

The Malloy Conference Goes to Newark, New Jersey

With all due respect to our conferences in Portsmouth (2007) and Birmingham (2010), this year's conference was U-N-F-O-R-G-E-T-T-A-B-L-E! The committee in Newark made Nat King Cole proud.



Who will ever forget the outstanding and captivating performance by the 3-4-5th graders from Bowser Elementary School, as they stole the show with "**THE NEGRO LEAGUES WAX MUSEUM.**" The students mesmerized us all with their memorized dialogues about Negro League legends. They highlighted 12 players as wax figures that come to life on a visit to their museum. Read principal Brian Heaphy's account of this grand slam event on page 5 of the *Courier*.

Who will ever forget Belinda Manning's (Max's daughter) heart-warming presentation: "**Max: The Heart of the Matter,**" about her father's passion to excel in both baseball and education. What a treat! Go to her blog entitled, "**Conversations with Dad . . .**" <http://withdad.blogspot.com/2013/06/the-2013-sabr-jerry-malloy-negro-league.html> to read more about her experience at the Malloy Conference. An astonishing blog with great photographs.

Who will forget Nick Diunte's unique presentation, "**Ray Dandridge's Journey from Newark to the New York Giants.**" Unique in that it incorporated actual audio interviews from former players about the all-star, hall-of-fame third baseman. To hear the voices of Negro League legends really gave the presentation a reality show boost. Read Diunte's account of the conference at: <http://www.examiner.com/article/veterans-keep-flame-burning-for-the-negro-leagues-at-newark-conference>

Another lasting memory was from Professor Joseph Dorinson's "**Something to Cheer.**" Laced with self-effacing jokes, his perspective on the different styles and temperament of Paul Robeson, Monte Irvin and Larry Doby shared the formula for future crossover athletes of color.

As with all presentations, we came away with something learned and more respect for the many hours of labor involved in gathering substantial material for a short 30-minute mind melt. Such was the case with Bryan Steverson's "**Baseball's Seminal Event - Anson vs. Stovey.**" The question of the day was when the Chicago White Stockings played the Newark Little Giants on July

14, 1987, where was **Wright Street Grounds** located, which was previously mentioned in an old **Jerry Malloy** article. The locals didn't know about the park, but thanks to researcher extraordinaire, attendee **Bob Bailey**, tracked down the Sanborn Maps at the Princeton University Library, that revealed the site sat between Wright, Avenue B, Vanderpool and Avenue B Streets. Another mystery solved. Next batter!

We had so many excellent presentations . . . too many to write about, but one lasting memory was the presentation on **Hinchliffe Stadium** by Brian LoPinto. He had to pinch-hit for Dr. Lawrence Hogan. Hogan's excuse was he had a flat tire. My guess is he didn't know that AAA doesn't repair tires on golf carts. LoPinto brought home the winning run with insightful and successful efforts on how to secure National Historic Landmark status for the former home of the **New York Black Yankees** and the **New York Cubans**.

With focus on the conference theme "**POP, MAX, EFFA & BLACKBALL IN THE GARDEN STATE,**" other presentations included: Todd Peterson's "**The Rise of the Cuban Giants, 1880-1885,**" Rich Puerzer's "**The 1946 Negro League World Series,**" John Struth's "**The 1889 Cuban Giants in Trenton,**" Rebecca Alpert's "**Effa Manley and the Jews,**" Courtney Smith's "**Twilight Time: Manley, Bolden and the Flip Side,**" Tony Schuman's "**Daylighting the History of the Newark Eagles,**" David Krell's "**The Unsung Leadership of Biz Mackey,**" and Irv Goldfarb's "**The 1st Colored Championship: 1867.**"



The Yogi Berra Museum hosted our Meet & Greet event, where several copies of Berra's book "**I Really Didn't Say Everything I Said**" were given to fans who provided the source of selected Berra quotes. Yep, we had some wrong answers. We also gave away two DVD's "**Pitchin' Man: Satchel Paige Defying Time,**" courtesy of **Craig Davidson** from Refocus Films. Paige

once said, "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?" The winner of one DVD was **Bob Richardson**, a 91 year old youngster, from Mt. Vernon, New York. He was the guest of **Tom and Barbara Cipolla**. And yes, we scanned his driver's license to validate this rookie's age.



