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## Home Runner

June, 2006

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I sit here writing this article, it is the Monday after the CJBL campout. What a great weekend at the park. The campout was a great success! We had over 150 campers who spent the night and joined in the fun. I think everyone had a good time. The campers got to play games and enjoy two movies on the big screen located on the A field. This year's movies were The Goonies and The Princess Bride. Thanks to Dwayne Wangenheim for providing the audiovisual equipment and a big thanks to all of the Board and Auxiliary members that helped out. I would especially like to thank Ken Paschal for organizing and being in charge of the campout.

One of the CJBL families that have been part of the campout for years is The Williams family. Tim is a board member and Diane is an auxiliary member. Every year, Diane has volunteered to be in charge of the games at the campout, and she always does a wonderful job. This year was no different. Tim has been there every year also helping out with anything that needed to be done. Sadly for the league, this will be the last year that this is the case. Tim, Diane and family are leaving us for a new life in the state of Georgia. Although this is a sad thing for us, it is a happy thing for them, and we wish them nothing but the best in their new life. Thanks to both of you for all that you have done for the league and for me over the last eight years. You will be truly missed.

By the time you receive this homerunner at home, the season will be just about over. All an all it's been a pretty good year at CJBL. I have seen lots of good baseball at every level, and have had the pleasure watching lots of children smile and have a great time at CJBL. Thanks to all the managers, coaches, team parents, and parents. I hope it has been an enjoyable season for everyone. I know I have seen improvement each week in the fundamentals of baseball as I observed the kids. Our goal always has been to provide a safe, fun place for the children to learn the fundamentals and mechanics of baseball. I think that once again this year we have succeeded. I hope you think so also.

Remember to watch the website for info on registration for Winterball and spring 2007. Well that's all for now. I will see you at ballpark!

Sincerely  
Steve Mathias,  
President-CJBL Board of Directors

### Message from Auxiliary

It is hard to believe that the season is almost over...

Thanks to everyone who contributed in our fundraising events this year.

You still have time to order your personalized plaques! We have extended the order date to July 16th! Order forms are available on our CJBL website or stop by the snack bar and ask for one. For those of you who have ordered a plaque already, take a look at the West wall of the snack bar next time you are at the field.

If you are a Manager, Coach, or Team Parent, be on the lookout for your invitation to our 2nd annual Thank You BBQ on July 7th. Don't forget your mitt!

Sincerely,

Tori Jacobson, Auxiliary Board President



*Chatsworth Coordinating Council recognized the following Chatsworth Jr. Baseball League members with a 2006 "Service to the Community Recognition Certificate"*

*Jess Espinoza*

Jess Espinoza, better known as "Chuy," joined the Chatsworth Junior Baseball League (CJBL) in 1965, when his oldest son, Joe, was eight years old. Jess has been continuously involved since that time as a manager and coach when his sons played and, thereafter, helping out in any way and at any time needed. He has been a major contributor to field maintenance, helping to rebuild fields when necessary, and preparing fields for each new season. For his selfless, dedicated contributions to youth and the community through CJBL, we recognize and thank Jess Espinoza.

*Michael Garbo*

As a former player with Chatsworth Junior Baseball League (CJBL), Mike Garbo has returned to give back to the League he enjoyed so much as a youth. As a member of the CJBL Board of Directors' Game Management team, Mike has served as a player agent overseeing teams and managers in the A-Ball and AA divisions. Mike has also coached for many seasons and spends countless hours at the field helping to meet a myriad of League and player needs. For his goodness of heart and dedicated service devotion to youth, Chatsworth commends and honors Mike Garbo.

*Jodi Hotchkiss*

Continuing a Chatsworth Junior Baseball League (CJBL) service tradition established by her father, Leonard Chenard, Jodi Hotchkiss has served through the CJBL Auxiliary Board for several years to benefit over 400 players who play Summer and Winter ball. Jodi has served as Recording Secretary, Editor and Chief of the Home runner monthly newsletter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Snack Bar, Snack Bar Coordinator, Hospitality Coordinator, and League Representative. For her dedicated service to Chatsworth youth, we join CJBL on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to thank and honor Jodi Hotchkiss.

