

2003 MEDIA LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

MAJOR LEAGUE

CARMAN CORP. INSURANCE

Manager - Jim Still
Coach - Ed Snow

Jerry Boyer	Colin Newby
Troy Clifton	Marc McGough
Avery Coleman	Andrew Snow
Kevin Gillen	Matt Snow
Dillon Hobson	Mike Still
Scott Kotcamp	John Tierney

AMERICAN LEAGUE

COUNTY BEVERAGE

Manager - Mike Henry
Coach - Glenn DiFiore

Bobby Ashjian	Robert Liu
Gabriel Cavalier	Joseph Mallon
Jeremy Curtis	Stephen Melaugh
Beau DiFiore	Omar Randall
Jacob Enterlin	Stephen Ryan
Daniel Henry	Kyle Wenner

NATIONAL LEAGUE

GARDNER/FOX

Manager - Pete McGough
Coach - Scott Kotcamp

John Brian Betz	Dougger Lisk
Timothy Divis	Kyle Maylish
Donovan Jackson	Eric McGough
Grant Jamgochian	Avery Roller
Zachary Kline	Greg Snow
Philip Kotcamp	Clay McDermott

We hope you have enjoyed our Newsletters. If you should have any ideas for articles in future Newsletters, wish to contribute an article for a future Newsletter, or have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone at (610) 565-3243 or via email at jbaber@fabian-baber.com.

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NEWSLETTER

Winter 2004

Upcoming 2004 Events

Registration – Rose Tree Firehouse

January 24 (Saturday)	Noon – 4:00pm
January 26 (Monday)	6:00 – 9:00pm
January 31 (Saturday)	9:00am – Noon
February 2 (Monday)	6:00 – 9:00pm

Player Evaluations – Springton Lake MS

February 7 (Saturday)	12:30pm	8 year olds
	2:00pm	9 year olds
	3:00pm	Make ups

February 21 (Saturday)	12:30pm	10 year olds
	2:00pm	11 year olds
	3:00pm	12 year olds

February 27 (Friday)	7:00-8:00pm	Make ups
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Draft Night

March 7	6:00-7:30	Major
	8:00-9:30	American

Coaches Clinic - MLL Complex

January 22	7:00pm	Rose Tree Fire House
		with Sean Pender, Baltimore Orioles Scout

Field Day - MLL Complex

March 27	9:00am	
March 28	9:00am	Rain Date

Picture Day - MLL Complex

April 3	Details to follow
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Share Drive

April 10	T-Ball & Continental
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Opening Day - MLL Complex

April 12	Season Starts
April 17	Opening Ceremonies

Bat-A-Thon

May 15	
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President's Message

As Media Little League embarks on its 53rd year of baseball for the youth of our community, an excitement surrounds all of the various aspects that make up our league. The foundation of our efforts, is to provide a quality experience for the families and friends that participate in our league. As an organization of volunteers, we are dedicated to providing many positive role models for our youth.

As our enrollment increased once again during the past year, it is evident more than ever that America's past time is alive and well in our youth. A sense of excitement can be seen on the faces of our children as they hit a ball or make a catch and learn the important lesson of team unity. I challenge every member to give just a little something back this season to the organization that is dedicated to giving so much to our children.

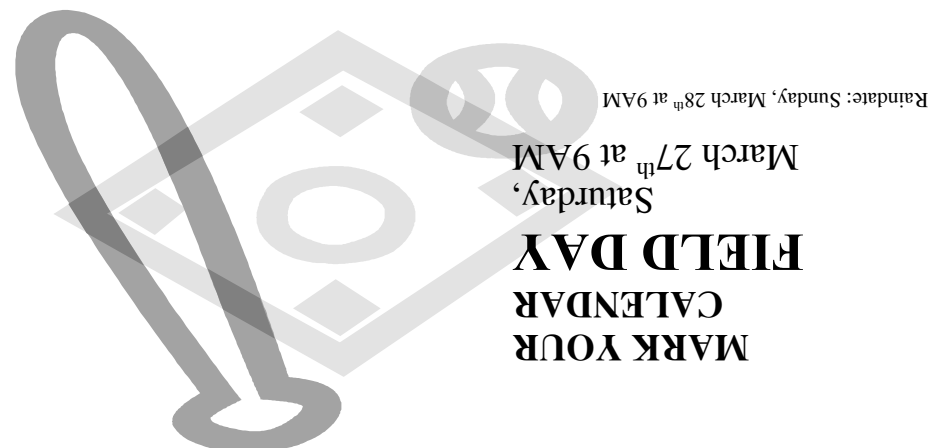
Many new directions have been taken in the recent past by our league and we look forward to perpetuating and expanding these programs in the future. Last year we introduced the Bat-A-Thon, which was a new fundraiser for the league. The Bat-A-Thon, was met with such a tremendously positive response by the players in the Major and American leagues, that we will expand the program to at least one of our other leagues for the upcoming season.

