

### **RARO Give Day 2016 to Support More and Better Youth Sports Fields**

Continuing the work announced in the News-Gazette in May, the Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization has organized RARO Give Day 2016 for Friday, August 26, 2016. In order to provide more and better fields for youth sports teams in the area, this event is a large part of raising the final \$35,000 needed to complete the funding for the Brewbaker Annex fields.

Donations for Brewbaker Annex so far have reached 75% of the \$180,000 goal, based on major commitments from Rockbridge County, City of Lexington, Virginia Military Institute, Washington and Lee University, Stonewall Jackson Hospital Community Health Foundation, Velocity Care, and Carilion. Substantial donations have also been received from many individuals in the local community. RARO Give Day 2016 represents the next push in reaching the overall goal, and has been started with incentive of \$2,500 match offered by the national offices of Sigma Nu and Kappa Alpha Order fraternities.

Give Days, which have sprung up in all parts of the country, are specific activities that bring together donors, volunteers and communities around a common idea for short period of time. Give Day RARO 2016 will start this week though email and the RARO Facebook page info, with online contributions made through the secure website at [www.rarogiveday2016.givingfuel.com/](http://www.rarogiveday2016.givingfuel.com/).

The culmination of RARO Give Day 2016 activities are focused on the Rockbridge High School vs. Parry McCluer High School Football game this Friday, August 26. The biggest sports night of the year in the area, RARO participants (and RARO Alumni!) are encouraged to wear their RARO shirts to the game. Fans cheering on their teams will be able to give using their smart phones as well as making cash, check, and online contributions at the Give Day Table/Tent with RARO volunteers at the game. RARO Give Day donations large and small are welcome, and like all contributions to the Brewbaker Annex project, they are tax-deductible. Additional information can always be obtained through [www.rarorec.org](http://www.rarorec.org) and [www.facebook.com/rarorec](https://www.facebook.com/rarorec).