



THE PUTNAM VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

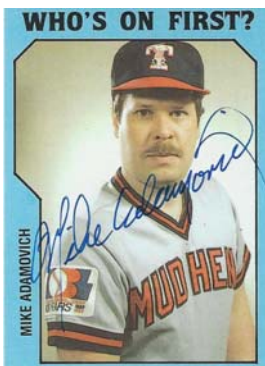
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OUR AMERICAN HISTORY A FREE PROGRAM SERIES - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Basically Baseball Collecting the History of Baseball With Baseball Historian and Collector Michael Adamovich

Saturday June 11, 2016 at 10:00 am

Since its creation and eventual growth in popularity to become America's pastime, the game of baseball – its rules, equipment, and uniforms - has continued to develop and evolve. Learn more about how baseball has changed... and why! And while the game and its accoutrements have continued to transform, an entire industry of baseball collectibles – from the baseball card to the pennant to the autographed, game-used ball or uniform, has grown up around it. Come hear baseball enthusiast, historian, umpire, player and collector Mike “MOOKie Adamovich” explain how it happened, with lots of collectibles to show-and-tell, in his presentation: Basically Baseball. In addition to the program, there will be several GREAT door prizes provided by our friends at the Hudson Valley Renegades, Rockland Boulders, and Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center!



Michael “MOOKie” Adamovich

Mike Adamovich was born and raised in Yonkers, NY and played baseball in the Bryn Mawr Boys Club - taking 2 years off due to an arm injury at the age of 10 (throwing curve balls in the rain). During that time he started to read and learn about the history of baseball. Returning to the field, he played against former (then future) Yankees Outfielder Wendell "Dell" Alston. At 15, Mike continued playing and then turned to umpiring, mentored by Bill Grieve, a former American League umpire. Mike and Bill would often sit on the concrete bleachers in Fleming Field discussing the rules and history of the game. During his youth, Mike was also an avid collector of baseball cards - and, yes, his mother eventually threw all of his cards away!

Mike Adamovich is a 24-year Veteran of the Army Reserve and was a Senior Court Officer for almost 33 years. A job related accident caused him to start collecting again, expanding his collection beyond just cards, to include old equipment and game-worn uniforms. Mike and his wife Pamela (the former Putnam Valley High School Nurse) have two daughters, Alexis Thornton (a Putnam Valley High School teacher) and Krista Adamovich-Rippe, DVM, a Veterinary Surgeon in Austin Texas.

**This FREE program will be held at the Putnam Valley Grange Hall
128 Mill Street ♦ Putnam Valley, NY 10579 at 10:00 am**