

December 2009 - February 2010

# The Cowbell



The Newsletter of the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Booster Club

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## Is it April Yet?

**F**or many baseball fans, winter is much more than cold weather, snow, and holidays - it's the boring gap between baseball seasons. For the Barnstormers Booster Club, it's that, certainly - but it's also a time to evaluate our activities from the previous season, make plans for the new one, and elect our new Officers and Board of Directors.

With regard to this past year, we've had a good one. We had several successful trips and other social/fundraising events; we had a pre-season social and a post-season picnic. We visited other Atlantic League ballparks, we played golf in the moonlight, and we had a lot of fun supporting the team - from putting Welcome packets together for the players to help them find their way around a new town to making post-game meals for them throughout the season. We even helped a few of them furnish their apartments, so they'd feel more at home while staying in Lancaster. This is the stuff we're all about.

New plans for the 2010 season will be revealed at our January and March General Meetings, and through this newsletter (next published in March 2010), and through email and website announcements, so stay tuned. Suffice to say we have lots of fun stuff planned for Booster Club members to get involved in, from social activities (bus trips, etc...) to charitable works, and lots of "boosting" for the team in between. Whether you want to cook,

buy snacks for the Snack Basket, or help Barnstormers' player Jed Morris get his great new organization off the ground (more about that inside this newsletter and at the website), there'll be plenty of choices for you this coming season.

Last, but certainly not least, we did hold our election for the 2010 Officers and Board of Directors. The results? We have a new President, Jim Reed, and retain our Vice President, Lori Baxter, Secretary, Mindy Reed, and our Treasurer, Deb Heisey. The Board is virtually unchanged, consisting of (in alphabetical order) Kelley Breniser, Laurie Fuller, Wes Kurtz, Evelyn Lefever, Richard Marks, Jim McNaught, Deb Paules, and Ann Talbot. All were incumbents. One addition? As of the December Board meeting (minutes will be posted online), our outgoing president, Jerry Kiphorn, has been invited to join the Board of Directors. We're glad he's accepted this position, and look forward to offering a position on the Board to future outgoing presidents, to keep valuable experience and enthusiasm within our leadership.

So... we look forward to seeing you at the January General meeting (January 19<sup>th</sup>, at Clipper Stadium, 6:30 pm), and back here in *The Cowbell* in March. By the time the March edition is out, we'll know a lot more about the 2010 Barnstormers lineup and management team, and we'll be ready to start supporting our team and having a great time doing it. Come ON, Spring! ★

## 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.

### Activities & Membership

#### Greetings from your Membership and Activities Committees!

Our last winner of a free Booster Club membership from the September club table was Walter Ellinger.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Booster Club held its end-of-season picnic in the Wheatland Suite at the ballpark. We had 42 club members attend. The winners of the door prizes were: Brian Grossman (jersey), Shirley Miller (hat) and John Banker (shirt). These three door prizes came from the Orioles Advocates. Winner of the stuffed monkey was Deb Greenwood. Winner of the Guess How Many Bottle Caps game was Wesley Kurtz. He won a wooden Barnstormers Ornament.

There was plenty of wonderful food and all in attendance had a good time. We would like to thank Kristen and Maureen for

taking time out of their Saturday to open the stadium up for the Booster Club.

On Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Booster Club went to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, and enjoyed their *A Holly Jolly Christmas* show. A sort of Christmas vaudeville act, complete with songs ranging from "Boogie Woogie Christmas" to more traditional carols, it was an impressive performance, and everyone had fun. Pictures from the event are on page 4.

In closing, the Activities Committee is working on trips and activities for 2010. Any ideas or suggestions please send to us by way of the info link on the club website or share your ideas with us at a club meeting.

Season's greetings!

*The Membership / Activities Committees*



# On a Comeback for a Cause *by Mindy Reed*

**M**ark the date on your calendar for January 16<sup>th</sup>! Before you bowl with the activities committee, please join in to help catcher Jed Morris's "You and Me on a Comeback" organization with it's first ever fundraising event – BOWLERAMA! The event will be held at Leisure Lanes, 3440 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster from noon to 6 p.m.

You can help out by volunteering to work at the event for one (or all) of the three shifts, you can organize a 5-person bowling team and join in the fun, or you can volunteer to offer some donated baked goods or snacks which will be sold on the day of the event. If you are signing up to bowl, the cost is \$50 per team (\$10/person). There will also be merchandise available and a silent auction table with many different items. Proceeds will go directly to Jed's organization and his efforts to help those who are "on a come back" from cancer!

