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"We are the Ship, All Else the Sea"

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In the News

Theater for the New City stages **JOSH: THE BLACK BABE RUTH**

Theater for the New City Executive Director [Crystal Field](#) recently presenting "**Josh: The Black Babe Ruth**," a critically acclaimed play by **Michael A. Jones** about one of the greatest players in the Negro Leagues.

Jones' play, that ran from April 19 - May 7, was set in the 1940s, and presents the story of Josh Gibson, who went from the sandlots of Pittsburgh's North Side to the pinnacle of greatness in the Negro Leagues.



Michael Jones, Ralph Carhart, Daphne Danielle & Phil Ross

It looks at his successes, sorrows and struggles to try to break into "the big leagues" and play with white players at a time when the sport was still segregated.

The play, staged and directed by [Bette Howard](#), mixes drama and humor to tell one of the more poignant stories in sports and society.

"He was considered one of the greatest home run hitters, most feared sluggers of any era, and called by many "the Black Babe Ruth," Jones, who also plays Josh Gibson, said. "Gibson left an undeniable legacy of greatness and accomplishment."

The play, based on real events, is likely to tell the story of the best (or one of the best) ballplayers some never heard of.

Gibson's career in Pittsburgh as a member of the **Homestead Grays**, the dominant team in the Negro Leagues, led to his induction in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1972.

"**Josh: The Black Babe Ruth**" is story of a Negro League baseball player who some say died of a broken heart," Jones added. "Although his good friend and legendary pitcher Satchel Paige tries to shed light on the business of baseball, Josh is determined to make it into the 'big leagues' and show the world he can rival the greats, such as Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio."

Backstage magazine described the earlier production of the five-character play in a critic's pick as "lively, vividly performed." *Caribbean Life* magazine succinctly wrote that one should "run, don't walk to see Josh and Satchel."

The play is directed by Bette Howard, an original member of the [Negro Ensemble Company](#), which became the premier theater company of Black theater artists in the 1960's and 70's in New York City.

"Its focus was on original works with complex themes grounded in black life with an international viewpoint," Jones added of that group. "NEC created a canon of theatrical works that set the stage and created the audience for writers who came later."

The company included **Denzel Washington**, **Lynn Whitfield**, **Samuel L. Jackson**, and **Phylicia Rashad** and set the stage for writers such as **August Wilson** and **Suzan-Lori Parks**.

Jones' other writing credits include "It Takes a Village to Raise. . . Hell," produced by The Marian Holding Theatre; "Family Matters," produced at Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre Company and "Angela's Justice," produced at Theater for the New City.

To close out the sold-out play on April 30th, **Janelle Lester** (no relation) coordinated a panel of SABR researchers, that included **Rich Puerzer**, **Phil Ross**, **Lee Lowenfish** and **Ralph Carhart**, along with the playwright and the director. They discussed the creative genius behind the piece, the history of baseball and the Negro Leagues and circumstances at play in Gibson's life (segregation, racism, and thoughts of perhaps a major league conspiracy).

Members of the audience described the panel's enthusiasm for the subject matter as "infectious." Surely, that is no surprise among faithful followers of these SABR aficionados.

“Buck” O’Neil Lifetime Achievement Award Newest Recipient: Rachel Robinson

Press Release from the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

On May 25, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum’s Board of Directors announced Rachel Robinson as the 2017 recipient of the John Jordan “Buck” O’Neil Lifetime Achievement Award. Robinson becomes the fourth winner of the Buck O’Neil Award, which was established in 2007 to honor an individual whose efforts broadened the game’s appeal and whose character, integrity and dignity is comparable to the late O’Neil, who passed away in 2006 after eight decades of contributions to the game. O’Neil was honored as the first recipient of the Award in 2008. Long-time executive **Roland Hemond** was honored with the second Buck O’Neil Award in 2011, followed by **Joe Garagiola** in 2014.

The Award will be presented to Robinson in Cooperstown at the Awards Presentation on Saturday, July 29, as part of Hall of Fame Weekend 2017. Working with her husband, Jackie Robinson, during their 26-year marriage and after his passing in 1972, Rachel Robinson created the Jackie Robinson Development Corporation, founded to build and manage housing for people of moderate and low incomes. A year later, she formed the **Jackie Robinson Foundation**, which provides college scholarships and leadership training, and headed the Foundation’s Board of Directors until stepping down in 1996. A career nurse who worked as a researcher at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine’s Department of Social and Community Psychiatry, Robinson has received honorary doctorates from nearly a dozen colleges and universities.

