



From the Prez...

Coaches Will Sacrifice

By Kevin Wilkinson – MBA President

We have been talking for several weeks now about the Samaritan's Feet Project. We are now actively engaged with this project. You have received, via email, a letter that you can send out to family and friends asking for donations to help put shoes on 400 kid's feet. Our goal is to raise \$6,000. That is with every player in the league raising only \$50.

To help keep us engaged with this until the end of the year all of our MBA Coaches have agreed to coach their games on Saturday, February 16 in their bare feet.

It would be great if you could invite some of your family and friends that you are asking to donate money to come and see how our coaches are making a physical sacrifice to help promote this event. If they see our coaches coaching in their bare feet it might help them in their decision to make a donation.

When I asked the coaches to do this I got some interesting feed back. There was some hesitation at first and even some negotiating. A couple of guys asked if they do it in their socks. One asked if they could do it for just a half. As I listened to all the requests, questions and negotiations going on I finally said, "Gentlemen, you are making my case for doing this even stronger. I am asking you to coach for one hour with no shoes on a surface that is pretty flat and stable. It is indoors with no rocks to step on, and no holes to step in to maybe turn an ankle."

Think of those who have no choice and have to go all day with no shoes. They have to walk on rocky, uneven surfaces that causes great pain with each step they take. They walk outside on dirty, dusty surfaces that do great harm to their feet. It did not take long for everyone to agree to do this for their one hour game.

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MBA Team Pictures Saturday, February 16

The MBA Picture Day is Saturday, February 16, at United. The pictures will be taken upstairs in the Mezzanine. Each Team should arrive in the gym **40 minutes before your scheduled game starting time** and report to the upper level to have your pictures taken.

Each player will have an individual photo taken and a team photo. These team photos go to our Sponsors and in the Yearbook so it is important for everyone to be in the team photo. These pictures will be available for purchase in a variety of different packages offered by the photographer.

We are using the same photographer, but they have changed their name and have made it much easier for you to order pictures and receive them. Their new name is **Ideal Photos**. You can go on our MBA website (www.metrobasketball.org) and on the main page, just below the MBA Logo and banner; there is a Tab that says **TEAM PICTURES**. Click it and you will be able to see all of the photo packages, including prices, that are available.

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Registration to Begin on March 2 for Next Year

Believe it or not, it is time to begin registration for next year. On March 2 we will open the online registration and you can secure a spot for next year by registering now. We will offer an Early Bird discount by registering in the month of March.

If you register between March 2 and March 31 you will receive a \$20 discount. Instead of the normal \$195 fee you will pay only \$175. If you want to save some money for next year and assure that you have a confirmed spot, take advantage of the Early Bird Discount.

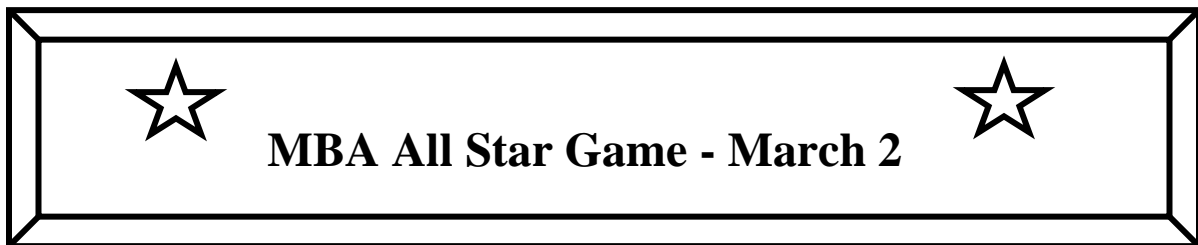
There is a multi-child discount of \$15. If you have more than one child living in the same house, then the second child and any other after that will get a \$15 discount. They would pay \$180 instead of the \$195.

There will be a \$5 Early Bird discount for the second child and beyond if booked in March. Example: First child would pay \$175 (\$20 off the normal \$195) and second child and more would also pay \$175 (\$5 off the already discounted \$180) if booked in March. After

March 31 registration goes to \$195 per player and \$180 for additional siblings in the same house.

Many people in the past wait until summer or early fall to book and find that the spots have been filled and have to go through the waitlist process. Sometimes players have gotten off the waitlist and sometimes they have not. To avoid that, and taking the chance that there might not be a spot, sign up early and put your mind at ease.

Every player will be receiving a pre-printed registration form on March 2. If you want to pay by credit card online you may do so and the pre-printed form will just act as a reminder to register. If you want to pay by check you do not have to register online. You simply return the pre-printed form with any corrections and your check to the MBA Office.



The 24th Annual MBA All Star Game will be on Saturday, March 2 at United. All three Divisions will play that day. The Blue Division will begin at 10 a.m., the White at 12 noon, and the Red at 2 p.m.

