

Office of the Commissioner
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



ALLAN H. (BUD) SELIG
Commissioner of Baseball

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of Major League Baseball, it is a privilege to send my best wishes to the members and supporters of the Old Timers Baseball Association of Portland, Oregon as the organization hosts its annual banquet tonight. The Old Timers Baseball Association, which dates back to 1933, not only celebrates Oregon's rich baseball tradition but also imparts the love of our game on to our next generation throughout the state.

As a common bond for millions of fans throughout the world, Baseball so often serves as a platform that helps people in valuable ways that transcend the diamond. At every level, the Great American Game instills values that can be applied in other avenues of life, such as teamwork, sportsmanship, and effort. I am very pleased that the Association has used our sport to selflessly benefit the communities of Oregon and its students through its scholarship program.

I commend all those who have contributed to the longstanding mission of the Old Timers Baseball Association of Portland. I wish all of you a great evening and success in the Association's endeavors, and I thank you for helping our game live up to its time-honored stature as the National Pastime in Oregon and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bud Selig".

Allan H. (Bud) Selig
Commissioner of Baseball