

August - September 2010

The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club Volume 2 Number 6

The days dwindle down to a precious few...

I'm revealing my age with this edition's title. The words come from a beautiful song about things coming to an end. It's called *September Song*, and it was first popular in the 1950s, (hang on, I wasn't alive yet), was a hit for Frank Sinatra, and was recorded again by Willie Nelson in 1979. The idea of the song is that as you reach the last days of anything - a love affair, a season - the days seem to go much faster.

As the sun sets sooner on our stadium, as the references to "back to school" are everywhere and gingersnaps are appearing in the grocery store - the signs of impending autumn are all around us. It's still green on the field, though, and the trees and warm weather still whisper "summer" in our ears. But we know it's all coming to an end, and soon. Too soon.

With that in mind, we thank our Barnstormers for another season of baseball, filled with reasons to "Stand Up and Make Some Noise!" Regardless of how the season wraps up, we'll be there, in our seats, ever faithful, ever hopeful, to the last crack of the bat on September 19th. And even if that's the last game we see you play in 2010, we're grateful for your hard work, your enthusiasm, and for the chance to cheer you on, at home and away. ★

Laurie Ulrich Fuller

Communications & Website Committees

*Oh, it's a long, long while from May to December
But the days grow short when you reach September
When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame
One hasn't got time for the waiting game*

*Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few
September, November
And these few precious days I'll spend with you
These precious days I'll spend with you*

K. Weill, M. Anderson

Committee Reports



Each edition of the newsletter highlights a variety of committees and their activities, depending on what's going on that month. The Committee Chairs, or their designated representatives, provide the reports.

Fundraising Committee

On June 15, 2010 we had a fundraiser at WOW! Wingery. We had a great turnout. Everyone had lots to eat and a great time with friends away from the ballpark. Some people had everything from appetizers to ooey -gooeey desserts. The profit we should have gotten from the project was \$370, however, WOW was very generous and increased the amount to \$500. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event, and to those who brought their families and friends.



The next fundraiser will be with Isaac's Restaurant & Deli on Tuesday, September 28th from 5pm – 9pm. We will receive 25% of the food and beverage bill. You can either eat in or carry out. The location is the Isaac's Deli in Granite Run, Manheim Pike. The coupon to bring with you the night of the event will be posted on the LBBBC website. Remember to invite your family and friends. Remember the more the merrier and the bigger the profit. ★

Deb Ranck

Fundraising Committee

See photos from our Wow! Event on page 4.

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Charitable Committee

Your Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club is hard at work to support varying organizations within our community. Just beginning is our support of the Humane League of Lancaster County and the children at the Hershey Medical Center. There will be tubs placed in the box office at the stadium to collect new and gently used items for animals, i.e. leashes, food, treats, blankets and so on. These items will be taken to the Humane League to help them in helping animals while they wait to find the right home. In addition, we will be collecting items for the children at the Hershey Medical Center. Please contribute items to help entertain the children while they are under care. Items such as crayons, coloring books, activity books, Legos, small crafts, and toys are needed. The children often play bingo for prizes such as this or they use the items to help pass the time.

Do you prefer to help with your time rather than your wallet? The mornings of Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th are set aside for the United Way's Day of Caring Event. There are many opportunities to help with items such as cleaning, organizing, gardening, painting and even entertaining residents at an area nursing and rehabilitation center in the morning of each day. Please contact info@barnstormersboosters.org for more details and the opportunity to help.

As always, if you have any ideas for other area organizations that we are able to assist, please submit an email as well. Thank you, as always for the many ways you not only assist our hometown team, but the local organizations as well! ★

*Mindy Reed
Co-Chair Charitable Committee*

Activities Committee

The Activities committee has put together an exciting Fall Social. This year's event will be held at Rocky Springs in their private suite on October 23rd, 2010 from 2-5 p.m.. You will have the opportunity to bowl or play shuffleboard or pool with your Barnstormers Booster Club friends. In addition, the Historical Committee has been working extra hard on putting together a very special slide show that will have pictures from the inception of the Club through present day. This slide show will be premiered at the Social. There will also be lots of yummy food for you to sample as you socialize, including chicken tenders, seasonal fruit, vegetable tray, pasta salad, nachos, pretzels, chips, cake and various types of non-alcoholic beverages. This event is free to all Club members. The Activities Committee is requesting that you please RSVP by September 21, 2010. You can RSVP by telephone to 717-826-5567 or reply on the Club website (www.barnstormersboosters.org). In order for your bowling shoes to be paid for, please let us know when you RSVP if you will need shoes. The Activities Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Social! ★

*Vicky Sauders
Activities Committee*

From the President

With the summer and baseball season getting shorter, as are the daylight hours, I want to express my appreciation to all who have supported the Booster Club so far this year. You, as a club, have had success in our fundraisers and community projects. There are still more activities continuing and more will be starting in the future.

In this second half of the season, the Club Members have, in addition to supplying the team with snacks in the locker room and three meals each month, taken on having a secret player as a buddy. This works similarly to the Secret Santa programs you all have heard about. The players are really excited about the program and if anyone would like to be part of the action, let the Player Liaison Committee or me know.

Going forward, the Club does have a concern for storing and the distribution of furniture and miscellaneous household goods the Club has at the players' and their families' disposal for use during the baseball season. We need, if possible, a low cost area, (garage or storage space), close to the stadium or city to keep the items secure during the off-season and for the unused item during the season. The area needs to be dry and secure so the club has control of when and where the items are distributed and are returned. Anyone who would have an area, or know of one, PLEASE contact the Player Liaison Committee or me. Contact the club's info link or me direct at preslbbbc@aol.com or leave a message at (717)826-5567. ★

*Go Stormers!!!!
Thank You, Jim Reed, President*



August Birthdays

- Zachery Duty
- Ashley Emenheiser
- Peter Geib
- Brian Gossman
- Diane Greenawalt
- Deb Greenwood
- Ron Hamilton
- Lisa Moyer
- Barbara Rule
- Donald Snyder
- Aniah Washington



Mark Your Calendars!

The next two Board and General meeting dates are always listed on the website, but here's a list for 2010 – please retain this for reference, so you never miss a chance to attend a meeting and get involved! We look forward to seeing a strong turnout at General meetings, and hope more members will volunteer for committees.

2010 Board Meetings:

- September 7
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14

All meetings will be held at Clipper Stadium, and begin at 6:30 pm.

... and then because our 2010 term for Officers and Board members actually goes into March, we have dates through March of 2011:

- January 11
- February 8
- March 8

2010 General Meetings:

- September 21
- November 16
- ... and then for 2011:
- January 18
- March 15



September Birthdays

- Kathy Fritz
- Barb Kennedy
- John Hockley



Please be sure to submit your articles, photos, etc... for the September-October edition of *The Cowbell* by September 10th at the latest. Send it by email to: laurie@limehat.com.



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"WOW" was the word for the generosity of WOW Wingery - and all who attended and enjoyed the food - in helping to make our fundraiser a huge success. Thank you!

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FEEDING THE TEAM!

Don't forget to drop your snacks (individually-wrapped goodies) at the Box Office for the Team Snack Basket, and please sign up to help make dinner for the team on September 5th (Breakfast for Dinner)!!

The Player Liaison Committee thanks you for your ongoing support!

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