



**SPRING BALL 2013 NEWSLETTER April 1, 2013 – Please read all the way to the bottom.**

-Did you know the Kiwanis Ball Program has been around for 51 years? I am sure there are some Grandparents who played in the program are now enjoying watching it. Could you let me know if you have Grandparents who may have played in the program? Do they have any Kiwanis Ball photo's from the 60's and 70's you can share with us?

-As of today we have about 10 ball players less signed-up then last year. We are once again very heavy with numbers in the younger baseball age groups **but we could use more players at the Major League Baseball (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Minor Softball (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> grades) levels.** Players can still sign-up on line at [www.drydenkiwanisonline.com](http://www.drydenkiwanisonline.com) as well as printing-out and mailing in a sign-up form until April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please help spread this news.

- **I need one more Coaching staff for the Double A level (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders) on Tuesday and Thursday nights in Freeville.** If you sat watching a game last year and thought you would enjoy coaching a ball team, please contact me via e-mail over the next couple of days so that I can put your name down on a list for potential coaches.



*Single A T-Ball*

- Don't forget to improve your garden by visiting our spring Bulb fundraiser at: [www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign\\_id=14068](http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=14068). Fifty percent of your purchase is given back to the Dryden Kiwanis Ball Program. Our goal is to reach \$500 in funds this year.

-Your coaches should be calling or emailing you sometime late next week to welcome you to the team and to arrange practices at a later date. It is common for one team to receive contact from their Coach and another team may not hear anything until a week later. Your Coach sets his/her own practice schedule.

*-Dryden Kiwanis will be running a concession stand again this year at the Village of Dryden's Kenny Van Sickle Ball Field on Wall St. If you want to help out the program by working in the concession stand please email us at [ball@drydenkiwanisonline.com](mailto:ball@drydenkiwanisonline.com) and letting us know when you can help.*

-Once again this year Darl Zehr From Darl Zehr Photography will arrange and handle shooting team and individual player photos. You can check out information about Darl Zehr Photography at: [www.darlzehrphotography.com](http://www.darlzehrphotography.com) .

*-Dryden Kiwanis Spring Ball 2013 All League Photo Day will be held at the Wall St Field in Dryden on Saturday May 4th, 2013. The schedule is listed below:*

<i>08:30am - 9:30am</i>	<i>T-Ball Single A</i>
<i>09:30am – 10:30am</i>	<i>Double A</i>
<i>10:30am – 11:30am</i>	<i>Triple A</i>
<i>11:30am – 12:30pm</i>	<i>Minor &amp; Major Softball</i>
<i>12:30pm – 1:30pm</i>	<i>Major League Baseball</i>

-On Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> we will have the 2013 Dryden Kiwanis AQUAFINA Pitch, Hit And Run Competition for both Girls and Boys from age 7 to 14 starting at 6:30pm on the Groton Ave Field Freeville. More Information can be found on the PHR tab at [www.drydenkiwanisonline.com](http://www.drydenkiwanisonline.com).

*Some of the happy 2012 PHR participants are shown below.*



-If you have photos you would like to send into us via email related to Dryden Kiwanis Spring Ball 2013 I will try to post some of them to this Bi-weekly newsletter or to the [www.drydenkiwanisonline.com](http://www.drydenkiwanisonline.com) website.

*-On Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our volunteer field clean up and dug out re-building day at the Village of Freeville's Groton Ave field from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to clear brush around the benches and general field maintenance.*

- Dryden Kiwanis will supply all players with a Jersey and a Cap, all Coaches will receive ball equipment to run a team however, players should have their own baseball or softball gloves.

*-Players in the Triple A and Major League Baseball program must wear baseball pants or long pants (baseball cleats are also recommended), for safety reasons shorts are not allowed.*

-Just a reminder to parents and spectators that the local School Grounds and Municipal Parks that we use do not allow the consumption of any type of tobacco or alcohol products on premises. They also do not allow animals - wild or domestic including dogs, to be brought to a sporting event. Please respect their rules so we may play there next year, particularly at the High School.

*-Dryden Kiwanis is always looking for new members to help out in the community to change the life of one child at a time. To see what we're all about check out our website at [www.drydenkiwanisonline.com](http://www.drydenkiwanisonline.com) . If you think you might be interested in joining Dryden Kiwanis please let us know by emailing us on the website's contact page.*

-The following are some useful Internet links for summer ball camp options. If the links don't work, copy and paste in the address line of your Internet browser and they should work fine.

[www.tc3.edu/panthers/camps.asp](http://www.tc3.edu/panthers/camps.asp)  
[www.athletics.cornell.edu/camps/baseball.html](http://www.athletics.cornell.edu/camps/baseball.html)  
[www.GoMounties.com](http://www.GoMounties.com) ... click on 'baseball'  
[www.lemoynebaseballcamp.com/](http://www.lemoynebaseballcamp.com/)  
[www.cortland.edu/sportsschool/](http://www.cortland.edu/sportsschool/)  
[www.ithaca.edu/sacl/summercamps/baseball/](http://www.ithaca.edu/sacl/summercamps/baseball/)  
[www.midwestbaseballacademy.com/baseball/register/index.aspx](http://www.midwestbaseballacademy.com/baseball/register/index.aspx)  
[www.baseballcamps.com](http://www.baseballcamps.com)

*Thank you for your help in making this an enjoyable experience for our children to remember.*

*Keep swinging for the fences!!*

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