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Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame Monthly Newsletter



**16-Inch Chicago Softball Inducts Its Stars into Hall of Fame
The 19th Annual Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner will be held on
Saturday, March 28th, 2015 at the Drury Lane Oak brook**

The 16-Inch Chicago Softball Hall of Fame honors both men and women-players, historic teams, organizers, managers and umpires-who since the 1920s have exemplified excellent 16-inch softball talent, sportsmanship, and set a precedent for future generations. More than 2,500 people voted for their favorite and best stars in Chicago 16-inch softball for the 2014 Hall of Fame induction competition. Since

1995, the institution has inducted more than 500 individuals and teams. The Hall of Fame will induct 16 individuals and six historic teams at this year's event. The prior 18 Hall of Fame events have attracted approximately 10,000 guests to the dinner.

"This is a great time for those of us who love the game to celebrate with friends and honor those who have been inducted, while keeping the game alive for those who will be playing after us," says Ron Kubicki, President of the Chicago 16-Inch Hall of Fame.

Tickets for the Hall of Fame event by order-which includes a four-course dinner, four hours of open bar and free parking-are available in advance until March 18th for \$115 each, and \$75 for people under 21 years of age. Tickets are \$135 and \$95 at the door. The 19th Annual Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 28th, 2015 with cocktail hour from 5:30-7:00p.m., dinner 7:00-7:45p.m., and presentations beginning at 8:00p.m. Full page ads in the dinner book are \$300. For more information, please call Rachell Entler at (630)-234-2398, via e-mail: rentler@pdofp.org.

Details on the 2013 Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame honorees follow:

Historic Teams: Force (Women's Team), Magic, Ringers, Shooters,



Flamingos, B' Athletes

1950-1963 Era: Don Stramaglia, David Hardt

1964-1980 Era: Mike Marchinski, Sylvester (Vesmo) McKinnon

1981-1992: Matt Gillen

1993-current Era: Vada Primous, Carl Maniscalco, Ed Chibe

Organizer: Justin Fortuna (Deceased)

Umpire: Tom (Oscar) McClelland

Managers: Stan Patek

Woman: Lisa Pugh, Elvira (Babe) Sanfilippo

Field of Dreams: Grant Park

Frank C. Holan Award: Paul "Paulie" Wukasch, Jimmy Giblin Sr. (Deceased)

Richard J. Daley Friend of Softball Award: Roger "Ozzie" Babilla

Presidential Service Award: Molex Inc.

City of Chicago High School Champs: Taft High School

Hall of Fame Honoree: Albert E. Fegan



Special Hall of Fame Honoree will go to Albert E. Fegan, who invented the model for the first softballs to be created, including the 16-inch softball. Albert's grandchildren have fond memories of working summers in their grandfather's factory packaging the sixteen-inch softballs that would be used in parks and leagues throughout Chicago as thousands played "Chicago's game."

The Chicago 16-Inch Hall of Fame

The Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and honoring the history, players and supporters of 16-inch softball. The location of the Hall of Fame Museum is in Forest Park, IL. Since its inception, the Hall of Fame has inducted over 500 former and current softball players, umpires, managers and organizers at annual dinners averaging 600 attendees. Currently, the organization's management team consists of a president and Board of Directors, and all work is done by committed and non-paid volunteers. For more information, visit: <http://www.16inchsoftballhof.com>.

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Help Keep 16-Inch Softball Alive---Donate to the Hall of Fame

There are many ways to donate to the Hall of Fame, see below and learn **How to Donate.**

Purchase Ad Space: By purchasing Ad space in the 19th Annual Inductee Dinner Book, you have the opportunity to support your fellow Hall of Famers and promote a business of your choosing. To purchase ad space and for more information on the 19th Annual Inductee Dinner, [Click Here.](#)

Be Seen on a Brick: With your purchase of a Hall of Fame brick, you not only donate to the Hall of Fame but can have your name immortalized on your own brick outside of our 16-inch Hall of Fame building. To purchase a brick, [Click Here.](#)

Opportunities for Sponsor Recognition: Opportunities start at \$5,000 and will offer you and/or your company recognition in three-year time spans.

- Naming rights
- Prominent display of your name/company logo within the museum and on the web site
- Honorable mentions/recognition in program materials and newsletter
- Plus more

To donate for an opportunity to be recognized by all of the above, [Click Here.](#)

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Sincerely,

The Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame

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