

# MIRACLE LEAGUE GRAND ISLAND & WNY

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

by Judi Dinsmore

A few little notes and on to the exciting business to come! Hope all had a family filled Happy Thanksgiving! I know it was a little sad we couldn't follow our traditional game on turkey day but hey, there's always next year right?

Has everyone had a chance to do a drive by our website! Kudos to Tim for doing such a wonderful job! IT IS FINALLY OPERATIONAL! If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a cyber drive through it. ([WWW.MIRACLELEAGUEWNY.ORG](http://WWW.MIRACLELEAGUEWNY.ORG)) Be sure and check out our shopping pages! A percentage of purchases goes to our club! I personally directed Santa over that way for a few of the goodies!

A word from RJ Wynne ([wynnecpas@roadrunner.com](mailto:wynnecpas@roadrunner.com)) President:

Dear Miracle League families,

The First Niagara Foundation recently approved our grant application and will be contributing \$2,500 to the Miracle League this month. Many thanks to First Niagara Bank!

In a previous email, we announced that our website is now associated with the national Miracle League online store. We are able to order clothing items with our local logo now. I ordered my shirt about two weeks ago and it has already arrived. The shirt and local logo look great. Please check out the site for possible holiday gifts.

Speaking of holiday gifts, please consider buying a paver from the Miracle League to be engraved with your message and installed in the spring of 2014. Please see our website for details.

We have been scheduled by the Bandits to work the 50/50 for the game on Friday January 10, 2014. We will need 25 sellers and arrival time should be around 5:30pm as doors open at 6:00pm. Please reply to me if you will be able to sell. We sold tickets for the Bandits game in April of 2013 and earned over \$1,000 for the ML!

A word from Dan Robillard and Dan Drexilius, our Entertainment and Fund Raising Committee:

There will be another meeting January 14th at 7pm at Theodore's to finalize the ML Events calendar. I will have a hand out at that time!

A word from Jeff Holcutt (jeff5388@yahoo.com) our League Commissioner:

Need to be getting some input on a game day for during the week. Many have asked for another day other than Sunday. Send me an email (Jeff5388@yahoo.com) with a week night that works for you.

A word from Jeff Dinsmore, Chair in charge of the Christmas Party:

We need to make sure everyone that wants to come to the Christmas Party signs up by December 9th! We have only 9 players signed up so far. This is a great time to get together and keep in touch with other families. It is also a great time to share ideas, thoughts and tips. Remember, it is FREE for players, and \$9 for other family members and buddies participating in pizza, pop and bowling. Please pay at the door (if you don't want pizza, pop or bowling, it is free to hang out). A head count is important so that we can have a gift from Santa for all!

A word from Carrie Mesmer, regarding the introduction of Gift Certificates:

This year Miracle League of Grand Island and Western New York is offering family, friends and the community, the opportunity to support our players for the upcoming 2014 season! We are offering gift certificates to assist players in covering their registration fees for the upcoming year. If you are a family member or friend of a player this is a great holiday gift idea for your player. We are also encouraging community members to purchase them as well for a player that may not have the funds to pay registration. Although no player is denied ability to play on the basis of financial reasons, this would help Miracle League to continue to provide a fun and safe environment for those with disabilities to play ball. A gift certificate can be mailed to you for you to present/gift to an individual of your choice, or you may designate and Miracle League will notify a player of your gift and provide you with a receipt. The player's cost for a season is \$60, but gift certificates can be purchased in any amount. Please contact Carrie at 773-5651 for further information regarding this special holiday gift idea.

## *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 [wynnepcas@roadrunner.com](mailto:wynnepcas@roadrunner.com). Do you have any talents or time you can donate to our players, our field or our league?

Send us an email if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or issues to [wynnepcas@roadrunner.com](mailto:wynnepcas@roadrunner.com) or [miraclefieldnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:miraclefieldnewsletter@gmail.com)

## *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!

Spread the word! Help us grow Bigger! Stronger! Closer! Give us a shout, find out how you can help. We need your skills to help us grow.

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