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I hope everyone had a happy and restful holiday season. Now we just have to survive this wintry weather and spring training will be here again! Baseball has not been quiet though, with trades, etc... and our committee has received a number of requests for information and projects for us to work on together. As you read through the newsletter please respond where you are asked to and think about the various opportunities to get involved and help with our committee's work.

Here is a special request from the SABR office to all members: It is the time of year when candidates are being sought for this year's elections. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 15, 1996 and should be submitted to the committee chairman Jim Overmyer. The positions open this year are vice president, secretary and a member of the board of directors. If you are interested or know someone who is please be sure to turn in your nominations before February 15th.

*****Recent Books, Articles...*****

The following list of materials has been compiled thanks to contributions from: Jerry Malloy, Betty Sarafin, Gai Berlage, the AAGPBL, the internet and Dick Clark.

(**Denotes all items available for a SASE - 1 stamp per 4 pages)
Trudy Hanmer, *The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League*.

Children's book which introduces some of the players, places the game in larger context, talks about how players were recruited and talks of some possibilities for the future.

Kindred, David. *Colorado Silver Bullets*, Longstreet Press, 1995. A photo collection about their 1995 season along with introductions of the players and others associated with the club.

**Images "Women and Baseball Project" (2 pp)

**Colorado Silver Bullets 1995 schedule (2 pp)

**"Girls who play baseball" *The Appeal* (1897)

**1 page article on Mabel Sloan

***"Movie strikes out myth that women can't play ball" Bill Brownstein. About the film "Baseball Girls" by Lois Siegel
 ***"Bloomer Girls Top Maids +2, in title series" *Chicago Tribune*, 17 September 1953
 ***"Bloomer girls and Maids play halted by rain" *Chicago Tribune*, 19 September 1953
 ***"Maids defeat Bloomer Girls, 1-0, in playoff" *Chicago Tribune*, 20 September 1953
 ***"Girl Player works out with Senators then watches her favorites lose, 9-4." *Harrisburg-Patriot*, 23 June 1952
 ***"Trautman, Frick put law barring women into book." *Harrisburg-Patriot*, 24 June 1952.
 ***"Ready for Another Inning" (2 pp) about Bridget Venturi. *Chicago Tribune*, 31 December 1995.

*****Committee Happenings*****

In November Gai Berlage presented a paper about Toni Stone, Connie Morgan and Peanut Johnson at the Annual Conference for NASSS in Sacramento, California.

Betty Sarafin is currently working on an outline for a documentary on the role women have played in American baseball and an article on the Silver Bullets.

**Please send me any information regarding projects any of you are working on, have completed etc... so that we can keep up with the activities of our committee members.

*****Research Needs*****

Jack Parrott is working on a book about baseball and is currently looking for information about women in baseball from April 1952 and October 1991. Anyone with any information that might help Jak can send the information to Jack at the following address or can send it to me.

Jack Parrott 626 Main St., Avoca, PA 18641

Troy Soos is looking for information about women's baseball in New England prior to 1920. He is particularly interested in the Boston Bloomer team from around 1900. Any information can be sent to Troy or to me.

Troy Soos 93 Jackson St., Cambridge, MA 02140

Mike Patchen is interested in learning if any of the All american girls were from Wyoming.

Mike Patchen 1200 Knollwood, Gillette WY 82718

Betty Sarafin is interested in any help or suggestions for her documentary and article projects.

Betty Sarafin 1749 Crafton BLVD, Suite #4, Pittsburgh, PA
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*****Special Notes*****

In case many of you are not aware of this collection I wanted to introduce you to the collections held in the Michigan and Family History dept. at the Grand Rapids Public library. They have quite a bit of information on the Chicks and players like Helen Risinger, Robinson photos and the Chicks collection. It appears to be well-organized and extensive.

Michael Hazen, one of our committee members, has started a website for our committee. It can be found on the internet at www.well.com/user/hazen/WBBC.htm. You can communicate ideas, thoughts, questions, etc... to me through the e-mail address given. To begin with our page will include a bibliography, some stats, research needs and questions. Please continue to send all these things to me so they can be in our newsletter and on the webpage. If you see things that are not included on either the bibliography or the stats please send the information to me so we can begin to build a full collection of materials to help researchers trying to document the history of women in baseball. If an article, etc... is not on the bibliography it probably means I do not have a copy in our committee files and so it would be helpful if you could send copies so we can make our files as complete as possible.

As mentioned in our last newsletter I have now received a list from the AAGPBL of players they are trying to locate. They have passed on to me whatever information they have. As researchers this is where we can help this group by trying to find out what happened to these ball players after they left the league. If you would like to help out please drop me a line and I will send you a copy of the list. As you begin to research please send all information that you find to me so we can compile it for the AAGPBL players association. I will also offer any assistance I can to any one who wishes to help but has never done this kind of research before. There are also other members of our committee and SABR who can help. If you have methods that work well or things that have not worked please let me know so this can be passed on to help other researchers. This is an important project and fits well with the goals of this committee. I hope many of you will decide to help.

*****Final Words*****

Please remember to send me e-mail addresses if you have them so they can be included in the March newsletter. Please send all information to me by the beginning of March to have it included in

the next issue. Remember, our committee's work depends on each of us to be successful. Please send all information you find to me so we can make others aware of it.

Leslie + Claudia

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co-chairs