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**Coffee with Grandpas United on Zoom – February 5, 2021, 9:30 AM**

*Topic: From Reconstruction to Civil Rights: Before You Could Say “Jackie Robinson.” Guest Speaker: National Baseball Hall of Fame*

**White Plains, NY – February 2, 2021.** *Play Ball!* In honor of Black History Month and to celebrate the long-awaited designation of Negro League players into the Major League, Grandpas United is pleased to welcome the National Baseball Hall of Fame via Zoom on Friday, February 5, 9:00-10:00 am.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame will present a virtual field trip, *From Reconstruction to Civil Rights: Before you could say “Jackie Robinson.”* The presentation will discuss how baseball is woven into America’s history over the past 150 years, and its role at the forefront of cultural change.

“Jackie Robinson made my success possible,” said Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “Without him, I would never have been able to do what I did.” Those words speak to the breadth and depth of baseball’s presence in America. The game represents the American ideal at its root: that hard work and fair play are the keys to success.

Once Robinson was allowed to demonstrate his ability in the big leagues, the doors appeared open to everyone. It was a message that only baseball – with its power to cut across cultures – could deliver.

This free monthly speaker series is hosted by Grandpas United, an inter-generational initiative of the White Plains Youth Bureau. To register and receive the Zoom link or for more information, please call 914-422-1378 or email [GrandpasUnitedWPYB@gmail.com](mailto:GrandpasUnitedWPYB@gmail.com).



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*The mission of Grandpas United of the White Plains Youth Bureau is to utilize the talents, skills and experiences of our Grandpas to improve our community. We aspire to serve as male role models and mentors to enhance the growth and development of our youth, while sharing our talents and experiences with one another, enabling us to maintain our dignity, self-respect and self-worth. For more information, visit [www.whiteplainsyouthbureau.org](http://www.whiteplainsyouthbureau.org)*

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