

Spring 2014

{ A New President }

2014 brings a new leader to our board, please welcome Tom Welsh.

Tom has been a member of the CBF board since 2009 and in 2013 was awarded the "John Peyton Memorial Award" for his dedication and support of the RBI Regional's held in Cleveland.



Tom is a partner at Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP, where he has specialized in mergers & acquisitions and general corporate law since 2003. Tom lives in North Royalton with his fiancé Jessica. He is an avid Cleveland sports fan and enjoys playing basketball and golfing. Tom graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Law and earned his B.A. from Miami University.

{ 2014 Season Outlook }

With baseball season right around the corner, the Cleveland Baseball Federation (CBF) is preparing for yet another summer of youth baseball and softball (104th year to be exact)!

This summer we will provide for over 3,500 of Cleveland's youth from ages 5-19, all of course, free of charge! CBF will again have the great opportunity to play host to this year's RBI East Regional Tournament. The Tournament will be July 10-13 with teams arriving on Thursday and Championship games on Sunday. This will be the 3rd year in a row CBF will host RBI All-Star teams from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh as they compete for a spot in the RBI World Series in Grapevine, Texas.

The Cleveland RBI girls will look to make it 6 straight Regional Championships this year, good luck girls! As always, none of this would be possible without the love and support that CBF receives from all of our volunteers and donors. On behalf of the Cleveland Baseball Federation and all the City of Cleveland youth we serve, Thank You!

Friday, June 20, 2014



What is better than summertime and baseball?

Fundraisers, of course! Mark your calendar now for our annual fundraiser at Progressive Field. The Bud Light Party Deck is once again the spot to be to help raise funds for the boys and girls of Cleveland.

The Cleveland Indians take on the Detroit Tigers and they'll light up the night with fireworks afterwards.

Details on how to reserve your seat for this fun event will be coming shortly.



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{ Welcome to the Board }

Michael Bramhall

Michael Bramhall is a civil engineer and land surveyor with over twenty two years of experience in public infrastructure design, construction management, and heavy highway surveying. He has served as Project Engineer/Field Engineer on several large-scale design-build projects throughout the United States.

He is currently the President of Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Co., Inc. Michael earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Cincinnati. He also attended Cleveland State University, taking classes towards a Masters in Water Resources. Michael sits on several other boards, including Lake Ridge Academy School Board, Lorain County Community College Foundation, North Coast Chamber of Commerce and Mercy Hospital Foundation.

Rob Berick

Rob is currently the Managing Director at Falls Communications. For more than 20 years, Rob has provided senior communications counsel to management teams and their boards of directors to develop and execute communications strategies designed to engage investors and enhance value.

Rob is a member of the National Investor Relations Institute, for which he serves as a board member of the Cleveland/Northeast Ohio chapter and has served on the annual national conference program committee. He is on the editorial board of the American Bar Association's Corporate Governance Committee and is a regular contributor for PR News Magazine.

Over the years, Rob has served on numerous civic and non-profit boards. Currently, he is also a trustee for the Menorah Park Foundation. Rob earned a bachelor's degree in Government from St. Lawrence University.

Tyler Mihaila

Tyler is a Director in PwC's Deals practice in Cleveland, OH with over 8 years of experience working with large corporations and private equity clients on transactions in the chemicals, industrial products, technology and retail sectors. Tyler specializes in advising clients in managing complex merger and acquisition due diligence activities, including cross-border transactions, carve-outs, divestitures, contract negotiation support and settlement of post closing adjustments.

Working exclusively in PwC's Deals team since 2008, he has developed deep knowledge of issues facing buyers and sellers, both corporate and private equity, in deals ranging in value from \$10 million to over \$5 billion. In addition to domestic deals, Tyler has significant experience with advising clients and leading teams on cross-border deals in Europe, South America and Asia.

Tyler received a B.S. in Accounting from Miami University in 2005 and is a Certified Public Accountant in Ohio.

Jim Benedict

Jim Benedict is a native Clevelander, having grown up in the Old Brooklyn area near the Cleveland Zoo. His first contact with CBF was playing youth little league at Oak Park located also in Old Brooklyn in the early 1970's. A graduate of St. Ignatius High School, Jim attended Cuyahoga Community College and graduated with a B.A. from Baldwin Wallace University. He also holds a Masters in Accounting from Cleveland State University, and a Juris Doctorate from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He is a CPA and a member of the Ohio Bar.

Jim has over 25 years of healthcare experience and is currently employed as an Executive Director at the Cleveland Clinic. Jim loves to golf, is a certified CYO coach since 1983, has coached travel baseball, and still plays baseball in the Greater Cleveland Adult Baseball League. He resides with his wife in Hinckley, OH.

{ Where Are We? }

Do you want to see us play? Stop by any of our area fields and witness firsthand what your donation is going to. Enjoy all the smiles while you're there! Here are just a few of our locations:

- Morgana Park
- Mohican Park
- Michael Zone Recreation
- Thurgood Marshall
- Luke Easter Park
- Humphry Park
- Gunning Park Recreation Center
- Fairfax Recreation Center
- Estabrook Recreation Center
- Brookside Park
- Tremont Park
- W.C. Reed Park

We have 33 parks and fields in which the kids play on and we're sure there is one near you. Visit our website to find the full listing - cbfkids.org

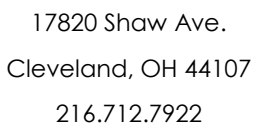


{ Thank You }

We would like to thank all of our volunteers, coaches, parents and partners for helping us keep 3,595 kids off the street and in the parks last season. 95.7% of those participants were from the City of Cleveland.

Through your generosity, 185 teams were able to play baseball/softball free of charge.





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