

Pledge: Dale Carlton
Prayer: Donna Carlton-Vish
Guests: Melisa Ronto, Cheryl McIntyre, Cathy Hamilton, and Ken Fletcher

Board Meeting

February 13 at noon at Clifton Gunderson. Feel free to join us, and please park in the lot.

Calendars

Richard still has calendars to sell. Please see him if you are interested in purchasing one - or more. January's photo is from our own Challenger League!

Home Show

Richard will route a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in volunteering to help with the 2005 Home Show, which will take place on March 4, 5, and 6.

Barstool Golf

Patty Clutter and Dale Carlton will meet next week to get things started for Barstool Golf, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 19. Please contact Dale if you are interested in taking part in this highly entertaining and profitable event.



Darrin Fletcher

Toronto Blue Jay - ret.

He began his 12 year career in the big leagues by playing Pony League at Central Foundry. In June 1987 he was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the sixth round of the amateur draft, at which time he was a junior at the University of Illinois.

He debuted in September 1989. In September 1990 he was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies. He remained with the Phillies until December 1991, when he was traded to the Montreal Expos. In October 1997 he was granted Free Agency and signed with the Toronto Blue Jays the following month. Darrin - who bats left but throws right - played his final game on July 16, 2002.

He has settled into a content lifestyle with his wife and three children, ages 12, 8, and 2. As he has been out of baseball for 2+ years, he claims he can tell you more about Blues Clues and Sponge Bob Square Pants than he can about the current baseball stats.

Darrin is into Youth Baseball now and has noticed that it's more the parents that are in the "Need to Win" mode. Only a small percentage of these youth go on to play professionally.

Darrin Fletcher - cont.

He covered the steroid situation, letting us know that the numbers are going down and can be cleaned up in time. Players must be policed not only from the outside, but the inside as well. He stated that his baseball dreams have come true and he's now content doing what he's doing.

Illini Tickets

Michael Clary donated two tickets, valued at \$50, for the January 20 Illini game. These tickets were auctioned off today's meeting, with the proceeds going to AMBUCS.

Al started the bid, followed by Donna. Austin outbid Donna and the bidding went back and forth among Donna, Al, and Austin, until Gary outbid them.

The bid went back to Al and it was neck-and-neck with Al and Austin until Austin finally won with his \$130 bid. Thank you, Austin and Mike, for your generosity toward AMBUCS. Enjoy the game, Austin!

Future Speakers

Jan. 19 - Mayor Scott Eisenhauer
Jan. 26 - Soc. Sec. Office

Personal Information Changes?

Please notify Cathy High as soon as possible by phone 477.4302, email cathy_high@oldnational.com.

Meetings - Wednesdays at Noon - Days Inn

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