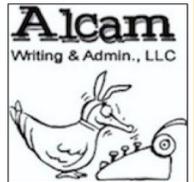




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## Kids get wet, have fun at sprinkler event in Ansonia

By Jeremy Musnicki  
*Special to the Valley-Voice*

*Photos by Dawn Ossie, Irene Krom-Kirby, Renee Cofrancesco, and Orange You For Ansonia?*

ANSONIA - It was a great day for me, Dawn Ossie, our group members, and all who participated in the sprinkler fun event last week at Nolan Field.

It was rewarding to see the community come together and interact at our wet and wonderful happening. The enthusiastic support makes us feel great about starting [Orange You For Ansonia?](#)

We are so thankful for everyone who has helped us accomplish what we have so far.

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# Kids get wet, have fun at sprinkler event in Ansonia



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A big thank you goes to members of Charters Hose Company 4 who went above and beyond to make sure the children had fun.

They brought their Spartan/Smeal fire truck that pumps 1,500 gallons a minute to make sure a steady spray covered the parking lot.

Mayor David Cassetti has asked us to hold two sprinkler fun days a year.

We are currently organizing a list of community events we want to do. We just have to work out the dates and final locations.

Plus, *Orange You For Ansonia?* will have a space at the Harvest Festival. Please check us out there.

Remember *Orange You For Ansonia?* can only go as far as the community takes us.



# Silver Sluggers hit 400th meeting at Derby Public Library

## Group hears sports writing memories from former Evening Sentinel editor

By Patricia Villers

DERBY - The Silver Sluggers, a group of enthusiastic baseball (read that New York Yankees) fans, marked their 400th session Thursday at Derby Public Library.

Led by Ansonia resident and Major League Baseball rules expert and author Rich Marazzi, the group meets Thursday mornings and talks all things baseball.

Marazzi knows how to draw the audience into the conversation and gets plenty of participation. They talk about current baseball events and they reminisce about the old days.

On Thursday Marazzi led them down memory lane asking them to recall “sights and sounds” of their experiences at Major League ball parks. One fan spoke about a visit to Wrigley Stadium in Chicago. “It was the first time I had a Chicago dog and a Hamm’s beer,” he said with a smile on his face.

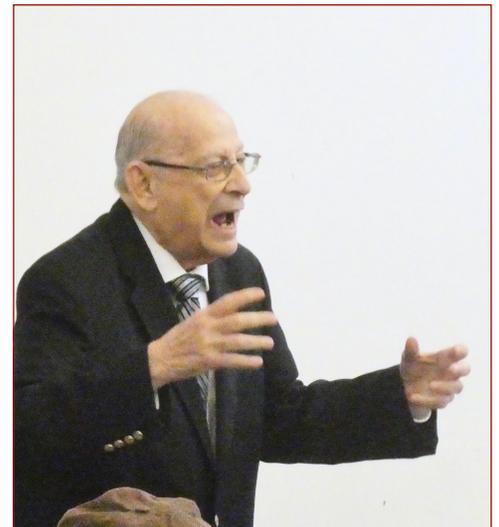
Guest speaker for the milestone meeting was Bob Pollack, former managing editor of the Evening Sentinel and a lifelong baseball fan.

Full disclosure: Bob is a close friend and I wanted to be there to (once again) hear him recount memories of being at the Polo Grounds on Oct. 3, 1951 to witness “the shot heard ‘round the world.” That was when the Giants beat the Dodgers for the National League Pennant.

Fast forward to Oct. 18, 1977, when Bob headed to Yankee Stadium to cover Game 6 of the World Series matchup between the Bronx Bombers and, ironically, the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He was able to get into the game thanks to the generosity of the late, legendary Sentinel Sports Editor Harry Katzman. Harry had given Bob his press pass for the day!

It was during that game that Yankee superstar Reggie Jackson hit three home runs to win the World Series against the Dodgers.



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