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#### Highlands Jr High Visit The HOF by Ron Kubicki

Back in September president Ronald Kubicki started making visits to local Jr High Schools to see if there would be any interest in sending their 7th and 8th grade boys' and girls' softball teams to visit the Chicago 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame Museum and Inductee Park.

On Wednesday October 5th, Highlands Jr. High School became the first, in what we hope will be a long line of visitors to the HOF. Thirty players and coaches took a 45 minute bus ride from La Grange, IL to Forest Park hoping that this experience would help them better understand the game of softball.

Highlands's girls and boys play 14-inch softball in the West Suburban Jr. High School Conference which is made up of 8 other Jr Highs. Members of the conference included, Gurrie Jr. High, Willow Springs School, Westchester Middle School, Park Jr. High, George Washington Middle School,





Pleasantdale School, McClure Jr High and Forest Park School. All of these schools play no-glove 16inch in gym; but for conference play they decided to go with a 14-inch glove league. The boys play in the fall and the girls play in the spring.

With the help of 5 other Hall of Famers; Kubicki gave them a tour of the museum, inductee park and in lighted them with the history, and the importance that softball has played in and around Chicago since 1887.

After their one hour visit each player and coach were given a signed autograph from the attending 5 HOF members, and poster from the museum. From the smiles on their faces and the questions that were ask a good time was had by all. A big thank you goes out to Frank Lentine, Austin Ware, Pat McGurie, Ray Topps and John Doss; who time and time again, take time out of their schedules to help with this programs.

Kubicki has already been contact by two more schools from this conference to visits the HOF in the next few weeks. Our goal is to reach out to as many Jr. High Schools as we can to get them to join in on the fun and education of this exciting new HOF program.





### Hall of Fame Dinner Is April 1, 2017

For more information, please call Rachell Entler at (708) 522-1070 ext 17 or visit: www.16inchsoftballhof.com

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## **HOF Future Inductee Nomination Packet**

Do you know an individual who has put their heart and soul into the game of 16-inch softball?

For those of you who do and wish to nominate a player for consideration for induction into the Hall of Fame, here is the nomination packet. This athlete must have at least 10 years of playing experience and 5 years as a starter at the major level or in the ASA, USSSA, NSA, or SSA National tournaments/Qualifiers. Just click below to view and download the form, so your peer will get the recognition their victorious hard work has earned. Each track committee chairman will review all applications with careful consideration before voting starts. <u>Click Here</u> for more info.

## HOLIDAY BRICK ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY NOV 6TH, 2016

Buy a brick for a friend or family member this Holiday, so they too can receive the gift of a lifetime. This heartfelt gesture regular costs \$250 for a small brick or you can buy a large brick for \$500. Their name will last for generations at the Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame.

Buyers will receive their 2nd brick in early Dec and the 1st one will be put into the ground in the spring of 2017.



Click the following link and complete the attached form to show your support:

And remember all brick purchase are tax deductible!!

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# **Red Bull City Clinch Photo Gallery**

Big thanks to all who came to support and say hi at the Red Bull City Clinch.











# **16 INCH SOFTBALL & EVENT SCHEDULE**

Date Event Location Contact Person:

• 3/11 Toy Foundation Tempe, AZ AI Maag al.maag@maagcommplus.com

## **Don't Miss Daily Old Photos on Facebook**

Since September the HOF Facebook page has shown a different team from the 30's to the contemporary era. In just that 24 hour span on average 1,000 people view our highlighted teams, individuals and HOF features and activities. We have hit on quite a few occasions 5-7,000 views. Check us out - we believe you will enjoy it and possibly see folks you know or even your own team. Please Like us too!

**Click Here To View** 

#### Hall Of Fame Museum Schedule

Open Saturday 12:00 to 4:00 Only

Call Rachell Entler at (708) 522-1070 ext 17 for an appointment on special requests.

Do you have a great story or photos you would like to share send them to Tiffany.Hoffman@Maagcommplus.com for a chance to be featured in our next newsletter.

To sign up for the newsletter, please email info@16inchsoftballhof.com

Sincerely,

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