

## Miracle League of Grand Island & WNY Newsletter

November 2013 by Judi Dinsmore

Hi everybody! At our last meeting we opted to try something a little different to keep our information highway open. So here is the first Miracle League of Grand Island & WNY Newsletter. Hopefully it will keep everyone up to date on what's happened, what's going on now and what's coming up!

### Note from President R.J. Wynne:

I would like to thank everyone that helped the Miracle League baseball players have a lot of fun this season!

The ML volunteers that helped sell 50/50 tickets at the September and October Sabres games raised almost \$2,000 for the ML! Thanks to all that were able to help, including over 20 students from D'Youville College at the last game.

The 2013 Grand Island Light Up the Boulevard Electric Parade & Festivities will be held November 23rd at 5 p.m. The ML was asked to participate by entering a float and marching in the parade as an organization. Unfortunately, not enough ML families could commit to staffing the float or marching in the parade because of uncertain weather and the negative impact that cold weather has on their kids. We wish the GI Chamber of Commerce good luck in this fun way to start the Christmas season and would invite our ML families to attend if they can. Last year, my family went to this event and had an enjoyable time. For more information, contact the GI Chamber, or stop by McMahon's Restaurant!

The fundraising committee and event planning committee will be meeting November 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Theodore's Restaurant on Grand Island. They will meet to discuss ideas and draft a calendar of events for 2014.

There will not be a general meeting in November. The Board has met in executive session and will meet again soon to discuss Board positions and various other issues.

As always, please call or email me with any questions or concerns at 773-2943 or [wynnecpas@roadrunner.com](mailto:wynnecpas@roadrunner.com).

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### Note from Commissioner Jeff Hocutt:

The ML had a wonderful season this year filled with a variety of fun baseball games and events. We participated in the Grand Island 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and had a ML float. Another excellent time was the ML Carnival that included a fun-filled day with games, clowns, a dunk tank, basket raffles and many surprises.

Our baseball season was exciting this year! We formed an additional team to accommodate the many new players joining us. Special games included a playing baseball with the Buffalo Sabres, Buffalo Bisons and the Niagara Power Baseball Team. We also had a fun time with our friends from the C.A.P.S. League. After the game, we enjoyed a picnic under the pavilion. Ending our regular season was our annual banquet where we celebrated the many baseball accomplishments our players had during the year.

Many THANKS to everyone that helped make this a successful season - from the many volunteers, coaches, buddies, families, players and many others that truly made this a GREAT year for all!

Thank you to all that celebrated our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Halloween on the field! It was a little cold, but we had fun nonetheless. Take a look at the photos below of our players, coaches and the Niagara University Baseball Team!

I am looking forward to another fun and exciting season next year!

There will be a Thanksgiving Day game at 11am on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the ML field. Dress warm! We will play a ONE inning pick-up game: bundle up - it could be cold!

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Daniel Hocutt won the 160+ lb pumpkin. Way to go Danny!

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### *ML Board Seats Available*

We have a few ML Board seats available. If anyone is interested, please submit your name and the seat you want to be considered for in writing. We have some committees we could use a little help with. Please contact R.J. Wynne if you would be interested. 773-2943 or [wynnecpas@roadrunner.com](mailto:wynnecpas@roadrunner.com). Do you have any talents or time you can donate to our players? Our field? Our league?

### OUR "WISH" LIST...

#### **1. File Cabinet**

The coaches could use a 3-4 drawer file. Take a look in your basement, attic or garage. Maybe you have one laying around that you don't need anymore! It doesn't have to be pretty or huge, it just needs to be better than cardboard box. Give us a call. We can pick it up if needed.

#### **2. Office supplies**

Do you have any extra supplies left from the school year that you don't need?

#### **3. Dugout Cover and Announcers Booth**

Construction Chairman-Dan Drexilius could use a little help. Materials, handy workers or cash assistance is always needed. The dugout cover will help keep our players out of the summer heat. Please give him a call if you can help!

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