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Women in Baseball

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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter for SABR's Women in Baseball Committee.

Name our Newsletter

We have been sending out our newsletter for a number of years and it seems past time to name our newsletter. I am asking for all your help in proposing possible titles. Please send all ideas to lheaphy@kent.edu by June 21st. We will also ask for ideas at our meeting in San Diego and then we will vote. The person who submits the winning idea will win a book on women's baseball.



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Meeting in San Diego

Excited to be announce our meeting and related events taking place in San Diego. First, Jean Ardell is moderating a panel on Women's baseball on Thursday June 27th from 2-3 p.m. Panelists include Perry Barber, Priscilla Oppenheimer, Jewel Greenberg, Justine Siegal, and Janet Marie Smith. Following this terrific panel will be our annual meeting from 3:10-4:10 with most of the panelists staying for our meeting as well as hearing from others such as A. J. Richard who posts daily on Women belong in Baseball among other social media posts. We will also be presenting the 2nd Dorothy Seymour Mills Lifetime Achievement Award. After our committee meeting we will continue our tradition of gathering together to continue our conversations and networking. We will host our 2nd annual cocktail reception starting at 5:30 until 7 p.m. At this year's reception we will also have some opportunities for raising some funds for our annual scholarships. Hoping to see many of you in San Diego.

Dorothy Seymour Mills Lifetime Achievement Award

We are pleased to announce this year's winner of the Dorothy is Rachel Robinson. We would also like to congratulate all those nominated and especially the other finalists, Justine Siegal, Janet Marie Smith, and Ila Borders. Each of these ladies contributes each and every day to the game of baseball and opportunities for all, especially women and girls. Rachel Robinson is being honored for her lifetime commitment to the game and her fight for opportunities for all. Mrs. Robinson stood beside Jackie Robinson as he broke the color barrier and had to deal with all the challenges that came with that. She got involved in a variety of civil rights movements and founded the Jackie Robinson Foundation. She served as President of the Board until 1996. She is an author and recipient of numerous awards acknowledging her extensive work in civil rights and education. She also worked for many years as a nurse after earning her Master's Degree. Please join us congratulating Rachel Robinson as the 2019 winner of the Dorothy Seymour Mills Lifetime Achievement Award.

Nominations for the 2020 Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 Award. Please send your nomination letter and supporting materials to Leslie Heaphy at lheaphy@kent.edu or to Leslie Heaphy, Kent State University at Stark 6000 Frank Rd North Canton OH 44720. All nominations must be received by October 21, 2019 to be considered for the 2020 award. See the [SABR](#) website for more details on what can be included in the nomination.

Women on the Diamond Art Competition 2019

Enter the 2019 Women on the Diamond Art Competition, sponsored by SABR and the IWBC (International Women's Baseball Center). All Entries are due by September 2, 2019. Categories for entry include Youth (under 16), amateur and professional. Winners in each category will receive \$150 prize plus their art will be shown on the IWBC and SABR website., as well as other social media sites Other opportunities to promote the winning art are also available.

There is a \$30 entry fee for up to three pieces of art entered or \$10 for the youth category. All donations can be made to [SABR](#) either online and indicate it is for

the art competition or by sending a check made out to SABR to Leslie Heaphy at 3654 Barrington Pl NW Canton, OH 44708.

All entries should be submitted as a single jpeg image—except for a sculpture which can have multiple images. All entries should be emailed to lheaphy@kent.edu. Entries should be clearly titled, include the medium and author's name. All entries "must be by the hand of the artist." No videos or other electronically produced work, please. The decision of the jurors will be final. All runners-up work will also be included in future newsletters for SABR and the IWBC.

Scholarship Competition 2019

We are looking for donations for our scholarships. If you wish to donate please donate online at the SABR site and indicate the money is for the women's scholarship or send a check made out to SABR with women's scholarship in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to SABR Cronkite School at ASU 555 N. Central Ave #416, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Marie Pepe Series - Hoboken, NJ June 29-30, 2019.

Tamara Holmes Series – Albany, CA July 12-14, 2019.

Baseball for All Nationals - Rockford, IL July 31-August 4, 2019.

Penny Marshall Celebration – Rockford, IL September 13-14, 2019.

AAGPBL Reunion – Syracuse, NY September 18-22, 2019.

If you attend any of these events or others involving Women's baseball please send photos and stories for inclusion in future newsletters.

Looking for volunteers to write reviews of books, articles, movies and documentaries related to women in any aspect of baseball. Reviews will be published in future issues of our newsletter. These can be current or pieces from the past as we help our readers grow their bookshelves and knowledge. If interested let me know what you would like to review if you have something in mind or I can suggest something.

Review of Gai Berlage's Women in Baseball

From Publishers Weekly

The reader of this book quickly realizes that the history of women in baseball has been little written about because there hasn't been much. Baseball became a sport at women's colleges almost simultaneously with the development of professional men's baseball. But 19th-century college authorities initially discouraged and then prohibited intercollegiate games, so baseball never became a major campus sport. There was also pressure on women to play softball instead of hardball. Then, between

1943 and 1954 the short-lived All American Girls Baseball League in the Chicago area played an amalgam of softball and hardball. Berlage, a sociology professor at Iona College in New York, has done prodigious research to uncover the few women who played semi-pro ball, but the results, especially given his pedestrian writing, hardly justify his efforts. Illustrations not seen by PW.

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Work on the Colorado Silver Bullets book is back on track and expected to be published by the end of the year, in time to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the club. If anyone has articles, photos or memories of having seen them play that they would like to share please contact Chris Lucas at clucas35@kent.edu. If you would like to help out with editing or fact checking please contact Leslie Heaphy at lheaphy@kent.edu. If you follow twitter check out the weekly short bios being published by the IWBC to generate interest in the final book.

Please send all stories, photos, suggestions and ideas for future newsletters to lheaphy@kent.edu

Enjoy the baseball season and hope to see you at a ball game!!