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Robert (Bob) Nutting serves as Chairman of the Board of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Bob assumed control of the club in January of 2007, thus becoming the sixth principal owner in the history of the Pittsburgh Pirates. He has served as Chairman of the Board and represented his family’s interest in the club since 2003.

In his two years as principal owner, Nutting has continued to make progress toward the goal of systematically building a championship organization. In September of 2007, he appointed Frank Coonelly as the team’s new president and, in-turn, Neal Huntington as the team’s new general manager. In the short time since, the new leadership drastically improved the core fundamentals of the club by implementing new systems and philosophies on how the Pirates scout, teach and develop talent.

The club has also been more effective in maximizing every opportunity to acquire talent, whether in the draft, international scouting, development or free agency. With the commitment to utilize every round of the draft to add premiere talent, the Pirates first amateur draft under the new leadership was ranked as one of the best in baseball by industry publications. The infusion of talent is demonstrated by Baseball America’s ranking of Pirates prospects, where five of the top 10, and 16 out of the top 30, were not in the organization a year prior.

Nutting’s long-term commitment to building a championship caliber organization is further demonstrated by the construction of the Pirates new training academy in the Dominican Republic. The new campus style training complex, which will open this spring as one of the very best in Major League Baseball, will help the Pirates attract, retain and teach the best players, coaches and scouts in the Latin America region.

Nutting’s family roots in the greater Pittsburgh region date back as long as the Pirates 122-year history. Under his leadership, the Pirates have made a commitment to making an even deeper positive impact in the community. In 2008, the Pirates and its philanthropic arm, Pirates Charities, assisted more than 2,200 community organizations. Pirates Charities also launched three major initiatives, including the renovation of the little league complex in Pittsburgh’s Hill District, the launch of the new Fields for Kids matching grant program, as well as the building of the Pirates Charities Miracle League Field, which will bring a completely new dynamic to the Pittsburgh community by creating a space dedicated to the needs of children with disabilities.

Nutting brings a long history of building successful organizations and a multi-generational commitment to the economic growth of the Pittsburgh region. His primary position is as President and CEO of Ogden Newspapers, Inc. Bob also currently serves as Chairman of Seven Springs Mountain Resort; a four-season resort located 60 miles East of Pittsburgh.

PERSONAL: Robert M. Nutting...Born on 3/29/62 in Wheeling, WV...Wife’s name is Leslie...Three daughters...Earned a B.A. in American History from Williams College in Massachusetts...Currently serves on the Board of Directors at the Carnegie Natural History Museum in Pittsburgh...Also serves as a board member of the Newspaper Association of America...Is a former President of the West Virginia Press Association...Is committed to education through his service on the board and executive committee of The Linsky School, service on the board of Bethany College and as past Chairman of the West Virginia Independent Colleges & Universities...An avid outdoorsman and conservationist who was the driving force behind the Pirates new “Let’s Go Bucs. Let’s Go Green” initiative to make PNC Park more environmentally friendly...Also supports various environmental programs, is a current trustee of the Nature Conservancy/West Virginia Chapter and the former Chapter President and current member of Trout Unlimited...Is a licensed commercial pilot and flight instructor, an avid fisherman and skier.
FRANK COONELLY
President

Frank Coonelly was introduced as President of the Pittsburgh Pirates on September 13, 2007, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organization. In this role, Frank leads the Pirates’ senior management group and is accountable for the organization’s success both on and off the field.

Previously Frank served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Labor in the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball where he negotiated and administered collective bargaining agreements with the Major League Baseball Players Association and the World Umpires Association. Frank led a staff of attorneys who represented the Commissioner and the 30 clubs in the litigation and arbitration of labor disputes. He also provided contract and economic advice and counsel to the 30 clubs, working closely with General Managers and baseball operations personnel on contract and player relations matters.

Prior to joining the Commissioner’s Office, Coonelly practiced as a Partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. A large part of Frank’s practice consisted of the representation of Major League Baseball as outside counsel. He also represented several Clubs, including the Minnesota Twins, Chicago Cubs, Montreal Expos and Atlanta Braves.

PERSONAL:
Frank Coonelly...Born on 3/31/60 in Philadelphia, PA...Wife’s name is Debbie...Four children; daughters Erin (21), Tara (19) and Kelley (18) and son Kyle (15)...Attended William Tennent High School in Warminster, PA, where he was captain of the ice hockey team...Graduated with high distinction from the Penn State University with a bachelor’s degree in Public Service in 1983...Earned his JD from Catholic University Law School in Washington, D.C., where he earned the Faculty Award for graduating with the highest grade point average...In the community Frank serves on the Board of Pirates Charities, Allegheny Conference, Riverlife Task Force, and the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion/Advisory Board – West.

NEAL HUNTINGTON
Senior VP & General Manager

Neal Huntington was named Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates on September 25, 2007, thus becoming the 12th G.M. in the history of the club. In this role, he is responsible for the entire baseball operations department which includes overseeing the Major League club and scouting and player development systems.

Prior to joining the Pirates, Neal worked as a Special Assistant to the General Manager for the 2007 American League Central Division champion Cleveland Indians. In his role as Special Assistant to the General Manager, Huntington served as an evaluator and advisor for Cleveland General Manager Mark Shapiro, providing recommendations regarding personnel, strategic planning and decision making. Neal also scouted major and minor league players and provided recommendations with respect to player evaluation, acquisition and retention. He also provided scouting evaluations on players within the Indians organization while doing advance scouting work for a portion of the Indians’ opponents.

