchase tickets or to donate a raffle prize just call (773) 463-4161 or e-mail NBGC1931@aol.com.



NBGC FAMILY FEST IN JULY!



The 56th Annual NBGC Family Fest and Carnival will be held from **Wed. July 6th through Sun. July 10th** on the old Victor parking lot, thanks to the **Philip Garoon Family of Basic Wire & Cable**. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year, with all proceeds going toward the boys and girls programs.

There are many ways alumni can participate in the event. **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 you or your business would like to sponsor the Ham & Bacon Game, the Moms' Club's Food Tent or the Dunk Tank. Maybe you can donate some prizes, merchandise, supplies or services. **If you can assist please call Sharon Clement at (773) 463-4161 or e-mail sclement@NBGC.org.**

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NBGC 2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED



The 2005 NBGC Board of Directors were elected by the corporate membership on January 19th. The members are charged with the responsibility of overseeing the affairs of the organizations, guiding it throughout the year, assisting with the funding of the Club and managing the Board committees. If you are interested in joining a committee this year, or the Board next year, call **Jim McNulty** at (773) 463-4161 or e-mail NBGC1931@aol.com.

The officers include chairman **Robert Buehler**, president **Peter Maxfield**, vice-president **Mike Brundidge**, co-treasurers **John Chambers** and **Jim Gallery** and secretary **Mary Nickels**. The remaining members are David Adams, Jovi Argumedo, Vicki Bauer-Spivey, James Baumhart, Nancy Behrendt, Richard Brandon, Paul Dolan, Julie Dakers, Robbie Ehrhardt, Jean Goerner, Paul Goerner, Jr., Paul Goerner, Sr., Pat Kane, James Kartheiser, Peter Krackenberger, James McGuire, Gloria Ottesen, Domenica Pappas, Robert Pattullo, Herb Preiner, Sr., Ron Prokaski, Kelly Przytulski, Arturo Radilla, Ricardo Solis, Jim Swaggerty, Thomas Van Den Bosch, Ken Welsh, Donald Wilhelm and Fares Zanayed.

GET YOUR EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY OR GRADUATION HAM FROM NBGC!

The **NBGC Dads' Club** will be selling hams in March to benefit the boys and girls programs. These delicious Peer Foods hams are fully cooked, spiral cut, smoked and defatted. Orders will be taken between **February 28th and March 18th**. Pick up and payment is on **Wed., March 23rd from 1:00 - 6:30 p.m.** Call Sharon at (773) 463-4161 or e-mail sclement@NBGC.org to order.

YOU & ME - continued

Mr. Basketball of the late 40's visited the NBGC over the holiday. **Ray Germann**, a member of the Raiders, Demons and Hornets in the late 40's, early 50's was in town to visit his old teammate **Paul Goerner, Sr.**, his sister **Roberta**, the wife of **Don "the Czar" Wilhelm** and cousin's **Chuck, Dick and Bob Germann** (also alum's.) Ray holds two records at the Club in the Basketball Achievement Contest. He is the only boy to earn the title of "Mr. Basketball" for 4 years in a row and for 6 consecutive years scored over 2,000 points.

Ray stopped by the club with his old pal Paul Goerner, Sr., took a tour of the clubhouse, looked through some old Monkeyshines and reminisced about his boyhood days at the NBC. Ray is anxiously waiting for the "Monkeyshine Project" to be completed, which is the scanning and downloading ALL the monkeyshines onto the <http://www.nbgc.org/> website. When this project is completed, all alum's will have access to finding information about themselves and their teams during their playing days at the club. It is always a great feeling when alum's stop by the Club for a visit.

ALUMNI APPEAL CONTINUES

One of the key sources of funding for our many programs and services is the generous support of our alumni. Your support is vital to the Club. Since fiscal year started last September 1st, 137 alumni have contributed almost \$16,000.00! You can join this growing list of supporters. Just clip the form below and return it with your check.

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Mission Statement

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This is accomplished through a year round, multifaceted program where "everyone plays". This approach stresses teamwork, sportsmanship, character and leadership - qualities that will build "Better Men and Women".

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