*Loree Marcoe*

Loree Marcoe is a second-generation Chatsworth Jr. Baseball League (CJBL) family member whose unbounded energy is only outpaced by her generous heart. Loree has served almost every CJBL Auxiliary Board leadership role, including President; First Vice-President, Ways and Means; Snack Bar Coordinator; League Representative; Team Parent and member of countless committees. When work is to be done, Loree is always standing at the front of the volunteer line. For her continuing service to youth, the Chatsworth community thanks and recognizes Loree Marcoe.

*Tim Williams*

Tim Williams has been an active volunteer member of the Chatsworth Jr. Baseball League (CJBL) Board of Directors for many years. Tim's CJBL service contributions have included roles as coach; manager; player agent; game management team member for the T-Ball Division; and key roles on several other committees, including Equipment and Uniforms and the annual Family Campout. For his continuing, selfless service and commitment to making a positive difference for youth, the Chatsworth community joins CJBL in extending its sincere appreciation and well-earned service recognition to Tim Williams.

**CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**WHAT IS IT?**

A non-profit group of representatives from clubs, organizations, agencies, schools and religious bodies, plus interested private citizens from the Chatsworth Area. It is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-political in intent and activity. It is a problem-focusing, fact-gathering, action-recommending, project-coordinating group. **They meet on the fourth Monday of the month from September to November and from January through April in the Rockpointe Club House, 22300 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth.**

**WHAT DOES IT DO?**

The Council provides a neutral forum where the community can discuss its concerns and identify its needs. It is a vehicle through which member organizations can inform others of their special programs, projects and events. Speakers of interest to the community are presented at the meetings. The Council develops ideas and supports innovative and relevant programming for all in the community of Chatsworth.

**COUNCIL PROJECTS**

**Scholarship Award:** One or more scholarships may be given annually to a graduating Senior(s) from a Chatsworth high school.

**Annual Directory:** As a service to the community, a Directory is published each year listing all Council members and as many Chatsworth resources as can be identified.

**Community Volunteer Recognitions:** Outstanding service to the community by adult and youth volunteers is recognized at the May awards banquet through the presentation of Service to the Community Certificates, Youth and Citizen of the Year Awards.

**Community Calendar:** The Council maintains, and makes available to the community, a master calendar of coming events and activities.

**2006-2007 PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
ELMER GUENTHNER**

Long, long ago, in a land far, far away, a man who has devoted his life to others arrived on earth. Elmer Guenther was born after the Stock Market Crash. For those of us who know when the Stock Market Crash occurred, you are invited to speculate just how long after the crash Elmer arrived due to his youthful, distinguished appearance. For those who perceive that event to be ancient history, you now have a new factlet: it was 1929—Elmer did not witness it, as he was born a short while later.

Elmer Guenther is the eighth of ten children. His service began at an early age and would violate current child labor laws. At nine years of age, Elmer took his first part-time job working for the Armour Chronicle. He served, honorably and bravely in the Army from July 1950 to July 1953, during the Korean War. While he was stationed in New York, he met his future and current bride, Jo, and they were married on May 29, 1953. Elmer and Jo are the proud parents of three children and seven grandchildren.

Elmer joined the Chatsworth Junior Baseball League family in 1965. Elmer quickly stepped in as a volunteer wherever needed and assume manager and coaching roles in multiple divisions over the years, including the AA Phillies, A Diamond Backs and the Junior Babe Ruth Indians when his son, Chris, was a 13-year-old player on the team.

Elmer has been the CJBL equipment manager since 1971. While he has made claims that he has “retired” from many roles in the League, he has not been given the opportunity to do so in this arena. Through Elmer’s vision and dedication, over 500 players are fielded each Summer with the uniforms and equipment Elmer orders and maintains to make their sports experience safe and memorable. Recognizing the investment that many personal equipment items require, Elmer initiated an equipment recycling program so that these items don’t languish in a darkened closet while there is one other child who can benefit from the “previously owned” treasures.

For many years, Elmer was also instrumental in completing the production and printing of the CJBL player program. More than one memorable evening was spent around the Guenther table pulling the early programs together so that Elmer could print it and have it ready to place in the hands of anxious players. In recognition of his longstanding contributions to the youth through the CJBL, the League dedicated the playing field for five- to ten-year olds in recognition of Elmer in 1994.