Huntington began his association with the Indians in 1998 as the Assistant Director of Minor League operations. In November of 1998, Neal took over as Cleveland’s Director of Player Development. In that role he instilled a holistic developmental philosophy that focused on the systematic development of the person as well as the player. He also oversaw the Indians player development system, including Latin American Field Operations. After being promoted to the title of Assistant General Manager on November 1, 2001, Huntington assisted Shapiro in all areas of the day-to-day operation of the major league club, concentrating particularly in player evaluation, acquisition and retention.

Neal began his major league career in the Montreal Expos organization on June 1, 1992. He spent the 1994 campaign as the video advance scout for the Expos major league club and was then promoted to Assistant Director, Player Development after the 1994 season, where he assisted in all aspects of Montreal’s Player Development system.

PERSONAL: Neal Alden Huntington...Born on 2/4/69 in Amherst, NH...Wife’s name is Becca...Has two sons and one daughter...Was raised on a family-owned and operated dairy farm in Amherst...Played four years of baseball at Amherst College in Massachusetts, where he graduated in 1991 with a degree in Psychology...Was named a Division III second-team All-American first baseman and first-team All New England first baseman after his senior season...Also holds a Masters of Science in Sport Management from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
Jim Plake

Executive VP & Chief Financial Officer

After serving the club as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since July of 2005, Jim Plake was promoted to his current position on December 4, 2006. Previously, Jim was the Vice President of Finance and Administration, beginning in August of 1995. He joined the Pirates in November of 1991 as Director of Finance.

In his current role, Jim directs the daily financial and administrative operations for the Pirates, including financial reporting, budgets, payroll, treasury, human resources, information systems and insurance. In addition, Jim also directs and oversees projects that affect all aspects of the club’s business operations.

Prior to joining the Pirates, Jim was a senior manager with the public accounting firm of Price Waterhouse where he was responsible for the audit engagements of both Fortune 500 and middle-market companies.

PERSONAL:
James D. Plake...Born on 3/27/55 in McKeesport, PA...Wife’s name is Carol...Three children: Julie (26), Joanie (23) and Jimmy (21)...Is a graduate of Serra High School in McKeesport, PA...Earned a degree in accounting from Penn State University in 1980...Is a member of both the Pennsylvania and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants...Currently serves on the board of the Downtown YMCA, Partners For Quality, Inc., Allegheny Children’s Initiative, Inc., Northside Community Development Fund and the advisory board for The Center for Sports Business & Research at the Penn State University Smeal College of Business.

Dennis DaPra

Executive VP & General Manager, PNC Park/Facilities

Dennis DaPra is the Executive Vice President & General Manager, PNC Park/Facilities.

In his role, Dennis is responsible for all day-to-day operational aspects associated with PNC Park and its facilities, including guest relations, food and beverage operations, event management, operational staffing, security and facility cleaning/maintenance. Dennis also serves as the Pirates liaison for the City of Pittsburgh, the Sports and Exhibition Authority and Stadium Authority. In addition, he is responsible for the development and management of all organized labor contracts and relationships relating to PNC Park and the coordination of the North Shore Development plans.

DaPra recently oversaw the demolition and re-building of Pirate City in Bradenton, FL, along with the renovations to McKechnie Field, the Pirates southern home since 1969. He also oversees the day-to-day operation and facility management of the Bradenton Operations staff. In addition, Dennis serves as the project manager for the Pirates on their Dominican Republic academy project, which included land acquisition and the construction of a 46-acre training facility in El Toro.

Dennis began his association with the Pirates in the ticket office and has held various positions over his 20-plus years with the club. In 2006 he received the Italian Heritage Society of Pittsburgh Award in the field of sports for his involvement with the Pirates organization.

PERSONAL:
Dennis DaPra...Born in Canonsburg, PA...Wife’s name is Elisa...Two children: son Luca and daughter Gabriella...Graduate of Peters Township High School...Attended Slippery Rock (PA) University...Is an active member of the Washington County Italian-American Heritage Organization and serves on the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Board of Directors for the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame...Was selected as National League Operations representative by Major League Baseball for the 1995 World Series at Jacobs Field in Cleveland and for the 1996 World Series at Yankee Stadium...Selected to work for MLB during the 2008 All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium...Is a member of the Board of the Directors of the Stadium Managers Association...Is also an active member of the International Association of Arena Managers and the Building Office Managers Association (B.O.M.A.)...Is a graduate of Leadership Pittsburgh Class of XV.
Lou DePaoli joined the Pirates as their Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer on 9/26/08. In his position, he oversees the club’s marketing, ticket sales, corporate sponsorship and communications efforts.

DePaoli previously worked for the Atlanta Spirit organization, where he held the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for the Atlanta Hawks of the National Basketball Association, Atlanta Thrashers of the National Hockey League and Phillips Arena. In this position he was responsible for all marketing, ticket sales, corporate sponsorship sales, communications and community development efforts for the organization.

Prior to joining the Atlanta Spirit in May of 2005, DePaoli was the National Basketball Association’s Vice President of Team Marketing and Business Development in the NBA’s Team Marketing and Business Operations department. There, Lou worked with the NBA, Women’s National Basketball Association and National Basketball Development League senior management on all business initiatives, including ticket sales, sponsor sales and service, marketing, advertising and promotions. DePaoli, who started in the NBA League Office in December of 2000, worked closely with the NBA clubs to improve their business operations and to implement the industry’s best practices.

