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A Letter from the President,

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Dear Parents and Players,

Hello Little Leaguers! After several months of cold, snowy and rainy weather, it sure feels great to have some warm weather roll in this past week. It certainly feels like baseball is upon us. Here is hoping we Spring ahead to warmer and better times, as baseball is a great way to take our minds away from the slowing economy and inflation.

Let me be the first to welcome you to the **2009 Hasbrouck Heights Little League** baseball season. I know it's hard to think about baseball in February, however, there are plenty of reasons to start. There is great planning and organization that goes into making a successful season. It is the time of year again to break out the bats, gloves, cleats and head to the fields. I am sure you will agree that there's nothing like seeing the bright, beautiful smiles of the children at the start of a new baseball season. The kids certainly need to get outdoors, run around with their friends and be kids again.

As always, our ongoing goal at HHLL is to make each season better than the one before and this year is no exception. We have several projects that we would like to complete over the next several years. These include but are not limited to: a new and improved seating area for the Minor League field, the construction of two new handicap accessible bathrooms and the renovation of the entire concession stand. To help us accomplish these goals, many of our Board Members have returned for another year and we've been fortunate to gain six new enthusiastic members.

This year will also be very memorable as we will honor the **2008 - 12 Year Old District 5 Championship Team**. This team won the very first District Championship in the history of Hasbrouck Heights Little League. Please join us on Opening Day as we honor them.

Having a program like Little League would not be possible without volunteers. I would like to thank all of the Managers, Coaches, Team Moms, etc. that give their time and energy. It takes a monumental effort to run this program. As more people participate, the amount of work and fun will be spread evenly. Additionally, the positive effect that you provide by donating your time and efforts to our program is immeasurable.

Without a doubt, Little League is a family affair one that provides parents and children a common ground for spending time together. Whether you are coaching the players, helping run the concession stand, or keeping score, I trust your family will enjoy being a part of the Hasbrouck Heights Little League.

The baseball drafts and forming of teams will be taking place over this coming week. You will receive a phone call or e-mail from your coach after the drafts. The **Opening Day** ceremonies will kick off the season on **Saturday, April 4th**. Many other dates and events will follow opening day, including the **Annual Pancake Breakfast and Chinese / Sports Auction**, which is on **Sunday, April 5th**. Your tickets to the breakfast are enclosed and included in your registration. Please see the back of this letter for an outline of all of our 2009 dates and events. Best wishes and good luck for a successful 2009 season. See you real soon.

Steve Palladino

President, Hasbrouck Heights Little League