

# HOME BASE



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# INSPIRATION FOR 2021

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, INDIANS FANS!** Since we started the *Home Base Community Update* in June 2020, we've often asked our featured community members about their favorite quote. In this January edition, we compiled those quotes to help inspire you in the new year. Cheers to more positivity and motivation in 2021!

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

-Maya Angelou

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit."

-Aristotle

"Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's a day you've had everything to do and you've done it."

-Margaret Thatcher

"You become what you believe, so believe in yourself."

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."

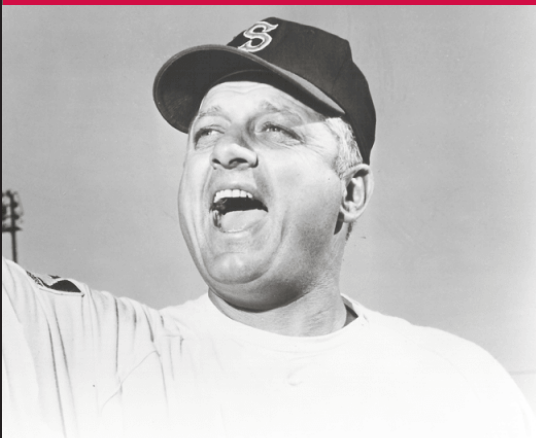
-Marie Curie

"You ain't got no guts!"

-Kenny Holmberg



# REMEMBERING TOMMY



## Tommy Lasorda 1927-2021

**SPOKANE, Wash.** - Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda, who guided the 1970 Spokane Indians to a Pacific Coast League championship and later won a pair of World Series titles with the Los Angeles Dodgers, has died. He was 93 years old.

"We are deeply saddened by the passing of Tommy Lasorda, one of the most iconic figures in the history of our franchise," said Spokane Indians Senior Vice President Otto Klein. "Tommy was a larger-than-life personality and true ambassador for the sport who left an indelible mark on the Spokane Indians. Our thoughts are with his family and friends in this difficult time."

A native of Norristown, Pa., Lasorda was a talented minor league

pitcher - including a 25-strikeout performance in 1948 - and spent parts of three seasons in the majors with the Brooklyn Dodgers (1954-55) and Kansas City Athletics (1956). After wrapping up his playing career in 1960, Lasorda became a scout for the Dodgers before finding his true calling as manager. He spent one season with the Pocatello Chiefs and three with the Ogden Dodgers before being promoted to Spokane in 1969.

The Indians finished 71-73 that season as a young team, that featured a pair of 19-year-olds in Bill Buckner and Bobby Valentine, underwent growing pains against the veteran-laden teams of the PCL. Everything clicked for Lasorda and Spokane the following year though, with the Indians posting a



94-52 record (26 games ahead of the Portland Beavers in the North Division) before sweeping the Hawaii Islanders for the PCL title. Players from that team would go on to account for 21 All-Star selections and 23 World Series appearances, and Baseball America would later recognize the 1970 Indians as the best minor league team in the second half of the 20th century. Lasorda would spend one more year in Spokane (69-76) before returning to the majors as the Dodgers third base coach in 1973, where he remained until taking over for Walter Alston as manager in 1977.

Lasorda led the Dodgers to back-to-back pennants in 1977 and 1978 and captured his first World Series title against the arch-rival Yankees in 1981. He steered the Dodgers to another Fall Classic victory in 1988, four games to one over the Oakland Athletics, and continued at the helm in Los Angeles until his retirement in 1996. Overall, Lasorda finished with a 1599-1439 (.526) record in 21 seasons and collected eight NL West titles, four NL Pennants, and a pair of World Series. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1997, becoming the 15th manager and fifth Indians alum, joining Stan Coveleski, George Kelly, Duke Snider, and Hoyt Wilhelm, to be enshrined in Cooperstown.

