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CHICAGO BASEBALL MUSEUM APPOINTS WILLIAM KELLENS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



[Chicago – January 11, 2011] The Chicago Baseball Museum is beginning 2011 with new leadership with the appointment of William Kellens as the CBM's Chairman of the Board of Directors. Kellens will provide management support for day-to-day operations of the Museum's fundraising goals and a point of contact for Board Members collaboratively working together to find and fund a future home for the Museum.

Kellens' initial goals will be working with the committees already in place on the upcoming Buck O'Neil 100th Birthday Ball to honor Buck O'Neil and celebrate black baseball in Chicago. The event is scheduled for February 3rd, during Black History Month, at the Benchmark, 1510 N. Wells, from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are now available at www.chicagobaseballmuseum.org.

Kellens has been a lifelong fan of the White Sox and baseball in general. He is the great, great grandson of Charles Comiskey, the founder of the White Sox and the American League. He is currently a member of Chicago's Pitch and Hit Club which was founded by his grandfather John Rigney (White Sox Pitcher '37 and '47 and owner) and his grandmother Dorothy Comiskey Rigney in 1942.

"Bill joined the CBM's Board in October and has repeatedly stepped forward to help the Museum," said Dr. David Fletcher, Chicago Baseball Museum president and founder. "We are excited to have him join the team in this new role increasing our fundraising efforts for a home for Chicago's baseball history."



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ABOUT THE CHICAGO BASEBALL MUSEUM AND JEROME HOLTZMAN MUSEUM LIBRARY & RESEARCH CENTER

The Chicago Baseball Museum and Jerome Holtzman Museum Library & Research Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that will collect, preserve, document, and interpret artifacts and events that are associated with the legacy, evolution and contemporary life of Chicago baseball. The Jerome Holtzman Library & Research Center will serve as the focus for Chicago baseball history in the Museum. The CBM will strive to become the central network for baseball in Chicago to celebrate and promote baseball. The CBM is poised to become the home base of Chicago baseball for kids and adults.

The Museum is soliciting endowment funding for the building of the Chicago Baseball Museum and the Jerome Holtzman Museum Library & Research Center. Please visit the Museum's website for more information or to offer your support.

For more information, visit www.chicagobaseballmuseum.org or call (708) 907-5301.

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