DePaoli also worked for the Florida Marlins from 1996 to 2000, serving first as the Director of Ticket Sales and then as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the club. With the Marlins, DePaoli’s duties included overseeing ticket sales, sponsorship sales, marketing and customer service. During his tenure with the Marlins, the club won a World Series title in 1997.

Prior to joining the Marlins in 1996, DePaoli was Vice President of Sales for the Worcester IceCats Hockey Club of the American Hockey League (AHL) from the inaugural 1994-95 season through the beginning of the 1996-97 season.

PERSONAL: Louis G. DePaoli...Born on 1/23/67 in Mt. Kisco, NY...Wife’s name is Kathy...Has two daughters, Ryan (22) and Emily (12)...Is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts where he earned his BA in Management of Professional Sports Organizations.

Larry Silverman joined the Pirates organization on February 1, 2002, as Vice President and General Counsel. He enters the 2009 season as the club’s Senior Vice President & Baseball Legal Counsel.

In his role, Silverman provides legal counsel to the club on a wide variety of contract, employment and intellectual property issues. He also assists General Manager Neal Huntington in contract negotiations and other player related matters, handles the club’s salary arbitration cases and serves as secretary and legal advisor to Pirates Charities.

Prior to joining the Pirates, Larry spent 21 years at the Pittsburgh law firm of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., the last 15 of those years as a shareholder. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law where he teaches a course on Sports and the Law. In addition, Silverman is a member of the Sports Lawyers Association, the American Corporate Counsel Association and the local, state and national chapters of the Bar Association.

PERSONAL: Larry Silverman...Born on 4/16/52 in Pittsburgh...Wife’s name is Marcia...Three children; daughters Abby (20) and Emily (17) and son Matt (12)...Received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1974 and his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law in 1978.
The “Pride of the Pirates” award was created in 1990 to recognize members of the Pirates family who have demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship, dedication and outstanding character during a lifetime of service. It is the only award presented by the Pirates organization and it is accepted prior to the Home Opener. Here are the past winners:

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In 2007, Ms. Paytas was honored by the Women and Girls Foundation as a “Women in Sports: Leveling the Playing Field” award recipient and she was recognized by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America’s as their 2007 Renaissance Communicator of the Year. Paytas serves as the overall coordinator for the 2006 MLB All-Star Game, working as the primary liaison between Major League Baseball and the Pirates organization. The five-day All-Star event generated significant economic impact for the Pittsburgh region, as well as worldwide media exposure.

Prior to her current stint with the Pirates, Paytas worked for Burson-Marsteller from 1994 - 2000. At Burson, she was a member of the Public Affairs Practice. Her experience included public relations, state and national trade relations, communication training, special event planning and educational workshop and seminar development.

During the construction of PNC Park, Paytas worked for Burson as a consultant to the Pirates on the public relations activities associated with the building of the ballpark, including the groundbreaking event on April 7, 1999. In recognition of these efforts, the Pirates and Burson-Marsteller received a national award, the 2000 CIPRA (Creativity in Public Relations Award) in the category of Sports Management.

This is Paytas’ second tour of duty with the Pirates. She began as an intern in the Public Relations Department in 1981, became a full-time staff member in 1982 and was named the ballclub’s first Community Relations Director in 1986. She remained in that position through the 1994 season. During that time, she coordinated the unveiling of the Roberto Clemente Statue at Three Rivers Stadium and was hospitality coordinator for the 1990, 1991 and 1992 post-season games, as well as the 1994 MLB All-Star Game.

PERSONAL: Patricia A. Paytas...Born in Butler, PA...Is a 1977 graduate of Butler High School...Is a graduate of Butler County Community College and Slippery Rock State University...Received an English degree from Slippery Rock in 1982...Is a member of the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh Metropolitan Board of Directors.

PRIDE OF THE PIRATES Award Winners

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<td>2007</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>Elmer Gray</td>
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Dan Fox was hired as the club's Director of Baseball Systems Development on May 1, 2008. In this role, he is responsible for the architecture and development of information systems to support the Baseball Operations department in addition to providing quantitative analysis.

Prior to joining the Pittsburgh organization, Fox worked with Baseball Prospectus and The Hardball Times as an author and weekly columnist. He was also employed as a software architect at Compassion International in Colorado Springs and prior to that as a software instructor, author, and consultant.

PERSONAL: Dan was born on 4/8/1968 in Davenport, IA, and currently resides in Mars, PA, with his wife, Beth, and two daughters; Laura (13) and Anna (10)...Earned a B.S. in Computer Science from Iowa State University in 1990.

The 2009 season marks Bryan Minniti’s ninth year as a member of the Pirates Baseball Operations department and his second as the club’s Director of Baseball Operations. He was named to his current position on November 7, 2007.

Minniti began his association with the club as an intern in the Baseball Operations department from January 2001 through April 2001. He also worked as an assistant within the department before being named a full-time member of the staff on January 1, 2004.

In his current role, Minniti assists General Manager Neal Huntington in all aspects of Baseball Operations including rules compliance, transactions, budgeting and contract negotiations.