Rick Puerzer shocked the field and won his first Malloy Conference trivia contest. Using a new College Bowl format, the tough questions came from the daily presentations, developed by moderator & quiz master **Ted Knorr**, a three time trivia champion. Puerzer beat out **Bob Bailey** and **Jim Overmyer** in a close competition to take home a goldmine of prizes.

In its fourth year, the **Authors Panel** hosted by Dick Clark was another informative session. The eminent **Lawrence Hogan**, chief editor of "Shades of Glory," **Al Hunter, Jr.**, (Thou Shalt Not Steal: The Baseball Life & Times of a Rifle-Armed Negro League catcher: Bill Cash), **Neil Lanctot** (Campy: The Two Lives of Roy Campanella) and **Jim Overmyer**, (Effa Manley and the Newark Eagles), all revealed their inside strategies for getting published.

At the Awards Banquet, who will ever forget the rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by **Beth Kelly** and **Tysheka Pruett**, nee' Salt-N-Pepa. It was the best performance I have had heard, since Whitney Houston rocked **Super Bowl XXV** (1991) at Tampa Stadium. They hit evveerry note. The only missing ingredient was a fly over by F-16 Jets. The committee will work on adding this feature for future conferences.

At the banquet we announced the winners of our \$2,500 scholarships; **Emma Charlesworth-Seiler** (Minnetonka, MN) and **Madison O'Shields** (Nashville, TN), and the \$1,000 Library Grants were awarded to **Randolph High School** (Randolph, NJ), and **Joseph L. Carwise Middle School** (Palm Harbor, FL). Art contest winners included **John Everett** (in the Amateur category), **Kathleen**

Flynn (Professional), and **Amy Steverson** (Youth). See her winning entry on this page.

Annual winners of the prestigious **Robert Peterson Recognition Award** for their outstanding books, were **Lisa Doris Alexander** for "When Baseball Isn't White, Straight and Male: The Media & Difference in the National Pastime," and **Jeffrey Laing** for "Bud Fowler: Baseball's First Black Professional".

The **John Coates Next Generation Awards** went to **Ryan Whirly** for his exemplary articles about Negro League Legends on the web, and **Courtney M. Smith** for her exemplary Masters' Thesis on the **Philadelphia Stars**.

Todd Peterson and **Peter Morris** picked up the **Tweed Webb Lifetime Achievement Awards** for their work in 19th Century baseball, while **Thomas U. Tuttle** from Minnetonka, Minnesota, received our highest honor, winning the **7th Fay Vincent Most Valuable Partner (MVP) Award** for his many years of dedicated services.

Finally, we missed you Missy, Lucky, Louis, Lisa, James, Jesse, Joe, Josh and Tom, Roger, Roberta, Rick, R.J., Michael, Dan, Karl, Chris & Brian, Jack & Maureen, Sam & Pete, Dwayne, Bob, Bob, and Byron, and of course Blind Billie Wayne. The rest of you, know who you are!



See you in Motown. Please consider the Malloy Conference in your travel plans for 2014.

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Bringing Alive the Negro Baseball Leagues by **Aisha Pruett-Williams**.

This book was created by the students and staff at

Edward T. Bowser, Sr., Elementary School, in Newark, NJ. This historical work features the vivid imaginations of children through artwork, graphics and testimonials about such legendary figures as **Monte Irvin**, **Biz Mackey**, **Larry Doby**, **Willie Wells**, **Effa Manley**, **Lennie Pearson**, and of course, the **Newark Eagles**. This is a must-have book for any school library.

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