

# Miracle League WNY & Grand Island

## January News Letter

by Judi Dinsmore

Happy New Year everybody! Welcome to a super cold start to 2014!

I hope you all had a chance to visit our website ([www.miracleleaguewny.org](http://www.miracleleaguewny.org)) and maybe place an order for a holiday gift! I personally LOVE my hoodie and jacket, and some of the proceeds come right back to our league!

We need 50/50 volunteers for the Bandits game January 10th please contact RJ Wynne ([wynnecpas@roadrunner.com](mailto:wynnecpas@roadrunner.com) or 984-4697).

Also please share the knowledge. Our League offers gift certificates that can be purchased by calling Carrie Mesmer at (716) 773-5651 for more information. This a great idea to assist someone that maybe doesn't think they can afford to play baseball with us! It's also a fantastic way to help fund our players for equipment, special parties or supplies.

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

Dear Miracle League families,

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 need to turn in our list of sellers by January 7th. We sold tickets for the Bandits game in April of 2013 and earned over \$1,000 for the ML! I have made this plea for sellers multiple times. If we do not get enough sellers, we will never be asked again to sell tickets for Sabres or Bandits games again. There is a waiting list of Charitable Organizations wanting to sell tickets. I do not want to lose this opportunity. Please help out if you are able.

Save the date: Tuesday February 25th from 5-10 pm. Dick & Jenny's on Grand Island will donate 20% of the dinner charges that night to the Miracle League. We'll email everyone a voucher next month to be used for just that night to benefit the Miracle League. We thank Dick & Jenny's in advance for this generous offer!

Happy New Year and I look forward to a great year for the Miracle League families!

### **A word from Dan Robillard, Chair Entertainment and Fundraising:**

We are working hard at setting the 2014 scheduling of events and fundraisers. Next open meeting is at Theodore's on January 14th at 6pm.

**A word from Jeff Dinsmore, Chair ML Party Committee:**

Our 1st annual Christmas party was held at Island Lanes on December 14<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended with 63 people. Santa brought some gifts for all the kids and everyone enjoyed 2 hours of bowling, pizza and pop. We hope to have a spring party there, maybe a uniform handout party? Please let us know if you have a party in mind you would like to have. My goal is to keep as many people together as often as we can to help improve the entire organization. Keeping us all close and sharing ideas only helps us grow.

**A word from Teresa Hooper, Chair Playground Committee:**

Christmas came a little early for the Miracle League this year. There was a VERY generous, anonymous donor who gave us a check for \$65,000.00 of which \$60,000.00 will go towards the playground. We also received a matching grant for \$25,000.00 from this donor so we will be working VERY hard to raise our \$25,000.00 to match his \$25,000.00. This money along with the \$40,000.00 already raised at the Carnival last year will enable us to have an AWESOME playground in 2014!! Please see our website for an artist's drawing of our playground.

A meeting will take place at Theodore's on January 9, 2014 at 6:30pm for the playground committee. We will be meeting with a company representative to discuss the options available for the equipment including color choices, possible switching out of different pieces etc. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

Let's start thinking about summer and playing baseball. It is only a few months away...

That does it for this month's updates on past and present events for now! Nothing much has changed on our wish list. We did get a desk for our coaches' office! Hopefully, next month we can update everyone about our board of directors and newly filled seats. Until then, stay warm and think BASEBALL!!