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Press Release

NYC Comptroller John Liu helps Open 2nd Season for G.O.A.L.S. Athletic League, Fast-Pitch Softball of Queens for Girls

Council Member Daniel Dromm Joined Comptroller Liu In Throwing First Pitches

The Girls Organization of Athletics, Leaders in Sports (G.O.A.L.S.) Athletic League kicked off its 2nd season on Saturday April 16, 2011 at Kissena Park in Flushing. NYC Comptroller, John Liu and Council Member Daniel Dromm threw out the first pitches to kick off the spring season of this not for profit, fast-pitch softball league for girls ages 6 to 14.

Comptroller Liu was surrounded by close to 150 players, families and friends of this exciting new league as he threw a perfect strike to Major Division catcher Megan Minihane of Broad Channel. Council Member Dromm followed that up with a pitch to Minor Division catcher, Lindsay Walker of Woodside.

Comptroller Liu addressed the crowd on this chilly morning telling the excited players about his days playing on this Kissena Park field as a youngster and was impressed by the renovation the NYC Parks Department had done on the field, remembering the sandlot he played on as rocky and in need of upkeep. He thanked League President Ginny Peiser for the impressive job she has done creating this league and the commitment she has for giving back to the Queens community.

Councilman Dromm wished the players good luck in the upcoming season and thanked the parents for believing in Ms. Peiser's Dream of bringing Fast-Pitch softball to Queens. He also was impressed with the nice turnout despite the weather.

The G.O.A.L.S. Athletic League began play in 2010 with just 44 players and has grown in 2011 to include over 100 players for 2011, fielding seven teams in two Competitive Divisions, two teams in their Instructional Future Stars Division and a team in their College Bound Travel Program.

G.O.A.L.S. Athletic League, a 501c Not-For-Profit Organization run by volunteers, is also affiliated with Major League Baseball's RBI Program as well as the ASA, the leading governing body of softball. The league is open to all girls of Queens, no matter their ability. Games are played in Kissena and Cunningham Parks and information can be obtained online at www.goalsathleticleague.com.



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Council Member Dan Dromm, Al Sirowitz, Comptroller John Liu and Ginny Peiser at home plate.



Comptroller John Liu throws out the first pitch.



Comptroller John Liu and Council Member Dan Dromm joined GOALS president Ginny Peiser and support Al Sirowitz on Opening Day.