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GARY MOORE NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 JEROME HOLTZMAN AWARD



[CHICAGO, IL – January 5, 2010] The **Chicago Baseball Museum** and **The Pitch & Hit Club of Chicago** are pleased to announce this year's recipient of the **Jerome Holtzman Award** is **Gary W. Moore**. Each year, the Award is presented to the person who reflects the values and spirit of its Hall of Fame namesake and who has made what is deemed to be the most significant contribution to the promotion of Chicago baseball and the preservation of its history and tradition. The Award was established in 2008 and its recipients are recognized each year at the annual **Pitch & Hit Club of Chicago Awards Banquet**.

Gary Moore was named "America's Storyteller" after writing the critically acclaimed book, *Playing with the Enemy*, which is currently being made into a major motion picture. *Playing with the Enemy* is a baseball prodigy set during World War II. The astonishing story of one of his father Gene Moore's life, in and out of baseball, full of memorable characters from an extraordinary time in our country's history.

The Pitch & Hit Club, founded in 1942, holds this annual banquet to honor baseball people at all levels, including players, coaches, umpires, executives and media. It is the longest running and only industry-wide winter baseball banquet in the Chicago area. Proceeds from the dinner benefit worthy baseball causes including Cubs Care, White Sox Charities and the Professional Baseball Scouts Association. This year 65th Annual Awards Banquet on **Sunday, January 30th** at the **Donald E. Stephens Convention Center** in Rosemont, IL. For more information or for tickets, visit www.pitchandhitclub.org for banquet tickets, please contact Chip Sobek or call Vice President Ken Miller at (815) 354-4517, or President John Dittrich at (630) 917-0814.



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"Jerome Holtzman and Gary Moore both demonstrated in their careers how integrated baseball was into America's culture," said William Kellens, chairman of the board, Chicago Baseball Museum. "In Gary's book, *Playing with the Enemy*, he used baseball as a metaphor for life as he documented an important time in our country's history. He also featured Roy Face in his book. It was Roy Face's 18-1 season in 1959 that gave Jerome the idea about the MLB save stat that become part of this sport's history."

Gary W. Moore is a successful entrepreneur and a business executive, exciting speaker, sales trainer, musician and author. Gary is married to his wife of 30 plus years, Arlene and they have three children, and reside at their home FoxMoore Farms in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Gary will be signing copies of *Playing with the Enemy* at the Pitch and Hit Banquet on January 30th.

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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