“Rachel Robinson has worked tirelessly to raise the level of equality not only in baseball, but throughout society,” said Hall of Fame Chairman Jane Forbes Clark. “Through her grace, dignity and unsurpassed spirit, she continues to show the value, decency and importance of inclusiveness. She personifies the strength and character of Buck O’Neil, and on behalf of our Board of Directors, we are very happy and honored to bestow upon her this prestigious award.”

“I am honored that the Hall of Fame has invited me to receive the Buck O’Neil Lifetime Achievement

Award,” said Robinson. “Buck O’Neil was such a champion of baseball – and the Hall of Fame does an extraordinary job of recognizing individuals who have committed their lives to the great game. I commend Jane Forbes Clark and Jeff Idelson for their leadership and extend my gratitude to the Board of Directors for recognizing me in this way.”

The Buck O’Neil Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the Board of the Directors of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum at its discretion, though not more frequently than every three years. A permanent, life-size bronze statue of O’Neil is located at the Hall of Fame on the Museum’s first floor and serves as the home for the Award. The statue of O’Neil was created by nationally renowned sculptor **Williams Behrends**.

Rachel Robinson addresses fans and media at the Hall of Fame on June 25, 2008, when Jackie Robinson’s plaque was rededicated. (Milo Stewart Jr./National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum)

Rachel Robinson attended Hall of Fame Weekend 2013 in Cooperstown as the Museum honored the film “42”, which chronicled her husband Jackie Robinson’s path to the big leagues in 1946 and ’47. (Milo Stewart Jr./National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum)



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News Flash! - New Scholarships Available

UCLA announced on Memorial Day, the creation of \$1 million worth of scholarships in the name of Jackie Robinson for male athletes in the four sports he played while attending the school. The **Jackie R. Robinson Centennial Scholarships** will cover baseball, football, men’s basketball, and men’s track and field.

The Negro Leagues Committee awards the **Thomas R. Garrett** scholarships

SABR's [Negro Leagues Research Committee](#) is pleased to award **\$4,000** in scholarships to four 2017 high school seniors in its **eighth** annual national essay contest. They beat out more than **240** candidates from **43** states and one foreign country. The screening committee was comprised of educators **Leslie Heaphy, AJ Taylor, Michelle Freeman, Missy Booker, Phil Ross** and **Dr. Charles Crutchfield**.

ROBERT PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Winner-- **Jakez Smith**



Jakez Smith is a graduate from **South Central High School** in Winterville, NC. During high school, he participated in a dual enrollment program with Pitt Community College in Winterville, NC where he will earn his Associates in Arts degree this summer.

In his leisure, Jakez participates in enrichment opportunities at colleges throughout the state, plays games with his siblings and friends,

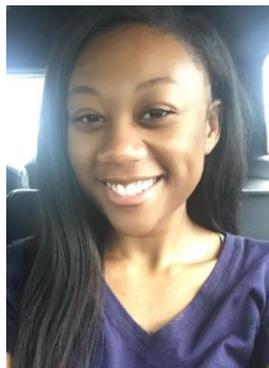
and volunteered for nearly **700 hours** as a junior counselor with the City of Greenville. He is also a member of the **National Society of High School Scholars, the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and the National Society of Leadership and the Success.**

Jakez's career goal is to become a **graphic designer** or a **simulation and game designer**. He will attend **William Peace University in Raleigh, NC** for his Bachelor's Degree. Jakez chose this school because of the small campus environment and the internship opportunities.

JIMMIE CRUTCHFIELD SCHOLARSHIP

Winner—**Nijer Reaves**

Nijer is one of five children and was born in Livingston, New Jersey, but now lives in Savannah, Georgia. She recently graduated Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from **Islands High School**. Nijer was an **honors graduate** and a recipient of the Superintendent's award. Her hobbies are reading, writing, dancing, and spending time with friends and family. Nijer plans on attending **Rutgers University - New Brunswick** to major in **microbiology!**



RUBE FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

Winner—**Sophia Dossin**

Sophia Dossin is graduating with the class of 2017 from **South Eugene High School** in Oregon with a **French Immersion International Baccalaureate** diploma and **AP scholar** status. When Sophia is not studying, she's busy leading the business team of the South Eugene **Robotics Team** and helping write award-winning business plans.

