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# Introducing Our New Sponsor For 2024: Dr. Robert Pettit...

Dr. Robert Pettit has agreed to sponsor Yesterday's Kids Leagues for the 2024 season. He is an orthopedic surgeon with Beacon Orthopedics & Sports Medicine specializing in Reconstructive Surgery.

Dr. Pettit is a Cincinnati native from Anderson Township and is a graduate of St. Xavior High School. *See Separate Sheet For Complete Bio* 

# A message from your president—Wayne Carlisle

2023 is now in our history book. We had a great year! Blue Ash Recreation did an amazing job of field preparation so we could always start play on time. River City came through again allowing us to have our picnic and tournament at their facility. We had new players come on board that set some new standards and we all met new friends and teammates.

In 2023 we also had its moments of sorrow. We lost three of our finest Kids; Dick Roat in October, Jim Wheeldon in August and Bill Ries in December. We will deeply miss them.

The start of a new year is the perfect time for us to reflect on Yesterday's Kids financial health, set new goals and expand our duties. I will always seek to improve our three leagues with our final goal of being the highest quality softball association promoting the team spirit of the founders.

Part of that goal is to always maintain a strong board of commissioners. Our current board has a tremendous amount of expert-

ise from business to legal; always looking out for the best interest of Yesterday's Kids.

We want to thank Len Koogler for stepping again in 2023 as our sponsor. Len we really appreciate your generosity.

For 2024 Dr. Robert Pettit from Beacon Orthopedics and Sports Medicine is stepping up to sponsor Yesterday's Kids—hopefully for many years to come. I encourage players to consult Beacon for shoulder, hip, knee, and other injuries.

In addition, I want to see more participation from some of our players. We have opportunities that are critical for the welfare of Yesterday's Kids. Equipment management, medical, player recruiting and more. Call me if you're interested in working with us in any of these areas.

I wish every player good health for the upcoming season.

As always, I'll see you on the field. God Bless, Wayne Carlisle

"The only way to prove that you're a good sport is to lose." Ernie Banks

## IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT IN A 2024 APPLICATION...FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED ONE—TODAY!

We have already received a lot of 2024 applications and if you haven't sent one in, we've enclosed one for your convenience. Send in your application now so the commissioners will have a good idea of the number of players to make up the teams and leagues for 2024.

REMEMBER: If you have already sent in an application do not send in another one!



### Results for 2023 Leagues!

The commissioners thank all the players who participated in the 2023 Yesterday's Kids Leagues, and we hope you all will return for 2024, our 22nd season. The leagues get better every year with 2023 attracting many new players. We hope 2024 be the same with even more new talent.

Again last year in the 65+ leagues, some teams had trouble at times filling roster spots, but overall we were able to keep the games played. So if you sign up, make sure you go to the games.

Since the 74+ league had five teams we were able to when needed fill missing players with players from the bye team.

See below for the 2023 league results:

### **2023 League Statistics**

#### MONDAY 65+ League Results

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TEAM	W	L	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	DIFF
Fritz	8	2	-	3-1	5-1	153	133	20
Eberly	7	3	1	5-1	2-2	184	147	37
Kloenne	7	3	1	4-2	3-1	188	140	48
Jones	5	5	3	2-3	3-2	174	145	29
Marion	4	6	4	3-1	1-5	126	159	-33
Morrison	4	6	4	2-4	2-2	181	165	16
Vetorino	4	6	4	1-4	3-2	176	185	-9
Long	1	9	7	1-3	0-6	107	215	-108

#### MONDAY 65+ Tournament Results

Winner: Kloenne's team defeated Marion's team-16 to 15

TUESDAY 74+ League Results									
Team	W	L	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	DIFF	
Hunt	8	0	-	4-0	4-0	160	84	76	
Lange	5	3	2.5	3-1	2-2	101	126	-25	
Haas	4	4	4	2-2	2-2	140	104	36	
Luegering	2	6	5	1-3	1-3	113	141	-28	
Pfeffer	1	7	6	1-3	0-4	92	151	-59	

#### TUESDAY 74+ Tournament Results

Winner: Lange's team defeated Luegering's team-21 to 9

#### THURSDAY 65+ League Results

TEAM	W	1	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	DIFF
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Jones	10	0	-	7-0	3-0	179	88	91
Haas	7	3	3	4-0	3-3	150	128	22
Von Bokern	6	4	4	4-3	2-1	165	163	2
Kloenne	5	5	5	2-3	3-2	176	170	6
Marion	5	5	5	2-2	3-3	146	166	-20
Eberly	3	7	7	1-4	2-3	152	178	-26
Vetorino	2	8	8	0-4	2-4	150	177	-27
Lange	2	8	8	0-4	2-4	140	188	-48

#### THURSDAY 65+ Tournament Results

Winner: Hass' team defeated Kloenne's team-16 to 13

#### FALL BALL League Results

Team	W	L	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	DIFF	
Morrison	8	1	-	4-0	4-1	136	100	36	
Marion	6	3	2	2-2	4-1	164	119	45	
Fritz	4	5	4	1-4	3-1	147	156	-9	
Docterman	4	5	4	1-4	3-1	139	163	-24	
Jones	3	6	5	1-4	2-2	148	181	-33	
Kloenne	2	7	6	2-2	0-5	122	137	-15	

FALL BALL Winner: Morrison's team

# We honor the following players who have recently passed and were very instrumental in Yesterday's Kids success...



James A. Wheeldon passed at age 84, on August 30, 2023. Jim was a retired Cincinnati Firefighter where he played softball for the Firefighters team. He joined Yesterday's Kids leagues and was a highly regarded player. For many years he was drafted first in every league in which he played.



Richard "Dick" Roat passed at, age 84 on October 27, 2023. Dick played with Yesterday's Kids for many years. He was a good solid player. Dick was a good sport about his wife challenging him on every play he made. You could hear her all over the park.



Jim Day Jim passed in the summer of 2022, he had played most of the season but told no one how sick he was. Jim was an iron man, playing softball four or five days a weekand it paid off because he became one of the most improved Yesterday's Kids player



William "Bill" Ries passed away at the age of 92 on December 26, 2023. He was a teacher and principal in both the public and parochial school systems. He spent his summers working statistics for the Reds and Bengals, while also playing softball with the Yesterday's Kids.



Bill Hummel



**Larry West** 



Ed"Digger"Masminster



Dave Ballinger



# Again this year, the picnic was a great success!

The four games were inspiring, the raffle was not kind to everyone, but the food was great. It's always fun to get the players together with teammates, their wives or guests.













