

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## May 9, 2015 - Week 5

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### LEAGUE REMINDERS



**Today is Picture Day** in Marcus Garvey Park, home HLL's Shea Field. Teams have received notice of when each is scheduled. If you need to confirm your team's time, the full [schedule is online](#).

**Tomorrow is "THE DAY", HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** – Harlem LL sends wishes for the best day ever to our Moms, guardians and all who help others when needed.

### **Need Field Directors ("Observers/watchers") for All Divisions –**

Volunteers needed to serve as field observers/watchers and possible problem solver. Volunteers for this task must devote at least 3 hours a week on game days. The frequency of scheduling per volunteer will depend on the number of volunteers per Division and team game schedules. Specific responsibilities will be to make sure that while team leaders make sure players behave in accordance with HLL Code of Conduct, the same is needed for family members and other game spectators. Positive voices are much needed. Hope you are interested and want to help us to re-enforce HLL practices and principles. If you interested and want to know more about the assignment, send a message to [president@HarlemLittleLeague.org](mailto:president@HarlemLittleLeague.org). I will forward a description of the assignment

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

### **HLL Player Navigates Baseball & Chess Tournament Participation ----**

Lee Walker Watson, a member of the Lightning (Rookie Division) will not be in the Lightning's lineup on Saturday. With best wishes from his manager, coaches and team members, Lee is in Nashville tackling another challenge – a three-day National Elementary (K-6) Chess Championship as a member of the Hunter Elementary School chess team.

**HLL Remembers Anthony (Tony) L. Spencer, Sr.** This true son of Harlem passed away on May 15, 2014 after a long illness. In his memory, Tony's family sponsors an AAA team - "the Harlem Express". Next Saturday, May 16, before the 10 AM game at Rucker Field there will be a brief memorial tribute. An original member of Harlem LL's Board of Directors, Tony served until his death. He also served as a manager and eventually recruited his son, Anthony, to coach with him; together they worked magic in the AAA Division.

Tony served as Commander of the 369<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion, the Black unit known as the "Harlem Hell fighters" who fought with the French in World War I due to the USA's segregation

of black and white troops at the time. While fighting with the French, the unit was awarded the Croix de Guerre for fighting so valiantly.

One of the company's battalions, the 719<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company, is known as the "Harlem Express." Tony served as platoon leader for this company that took such pride in their work, operated as a team and always got the job done accurately and on time. It was known that you could count on the "Harlem Express." The family believes Tony would be proud to be remembered in this way and is rooting Go Harlem Express!!

## PUBLIC INFORMATION & THINGS TO DO

### **Thursday, May 14, Patrol Borough Manhattan North Community Crime**

**Forum** - 6–9 PM @ Salem United Methodist Church at 2190 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. & West 129<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion will focus on Crime Prevention, Youth Programs, New Police Technology and wrap up with questions and answers. For more information, contact your local precinct or **NYPD Community Affairs Bureau** @ 1 Police Plaza or: (1) call 646610-5323 or (2) Email: [communityaffairs@nypd.org](mailto:communityaffairs@nypd.org).



**Health & Wellness** -- Friday, May 15, (11 AM – 4 PM) the East Harlem Asthma Center of Excellence, at 161-169 East 110<sup>th</sup> St, holds a **Free to Breathe Community Health Fair** – a day of free activities and services, which will include Health Screenings, Kickboxing, Games & Raffles and Arts & crafts. For more information call 212-996-8602.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Harlem Educational Resource Fair** Saturday, May 16 (11 AM – 2:30 PM) – HCZ, Harlem Business Alliance (HBA), Princeton Review and Operation Head Start (OHS) are hosting the fair. The Expo will be held in the Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) main building at 25 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street & Madison Ave. For more information about the Expo and to register, if you wish to attend, [register here](#).

**REMEMBER: MOTHER'S DAY 2015** -- The **UPDATE** closes with 2 Mother's Day quotes and wishes for an enjoyable day for all.

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother  
**Unknown**



Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.  
**Unknown**

**THE UPDATE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU —** We want to hear what is happening with our players, volunteers and other members of our HLL families. In addition to news from the field, we want to hear about academic accomplishments and all other achievements away from HLL.