



Woody Warm-Up moves to Water Tower Place

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Ex-Cub Kerry Wood will kick off the 2015 Cubs Convention weekend with his fourth annual Woody's Winter Warm-Up fundraiser at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at the new Harry Caray's 7th Inning Stretch Restaurant and The Chicago Sports Museum at Water Tower Place off North Michigan Avenue in Chicago.



Emceed by WTMX-Radio personalities Eric Ferguson and Kathy Hart, the Warm-Up will feature musical performances by Chicago's very own Plain White T's and DJ Matt Roan. Guests will enjoy "meet and greet" opportunities with present and former Cubs players, a premium open bar, food stations, raffle and a silent auction, which is currently taking bids at <https://myab.co/events/wp/>. The live auction will showcase The Ultimate Cubs Experience package, which features two game tickets in Cubs baseball president Theo Epstein's private box at Wrigley Field and a 7th inning stretch' sing-a-long with Wood.



Sarah and Kerry Wood.

"This is one of our favorite events because it not only starts up the excitement for the convention but also for the upcoming baseball season with (Joe) Maddon and (Jon) Lester joining the ball club," said Wood.

Added Sarah Wood, Kerry's wife, who co-runs the Wood Family Foundation: "We've had a busy 2014 putting together our mentoring program, PitchIn, and this event will provide the necessary means for us to continue our work with more mentors and mentees."

Cubs past and present, local celebrities and media personalities will serve as "guest-bartenders" mixing drinks and competing for tips while also challenging guests in the museum's interactive games. Confirmed participants include: members of the 2015

Cubs; Epstein; Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts; Cubs GM Jed Hoyer; ex-Cubs Rick Sutcliffe, Mark DeRosa, Bob Howry, Ted Lilly and Jacque Jones; former Sox Ron Kittle; ex-Bear Donnell Woolford (former Chicago Bear); and former University of Illinois basketball star Jerry Hester.

Additionally, from now until Jan. 16, all Harry Caray's locations will be serving up "Woody's Spring Training Spiked Apple" specialty cocktail. Made with Jameson Black Barrel Irish Whiskey, apple juice, agave nectar, lime juice and topped with a sliced apple garnish, the drink will donate 100 percent of sales back to the foundation.

Tickets for the Warm-Up are \$125 per person in advance and \$150 at the door and can be purchased at www.woodfamilyfoundation.org. Parking is available for \$16 in (valet) and \$12 (self-park).