Lasorda continued as an active force in baseball following his retirement from the Dodgers and won a gold medal as manager of the U.S. Olympic Baseball Team in 2000

at the Sydney Olympics. He was honored by the Spokane Indians in 2007, becoming one of four permanent members of the team's Rim of Honor. Lasorda was still a part of the Dodgers organization at the time of his passing, serving as a special advisor to the chairman in his seventh decade with the franchise. He is survived by his wife, Jo, daughter, Laura, and granddaughter, Emily.

"In a franchise that has celebrated such great legends of the game, no one who wore the uniform embodied the Dodger spirit as much as Tommy Lasorda," Dodger president and CEO Stan Kasten said. "A tireless spokesman for baseball, his dedication to the sport and the team he loved was unmatched. He was a champion who at critical moments seemingly willed his teams to victory. The Dodgers and their fans will miss him terribly. Tommy is quite simply irreplaceable and unforgettable."





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## RICK CLARK

The Spokane Indians announced on January 11<sup>th</sup> that they were fielding nominations for this month's Hometown Hero. Within minutes, nominations began rolling in, each one with the same nominee, a name that is becoming more and more familiar throughout the Spokane community – Rick Clark. You may have seen Rick featured in Mike Rowe's *Returning the Favor*, or read about him in any number of media features throughout the past several months. His work with *Giving Back Packs* and *Spokane Quaranteam* has garnered local and national media attention and helped thousands in need.

Rick Clark hasn't always been a household name. Born and raised in Spokane, Rick has struggled with poverty and homelessness

throughout most of his life. In 2015, he found himself squatting in a trailer in Medical Lake with no job and no car. Knowing something needed to change, he hopped on a bus and made his way into town to enroll at Spokane Community College. On his first day of class, Rick met a homeless man named Jared, who had been robbed of his backpack full of belongings the night before. Rick posted on Facebook about this encounter later that evening, encouraging friends and family to help him fill a new backpack full of necessities for Jared. As a result of Rick's initial post, 25 backpacks were filled and just like that, *Giving Back Packs* was born. Over the past five years, 6,500 backpacks have been filled and donated.

When the Coronavirus Pandemic hit in early 2020, the logistics surrounding *Giving Back Packs* became harder to coordinate. Rick once again turned to his Facebook network, this time to help local restaurants through a new initiative, *Spokane Quaranteam*. A \$200 goal was set for day one. Rick raised \$500. On day two, he raised \$1,000. Word quickly spread of this initiative and Rick's Facebook group continued to grow. *Spokane Quaranteam* has raised over \$250,000, helped 150 local restaurants, and has donated over 17,000 meals to homeless shelters,

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first responders, truck drivers, senior centers, and grocery store workers. The Facebook group that Rick started not only has over 28,000 members, but has sparked Quaranteam communities to show up in other cities around the US.

Rick transferred to Gonzaga after receiving a scholarship and graduated with his bachelor's degree. He is currently working toward a master's degree in Organizational Leadership. One of Rick's many goals is to someday teach, noting how inspired he has been by some of his professors throughout his journey. He even plans to give a TED Talk in October of this year. He hopes to find people who are looking for that break in life and who haven't seen their best

days. He wants to show them that they have a purpose beyond what they can imagine – because he's lived that firsthand!

When asked if he had any advice to others who are struggling, Rick gave us this powerful message: "Get yourself connected – Force yourself to reach out to others and be a part of something. You don't have to wait until you're ok to help others."

*Spokane Quaranteam is no longer accepting donations, but join the Facebook group to find out how you can continue to support local businesses. Also, check out the Giving Back Packs website ([www.gbpacks.org](http://www.gbpacks.org)) for ways to donate or volunteer.*

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# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

If you or someone you know is facing hardship due to the pandemic, the Spokane Indians Baseball Club would like to highlight the following organizations that are offering free necessities such as food, clothing, laundry services and more to anyone in need in the Spokane community.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> HARVEST MOBILE MARKET



<https://2-harvest.org/mobile-market281/>



## SPOKANE FOOD BOX

<https://spokanefoodbox.com/>

\*No current distributions scheduled, check website for updates and volunteer opportunities.

## OUR PLACE COMMUNITY OUTREACH



<http://ourplacespokane.org/>

If you are not in need of these services but would like to get involved with these organizations, all of their websites have information on how to volunteer as well.