Sophia is also a **competitive chess player** with several state and national awards, and is the head-coach of an all-girls chess team she founded this year. In the community, Sophia is the school board representative for Eugene International High School (EIHS), served as student body president of EIHS, and has been an active member of the **National Honor's Society** for two years. This fall, she will be joining the **Washington University in St. Louis** class of 2021, where she will be studying **Business, Economics, and International Affairs.**



NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB SCHOLARSHIP

Winner—**Isabella Baynard**

Isabella Baynard is a Chicago native who has grown up primarily in Colorado and California. She considers herself to be an artistic activist who uses design, technology, and spoken word to support humanitarian causes. In 2016 Isabella created her own business, **Bella Bay Co.**, <http://bellabay.co/> where she created custom t-shirts, patches, buttons, and iPhone cases. She has used these design and creativity skills to lead the fundraising efforts for the **Solidarity for Haiti Club** at her high school.

As an aspiring fashion designer who is working hard to create her own fashion label, Isabella is dedicated to sharing her art and designs to support community groups, provide a platform for her generation's voice, and to showcase how the world is interconnected. Bella will graduate from **Los Altos High School** in Los Altos, California this spring and plans to head to the epicenter of fashion this fall at the **Parsons School of Design, NY** to pursue her professional education and build her network. During her college years, she wants to refine her design style, continue her journey as a woman entrepreneur, and fine tune her leadership skills. She plans to become a trendsetter for global communities.



"I Could Never Hit the Curve Ball, but I do Know Baseball"

Job opportunity at Major League Baseball, New York, NY

Job title: Manager, Diversity & Inclusion

PURPOSE

Support the Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Department in executing on strategy to support the engagement of fans and employees through the planning, promotion and coordination of key D&I initiatives including, but not limited to, the D&I Pipeline Program, Supplier Diversity and workforce/workplace inclusion.



MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the VP to lead, influence, and drive the development of the diversity recruiting strategy for MLB.
- Evaluate current and potential diversity recruitment practices, ideas, opportunities, and affinity partnerships in order to increase ability to source diverse candidates.
- Develop ideas and programs to continuously improve diversity recruitment efforts at a league and Club level.
- Utilize technological resources and on-site visits to actively source and recruit qualified diverse candidates for MLB and certain Club positions. Support the Front Office & On-Field Diversity Pipeline Program in developing a pipeline of diverse candidates for open entry level and lateral positions with the Clubs.
- Utilize ATS to manage diversity candidate applications and communications.
- Develop diversity specific business acumen, and research industry competitors keeping aware of market conditions.
- Assist in Talent Acquisition's ability to maintain metrics and be able to discuss diversity recruitment objectives, goals and outcomes.
- Establish, cultivate and maintain strong partnerships with academic and diversity organizations to improve and enhance recruitment strategy.
- Create and continue to build a robust database of diverse talent for current and future consideration
- Collaborate with Diversity & Inclusion Team on key diversity initiatives and events as needed.

REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree and 3-5 years of relevant experience.
- Excellent interpersonal, written, and oral communication skills.
- Analytical skills, demonstrated initiative, and the ability to exercise sound decision-making skills.
- Extensive multi-tasking skills and experience managing deliverables with time-sensitive deadlines.
- Professional demeanor, organized and detail oriented.
- Spanish language skill is a plus.
- Ability to travel as needed.

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'He wouldn't let that dream go' Milan native Bill Wright inducted into Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame

By Steve Short, steveshort70@bellsouth.net

Burnis "Wild Bill" Wright, who played his first baseball games in Milan with a bat whittled from a tree limb and a ball of rags and twine, was inducted posthumously into the Tenn. Sports Hall of Fame at Nashville's Omni Hotel Sat. June 3, the first Milan native to join the state Hall of Fame.

Born in Milan in 1914, Wright joined the **Nashville Elite Giants** of the Negro Leagues when he was 18. He went on to become a 7-time all-star who twice led the league in hitting in 1937 and 1939.

Called "**the Black DiMaggio**," Wright had a stellar career in Mexico, winning the **Triple Crown** in 1943 and being inducted into the **Mexico Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982**. He lived in Aguascalientes, Mexico until his passing in 1996.