PERSONAL: Bryan was born on 6/19/80 in Painesville, OH, and currently resides in Pittsburgh...Earned a Bachelors of Science degree with a Double Major in Mathematics and Statistics from the University of Pittsburgh in 2002...Volunteers for the Lupus Foundation of Pennsylvania and Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank.

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Jim Benedict was named a Special Assistant to the General Manager on October 28, 2008. Benedict spent the 2007 and 2008 seasons as a Major League Scout with the Cleveland Indians, while also performing the duties as an Advance Scout.

Prior to joining the Indians, Jim worked six years with the New York Yankees as a Pro Scout and a Special Assistant to the club’s Baseball Operations department under General Manager Brian Cashman. Benedict also worked as a Minor League Pitching Coordinator with the Los Angeles Dodgers (1998-2000) and in the same capacity with the Montreal Expos for five seasons (1994-98).

After playing baseball at Arizona State, Benedict was signed by the Royals as a non-drafted free agent in 1984 and pitched three seasons (1984-87) in the Kansas City and Atlanta farm systems. He also worked as the Pitching Coach for Loyola Marymount and Chapman College in California before beginning his scouting career with the Texas Rangers in 1990.

**PERSONAL:** Jim was born on 2/1/61 in Burbank, CA. He and his wife Linda reside in Bradenton, FL, with their son John (9).

Keith Champion joined the Pirates Baseball Operations staff on November 18, 2008, after working the last two years as a Professional Scout with the Boston Red Sox.

Prior to joining the Red Sox, Keith worked 12 years (1995-2006) with the Chicago Cubs as an Advance Scout (1995-99) and a Special Assistant to the General Manager (2000-06).

Champion spent his first 10 professional campaigns in the St. Louis minor league system, including three seasons (1982-84) as a catcher. He was also a minor league coach for three seasons (1985-87) before managing in the Cardinals chain for Savannah (A) in 1988-89, Springfield (A) in 1990 and Peoria, AZ (Rookie) in 1991.

After his 10 seasons with St. Louis, Champion also managed in the San Diego organization for three years with Class-A Waterloo (1992), Class-A Rancho Cucamonga in 1993 and Double-A Wichita in 1994.

A 1981 graduate of Missouri State University, Champion earned All-American honors as a catcher on the baseball team and was inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame this past February. Keith also served on the 2008 USA Olympic Baseball selection committee and the 2009 World Baseball Classic selection committee.

**PERSONAL:** Keith was born on 9/19/59 in Granite City, IL. He and his wife Lee, reside in Ballwin, MO, and have three children; daughters Claire (15) and Julia (13) and son Christopher (12). His brother, Kirk, is the minor league pitching coordinator with the Chicago White Sox.

Larry Corrigan joined General Manager Neal Huntington’s staff on November 12, 2007.

Prior to joining the Pirates, Corrigan spent 20 years as a member of the Minnesota Twins Baseball Operations Department. His most recent role with the Twins came as a Special Assistant to General Manager Terry Ryan from 1999-2007, where he was a key member of a front office staff that helped the club capture four division titles. In his last two seasons with the Twins, his scouting emphasis and evaluations focused exclusively on National League teams; he spent the previous four years (2002-05) with an emphasis on the American League clubs.

Corrigan began his association with Minnesota in 1987 as the West Coast Scouting Supervisor after working as an area scout in Southern California for Oakland. He was then promoted to Director of Scouting from 1992-93, where the club tabbed outfielder Torii Hunter as its first round pick in the 1993 draft. Larry also served the Twins as the club’s Minor League Field Coordinator for five years from 1994-1998.

Originally selected by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the fourth round of the regular phase of the 1972 June draft, Corrigan played in the Dodgers and Twins minor league systems from 1972-1978. Following his playing career he coached at both Iowa State University and Cal State-Fullerton.

**PERSONAL:** Larry was born on 9/6/50 in Mendota, IL. He and his wife Lorie reside in Fort Myers, FL.
Marc DelPiano joined General Manager Neal Huntington’s staff on December 3, 2008. He spent the previous three seasons (2006-08) as a Special Assignment Scout with the Boston Red Sox and was part of the scouting staff that helped contribute to a World Series title in 2007.

Prior to joining Boston, DelPiano worked a total of 10 years with the Montreal Expos and Florida Marlins. He was an area scout with the Expos from 1996-2000, evaluating players in the Northeast region, before serving the Expos/Marlins as the East Coast Scouting Supervisor through the 2003 season. Marc also served the Marlins as their Director of Player Development during the 2003 World Series Championship season when the club was also named Organization-of-the-Year. He was Florida’s Director of International Scouting for the 2005 campaign.

After playing two seasons (1989-90) as an infielder in the Cleveland and Houston organizations, DelPiano spent five seasons as an area scout and minor league coach with Texas, coaching for affiliates in Erie, PA, and Hudson Valley, NY.

PERSONAL: Marc was born on 7/29/67 in Rome, NY, and was raised in Auburn, NY. He resides in Auburn with his wife Nikki and children Gina (13) and Jimmy (11).

Joe Ferrone joined General Manager Neal Huntington’s staff on November 10, 2008.

Ferrone spent the last five years with the Detroit Tigers as their West Coast Regional Crosschecker after working for the Pirates as a west coast area scout in 2003 under Scouting Director Ed Creech.