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# STCU GOLD GLOVE BENEFITS

## HEY INDIANS FANS, DID YOU KNOW?

As a ticket package holder, you're also a STCU Gold Glove Member? Here are some of the best member benefits:



### EARLY TICKET EXCHANGE

Option to exchange your tickets prior to gates opening for similar seats to another game.

### NEVER WASTED TICKET PROGRAM

Missed a game? No problem! Trade your unused tickets for reserved bench seats to a future game.

### ONLINE TICKET MANAGEMENT

Make ticket exchanges online and electronically send tickets to someone else.

### EXCLUSIVE AREA

Never miss a pitch at the members-only concessions stand with a great view behind home plate.

### GIVEAWAY ITEMS

Guaranteed all non "kids only" items no matter what time you get to the game.

### EARLY ENTRY

Beat the crowd! Enter Avista Stadium 5 minutes before the public with early entry at the STCU Gold Glove Member gate.



# MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We're thankful for each and every STCU Gold Glove Member! Throughout the next Home Base editions, we'll be highlighting some of our ticket package holders and learning how they utilize the great benefits that come with being a member.

## GREG & NITA HAAG

### How long have you had a ticket package with the Indians?

We made the decision to move to the Spokane Valley, after we both retired. Our retirement "bucket list" included Spokane Indians full-season tickets. We've come back each season for the last 7 years.

### Favorite promotional night at Avista Stadium?

We especially enjoy Family Feast Night. Even though those nights draw large crowds, we love watching the families that can not only bring the kids to the game, but can enjoy dinner together.

### Favorite ballpark food item at Avista Stadium?

We find ourselves alternating between caramel/kettle corn and chicken quesadillas.

### Favorite Gold Glove Member benefit?

Guaranteed giveaways are nice, especially if we arrive late to the game. We also enjoy the flexibility of online and phone ticket management. This allows us the opportunity to share tickets we are unable to use with family and friends. We have also been blessed that our reserved seats have been in a section where through the years we have made new friends with other ticket holders and our section leaders.

### What are you most looking forward to when baseball returns to Avista Stadium?

The family friendly, safe event environment that is visible throughout Avista Stadium. From dancing section leaders, photographers, security staff, concessionaires, Otto, Doris, Ribby, and Recycleman. You can't beat a night out at the ball park. We love baseball, too.

### How do you use your tickets?

We are thankful we are able to use 90% of our season tickets. Our favorite people to invite are our grand-kids when they are visiting from out of town. They even try to plan their visits around home games. Nothing is more fun than watching them get excited over getting player autographs or being scared to death to participate in the between-inning on-field events. These times create special pictures and memories that will last forever. We have enjoyed every game... Never a dull evening with the Spokane Indians at Avista Stadium.



Have questions about becoming a STCU Gold Glove Member? Give us a call at (509) 343-6886 or email us at [tickets@spokaneindians.com](mailto:tickets@spokaneindians.com).



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# OTTO'S BEST PALS

The Spokane Indians would also like to highlight some of our younger fans, who are also local students, and their efforts in the transition to virtual learning! This month we interviewed sisters, Maggie & Tillie. Learn more about these OTTO's Best Pals below:

## MAGGIE

### **What's your favorite subject in school?**

Writing and Physical Education

### **Have you read any good books recently?**

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, and Courageous Canine

### **What has been the best part about virtual learning?**

I get to be with my dogs while I learn.

### **What's your favorite thing you've learned this year?**

I got to learn Algebra.

### **How many Spokane Indians games have you been to?**

Over 25... but the best one was when I got to be a minnow for Ribby.



### **What is your favorite ballpark food?**

Indian dogs... I eat like 3 every game.

### **Who is your favorite Spokane Indians mascot and why?**

Ribby because I got to be a minnow, although I also really like Doris!



### **What is your favorite memory at Avista stadium?**

When we got to go to the Press Box for being the Avista Family of the Game, and I got to get all the guys' signatures on my hat that work in the Press Box.