I would like to wish everyone a successful, happy and productive season. If you would like to share a thought, or perhaps have an idea that will make our league better, seek me out at the complex this spring I'd loved to hear your ideas and don't forget, come out and volunteer your time.

Scott Kotcamp, President
Media Little League



Installing a pitching rubber on Field Day 2003



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Volunteers Always Needed

We are a volunteer organization, and are committed to creating the best environment possible for your child. In order to provide the best possible environment, we need your help. Please stop in and sign-up at our volunteer table at registration. We need:

Managers **Snack bar openers and closers**
Coaches **Fence ads**
Umpires **Team sponsors**

BEGINNERS' LUCK

by Maria Wanenchak & Peter Barsz

As novice Little League parents, we didn't know what to expect. As big baseball fans, we could only hope our son's t-ball experience would help establish his lifelong love of the game.

Paul was drafted to the Blue Jays. Our first encounter with his coaches was when Bill Young and Bill Haines delivered the team roster and practice schedule to our door. They were immediately friendly and reassuring. Even though the Blue Jays had not yet been together, Paul felt like part of the team.

Along with Anthony Pastalone, the coaches had each child's name memorized by the end of the first practice. They always greeted us with a smile. No matter the child's performance at bat or on the field, the coaches were encouraging, always giving positive feedback. I never saw any of them lose his patience. The Blue Jay coaches really emphasized what's important for 5 and 6-year-old beginners: teamwork, good sportsmanship and the basic rules of the game. Kids were treated equally and with respect - no matter their ability or experience level.

The coaches made each player feel special down to the closing ceremonies. The Blue Jays had their own ceremony that included special treats, baseball "Bendy" guys, and trophies for each team member. For the grand finale, each player was given the opportunity to toss a water balloon (or two) at an adult of his/her choice. Paul had a great season with the Blue Jays. Coaches can certainly make or break a team. Bill Haines, Bill Young and Anthony Pastalone were everything we could have wanted in a coaching staff for our son.



