

Pete Wilding

A few years ago, I dusted off the mitt that I've had since fifth grade and got involved in supporting my son's baseball interest. First as a supportive parent, then as a Single-A coach, and most recently as a AA coach and AA commissioner. My experiences so far have brought back a lot of memories of my own elementary school baseball playing days. More importantly, they have brought back many memories of my original coaches and made me appreciate them in a whole new light.

And with that appreciation has come a desire to contribute what I can to the continuation of a great sports experience for our community of kids. It's super cool to see the behind-the-scenes work pay off in the form of games happening, parents cheering, and kids putting in their best efforts.

I'd be thrilled to join the Cap City board and be a part of an organization that provides our neighborhood kids with experiences that will last a lifetime.

-Pete Wilding, Lafayette parent

Jason Hewitt

I have been involved with Cap City Little League for over six years as my son Will has worked his way from a likely too-young-to-play four-year old in the National division to a current member of the Triple A Firehawks. I have been a little league parent, coach, and fan during those six years, and we have enjoyed all the experiences and benefits of being a part of the Cap City community.

I have served on a nonprofit board before and realize it can be a lot of hard work but ultimately a satisfying and necessary experience to ensure that the organization's goals are met. I would be honored to be able to give back to the community by serving as a Cap City Little League board member and help continue to ensure the positive impact Cap City Little League is able to achieve for kids.

-Jason Hewitt

Carl Gramlick

I have been a CCLL parent for than four years, since my son Jett started playing machine pitch in 2013. I believe strongly in CCLL's mission and the role that recreational sports can play in teaching our kids the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. I am a retired Air Force pilot, I currently work at the Department of Homeland Security and I support our wounded warriors as a volunteer pilot with Wings of Appreciation. Wings of Appreciation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which brings pilots and combat wounded soldiers together. Pilots supply an aircraft and take soldiers out of the hospital, or other care facility, and fly them as part of their recovery.

Accordingly, I understand the commitment and responsibilities that accompany Board service. If elected, I will work to ensure all of Cap City's activities are safe, well organized, and most of all fun. Joining the Board would give me an opportunity to repay in a small way the other parents who have volunteered years of their time coaching my child. Thank you for your consideration.

-Carl Gramlick

David Diedrich

I'm a big believer in youth sports and helping to build institutions in the community. My son started at 4 and has now been on the Cap City Grays for nearly half his life. He wakes up and his first words are, "dad, who won the sports games?" The fact that he has fun, embraces learning about the game, and has great role models shows that CCLL is fulfilling its mission.

Leading CCLL is a team effort. I'm honored to volunteer my skills to ensure that the league is fiscally fit and equipped to help the kids develop essential life and baseball skills. Thank you for considering me for this role.

-David Diedrich

JOSH HURVITZ

The strength of Capitol City Little League lies in its strong connection to the community it serves and its track record of teaching baseball, perseverance and teamwork to a diverse group of boys and girl. Today's youth sports landscape includes hyper-specialization, the explosion of travel sports programs, and too much emphasis on making money for specialty coaches and equipment retailers. As a parent of a proud member of the Monuments, I'm so thankful that our league has the right priorities.

If elected to the Board, I will focus on maintaining the distinct character of Cap City, while seeking to increase the League's financial resources and translate that into an even better experience for every kid that wants to be a part of our community. From field access, to roster size, to guest instructors, to uniforms and equipment, our kids deserve a consistent and dependable experience.

Having participated in several events at the Nationals Youth Academy in Anacostia, I have seen how baseball can help to bring our city together, and how kids from Cap City can use baseball to glean a better understanding of their neighbors. I believe we should work hard to continue building bridges to the other leagues in DC. In addition to maintaining our connection to the Nationals' organization, we should pursue partnerships with area high school and college programs.

Last year, our son experienced the unexpected death of his grandfather, and his Cap City family was a huge source of support. In my professional capacity I currently serve on the Board of two organizations: the Copyright Alliance and the US Chamber's Global Innovation Policy Center. I also have experience serving on the development committee of Casa de Maryland. I'm highly dedicated to Cap City, and motivated to contribute in a new way, as a member of the Board

Nicole Vorassi Bates

Thank you for considering reelecting me to the Board. I have been officially serving as Cap City's Treasurer and have held numerous unofficial roles. Two years ago, I sought a Board position as a result of my love for this league, the kids, and my passion for the game. I wanted to help more than the kids I was coaching. When I ran for the Board, I hoped to accomplish certain things for Cap City. While those goals have been accomplished, as a result of my

experience, there is still more that I want to do to help because my love for this league and community has only grown.

When I initially joined the Board, my goals for Cap City were to create a sponsorship program, put the league in a sound financial position and grow programs/clinics. To that end, I proposed and implemented Cap City's first formal budget (and two thereafter), opened investment vehicles that enable Cap City to generate revenue to support its mission, and assisted my colleagues with establishing and implementing a sponsorship program. As a result, Cap City's reserves have nearly doubled and are almost at the level of neighboring little leagues.

As a member of the Clinics Committee, I worked with my fellow Board members to bring coaches training; and, for the kids of all age levels, a myriad of skills clinics, pitching clinics, the Sandlot, etc. This was the hardest, yet most rewarding part of this job – money is not enough to make this happen!

I also served in numerous other capacities that were needed to enable the league to thrive, including umpire coordinator, field maintenance, mediator, and even port-a-pottie manager. I also gave my all to make Cap City an all-inclusive community and will continue to do so if re-elected.

I have been a coach for more than three years. I currently manage in the majors (10-12 year-olds) for our son's team and assist in the A division (6-8 year olds) for our daughter's team. I have also served as an assistant coach for the 10u all-star team. I have experience at all levels, and I will continue to serve the unique needs of all levels if elected. Truth be told, coaching, and a positive approach to working with all kids, is where my heart is.

If elected again, I would seek to establish a volunteer umpire program, expand our clinics, and revise the current draft procedures to make them in line with those held by the majority of other leagues. I will also always continue to emphasize community, which is what I love most about Cap City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nicole Vorrasi Bates