Nominations will be turned in by the coaches. Players will be voted on from the nomination list. Every team will have at least one player represented.

There will be a small admission charge for All Star Games. Adults and children over 12 will be \$2. Children 12 and under are free. The \$2 admission fee is good for all three games.

We encourage everyone to attend the All Star Games. They are always exciting to watch and we have great games every year. If you are a Blue or White Division player stay and watch the other Divisions and

see what you have to look forward to. Players who do not make this All Star team are encouraged to come and watch the games as well. Hopefully sometime in the future, with continued hard work and practice, you may be playing in one of these games. It is a great goal to have.

If your child is selected to play in the All Star Game you will be notified by the Coach concerning a one time practice and what team they are on. We will also post the player's names in the gym no later than February 23.

We look forward to three great games and a lot of support for these players. Bring your family and friends to this exciting event.

Bulletin Reminders:

1. **Honor Roll:** Don't forget to get your Honor Roll information to Pansy Bradley by the February 9 deadline to have it printed in the March 2 Hoop Scoop and the Yearbook. See the information from the January 16 Hoop Scoop on what to send and where to send it. The Hoop Scoop is on the Website if you have lost your copy.
2. **Banquet Manager:** Four weeks ago there was an article in the Hoop Scoop that we needed a volunteer to step up to be our Banquet Manager. There was a description of what it would entail and instructions to contact Kevin Wilkinson if you were interested. We have not had anyone say that they would do this. We are asking again. If anyone will volunteer to do this, please contact Kevin Wilkinson at 313 406-2722 so we can start getting things done that need to be moving at this point. The banquet could be in danger of being cancelled if no one volunteers.
3. **Shooting Clinic:** The MBA is having a one day Shooting Clinic conducted by Coach Paul Hoover. You will be getting reminders through Constant Contact. With those reminders will be U-Tube clips. Go and watch them. There is a money back guarantee if you are not satisfied. The cost is only \$35 for a three hour clinic. If you are serious about becoming a better shooter you will want to come to this Clinic on **Sunday, February 17, at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, 33740 Cowen Rd., Westland, MI (Cowen is one half mile north of Warren and the school is one half mile east of Wayne Rd).**

You can mail in your registration or register online. Space is limited. Registration forms are on the MBA website.

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We are no longer handing out paper order forms. You can go online and print off the order form. You can bring it with you and turn it in with your payment, or you can actually pre-order your pictures on line. There will be order forms at the gym if you forget to bring the one you printed.

Once the pictures have been taken and you have placed your order you will receive your photo package in the mail within two weeks. It will be shipped directly to your home with a flat shipping cost of \$4 per family.

If you have any problems with your order there is a number to call and all issues will be taken care of to your satisfaction.

Please make every effort to be on time to have your pictures taken, even if you have no plans to make a purchase, because we use these pictures for the Sponsor Plaques and the Yearbook. These photo packages are a great memory keepsake for years to come.

Please be sure to be on time - at least 40 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. Thank You.

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We see advertisements on TV for Save the Children or other groups around the world that want you to contribute to their cause. They show us pictures of the conditions and the suffering and God knows that it is all too real. We see it on TV, but we never really experience it firsthand. There is no better teacher than experience.

Our coaches are going to voluntarily step out of their comfort zones on February 16 and experience a little discomfort for the sake of helping others not have to. I am so proud of our coaches for doing this. I hope you are too. Knowing that you have a group of coaches who are this caring for others should give you comfort that your kids are in good hands.

Volunteer Coaches get criticized for a number of things. I hope that all of you will take the time to personally thank your Coach after your game on the 16th for their caring hearts and for the work they are doing

with your children. I hope that you will all use this event on the 16th to talk with your children and use this as a great teaching moment of sacrifice, generosity, and service that they will never forget.

Next year we are going to take this a step further and the MBA is going to have its own distribution day. We are going to have an event where we actually collect the shoes and select a group in the Detroit area to get them. It will include our directors and coaches actually washing the feet of kids and placing the socks and new shoes on their feet. This will be a life changing thing and I want our kids and parents to witness it.

Coaches, thank you so much for doing this and making the sacrifice of comfort for a short time so that others may enjoy some comfort for a longer time. I hope that all of you will get behind this project to make it very successful and make it a strong life lesson for your children.

New Developmental League to Start Next Year

The Board of Directors has been tossing around an idea for awhile and are ready to make an announcement. Our next MBA Basketball Season will see a new Developmental League for first, second and third graders.

Here are some details about the League:

1. It will begin the first Saturday in December and go until March. The first four weeks will be practice/clinic time to learn the fundamentals of the game. They will learn how to dribble, pass and shoot. They will learn positions on the floor and some basketball terminology.
2. After four weeks of practice they will play an eight game schedule.
3. We will have a boys division and a girls division.

