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# RAPIDS

## BASEBALL INCORPORATED

### A word from our President, Jordan Berryhill.....

As we enter a new year, I want to thank you for your support of Rapids Baseball Incorporated and provide you with some highlights and notes from 2022 and the upcoming year.

We had many successful fundraising events this past year and we hope to see you at the 2023 golf tournament November 6th.

Last November, we had 70-degree weather for our golf tournament and with 21 foursomes at Stonehenge Golf Course. I specifically enjoyed getting to reconnect with many of our alumni. We had alumni going back to 1997 graduates of the program play in the tournament. Some of them are still playing baseball in the major, minor and independent leagues.

Our Nova Scotia Christmas Tree Sale over the first weekend in December didn't have the same weather fortune as the golf tournament; however, we sold our tree allotment over two days and are thankful for our volunteers who worked through some rainy conditions. Parents of baseball, track and other athletic programs came out to cut, tie and deliver the trees – and sell wreaths.



I'm excited for the upcoming experiences for the boys that we help support, including attending a tournament in South Carolina next month during their spring break. We hope to sponsor a benefit game this fall, as a fundraiser for first responders and other community nonprofits. Stay tuned, we will keep you informed.

*If you can return the card included with this newsletter to give us your best e-mail address, that will help save us money this year when we send out our 2023 wrap up.* Best Wishes and thank you again,

*Jordan E. Berryhill*

## 2022 Baseball Season

On the field, we had a strong season, finishing 16-5-1 and making it to the regional tournament semi-final. Our boys played with character and integrity and were strong ambassadors of James River as a whole. We had a relatively young team and are enthusiastic about the prospects for the 2023 season.

Our Fall Ball league had 12 teams and we played an eight-week season. It was a great opportunity for the boys to get extra repetitions and work on skills in a bit more relaxed setting. Our coaching staff did an excellent job of communicating with college coaches and we had representatives from eight colleges attend games to scout for playing opportunities at higher levels. Junior colleges, D1, D2, and D3 coaches attended games. This helps players find a college experience if that is what they are looking for.

Looking forward to our 2023 season, we hope to continue to build upon the successes of our program on and off the field. We have a strong returning squad and with continued dedication, we hope to have a very long season! I also hope to see you at our 100-inning game May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Dave Cottrell field at James River High School.

Pete Schumacher, Head Coach - JRHS Baseball

## Liesel Delisio



## 2022 Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale



In recognizing sustaining contributors to the mission of RBI, Liesl epitomizes the volunteer spirit that is the fabric of a vibrant, productive, and engaging community. When her two children were students at James River High School, she volunteered as a parent to ensure the various student activities had sufficient funding to allow JR to compete at the county, state and regional level and enhance the experiences of JR students.

Long after her children graduated, Liesl continues to lend her talents to students and faculty at JR and RBI in particular – including Casino Night and the annual Christmas Tree and Holiday Season Wreath sale. She has not missed a tree sale in ten years. Of all our fundraisers, this one requires strict adherence to proper cash and accounting controls as over its two days there are more than 300 transactions. Many of these transactions are in cash and the environment is fast paced.

When not volunteering, Liesl love to bake, travel, and play tennis. She has her own business: <https://www.facebook.com/Deliosdesserts/> and is always willing to contribute to RBI events in one fashion or another – but typically is behind-the-scenes. We want to thank Liesl for her sustaining contributions to help RBI achieve its mission.