Also, some of your Barnstormers will be in attendance. Our favorite furry red mascot, Cylo, will be making an appearance too. There is even a possibility that some of the York Revolution players will be on hand for a "Bowl-Off" against our hometown team! We will need to be there to cheer our 'Stormers on for that!

Jed's initiative is to work with the Lancaster General Hospital and open a center to aid survivors as they travel

the road to recovery and remission. This center will help to provide hope in their lives and for their families. His story, along with his mission, can be found at [www.youandmeonacomeback.org](http://www.youandmeonacomeback.org).

If you are interested in forming a 5-person team for the event, please email Jed at [jedmorris@youandmeonacomeback.org](mailto:jedmorris@youandmeonacomeback.org). Jed will contact you regarding your team's payment and bowling time.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the event, please email [info@barnstormersboosters.org](mailto:info@barnstormersboosters.org). Just mention "Bowlerama" in the subject line.

Please do what you are able to do in an effort to help this dream become a reality. It would feel really good to know that our Booster Club had a part in making this happen! ★



## Helping those in Need this Holiday Season



**D**o you want to find a way to help your community this holiday season? Well, the Booster Club has an opportunity for you.

Come to Clipper Magazine Stadium on Thursday morning, December 24<sup>th</sup> to help the Lancaster Project for the Needy!

Volunteers are needed to bring in food, pack the boxes, and move them along the assembly line to be distributed to those who are less fortunate.

We will meet at the front gate at 5:30 a.m. and get right to work!

Please let us know if you are able to help by signing up at [www.barnstormersboosters.org](http://www.barnstormersboosters.org). ★



## Another Wonderful Year with the Booster Club

by Reverend Richard Mark

I went on three bus trips in 2009 with the Barnstormers Booster Club. One to Southern Maryland and two to Camden. I met the president of the Blue Crabs Booster Club, and he gave me a tee shirt as a gift, which I wore while the Blue Crabs were in the playoffs. I was really impressed with the Blue Crabs fans. They are like Barnstormers fans – they really love their team.

As for Camden, there is no better place to watch a ball game than Campbell Field (except for Clipper Magazine Stadium, that is). The fans at Camden are always so nice, and I look forward to returning to Camden for a game again in the future.

In December of 2008, I attended the Christmas social at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater. The play, *A Christmas Carol*, was great and the food was so good. Just last night, I attended the *Holly Jolly*

Christmas show, again with the Club and also held at the Dutch Apple. As usual, I had a wonderful evening with my Booster Club family.

In the spring of 2009, I attended the Social at Ross Street UMC. I was able to share my Barnstormers Inaugural Season Scrapbook and my Philadelphia Athletics Memorabilia. The fall Social was at the stadium, and the food was awesome – a big pot-luck meal provided by my fellow Booster Club members and their families. The fellowship with other boosters is like no other group I am part of.

The best part of being a Booster is what we do for the players. Guys love to come to Lancaster because of the fans and particularly Booster Club members. While I didn't contribute much personally, I was part of all we did to say thank you to the best bench of ballplayers any area could have. We also care about our community. I am so proud to be part of Jed Morris' efforts to reach out to cancer survivors with his You and Me On A Comeback organization. 2009 was a great year for our Booster Club, and I know 2010 is going to be awesome. ★



## Winter Birthdays

### January

Julia Boyd  
Carl Dommel  
Laurie Fuller  
Scott Geib  
Melissa Kipphorn  
Stephanie Lancaster  
Jeff Rule  
Glenn Witmer

### February

David Bertzfield  
Amanda Breniser  
Lindsey Goss  
Sindy Hurt  
Ed Kennedy  
Olivia Lancaster  
Jesus Ortiz  
Mindy Reed  
Lester Rowe, Jr.  
William Rutter  
Ann Talbot

### December

Thomas Boyd  
Chester Dukeman  
Jackie Herold  
Richard Holcomb  
Evelyn Lefever  
Jack Masterson  
Rose McNaught  
Jim McNaught  
Kay Nolt  
Mary Pierce  
Linda Reed  
Tim Sauders  
Henry (Hank) Tancke  
Herbert B. Watson, Sr.

We thank Mindy Reed,  
Club Secretary,  
for assisting the  
Membership Committee  
in providing the Birthday list/s



## Meetings!

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:

January 12  
February 9  
March 9  
April 13  
May 11  
June 7 (this is a Monday)  
July 13  
August 10  
September 7  
October 12  
November 9  
December 14

... 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:

January 19  
March 16  
May 20 (this is a Thursday)  
July 20  
September 21  
November 16

... and then for 2011:

January 18  
March 15

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



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**A Holly Jolly Christmas at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**



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