4. We will place eight kids on a team and there will be guaranteed playing time.
5. There will be a Parent/Kid game at the end of the season.

We will have some more details and a flier with all of the details and the cost very soon for you to see. We hope that those of you with younger children will want to get them started now to develop their skills to continue playing in the MBA through the 8th grade. If you can get eight years in this program, your child will have developed some pretty good skills, not only in basketball, but some life skills as well.

Continue to read our Hoop Scoop and watch for more information in the coming weeks and get your younger children enrolled. Space will be limited.



Below are the instructions for the Samaritan's Feet Project.

1. All families will receive an email from the MBA this week through Constant Contact. Please be sure to open any mail you get from the MBA.
2. There will be an attachment. Please open it. It will be an email letter you can send out to as many family and friends as you want explaining the program and asking them if they would be willing to make a donation in any amount. There will be a link at the bottom of the email for them to click if they are willing to make a donation.
3. For you to make a donation you can go to the MBA website and look for the link on the Home page and click on it.
4. If you, or any of your potential donors, don't want to make a donation online, you can write a check to the MBA and write Samaritan's Feet in the memo line. Send it to the MBA Office and we will deposit the checks and the MBA will do the online donation for you from the MBA account.
5. We want to raise \$6,000 for this project. Samaritan's Feet will be able to purchase 400 pair of new shoes and socks for 400 needy kids. If every family (120) was able to collect only \$50 in donations from their network of family and friends, we would attain our goal. **When many give a little, great things can be done.**

When you send out your emails, include your team name so the donors can write your child's name and the team name in the comment section so we can see who the donors are sponsoring. We hope to see every players name on that list. We will keep this open until March 25, 2013. There is a Goal Thermometer on the MBA Donation page. You can track our progress and see how we are doing.

Again, this is a great way to get your kids involved by asking them to send an email to their family and friends to help **THEM** help others by making a donation in any amount.

No one is a failure in this world who lightens a burden for someone else.

Wherever there is a human being there is an opportunity for kindness.

When it comes to helping others, some people stop at nothing.

Charity (love) begins at home - but it does not stay there.

FUN DAY COMPETITION RESULTS

The 24th Annual Fun Day was last Saturday and the kids had a great time of competing in the three contests. For the most part the turnout was pretty good. It went longer than expected this year and we are already thinking of ways to shorten it for next year without diminishing the fun for the kids. For those who did not attend, we are sorry you missed a Fun time.

Below are the players who took either first or second place in their division for each contest.

<u>BLUE DIVISION</u>	<u>WHITE DIVISION</u>	<u>RED DIVISION</u>
<p><u>Hot Shot:</u> Adnan Rammouni - 1st Joshua Miller - 2nd</p> <p><u>Free Throw:</u> Kareem Eter - 1st Julia Martin - 2nd</p> <p><u>Speed Lay-ups:</u> Adnan Rammouni - 1st Rahim Barlow - 2nd</p> <p><u>Grand Champion:</u> Adnan Rammouni</p> <p><u>Team Champion:</u> Sixers</p>	<p><u>Hot Shot:</u> Ahmad Dakka - 1st Hussein Ahmed - 2nd</p> <p><u>Free Throw:</u> Mahmoud Saad - 1st Jack Audi-2nd</p> <p><u>Speed Lay-ups:</u> Ben Clark - 1st Hussein Ahmed - 2nd</p> <p><u>Grand Champion:</u> Ahmad Dakka</p> <p><u>Team Champion:</u> Blazers</p>	<p><u>Hot Shot:</u> Ali Beydoun - 1st Shane Moran - 2nd</p> <p><u>Free Throw:</u> Mohammad Zahr - 1st Shane Moran - 2nd</p> <p><u>Three Point Shot:</u> Shane Moran - 1st Madhi Hamade - 2nd</p> <p><u>Grand Champion:</u> Shane Moran</p> <p><u>Team Champion:</u> Wildcats</p>

Congratulations to all of those who won prizes in their competitions. The parents also competed in a Free Throw contest to win a Weekend Getaway Package at the Doubletree Suites Fort Shelby in Detroit with a complimentary breakfast for two. That package was won by Edith Mei

Second place prize, a Framed and Matted Copy of the Original Rules of Basketball, was won by Dr. Majed Rammouni.

The MBA also gave away a free registration for next season to one lucky player in the Blue, White and Red Divisions.

Blue Division Game - Saturday, January 19, 2013 Lakers and Sixers Battle to the End

-- By Kevin McDonald

This game was definitely going to be charged with high octane as the Lakers were looking for redemption over the Sixers for the last game played between these two. Being the first game of a Blue Division double-header, this game definitely got the fans going early.