Joe began his scouting career with the Montreal Expos as an area scout covering the Midwest in 1993-94. He then spent eight years in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization as an area scout (southern California) from 1995-98 and a West Coast Scouting Supervisor from 1999-2002.

Ferrone graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1989 and was an infielder on the baseball team for four years (1986-89). He also played professionally for Perugia in the Italian Baseball Federation in 1990 before attending graduate school for Sports Management at Ohio University in 1992.

PERSONAL: Joe was born on 8/31/66 in Encino, CA. He and his wife Carrie reside in Santa Clarita, CA, with son Mac (7) and daughter Jamie (4).

Jax Robertson joined the Pittsburgh organization as a special assistant to the General Manager on January 22, 2002.

Prior to joining the Pirates, Robertson spent two years working as a professional scout with the Florida Marlins. He also worked for the Marlins as their national crosschecker for eight years (1992-1999).

Before joining Florida’s scouting staff, Robertson served the Detroit Tigers as their Director of Scouting for four years (1988-1991). He joined the Detroit organization in 1982 and assumed various roles within the scouting department prior to being named Director.

A catcher during his playing days, Robertson signed a professional contract with the Cubs in 1974 and spent one season in their minor league system. After receiving a master’s degree in sports administration from Ohio University, he joined the New York Yankees scouting staff and was responsible for signing Don Mattingly after the club selected him in the 19th round of the 1979 free agent draft. Robertson worked with New York for four years (1977-1980) and then served Old Dominion University as an assistant baseball coach before joining Detroit.

PERSONAL: Jax was born on 3/4/52 in Milwaukee, WI. He and his wife Cindy reside in Cary, NC, and have two children; son Matt (27) and daughter Lindsay (21). Robertson was inducted into the Mid Atlantic Scout Association (MASA) Hall-of-Fame during the 2004 season.
DOUG STRANGE
Special Assistant to the General Manager

Doug Strange is in his eighth season as a member of the Pirates Baseball Operations department. He initially joined the staff as a Professional Scout prior to the 2002 campaign.

Strange was the club’s Assistant General Manager for three years (2005-07) after serving as a special assistant to the G.M. for two seasons.

Originally selected by Detroit in the seventh round of the 1985 June draft, Strange made his big league debut with the Tigers on 7/13/89 and singled off Seattle’s Scott Bankhead for his first hit on 7/15/89. Doug connected off Kansas City’s Bret Saberhagen for his first major league home run on 9/4/89. Following his one season with the Tigers, he also played with the Cubs (1991-92), Rangers (1993-94), Mariners (1995-96), Expos (1997) and Pirates (1998).

In 707 career major league games, Strange hit .233 with 31 home runs and 211 RBI. The switch-hitting infielder made a total of 339 appearances at third base, 229 at second base, 18 in left field, 10 at shortstop, seven at first base and two in right field during his nine seasons in the big leagues.

Following his playing days, Strange worked as an area scout with the Florida Marlins from July of 2000 thru the 2001 season. He also served as the club’s East Coast crosschecker prior to joining the Pirates Baseball Operations department.

PERSONAL: Doug was born on 4/13/64 in Greenville, SC. He and his wife Holli reside in Gibsonia, PA, with their five children; 12-year-old quadruplets (boys Joseph, Jackson and Jake and girl Logan), who were born at the Duke Medical Center in Durham, NC, on 2/12/97 and daughter Lauren (7).

PETE VUCKOVICH
Special Assistant to the General Manager

Pete Vuckovich returned to the front office in 2001 after spending four seasons as the Pirates Pitching Coach at the major league level. He served the club as Assistant General Manager and Director of Player Personnel during the 1996 campaign.

Vuckovich’s association with the Bucs began in 1992. He served the club as its minor league pitching coordinator for two seasons and was a special assistant to former General Manager Cam Bonifay in 1994 and 1995.

The Johnstown, PA, native pitched 11 seasons in the major leagues after being selected by the Chicago White Sox in the third round of the 1974 June free agent draft. He made his major league debut with the ChiSox on 8/3/75 and spent the entire 1976 season with Chicago before being selected by Toronto in the American League expansion draft on 11/5/76.

In 286 major league games, Pete compiled a 93-69 record and a 3.66 ERA. The highlight of his career came in 1982 when he went 18-6 for Milwaukee, won the A.L. Cy Young Award and helped the Brewers earn a World Series berth against St. Louis. Arm problems forced him to retire prior to the 1987 season.

Prior to joining the Pittsburgh organization, Vuke worked as a color commentator for Brewers baseball with WCGV-TV for three seasons (1989-1991).

PERSONAL: Pete was born on 10/27/52 in Johnstown, PA. He and his wife Anna reside in Johnstown and have three sons; Lazo (31), Pete Jr. (28) and Damian (26)...Has one granddaughter; Grace Ann and one grandson; Jakob...Is a graduate of Conemaugh Valley (PA) High School, where he was a three-sport star in baseball, basketball and football...Also played baseball at Clarion (PA) State College and was an all-conference performer for three years and was twice named team MVP and NAIA All-American in 1974...Starred as Yankees first baseman, Clu Heyward, in the motion picture Major League....Was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame (Washington-Greene Chapter) on 11/1/08.

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Bill Lajoie is in his first season as a Senior Advisor to General Manager Neal Huntington. He will assist the baseball operations department in the areas of professional scouting, trade consultation, player acquisition and roster moves. Lajoie spent the last three seasons in the same capacity with the Los Angeles Dodgers, a position to which he was appointed on March 1, 2006.