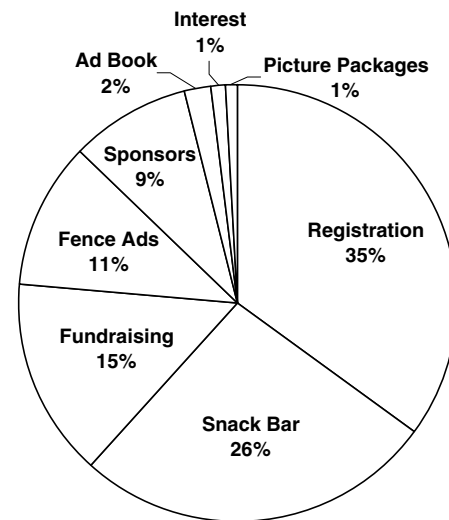
Paul Barsz of the Blue Jays

2003 MLL Budget

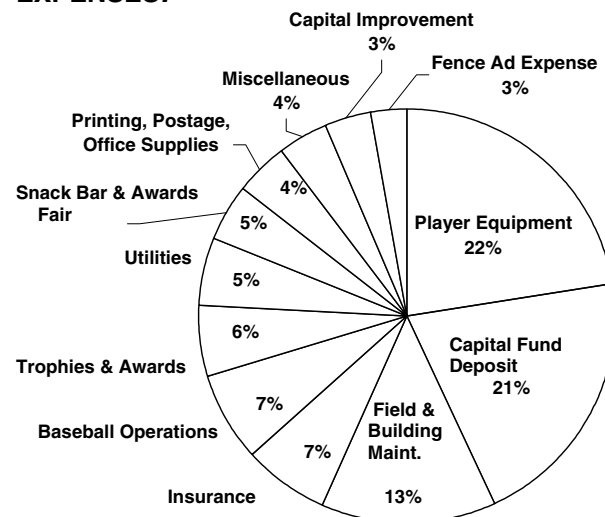
As the 2004 Media Little League season begins, the Board of Directors submits a budget to fund the coming years' baseball activities. Many hours go into this critical planning. The monies raised by Media Little League must cover the cost of all the baseballs, bats, helmets and equipment needed to play the game and maintain the fields. To cover the costs of serving over 550 baseball players and their families, the League relies on volunteers to work as a team with the ultimate goal of helping to build a better community.

Here are the expense / revenue figures for our League from 2003:

REVENUE:



EXPENSES:



Our Friend, Fred Dotts

On September 28, 2003, Media Little League lost a man for all seasons and reasons, Fred Dotts. Fred, as he was fondly known by all of us, exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism. Approximately 5 decades ago, Fred initiated his involvement with the founding fathers of Media Little League and helped plan and develop the original Media Little League operations at Hess Field. He was also instrumental in the League's transition to its present locations at Springton Lake Middle School.

Throughout the decades, Fred has been an outstanding volunteer, serving as manager, coach, field complex director and board member, but most importantly, he served as a true inspiration to all of us that have been fortunate enough to be involved with him. Fred coached two different District 19 championship teams at the Tournament level and numerous Major League champions at the league level. His greatest accomplishment however was his enrichment of everyone whose good fortune it was to have met him.

Fred through his teachings as a coach and manager instilled the fundamental premise of Little League Baseball in literally hundreds of children. He taught children not only how to fundamentally play the game, but perhaps most importantly, taught them that regardless of your level of play, if you approach this game with the right attitude doing your best, you will have fun and you will be successful.

Fred also taught us as adults the meaning of hard work and at the same time having fun with it. Fred led not by simply talking the talk, but more so, he walked the walk. Fred led by example. Regardless of the pleasures he took in managing and coaching our children, he also was there to plan, develop and roll up his shirt sleeves to do what he could to improve everything that is great about Media Little League. His sense of wit was not lost on anyone and Fred always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. No person would come in contact without Fred saying hello to them, asking about themselves and their families and even if he did not know your name, he was always sure you were addressed with that smile and that "...Hey, how are you?"

We are all better people because we had the opportunity to be blessed with the real privilege of knowing and growing with Fred Dotts.

Fred will be missed tremendously by his wife and family. He will also be enormously missed by all of us at Media Little League. We miss you Fred, but we will never forget you, because the American League Field will be named the "Fred Dotts Field."

Thank you, Fred. We love you, we'll miss you, but you will never be gone from our thoughts.



Fred Dotts -1925 - 2003

Past President Reflects

I would like to start off this letter by thanking everyone who made it possible for us to have another successful season at Media Little League.

Although bad weather hung over our season cancelling important events such as our opening day and closing day ceremonies I feel that overall this season was a positive and rewarding experience for all. This season marked the start of our annual Bat-a-Thon fund raising event, which I felt and hope everyone else thought went extremely well. On the baseball diamond four of our divisions crowned champions including the Continental League. Our District 19 tournament teams along with our Special Teams played games well into July keeping the baseball season going strong.

The past two years as president of the league was a very challenging and rewarding experience for me. I am very grateful to the many members of our league whom I have had the pleasure of working with especially Tony Antonello and Scott Kotcamp who served as Vice-Presidents during my term. For the 2004 season we have introduced several challenges to the new board, which we feel, will keep building the foundation of our league.

I wish everyone a great year and 2004 baseball season.

Joseph P. Remy, President
Media Little League 2002-2003



Heading to first base in the T-Ball League