



Society for American Baseball Research

Hemond-Delhi Arizona Chapter Newsletter



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Message from the President

The last time we met in early February I issued an impassioned plea for help in the operation of our chapter. I'm pleased to say that Kevin Schindler has very ably taken over the publication of this newsletter and that Jack Sommers has stepped in to replace Tony DeMarco as Vice President. Thank you Tony for all you've done in the transition years of this chapter. Evan Thompson has also agreed to fill the role as treasurer, an office that has been vacant for awhile.

And of course, thanks as always to Candace Oehler, our Vice President of entertainment, who schedules our meetings and conducts our raffles and fundraisers.

I wanted to introduce and thank everybody at our now postponed March 28 meeting, but the fates conspired to delay our meeting and the start of the baseball season because of the spreading coronavirus.

At the last meeting I passionately spoke about how badly the year had started. January began with the death of my old friend David Stern, the NBA's seminal commissioner, and ended with the death of Kobe Bryant and his daughter in a helicopter crash.

Never in my wildest imagination did I think it would all get so much worse.

Just wanted to let you know I'm thinking about all of you. Each and every one of the members of our chapter. I'm convinced we will see each other again and talk baseball on the other side.

Be healthy and safe. Bless you all.

Barry M. Bloom
Chapter president



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Stay Home with SABR Initiative Launched

SABR has announced the **Stay Home with SABR** initiative, an eight-week effort from April 1 to May 31, 2020, to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

During this time, all new membership dues SABR receives will be split with [Heart to Heart International](#), a nonprofit organization that distributes urgently needed equipment and medication to partners around the world during this global crisis.

Beginning next week, *SABRcast with Rob Neyer* will be recorded via online livestream, featuring nationally known guests plus an interactive Q&A in which all baseball fans can participate. The first live show, which will feature ESPN announcer Jon "Boog" Sciambi, will air at 5:00 p.m. MST on Monday, April 6 at SABR.org/sabrcast and the archives will be available online afterward.

SABR will also share all virtual meetings with our members throughout the world at SABR.org and our social media channels. SABR's Emil Rothe Chicago Chapter will host Facebook Live chats at Facebook.com/SABRChicago with The Athletic's Melissa Lockard at 3:00 p.m. CDT on Saturday, April 4; author Scott Lindholm at 2:00 p.m. CDT on Sunday, April 5; and Negro League Baseball Museum president Bob Kendrick at 11:00 a.m. CDT on Saturday, April 11.

Thousands of articles, stories, oral history interviews, and multimedia clips from SABR's [vast research collection](#) — including free e-books from the SABR Digital Library, the Baseball Research Journal archives, and the Baseball Biography Project and Games Project — are already freely available for all baseball fans to read and share with neighbors, friends, and family.

"While current circumstances have changed how our community engages, I'm confident SABR and its members will emerge stronger than ever," SABR Chief Executive Officer Scott Bush said. "We are asking baseball fans across the world to join us by staying home and supporting this effort through membership if possible."