



Rounding Third

Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame Monthly Newsletter



March, 2017

Hall of Fame Dinner Is April 1, 2017

You are all welcome to join over 550 softball fans at the 21st annual inductee dinner at Drury Lane in Oakbrook to celebrate the 2016 inductee class.

For more information, please call Rachell Entler at (708) 366-7500 x 17 or visit: www.16inchsoftballhof.com

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2016 HOF Inductees Announced

Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame Excited to Announce 2016 Inductees.

Ron Kubicki-President of the Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame-announced this week the new 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees. The Hall of Fame would like to thank all of those who have participated in the voting process and look forward to another exciting year with new inductees. Please contact Rachell Entler with any questions.

Hall of Fame Inductees are as Followed:

Pioneer: Michael Kirksy (I Mike), Dennis Colucci

Veterans: Rick Rostan, Ron Matrisciano

Women: Lisa Lovato, Rosanne Geraci (Rosie)

1993 - Current: Keith Filkins, Randy Russ, Jeff Berger, Rick Gancarz, Howard Blakely

Manager: Todd Mirabelli

Umpire: Thornton Lee

Organizer: Gloria Kolbusz

Frank C. Holan AwardL: Milan Stevanovich, Mr. Stats

Richard J. Daley Award: Affy Tapple

Wall of Fame: Mike Kamenjarin (Kam), Gary Goldberg, Joe Firreno (Moms), Len Nuzzo

Teams to be Honored: Bidayos Women's, Gillette Stokers/Old Strokes, Out Cast, Oak Lawn Rebels, Peoples Gas, JYNX, Stover

Field of Dreams Award: Hodgkins Park District, Kelly Young Executive Director

Media Award: Forest Park Review

Jynx Softball Team

Among the most famous Teams in 16 Inch Softball History the Jynx visit the 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame in Forest Park, Ill They will be honored on April 1, 2017 at the Hall of Fame Banquet.



2016 in Review

I would like to congratulate the "Signature Softball Team" on winning the Forest Park No-Glove Nations last summer. I also want to congratulate the "45 Softball Team" on winning its first SSA National Championship to go along with their 6 ASA National Championships. Last but not least I want to congratulate the "Shooters Softball Team" for winning the ASA Championship Tournament over Labor Day weekend.

I wanted to let you know about some of the events the HOF has been involved in this past year. We again hosted DePaul University at the museum for their annual workshop. La-Grange Highlands Jr. High school boy's 7th and 8th grade softball teams paid us a visit in September to learn more about softball and the game of 16 inch. We had two outreach programs this past year, the first was a visit to the south side of Chicago to help the Chicago Police Department with the youth softball program. We also made a visit to Humboldt Park to participate in the first Red Bull Softball City Championship. Last but not least in January we had a wedding party made up of softball players stop by to visit and take photos of the bridal party at the museum.

I would like to congratulate one of our own Chicago 16 inch Hall of Famer, Willie "The Steamer" Simpson on being selected for induction into the National ASA Softball Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. Willie will be inducted as only the second player from the 16 inch softball community later this year at the ASA National Convention in Greenville South Carolina. Willie was inducted into our Hall of Fame back in 1996.

Please save the date on your calendars for Saturday, July 22, 2017 in Forest Park where we will be holding our 9th Annual Inductees Day Ceremony. This is where we will unveil the plaques for this year's inductee's. I hope we will see all of you out there so we can honor the Hall of Fame Inductees class of 2016. For more information on upcoming HOF events please check out our web page www.16inchsoftballhof.com.

We would like add more displays to the museum...all sponsors and donations are welcomed. I want to also welcome aboard Austin Ware to the Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

Ronald P. Kubicki

President, Chicago 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Museum Schedule

Open Saturday 12:00 to 4:00 Only

Call Rachell Entler at (708) 366-7500 x 17 for an appointment.

Don't Miss Daily Old Photos on Facebook

Since September, the HOF Facebook page has been showing a different team every day - from the '30s to the contemporary era. In just that short time, we have had an average of 1,000 people view our highlighted teams, individuals, and HOF features and activities. On several occasions, we have even hit 5,000-7,000 views. Check us out! We believe you will enjoy our page and may see folks you know - or even your own team.

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Sincerely,

The Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame

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