As Chatsworth Jr. Baseball League celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it is a time when Elmer is more than eligible to just stay home and watch the grass grow. For all of the reasons we honor him tonight, he continues to handle the day-to-day management of equipment and maintenance of the CJBL facilities, ensuring all is in readiness for players who arrive daily to experience the magic of the sports experience. For the past 41 years, Elmer Guenther has given his heart, hands and time to make every team a dream team in terms of experience and memory, and **to let every child who ever stepped on a CJBL field know that they, individually, are the most important asset the Chatsworth Junior Baseball League has ever had the good fortune to embrace.**

For his boundless gifts of self, and his lifelong direct and indirect imprints on the hearts of countless boys, girls, and parents of the CJBL family, Elmer Guenther is honored by multi-generations of the Chatsworth community for his 41 years of service through this presentation of the Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council’s 2006 Presidents’ award.

# Standings

Second Half standings as of 6/9

Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
<b>AA</b>			
A's	6	0	1
Twins	5	0	1
Indians	3	2	1
Marlins	3	2	1
Phillies	2	4	0
Angels	1	5	0
Pirates	0	8	0

Home Runs: Jason Gill and Ryan Ducar(GS)

Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
<b>AAA</b>			
Cubs	4	1	1
Yankees	3	1	2
Dodgers	3	2	0
Tigers	3	3	0
Cardinals	2	4	0
White Sox	0	4	1

Home Runs: Carson Fenwick(6), Corey Duran(2)  
Christopher Jelloian(3), Jeremy Rodriguez, Scott Pallett  
Jordan Anker, Carlos Arroyo(2), Nolan Bennett(2), Matt  
Lein, Darren Kriz, Tommy Taylor, Phillip Houston, Tim  
Bahr and Raul Camas.

## 2007 Season Chatsworth Junior Baseball League Auxiliary Officer's were voted in as follows:

Co-President-Loree Marcoe and Laurie Renno  
1st VP Ways & Means- Betty Duran and  
Kristy Gergen  
2nd VP Snack Bar-Kathy Fierro and  
Ramona Nostaja  
Treasurer-Tori Jacobson  
Recording Secretary-Jodi Hotchkiss  
Corresponding Secretary-Judy Broquist  
Nominating Committee:  
Laurie Renno, Loree Marcoe, Kathy Fierro, Judy Broquist, Jodi  
Hotchkiss and Kristy Gergen.

## CONGRADULATIONS

**T-Ball Blue Jay's** for reaching over \$1,000. in  
candy sales and received the \$50.00 team party  
money.

**Warren Sales**—Winner of the IPOD Nano

Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
<b>JUNIOR</b>			
Giants	4	2	0
Royals	3	2	1
Cardinals	3	3	0
Marlins	2	3	1
Mariners	2	4	0

Home Runs:Andrew Carlos and Michael Parker

Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
<b>SENIOR</b>			
Padres	4	2	0
Pirates	3	2	0
Yankees	3	3	0
Reds	1	4	0

Home Runs: Scott Jacobson, Andres Cabrera(2), Terry  
Mauer(3), Jason Hartt(2), James Papazian, Brandon  
Chapek(2), Cody Nicholson, Austin Poepke, Mike Hernan-  
dez, Zach Dalmau and Brian Silverman

**For any questions/concerns you might have in regards  
to CJBL baseball play Rules, please refer to our web  
site-[WWW.CJBL.org](http://WWW.CJBL.org) under section entitled RULES.**

*On your daily journeys, listen to those inner signals that  
help you make the right choices --- no matter what  
anyone thinks..*

## Reminders

Any extra household towels/wash clothes that you may  
want to part with are always needed for snack bar cleanup.  
Please deliver to the coordinator on duty in the snack bar.

Please donate your old or outgrown baseball items and  
equipment items to CJBL. Elmer accepts these donations  
year-round for grateful players.

We are taking donations of new or used tennis balls.  
CJBL kids love to play with them in their spare time.  
(Hurry!!! Most of ours are flat!!!) They rent for \$1.00  
from the snack bar. Return the ball and get your \$1.00  
back!



*Our next dine out date will be on **June  
26th at Los Toros Restaurant.** So keep  
watch for the flyers available in the  
snack bar prior to the event and for  
other posters/flyers with detailed  
information regarding all the*

*upcoming fun events. Information prior to each event can  
also be found on the CJBL web site at [www.cjbl.org](http://www.cjbl.org).*

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

<b>Thank-You Party</b>	<b>Friday, July 7th</b>	<b>5:00-8:00pm</b>
<b>End of Season &amp; Alumni Game</b>	<b>Sunday, July 16th</b>	<b>TBA</b>

