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## Women in Baseball Committee Newsletter

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As we begin a New Year Claudia and I hope that your holiday season was joyous and restful. We wish you all the best for a healthy and happy new year!! We think this year can be a productive one for our committee. Many of you are continuing to work on individual projects and have particular research needs that are contained elsewhere in the newsletter. I did not receive many articles from committee members for this issue but that does not mean there were not many published. Please continue to send me copies of articles, book titles, web sites etc.. that you encounter in your own research so we can inform others about available materials.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are looking for any information you find regarding umpires during women's games. Please send this material to me and it will also be sent to the umpires committee. They are helping us with this endeavor. Salty Ferguson has sent information from when she played in the League which was very helpful.

Claudia is also working on a panel of AAGPBL players for the upcoming SABR Meeting in California. Please get in touch with myself or Claudia if you would like to help with this project.

A reminder again to committee members who have particular areas of expertise: if you are willing to serve as a resource when I receive letters or phone calls please drop me a note with your expertise listed and how you would like people to get in touch with you. Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anything that you wish to go in the next newsletter please send to me by early April.

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**Research Requests**

Does anyone have any information on Eleanor Engle? Please send this information to Leslie Heaphy and it will be passed on.

Anyone with any information about players from the AAGPBL who were of Greek heritage, please send information to Diamantis Zervos at 5 Lincolnshire Dr., Canton, Massachusetts 02021

David Stevens is still looking for information on actress Helen Dauvray and the cup she donated for a World Series. Information can be sent to him at 5225 N. River's Edge, 410 Chicago, IL 60630.

Karen Cross is looking for information about a player named Jesse Roberts (her professional name) or Theresa Bridget Brennan (her real name) who played for the Chicago Bloomers between 1900 and 1906? Any help please send to Leslie Heaphy and I will pass it along to Karen.

Mark Finch is looking for any information on Emma Black, a *Sporting Life* correspondent in the 1890s. Please send any information to me and I will pass it along.

JoAn Flower is still looking for information on the AGBL -the Arthur Murray girls. Please pass on to me or e-mail JoAn: JoAnFlower@aol.com.

I have more copies of the missing player list from the AAGPBL. If you have not received a copy and would like one please send a SASE and I will mail you a copy. They need our help in locating some of the former players. I will list any found players in our newsletter.

William McNeil is writing a book and wants to include a section on the AAGPBL. He is looking for players to interview, statistics and possible photos to use for publication. If you can help him out please get in touch with him at 5 Woodland Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Anyone with any information related to vintage women's baseball teams please pass that on to me for an interested member. I know there are teams associated with the Ohio Historical Society. Are there others? The Akron Blackstockings are interested in adding a women's team to their vintage men's team for 1998 and are looking for help. Information can be sent to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens 714 North Portage Path Akron Oh 44303.

Any one with information about Madeline English, please send to Joe Bisognano using his e-mail address: jbisognano@horizons.com

Anyone have any articles about the Silver Bullets playing in Taiwan? Please send to me.

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Recent Books, Articles, etc

The following list of materials has been compiled thanks to contributions from: Gai Berlage, Dick Clark, Larry Lester, Jerry Malloy, Claudia Perry, Ron Repogle, Silver Bullets, Thanks!

(\*\*Denotes articles available for a SASE, 1 stamp per 4 pages)

\*\*\*"Coors Bites Silver Bullet, Drops Sponsorship of Women's Team" Associated Press Diamond Angle Issue # 56, Summer 1997

\*\*List of recent AAGPBL items auctioned by Leland's

\*\*\*"Women in the Negro Leagues" on Toni Stone

\*\*\*"Sidelines chat with Alice "Lefty" Hohlmayer" from Sidelines

\*\*\*"Leola Hay, Played for the Bloomer girls"

\*\*\*"Dottie Wiltse" from Sports collectors Digest 10/3/97

A New film is out called "Baseball girls" from the National Film board of Canada, produced by Lios Siegel. Can be found in Mardi Timm's Women in Baseball Catalogue

\*\*\*"Girls of summer" Carl Draeger from Michigan History Magazine

\*\*Article on Stella Davidson from Sporting News 7/25/56

\*\*Picture of field named for Toni Stone in Minnesota

\*\*Game by Game results from the Silver Bullets 1997 Season

\*\*\*"Hall of Famer Takes Stand for Women Opening Doors"

\*\*\*"Major League Baseball Has a Women's Team"

\*\*\*"Colorado Silver Bullets ready to Make History"

- \*\* "Women's Baseball Popularity Growing with the Silver Bullets"
- \*\* "In the Shadow of the WNBA"
- \*\* "Women's Baseball Joins Professional Ranks"
- \*\* "Bullets Head to Hall of Fame this Weekend"

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Other Items of Interest

Peanut Johnson was a guest speaker at a SABR regional meeting in November. Hope to get more details to share with you.

Among the many items the Baseball Hall of Fame has dealing with Women in baseball is a copy of a 1952 letter from the National Association to all minor league clubs regarding women signing contracts to play. It is an interesting letter if you have never seen it!

**Final comments:**

Anyone with an e-mail address that they would like added to the committee roster please drop me a note at [lleaphy@stark.kent.edu](mailto:lleaphy@stark.kent.edu) and it will be included. If you would like to receive the newsletter this way please let me know.

Any thoughts or ideas for our summer committee meeting please let me know. Also, keep sending materials you find so we can increase people's awareness of women in baseball.

Leslie and Claudia