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A Message from the President

The 2012 baseball season is upon us and it is Cleveland's turn to shine! The number of participants in our leagues continues to grow, our sponsors continue to support us and, wait for it, the RBI Regional tournament is coming to Cleveland in July. The Regionals have been held most recently in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati and now it is our turn. Over 15 teams will descend on our town to play with the championship games to be held on Sunday, July 22nd at Progressive Field. If you have ever wanted to see what we do and how great our kids are, now is your chance. So stay tuned for more details on that. Want more? This year's Annual Benefit will celebrate the Battle of Ohio on June 19. Again, we will be in the Right Field Party Deck at Progressive Field to watch as our Tribe takes on the Cincinnati Reds. So baseball fans, time to get off the couch, out of the house and watch some great baseball - and while you're at it, support the Cleveland Baseball Federation.



Bob Ross, President

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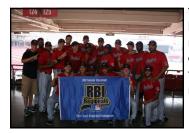
The summer started out with more than 150 boys and girls trying out for three RBI teams; Junior Boys, Senior Boys and Senior Girls.

Once the teams were set, they headed off to Cincinnati, OH at the end of July to compete in the Regional Tournament.

The Senior Boys and Senior Girls defeated Detroit in their

Respective Championship games to advance to the RBI World Series in Minneapolis, MN.

The Senior Girls took their trip first at the beginning of August to compete in several games during the World Series. They made it to the quarter finals and eventually lost to Atlanta.



Senior Boys enjoy their time in Minneapolis for the World Series.

Next, the Senior Boys made their way to Minneapolis to also compete in several games over the weeklong visit. They also made it as far as the quarter finals, to be defeated by Venezuela.

Although neither team brought home the trophy, they did bring home tremendous memories and an experience they won't forget. They certainly made Cleveland proud.

Welcome to our Newest Board Members

John Martin Murphy

John joined Kelley & Ferraro LLP in 1999 after spending 3 years at Davis & Young LLP, defending asbestos cases. He graduated from Gilmour Academy in 1988, Purdue University with a BA in 1992 and from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1995. Murphy was named Partner in 2004 and Equity Partner in 2006. He serves as Magistrate for Bratenahl and Grand River Courts and has served as Special Prosecutor in Bratenahl. He serves as an Arbitrator for the Alternative Dispute Resolution department of the Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court. Away from the courtroom, he served as the Commissioner of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Associations Young Lawyers Softball League for ten years. As captain of his team, he won ten consecutive championships.

Nick Hunter

Nick is a Senior Associate in the Tax Department of Grant Thornton's Cleveland office. Nick has more than 2 years of experience working with a variety of clients in the manufacturing, distribution and technology industries for both public and private clients. Nick also has experience in Tax Provision compliance and review for various types of clients. Nick received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Washington deferson College.

J. Jaredd Flynn

Jaredd joined Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan in 2003 as an Associate and became a Principal in January 2010. He is a graduate of the Case Western University School of Law (2003) and Miami University (B.S. 1999). His areas of practice include General Business Consultation; Civil Litigation; Sports & Entertainment; Zoning & Real Estate; Municipal Law; Contract & Uniform Commercial Code; Trademark & Copyright; Landlord/Tenant; DUI/Criminal Defense. Jaredd is Treasurer of the Geauga County Bar Association. He is a resident of Bainbridge Township, where he enjoys spending time with his wife Katie and their three sons, Carter, Grady and Ryan.

Jerry Stoffl

Jerry is the Chief Financial Officer & Chief Administrative Officer for a 51 unit Restaurant Management Company consisting of Panera Bread, Applebee's, Don's Lighthouse and Don's Pomeroy House located in 7 states. He has 15 years of experience in the restaurant industry and more than 25 years financial leadership experience at GE Capital, Progressive Insurance, Capital American and Topps Supermarkets. Jerry earned his bachelor's degree from Ohio University and his Master of Business Administration form Cleveland State University. He resides in Aurora, Ohio, belongs to St. Rita Catholic Church and has 4 grown sons who reside across the U.S.

Richard Freedman

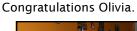
Richard offers over two decades of wealth management expertise and focuses on wealth planning, risk management, liability management, and asset management for high net worth individuals. Richard is a graduate of Cleveland State University where he earned a Bachelors degree in accounting. He has received numerous honors during his advisory career. Richard is a Past President and current member of the Board of Directors of Jewish Big Brother Big Sister Association, and a member of Temple Israel Ner Tamid. Richard and his wife, Lynda, reside in Mentor, Ohio.



Now in its 16th year, "Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life" is a baseball-themed character education program developed by Major League Baseball and Scholastic Inc. Using America's sport, baseball, as the metaphor for life, the curriculum is based on the values demonstrated by barrier breaker Jackie Robinson: Determination, Commitment, Persistence, Integrity, Justice, Courage, Teamwork, Citizenship, and Excellence.

Breaking Barriers has reached more than 19 million youth and 2.7 million educators in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Using baseball-themed activities, the program is designed to give children in grades 4-8 strategies to deal with barriers and challenges in their lives. Winners receive a variety of prizes.

We are proud to announce that one of our members, Olivia Taylor, was the winner in last seasons program. Olivia is the first member of our program to win this award and we are very proud of her. You can see her incredible story on our website, under RBI.





Save the Date

What could be better in the summertime than baseball and fundraisers?

Join us on Tuesday, June 19, when we witness the Battle of Ohio on the baseball field when the Tribe takes on the Cincinnati Reds.

The Party Deck at Progressive Field will once again play host to our annual fundraiser where we'll enjoy food, fun, great friends and prizes! Stay tuned for further details, but mark your calendars for this fun event.





On behalf of the Cleveland Baseball Federation, we would like to recognize and thank the CPAs, business and financial Advisors at Skoda Minotti for their efforts in designing and programming our new CBF web site. Skoda Minotti's Strategic Marketing Service group, led by Jonathan Ebenstein, was instrumental in the creation of our new site. Their efforts on our behalf will go a long way towards helping our organization fulfill our mission and vision for all Cleveland area kids. SKODA MINOTTI

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The John Peyton Memorial Award

The John Peyton Memorial Award is given annually by the President of the Board to someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty. This year, CBF is proud to present the award to Robert Anderson, Director, Operations.

Robbie played a huge role last season in the execution of the RBI program, tryouts and the sandlot league. His tireless effort did not go unnoticed.



We would like to thank all of our volunteers, coaches, parents and partners for helping us keep 4,260 kids off the street and in the parks last season. 93.7% of those participants were from the City of Cleveland.

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

Check out our new website: cbfkids.org

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