



Stockton Center on Successful Aging, Manahawkin Site Host 'There's No Crying in Baseball'

Oct. 3 Event Includes Film, "A League of Their Own,' on Women Players

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Galloway Township, NJ - Learn about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League and watch the film, "A League of Their Own," at a session dubbed: "There's No Crying In Baseball!" on **Friday, Oct. 3, 2014** at the Manahawkin Instructional site of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

During World War II, hundreds of professional ballplayers joined the military, making room for players who might not ordinarily have made it to the major leagues: older men, very young players and men classified as 4F for military service. A related outcome was the establishment of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, which played from 1943 to 1954. Young women from the heartland were scouted for this league, which was based in the Midwest. Teams had names such as the Racine Belles, the Grand Rapids Chicks, and the Rockford Peaches.

Retired Stockton Assistant Provost Debra Dagavarian, who has published two books on baseball, interviewed Sophie Kurys, one of the star players in the AAGPBL, some years ago. Ms. Kurys died in 2013, but Dr. Dagavarian will share what she learned prior to the showing of the film. Tom Hanks plays the team manager whose character memorably yells, "There's no crying in baseball!" at an emotional right fielder played by Bitty Schram. The 1992 film also stars Geena Davis, Rosie O'Donnell and Madonna.

The free event is sponsored by Stockton's Manahawkin Instructional Site and Stockton's Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA.) It begins at 1 p.m. at 712 East Bay Ave. in Manahawkin, NJ. Light refreshments will be served.

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