The Sixers came out aggressive, with Adnan Rammouni leading the charge by attacking the basket relentlessly, creating open shots for his teammates. However, the basket seemed to have a lid on it for everyone except Rammouni, who ended the quarter with all nine Sixers points. Devin Flum added the only two points for the Lakers in the quarter. The score at the end of the first quarter was 9-2.

The Lakers came out strong in the second quarter, highlighted early by an excellent pass from Andrew Boscheratto that created an opportunity for a three point play when Haley Manno got fouled on a made lay-up and sank the free throw to give her team a nice jumpstart in the second. Ali Dakka, Brianna Jawad, and Bret Levangie's defense created havoc for the Sixers and led to the Lakers getting layups on the other end off the fast break. The Lakers defense stayed strong the whole quarter, allowing only four points; two from Kareem Eter, and a nice midrange jump-shot by Adam Srour.

The third quarter was more offense minded with the Lakers winning the quarter 11-9. Lillian Grimes, Jad Younes, and Mya Hamood played great defense against their Laker counterparts this quarter, holding all the Lakers scoreless with the exception of Devin Flum, who the quarter seemed to belong to, with all 11 Laker points. Adnan Rammouni, who would not be outdone by much, ended the quarter with nine for the Sixers.

Going into the fourth, the Sixers led 22-20 and had never trailed. Both teams appeared to be a little tired after the high intensity second and third quarters. However, great defense was still being played by Jamal Mosallam for the Sixers and Stephen Boscheratto who both pulled down big rebounds to prevent second scoring chances by the other team.

The Lakers pulled even half way into the fourth quarter only to have Jillian Sweetman connect on a three point play; making her layup and the free throw to put her team back up by three. The Lakers scored the next four points capped off by the go-ahead basket by Abdur-Rahim Barlow to put the Lakers up 26-25.

The Sixers then turned the ball over with just eight seconds left on the clock. The Lakers inbounded, only to have the ball deflected by superb Sixer defense and go out of bounds off the Lakers which proved to be a costly turnover. The Sixers inbounded the ball and got two opportunities to score. They missed both shots but got the rebounds which ate up valuable time. Rammouni pulled down the rebound from the second missed shot and put up a last second desperation shot that ended up missing. However, the referees whistle had blown and a foul was called on the Lakers. Rammouni stepped to the line to shoot his free throws. With the game on the line, he calmly knocked both down to secure the win for the Sixers in a hard-fought thriller to start the day. The Lakers could walk off the court holding their heads high, knowing that they hung in punch for punch with the second place Sixers.



Blue Division Game - Saturday, January 19, 2013 Bulls and Hawks Face Off

By Kevin McDonald

In the second game of the Blue Division double-header, we got to see the undefeated Hawks take on the third place Bulls. With the Sixers squeezing out a win in the earlier game, the Bulls were looking to keep pace and pick up a win and hand the Hawks their first loss of the season.

The Hawks came out strong, doing everything they could to ensure their record would remain perfect. The first quarter started out, as many of the Hawks games do, with a fast start led by Bealal Abdallah. Abdallah's aggressiveness got him to the free throw line twice and he finished the quarter with five points. Tyler Berry knocked down two free throws to add two for a quarter highlighted by great Hawks defense. The Bulls were able to manage two points in the quarter when Julia Martin pulled down a rebound and got fouled as she put up the shot. She went to the free throw line and made both attempts.

The second quarter was more of the same, highlighted by excellent defense by both teams. Leila, Medina, and Zeinab Saad, all sisters, were definitely on the same page as they were playing shut-down style defense. Equally as impressive on defense were their matchups, Hassan Beydoun, Muhammad-Ali Harajli, and Charles Shumaker.

This was a low scoring quarter with only two points by each team, captured by the Bulls Chase

Melton, who got fouled on a made lay-up and Bealal Abdallah who got two from the line, again asserting his aggressive style of play.

The third quarter picked up right where the second quarter left off. Defense, defense, and more defense. Neither team seemed to have an advantage over the other in a quarter that ended in a stalemate with each team scoring six points in the quarter. The Hawks points were scored by Bealal and Ali Abdallah, who had connected with each other for all the Hawks scoring. Julia Martin played strong down low, grabbing rebounds and scoring four points in the process. Hassan Beydoun chipped in by adding two points.

In the fourth quarter the game stayed close, but the Hawks pulled away late. Chase Melton had two points in the quarter but seemed to be bothered by the tenacious defense played by Ethan Steigerwald. Josh Miller chipped in two to pull the Bulls close in the fourth quarter. Ben Dickieson came up with a key loose ball to give the Bulls the ball, bringing it to a one possession game, but the ball was stolen right back by Hamza Dabaja and that's when the Abdallah brothers closed the game by breaking the Bulls press and sealing it with made layups on the offensive end, giving the Hawks their eighth win of the season. The final score was 22-14.



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