**TILLIE**



**What's your favorite subject in school?**

Band or Social Studies

**Have you read any good books recently?**

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, and Witchy Worries of Abby Adams

**What has been the best part about virtual learning?**

Learning in my pajamas and having free time when I am all done.

**What's your favorite thing you've learned this year?**

Learning about Ancient Mesopotamia.

**How many Spokane Indians games have you been to?**

Over 25... I lost count, but the BEST game was when we got to sit in the Press Box and cheer really loud.

**What is your favorite ballpark food?**

Indian dogs... I can eat like 4 at a game!

**Who is your favorite Spokane Indians mascot and why?**

Ribby because we love to hang out at his cage in right field.

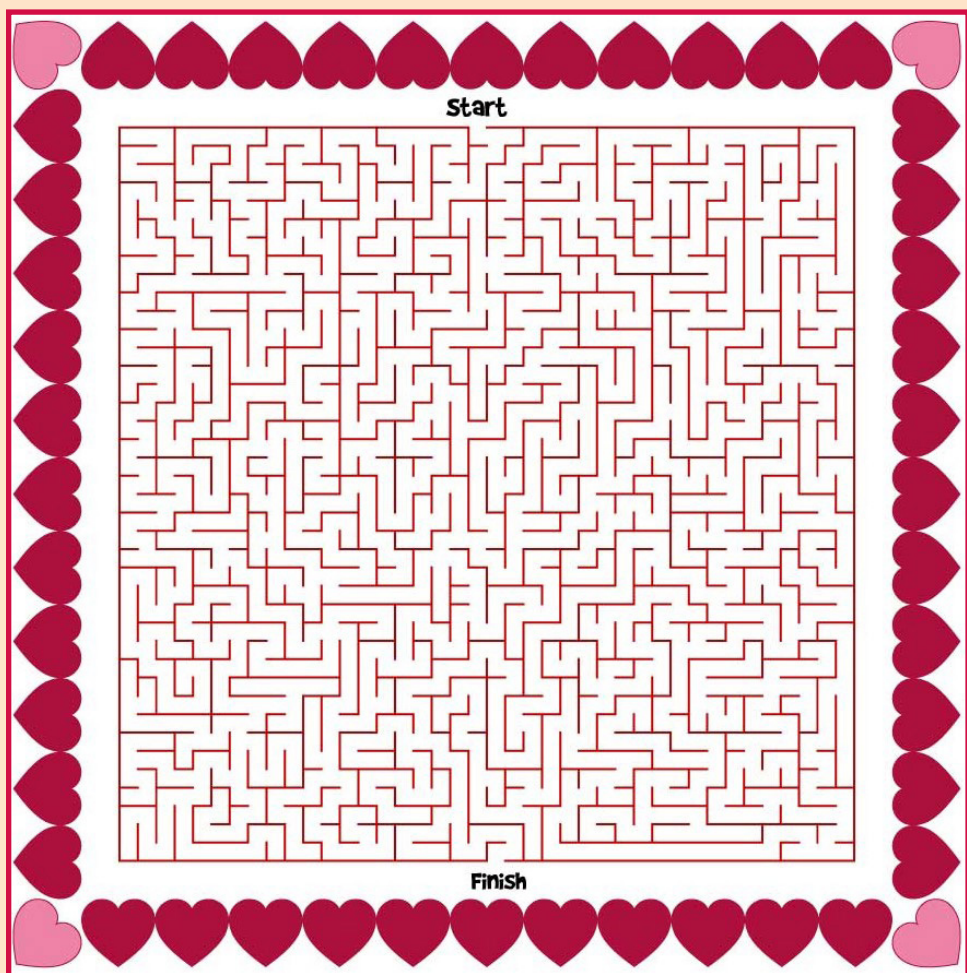


**What is your favorite memory at Avista stadium?**

When we got to meet Babe Ruth's granddaughter at a game and when I hit a grand slam at the Molina Whiffle Ball Field.



# Valentine's Day Maze



I think you're  
a-maze-ing!