The 2009 season marks Lajoie’s 56th in baseball as a player, coach, scout, front office member, and Major League General Manager. Prior to joining the Dodgers in 2006, Lajoie worked for the Boston Red Sox baseball operations department as Special Advisor to the General Manager/Scouting from 2002-05, which included the team’s World Championship in 2004.

Before his tenure with Boston, Lajoie spent two seasons with the Milwaukee Brewers as Senior Advisor/Baseball operations in 2001-02. Prior to that, he was a special assistant to Braves General Manager John Schuerholz from 1993-2000 after joining the organization as a Major League and special assignment scout in 1991. During his time with the Braves, the team won nine division titles, five National League pennants and a World Championship in 1995.

Lajoie spent 23 years in the Detroit organization from 1968-90, including seven seasons as Vice President/General Manager from 1984-90. In his first season as General Manager, the Tigers won the World Series in five games over the Padres, while the 1987 team he assembled captured the American League East Division title. Prior to ascending to the GM position, Lajoie was Detroit’s Vice President/Assistant General Manager (1979-83), Director of Player Procurement (1975-79) and Coordinator of Scouting (1974).

After joining the Tigers as a scout in 1968, Lajoie served as manager of the Tigers’ Rookie-level Bristol affiliate in 1969. He began his baseball operations career as a scout for the Cincinnati Reds from 1965-68.

Lajoie played outfield with the Montreal Royals and St. Paul Saints, both Dodger Triple-A affiliates, in 1957 while on loan from the Baltimore Orioles. He returned to the Dodger farm system in 1960 to play for the Atlanta Crackers, a Double-A affiliate, and in 1961 for the Omaha Dodgers, a Triple-A affiliate in the American Association.

PERSONAL: Bill was born on 9/27/34 in Wyandotte, MI. Resides in Osprey, FL, with wife Mary...Was a former teacher in the Detroit Public School system...Is a member of Western Michigan University’s Sports Hall of Fame.

Chuck Tanner returned to the Pirates family when General Manager Neal Huntington hired him as a Senior Advisor on November 9, 2007.

Prior to rejoining the Pirates, Chuck spent five years as a Professional Scout with the Cleveland Indians. He spent the previous 11 years (1992-2002) with the Milwaukee Brewers baseball operations staff as a Special Assistant to the General Manager.

The New Castle, PA, native spent nine years as the Manager of the Pirates, capturing a World Series title in 1979. In his nine seasons at the helm (1977-1985), the Pirates posted a 711-685 record (.509 winning pct.) and six winning campaigns. Only Fred Clarke (16), Danny Murtaugh (15) and Jim Leyland (11) spent more years managing the team.

In 19 seasons as a Major League manager, Tanner compiled a 1352-1381 record. He began his managerial career with the White Sox in 1970, replacing Don Gutteridge in late September that year. After six seasons with Chicago, Chuck spent one year with Oakland (1976) before joining the Pirates in 1977. He spent his final three years as a big league manager with Atlanta, having been replaced by Russ Nixon on May 22, 1988.

An outfielder during his playing days, Tanner began his professional career with Evansville in 1946. After nine seasons in the minor leagues, he made his Major League debut with the Milwaukee Braves on April 12, 1955, and became the second player in history to hit a home run on the first pitch he saw in his first big league plate appearance. In eight seasons as a Major League player with Milwaukee (1955-57), the Chicago Cubs (1957-58), Cleveland (1959-1960) and the Los Angeles Angels (1961-62), Chuck compiled a .261 batting average, 21 home runs and 105 RBI in 396 games.

PERSONAL: Chuck was born on 7/4/29 in New Castle, PA...Has four sons; Mark (58), Gary (55), Brent (51) and Bruce (47)...Is a graduate of Shenango High School, where he was a 10-letter star in baseball, basketball and football...San Bruno pitched in the major leagues with the White Sox in 1985 and was the Pirates Bullpen Coach for five seasons (2001-05)...Received the “Pride of the Pirates” award in 1995, a yearly honor (since 1990) which recognizes a member of the Pirates family who has demonstrated the qualities of sportsmanship, dedication and outstanding character during a lifetime of service.

### MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING STATISTICS

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Geoff Miller is in his fifth season with the Pittsburgh organization. In his current role, Geoff supports the Major League players and staff, is involved in the Player Development process at each minor league level and assists the Scouting Department with evaluations of potential draft selections.

Geoff is currently a partner at Winning Mind, LLC, a San Diego-based high-performance consulting group dedicated to helping people dramatically improve their abilities to perform under pressure. At Winning Mind, he is responsible for development and management of sports programs and support for corporate training and teaming workshops. Miller has consulted with such corporate clients as Fidelity, Putnam Investments, Chick-fil-A, and Colgate-Palmolive. He has lectured at national conferences of the National Fire Protection Agency, the Golf Coaches Association of America and the Gymnastics Association of Texas.

In addition to his work with the Pirates, Miller has led intensive academic skills training programs for NCAA football players, has headed up golf psychology duties at the Okemo Valley Golf Academy in Ludlow, VT, and is currently developing a program to teach young athletes how to become role models in their communities. Geoff's research includes the first scientific documentation of decision-making factors used by high school baseball players when faced with the choice of playing college or professional baseball. His bibliography includes a co-authored chapter on “Assessment in Sport Psychology” in the Encyclopedia of Applied Psychology.

