

Junior League World Series director of umpires has ballfield named for him in Indiana

A week or so before the start of the Junior League Baseball World Series in Taylor, Director of Umpires George Glick was wearing one of his many other hats as director of the USA Central regional tournament in northeast Fort Wayne, Indiana.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies at the St. Joe's Central Little League junior/senior field, Little League officials brought out a long cardboard package and asked Glick and his wife Anne to open it.

To Glick's surprise, the packages contained a sign that read "Glick Field." Without Glick's knowledge, they named the field after him.

"I was embarrassed because I don't do things for recognition, I do it because it's for the kids," Glick said a week later after arriving in Taylor. "I do what needs to be done. I've never done it for special recognition or to have a field named after me."

The honor recognized Glick's 40 years of service to Little League, his 28 years as a district administrator, his 26 years of hosting regional tournaments, his three-year term on the Board of Directors of Little League International and his 28 years of volunteer participation at the Junior League World Series in Taylor.

Glick has been umpiring for 43 years. A native of Mulberry in central Indiana, Glick has been in Fort Wayne since 1966.

Glick first umpired in Taylor in 1982 and has never left the staff. He was elevated to director of umpires after the death of former Director Chuck McAllister.

The recognition was not the first for Glick. He has been inducted into the Northeast Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame. He was the first inductee – and only Little League person – in the Indiana Youth Baseball Hall of Fame.

To make a living, Glick was a manager for Magnovox, which became Hughes Aircraft, which became Raytheon. He retired in 2002.

He and Anne have three grown children, all of whom played Little League and have since taken after their father.

Son Galen started the minor/major softball program in Hamilton Park in Fort Wayne. Son Jeremy, while a senior in high school, managed the first challenger baseball program team. And when daughter Christine was a high school senior, she managed one of the first Major League softball teams when Glick and Co. started a softball program in Fort Wayne.

His grandchildren went on to play Little League ball as well.

Now if anyone asks, they can tell them, "Yes, that field is named for my grandfather."