Accepting Wright's award was his niece, Mary Lillian Wright Allen of Ferguson, Missouri. Also attending was Wright's adopted grandson, Burnis Bill Wright and wife, Rain of Indianapolis. Wright's second cousin, Colleen Scott of Milan also attended.

"I know that if Bill and my Dad (V.L. Wright) would be living today, they would be so proud," said Ms. Allen. "Bill would be so honored to know that his home state recognized his achievements. This is a great day for our family, and it shows that people appreciate what you do, and it lives beyond you being here on this earth. I'm so grateful that people are inspired by the career in baseball that my uncle had."

"I look at the bio of my uncle and remember talking to him on the telephone, and he sharing with us all the places he had been and experiences he had," said Ms. Allen. "He came from a very small town, in which, at that time, it was hard for someone who was an African-American to even dream of doing something other than what was available locally. But he had a dream, and he wouldn't let that dream go."

"God blessed him with nineteen years of professional baseball experience," she added. "To see the places he went and things he did and the lives he touched and the great talent that God blessed him with - it's really awe inspiring. It really helps me to understand, that some of that is in my DNA, and that keeps me taking risks and keeps me inspired and motivated to go beyond the status quo. So I thank him so much."

During the 51st annual Hall of Fame banquet, Mr. Wright and other nine other inductees were subjects of video profiles shown on big screens in the Omni ballroom. Former Tennessee football coach, Phil Fulmer, a Hall of Fame member, gave an overview of the 2017 inductees, describing Wright as a "**seven time all-star who should be in Cooperstown.**"



Speaking at the podium to the large audience, Ms. Allen thanked the Hall of Fame staff and many other people and relatives who helped with Wright's induction.

"I believe Uncle Bill would be most proud of his being able to surpass some of the great all-star Negro players," said Ms. Allen. "In 1941, at the age 27, he raised his batting average to .390, and he outplayed and exceeded the batting averages of the great **Josh Gibson, Ray Dandridge, Willie Wells, 'Cool Papa' Bell**; the Cuban player, **Martin Dihigo; Bus Clarkson, Silvio Garcia** and **Ed Stone**. Tonight I stand proudly here thanking you again for including him in the Class of 2017. And we just give you all praise and thanks, **Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.**"

Wright's adopted grandson, Burnis (below) moved from Mexico last August and only recently learned his grandfather would be honored in Nashville.

The young Burnis grew up visiting his grandfather and eating at his café, **Bill Wright's Dugout** in Aguascalientes. He was with his grandfather when he passed away.

"I didn't imagine that my grandfather had this big of a presence in the United States," said young Burnis speaking in Spanish, as his wife interpreted. He was with his grandfather when Bill passed away, and said Mr. Wright extended his arm like he was trying to catch a baseball.

"He fell in love with Aguascalientes because of the good weather and the niceness of the people there," said Burnis. "He [my grandfather] was very giving and generous."

One of Wright's biggest supporters for the Hall, **Bryan Steverson** shared this humorous story from a *Sports Illustrated* interview in 1992.

"Campanella went on to the majors. I was too old by then, so I went down to Mexico again and signed up with the **Diablos Rojos, the Red Devils**.

The people were so nice that I just decided to stay. One year I hit .390 in 90 games, 17 home runs. Would have been more but the fence was 450 feet away.

We had altitude, but not enough. The president of the league, Jorge Pasquel, was also the manager of a team, the **Veracruz Blues**.

In a Saturday game the fence was at 390, and he saw me hit two out of the park. The next day the fence was at 450. First time I got up, the bases were loaded. I hit a line drive and the guy backed up and backed up and caught it. On Saturday it would have been a grand slam.

I was heading back to the dugout and looked over at Pasquel. He was pointing to his temple. 'Inteligencia,' he told me. We lost the game."



Sunrises!

JUNE

8TH – LIONEL EVELYN - 88
14TH – **DON NEWCOMBE - 91**
19TH – HANK MASON - 86
20TH – AL CARTMILL, JR. - 87
21ST – ART SIMMONS - 80
22ND – BOB SCOTT - 87
23RD – ULYSSES HOLLIMON – 86
24TH – NEALE "BOBO" HENDERSON – 87
30TH – RENDON MARBURY - 80



JULY

1ST – **FRANK ENSLEY - 90**
7TH – **JUMPIN' JOHNNY WILSON - 90**
16TH – CLIFF DUBOSE - 80
19TH – JOHNNY FAIRLEY – 76
26TH – PEDRO SIERRA – 79
30TH – WILLIAM BELL – 87
31ST – **DON JOHNSON – 91**