PERSONAL: Geoff was born on 10/24/73 in Boston, MA...He grew up in Riverside, CA and received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UC Riverside...Also earned a Master’s degree in Sport Psychology from San Diego State University and serves as a guest lecturer at SDSU as well...Resides in San Diego, CA, with wife Kerrith.
Throughout its 122 year history, the Pittsburgh Pirates have developed deep-rooted relationships throughout the Pittsburgh region. The Pirates have supported many non-profit and civic organizations through its considerable charitable and community efforts, specifically its charitable giving, memorabilia, merchandise and ticket donations, and volunteer efforts.

Under the direction of Chairman of the Board Bob Nutting, the Pittsburgh Pirates organization’s mission is to strive for excellence in every aspect of the organization, including the way the organization interacts with the community, its business partners and its fans.

Although the organization does a lot of great things in the community, the management team decided it could be more effective in its philanthropic efforts and make an even greater impact in meeting the needs of the region. As a result, the Pirates formed a newly defined philanthropic arm, Pirates Charities, prior to the 2007 baseball season.

Pirates Charities was established as a 501(c) 3 organization and focuses on three core areas of youth health, fitness and education. Based on these core areas, the objective of Pirates Charities is outlined in the charitable foundation’s mission statement:

Pirates Charities is committed to strengthening the community by supporting organizations and programs aimed at improving the lives of children and adults in the greater Pittsburgh region. Pirates Charities places a special emphasis on supporting youth programs focused on health, fitness, and education by developing partnerships with those who share in our mission.

By focusing its charitable contributions of both time and funds in this manner, Pirates Charities will enable the Pirates to support programs that align with its mission and allow the organization to continue its already established community relations activities. As a result, Pirates Charities has increased the impact of the Pirates charitable support throughout the Pittsburgh region.

Pirates Charities fundraisers were held throughout 2008. In a variety of ways, Pirates fans, employees and corporate partners contributed their dollars, time and energy to ensure the success of every event.

- Many Pirates players and coaches participate in several RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) events every season, including baseball instruction clinics at the Pirates Community Baseball Center in Shadyside.
- During the program’s second year in 2008, Education Days provided students from 19 area school districts from grades six to eight the opportunity to learn while attending a Pirates game at PNC Park.
- Pirates Charities held two fundraisers during the 2008 Spring Training season in Bradenton, Florida: the inaugural Pirates Charities Spring Training Golf Classic and the Pirates Charities Silent Auction at McKechnie Field. Together, the two events netted more than $30,000 for the Boys & Girls Club.
- Jack and Julie Wilson hosted the Fourth Annual Bowling with the Bucs tournament on June 8, 2008. More than 90 bowlers – including many Pirates players, coaches, broadcasters and fans – made the pins dance in an effort to raise money for Pirates Charities.

Pirates Charities also made contributions to these other notable organizations throughout the season: Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western Pennsylvania & Southern West Virginia, West Penn Hospital Summer Camp For Burned Children, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and Christ First, Inc.
Throughout the year, Pirates players, coaches, broadcasters, alumni and front office staff members partner with countless non-profit and civic groups throughout the region to help make our community a better place to live. Here’s a look at some of the community projects the Pirates were involved with during the 2008 season.

- Nate McLouth, who wears number 13, hosted 13 kids on 13 different occasions to a special day at PNC Park. During their visit, the kids got to meet Nate and other Pirates players and watch batting practice from the dugout. Each “Lucky 13” member received a game ticket to watch Nate and the Buccos on the eve of their visit. Many of the youth were from the Imani Christian Academy.

- Ian Snell continued his partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh by hosting several “littles” and “bigs” to pre-game activities and a Pirates game throughout the 2008 baseball season.

- For the second straight year, Freddy Sanchez hosted the Player 4 Kidz Gala to raise funds benefitting the Challenged Athletes Foundation. Many Pirates players, coaches and front office personnel attended and helped raise more than $30,000 during the dinner and auction.

- Tom Gorzelanny co-chaired the 2008 Epilepsy Fun Run/Walk, which raised $151,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Western & Central Pennsylvania.

Pirates Community Commitment Program

For this new initiative that began in 2008, over 160 players across all six Pirates’ minor league affiliates committed to at least 10 hours of community service with the goal of helping them grow as individuals both on and off the field.

- The six most outstanding contributors from each affiliate were recognized for their work, along with Pirates Clemente Award nominee Jack Wilson, during a pregame ceremony at PNC Park in September.

From left to right: Neil Walker (Indianapolis), Josue Peley (State College), Jared Keel (Lynchburg), Austin McClune (Hickory) and Jack Wilson with Pirates President Frank Coonelly, Chairman Bob Nutting, General Manager Neal Huntington and Director of Player Development Kyle Stark. Not pictured: Brad Corley (Altoona) and Joan Garavito (Gulf Coast League).

YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Pirates Tales

This reading program, chaired by pitcher Matt Capps, included 45 Carnegie and Allegheny County libraries to encourage youth to embark on summer reading programs. Kids who participated in the program were chosen in a raffle, came to PNC Park for a pregame story hour with Capps, a Pirates’ goody bag and a chance to meet Pirates great Kent Tekulve.

