



# Rounding Third

Chicago 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame Monthly Newsletter



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2016 has brought in many new changes for us at the Hall of Fame, and we couldn't have done it without you!

## Voting for 2016 Inductees is Now Open

We are very excited to announce our ballot for the 2016 inductees. Voting is now open until January 6th, 2017. Only one ballot is allowed per person, if you vote twice your second ballot will be null.

To cast your vote [Click Here](#) or visit <http://16inchsoftballhof.com/vote/>

## Pay the IRS or Donate to the Hall of Fame? *Donate now it's a write off!*

Donating to the Hall of Fame doesn't only mean you will place your mark in history, it can also benefit you in many other ways. As a 501c3, all donations you make to the Hall of Fame are tax writes offs! It's easy enough to do online, or you can send in a check.

Our federal tax ID number is 36-4188157.

To donate online to the Hall of Fame, [Click Here](#).

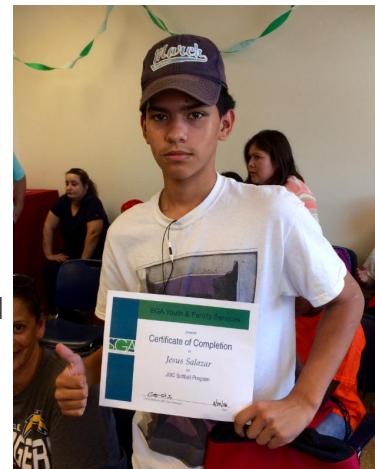
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## Softball Success Story

Last May, police officer Marco Acevedo called us with an idea. He wanted to know if the Softball Hall of Fame could assist with a summer program for the Juvenile Intervention and Support Center, which is right next to Cook County Jail and close to McKinley Park. His idea was to start a partnership that would help get kids off the street and show them "Chicago's Game."

After an outstanding kick-off speech by Ray Topps, a local Hall of Fame softball player and coach, the program began. The looks on the kids' faces when they first saw a 16-inch softball were unbelievable! Their despair turned into happiness as soon as they got into the sport.



While working on the program, we met a great man by the name of Thomas J. Lemmer, a commander with the Chicago Police Department. He explained to Frank Lentine, Ray and myself the challenges these kids face every single day on the streets of Chicago. After talking with Lemmer, we feel our simple game of softball is a positive opportunity for kids searching for their identity.

Our best wishes go out to the children at McKinley Park. May you enjoy Chicago's Game.

Regards,

George Bliss, Ray Topps, Ron Kubicki, Frank Lentine, Billy Cavanaugh, Jimmy Acanfora and everybody at the 16-Inch Softball Hall of Fame.

## Support the Hall of Fame

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

Buyers will receive their second brick in early December and the first 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!!

[Learn More](#)

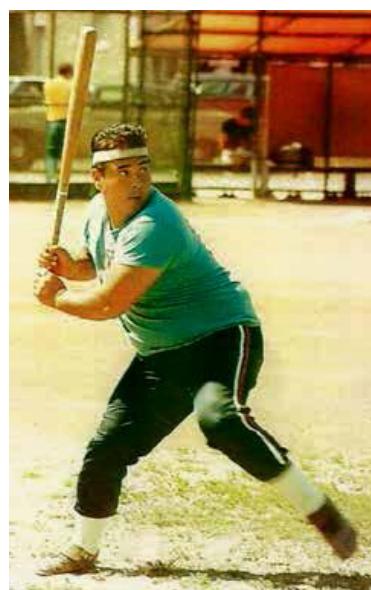


## Salvador Ganir Passes

Salvador A. Ganir, a tough-as-nails HOF 2012 Wall-Of-Fame 16-inch softball pitcher with a big personality, a winning smile and distinctive style on and off the field, has hung up his spikes.

Ganir, 74, passed away at Lutheran General Hospital in northwest suburban Park Ridge on Thanksgiving Day surrounded by his tight-knit, loving family.

"Sal 'Buddy' Ganir was one of the most talented and colorful players from the 1964-1979 'juiced-ball' Era of Chicago softball," said journalist and author Don DeBat, a close friend, teammate and fellow softball Hall-of-Fame inductee. "Sal was a force of nature—one of the most competitive sports personalities I ever played with, or against."



Ganir played for the mighty Dwarfs at Clarendon Park and Kelly Park, also starred in many local Chicago Park District and ASA National Tournaments. Between 1968 and 1973, Ganir pitched the Dwarfs to 25 park district championship titles. He also played third base and catcher.

When asked about his profession, Ganir, a retired Peoples Gas employee, proudly said he was "a ditch digger." He played on their team too, one the best industrial teams of the era. After retiring from People's Gas, Ganir worked as a part-time police

officer in northwest suburban Rosemont.

Nicknamed the "Throw'n Samoan" for his stocky stature and Filipino and Italian heritage.

Ganir is survived by Sandra, his wife of and sons David and Darren Ganir, and grandchildren, Madison, Dominic, Jacob, Salvador, Brandon and Kristin.

## McGaffer's Christmas With a Cause

Christmas with a cause at McGaffer's Saloon was hosted by 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame inductee Chubs Polfus and Pat Malone. This year they raised \$50,000 and filled 48 bags of toys for kids in need. Great job guys!! Watch this years event below.



## 16 INCH SOFTBALL & EVENT SCHEDULE

Date Event Location Contact Person:

- 3/11 Toy Foundation Tempe, AZ Al Maag al.maag@maagcommplus.com

## 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.

[Click Here To View](#)

Do you have a great story or photos you would like to share? Send them to [Tiffany.Hoffman@Maagcommplus.com](mailto:Tiffany.Hoffman@Maagcommplus.com) for a chance to be featured in our next

## 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.

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Sincerely,

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