AUGUST

1ST – A.J. JACKSON - 84
5TH – IRA MCKNIGHT, JR. - 82
8TH – GRADY MONTGOMERY – 86
12TH – **RAYMON LACY – 95**
19TH – WALT "COACH O" OWENS – 84
26TH – **IKE WELCH – 97**
29TH – RICH BOOKER – 88
31ST – JAKE SANDERS - 83

CONGRATULATIONS to Nonagenarians, **DON NEWCOMBE, JUMPIN' JOHNNY WILSON, FRANK ENSLEY, DON JOHNSON, RAYMOND LACY & IKE WELCH.**

Sunsets

CLEOPHUS LAMARR "MOUSE" BROWN, SR., 83, died March 14, 2017, in Birmingham, AL.

Brown played two years in the Negro Leagues (1954-55) as a first baseman and left-handed pitcher for the **Louisville Clippers**.

In 1950, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at **Fort Polk**, Louisiana and in Munich, Germany, where he played baseball for the Posts. In 1953, he was discharged, and recruited by Negro League star **James "Fireball" Bolden** joining the Clippers the following year.

Brown was employed by the Woodward Iron Company, McWane & Ashland Chemical Company, Plymouth Tube and later the U.S. Postal Service. He was interred in Zion Memorial Gardens.

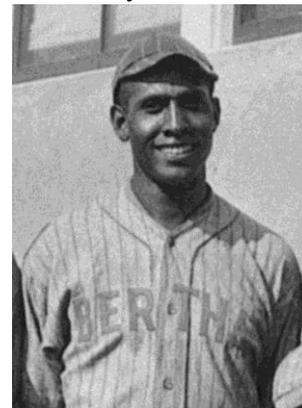


Buck O'Neil Education and Research Center Receives Donaldson Research

The Donaldson Network in conjunction with the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum announced the donation of research files on the career of **John Donaldson** to the soon to be opened **Buck O'Neil Education and Research Center** in Kansas City, MO.

Nearly 6,000 newspaper articles were researched and collected by SABR researchers for **The Donaldson Network**, providing documentation for more than 400 wins and 5000 verified strikeouts! Daily statistical compilations were prepared by **Wayne Stivers** of Plano, Illinois.

The Donaldson Network and the Buck O'Neil Education and Research Center have pledged to restore the lost legacy of John Wesley Donaldson.



John Donaldson Inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame!

The life and baseball career of John Wesley Donaldson were honored at the MSHOF at the annual Baseball Luncheon on May 25. Nearly 800 attendees celebrated Donaldson's life and baseball legacy. Endorsement Letters from the SABR community, plus letters from Chicago White Sox President, **Jerry Reinsdorf**; **Dr. Layton Revel**, Executive Director for the Center of NL Baseball Research; the **Glasgow (MO) City Council**, and **Bill Clark**, *Columbia Daily Tribune* columnist; and a host of historians that included **Steven Hoffbeck**, **Leslie Heaphy**, **Tim Rives** and **Jason Monning**, helped make this induction possible.

The Donaldson Network founder **Pete Gorton** accepted Donaldson's MSHOF plaque.

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The 20th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference Schedule

Thursday, July 27th

EDUCATION FORUM

- 9:00 Educational Forum
- 9:00 - 9:10 Welcome – **Dr. Raymond Janifer**
- 9:10 - 9:30 Self-introduction of attendees and current work
- 9:30 - 9:45 **Dr. Leslie Heaphy** shares the goal of the Educational forum
- 9:45 - 10:00 Break

10:00 - 10:30 Dr. Raymond Janifer presents "Value of Diversity in K-12 Curriculum"

10:30 - 11:00 **Dr. Charlemagne Fouche** will discuss using the Negro Leagues in teaching children in an alternative classrooms

11:00 - 11:15 Courtesy break

11:15- 11:45 **Dr. Lynn Miller** and former Major League player, coach & manager **Bo Porter**, will discuss their innovative educational program using methods utilized by Negro and Major Leaguer Sam Hairston & his family

11:45 - 12:00 Wrap up and final Q & A from participants

The education forum will take place at the Hilton Harrisburg Hotel in the **Leland Board Room**

Noon to 1:30 p.m. - Lunch on your own



REGISTRATION Continues

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration at Hilton Harrisburg Hotel will take place outside of the **Lancaster Room** on 2nd floor