City of Pittsburgh Programs

The Pirates have partnered with the City of Pittsburgh to help sustain these comprehensive recreational programs to increase education and athletic opportunities:

BIG League Sports  Junior Pirates  Mayor’s Cup
Just for Fun Programs
The Pirates have set up the following programs to help promote youth interest in the game of baseball and the Pirates in particular. Each program gives kids the chance to take part in different hands-on activities at PNC Park.

- Giant Eagle Fun Zone on Federal Street
- Bucaroos’ Kids Club
- Run the Bases at PNC Park

Buses for Baseball
Thanks to the Players Trust and local transit authorities, the Buses for Baseball program gives underprivileged kids a chance to attend a Major League Baseball game and meet their favorite players. Fifty youth were welcomed to PNC Park in July of last season as part of this annual program.

Taking It To The Fields
This program is a youth baseball fundraising program that allows boys and girls, ages six to 18, from youth baseball and softball associations to raise money by selling Pirates tickets.
- As an added incentive for participating in Taking it to the Fields, children have the opportunity to learn baseball fundamentals from Pirates players and coaches during Youth Skills Workshops at PNC Park.

Our community’s success is rooted in its economic, cultural and ethnic diversity. Through the Diversity Initiatives Department, the Pittsburgh Pirates seek to strengthen and expand relationships with members of the minority community; develop programs and opportunities that provide greater access, and continue to recognize the extraordinary achievements and contributions of minorities to our national pastime.

DIVERSITY INITIATIVES
Minority Business Advisory Board
The Pirates partnered with the Minority Business Advisory Board to award college scholarships to two students.

Jackie Robinson Day
The Pirates partnered with the Pittsburgh Public Schools on a new program called the “Jackie Robinson – Breaking Barriers” Essay and Poetry contest. Students from grades three through eight submitted original poetry and essays based on Robinson’s nine values for success: courage, determination, teamwork, persistence, integrity, citizenship, justice, commitment and excellence. First through third place winners were chosen for each grade and were recognized on the field during a special pregame ceremony.

Heritage Weekend
Pirates great Al Oliver was the keynote speaker at the Pirates annual Heritage Day Luncheon (right). Proceeds from the luncheon benefitted the Pirates Charities Gibson Field project.

Gospelfest took place on Federal Street as one of the many festivities of Heritage Weekend. This event showcases performers from several local church choirs and gospel soloists.

Free Vision and Dental Screening
More than 150 other children, participated in a FREE vision and dental screening compliments of Davis Vision and United Concordia. This program was for youth who have minimal insurance coverage or no health insurance at all.
For over 20 years, the Pirates have made a point of traveling to the outlying regions in the greater Pittsburgh area during the months of January and February during the club’s annual caravan. This year, a total of 12 players, along with manager John Russell, coaches Joe Kerrigan, Tony Beasley, Don Long and the Pirates broadcasters, made a total of 30 stops in 12 days encompassing four states (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia) and over 2,300 miles during the two-week event.

The unofficial start to baseball season in Pittsburgh begins with PirateFest, the club’s winter carnival which takes place just a few weeks before the team heads to spring training. The three-day weekend event, in its 19th year, attracted over 15,000 fans to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in 2009. Free player autographs, clinics, memorabilia, Q&A sessions with management and players, along with games and prizes make it a fun event for every baseball fan.

Build-a-Bear for Homeless Children
Jessica Maholm and Jessica Wertz, Sean Burnett’s fiancée, helped 20 youth from the Homeless Children’s Initiative select, stuff, stitch and dress their very own teddy bears.

BBQ with the Bucs
Over 150 people joined the Pirates Wives for the third annual BBQ with the Bucs to raise money for the Gilda’s Club of Western Pennsylvania. Gilda’s Club mission is to help provide a social and emotional support network for people living with cancer.

Mystery Grab Bag Sale
For the second straight year, the Pirates Wives hosted a Mystery Grab Bag Sale to benefit the West Penn Hospital Summer Camp for Burned Children. Over $10,000 was raised during the event.

Ronald McDonald House Spaghetti Dinner
In July, several Pirates Wives cooked a homemade spaghetti dinner for families staying at the local Ronald McDonald House. Each child at the house received a special gift as well.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a “home away from home” for the families of seriously ill children receiving medical treatment at area hospitals.

There really is no “off-season” in baseball – especially for community activities. Players and front office personnel are active throughout the year reaching out to loyal Pirates fans throughout the Pittsburgh and Bradenton regions. From Caravan stops to PirateFest to visits to schools and hospitals, the Pirates are active in the community on a year-round basis.

Pirates Caravan & PirateFest
For over 20 years, the Pirates have made a point of traveling to the outlying regions in the greater Pittsburgh area during the months of January and February during the club’s annual caravan. This year, a total of 12 players, along with manager John Russell, coaches Joe Kerrigan, Tony Beasley, Don Long and the Pirates broadcasters, made a total of 30 stops in 12 days encompassing four states (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia) and over 2,300 miles during the two-week event.

The unofficial start to baseball season in Pittsburgh begins with PirateFest, the club’s winter carnival which takes place just a few weeks before the team heads to spring training. The three-day weekend event, in its 19th year, attracted over 15,000 fans to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in 2009. Free player autographs, clinics, memorabilia, Q&A sessions with management and players, along with games and prizes make it a fun event for every baseball fan.