1:30 to 4:00 p.m. - Rap Dixon Site Tour: Harrisburg/Steelton

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Dinner on your own

6:00 Meet & Greet with author Dr. Michael G. Long, co-author of *Jackie Robinson: A Spiritual Biography*, in Metropolitan room

Friday, July 28th

8 presentations, 1 Special Panel, and ball game

Registration at Hilton begins at 7:30 a.m. outside the Lancaster room

Presentations are in the Gettysburg/Lancaster rooms

8:30 - 9:00 - Welcome: Larry Lester — NLC Chairman, Ted Knorr – Site Coordinator

9:00 – 9:30 – Presentation 1 —**Rich Puerzer** “Colonel Strothers and Black Baseball in Harrisburg”

9:30 - 10:00 - Presentation 2 - **Jeremy Beer** “Oscar Charleston, The Man”

10:00 – 10:30 – Courtesy Break (visit Vendor room)

10:30 – 11:00 – Presentation 3 - **Missy Booker** “Nunn-thing is Impossible”

11:00 - 11:30 - Presentation 4 - **Jeff Williams** “Nine Innings to Integration: Rube Foster and the NNL”

11:30 - Noon - Presentation 5 - **Ed Edmonds** and **Mike Cozzillio** “An Alternative History: En Masse

Integration from the Negro Leagues into Major League Baseball.”

Noon - 1:30 - Lunch on your own

1:30 - 2:00 – Presentation 6 - **Gary Sarnoff** “Bill ‘Chick’ Starr”

2:00 - 2:30 - Presentation 7 - **John Graf** “Simulating Satchel: Baseball

‘Historical Fiction”

2:30 – 3:00 - Presentation 8 - **Mary Corey** “Byways, Segues, Digressions and Detours”

3:00 – 3:30 - Courtesy Break (visit Vendor room)

3:30 – 4:30 - Special Panel 1 – Negro Leagues on the Island hosted by **Carmen Finestra**, with historians **Calobe Jackson, Jr.**, **Andy Linker**, and former Negro Leaguers **Ken Free & Sam Allen**

5:30 - 6:00 – Walk/Ride to FNB Park

6:00 - Gates open to FNB Park

6:15 - 6:30 Players honored prior to game

7:00 **Portland Sea Dogs vs. Harrisburg Senators**



More info at: <http://www.larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy.html>

Saturday, July 29th

6 Presentations and 2 Panel presentations, Awards Banquet

8:30 - 9:00 - Welcome by Larry Lester/NLC Meeting

9:00 - 9:30 - Presentation 9 — **Ken Mars** “Early History of Black Baseball in Baltimore before 1890”

9:30 - 10:00 - Presentation 10 – **Paul Spyhalski** “Black Baseball’s Role in Supporting the Iowa Resort Tourism in the early 20th Century”

10:00 – 10:30 – Courtesy Break

10:30 - 11:00 – Presentation 11 - **Todd Peterson** “Negro Leagues=Major Leagues”

11:00 - 11:30 - Presentation 12 - **Bill Johnson** “Art Pennington: Superman beyond the Diamond”

11:30 - Noon – Presentation 13 - **James Zapp, Jr., Bill Nowlin and Rick Busch** “Jim Zapp”

Noon – 1:30 – Lunch on your own

1:30 - 2:00 - Presentation 14 - **Emily Rutter** “Archives of feelings in August Wilson’s *Fences* and Denzel Washington’s film adaptation”

2:00 - 3:00 - Special Panel 2 – **Ted Knorr** welcomes young filmmaker **Scott Orris** and briefly discussed background on his 18-minute film “*There were Giants*”. Special guests will be the 1954 Harrisburg Giants

3:00 - 3:30 - Courtesy Break (Vendor room)

3:30 - 4:30 - Special Panel 3 – an audio of **Bob Peterson’s keynote speech** from the inaugural conference in 1998, accompanied with PowerPoint images. In attendance will be Mr. Peterson’s widow Peggy, and their children Tom & Margie.

4:30 **Significa Test** with moderator Ted Knorr in Leland Room

6:00 - 7:00 – Cash bar reception in Gettysburg & Lancaster rooms

7:00 - 10:30 - Awards Dinner MC’ed by **James Crummell** in the Gettysburg & Lancaster rooms

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