

PROGRAM

- 6:00 p.m. Reception, Cash Bar and Silent Auction
- 6:30 p.m. Welcome and Announcements
- 6:45 p.m. Dinner Featuring Gourmet Ballpark Fare
- 7:30 p.m. Program Featuring Awards,
Cleveland Indians Manager Eric Wedge &
Chicago Cubs GM Jim Hendry
- 8:30 p.m. Live Auction of Select Sports Memorabilia
and other Valuable Items
- 8:45 p.m. Close of Silent Auction and
Closing Comments about the
Fort Wayne Sports Corporation
- 9:00 p.m. Adjournment

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FORT WAYNE SPORTS CORPORATION'S



Annual Banquet and Auction

Featuring Chicago Cubs
General Manager, Jim Hendry &
Special Guest Eric Wedge,
Manager of the Cleveland Indians



January 29, 2009
Ceruti's Summit Park Reception Hall

RSVP FORM

FWSC Members: \$75/Person,
\$525/Table of 8

Non-Members: \$85/Person,
\$525/Table of 8

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

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Reservations: _____

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Total Amount: \$ _____

Please send payment with this reservation form to:

*Fort Wayne Sports Corporation
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Must be received by January 26, 2009.

Your reservation will be added to the list of attendees for admittance to the banquet.

Please make checks payable to FWSC.

JIM HENDRY

General Manager Chicago Cubs

Jim Hendry is the General Manager of the Chicago Cubs baseball team. He helped put together the current Cubs team that is the reigning two-time National League Central Division champions. A native of Florida, Jim joined the Cubs in 1995 and grew within the organization leading both scouting and minor league operations for the club at points during his career. Jim became GM of the Cubs in 2002 and with the new four-year contract extension that he signed in October 2008, it looks like the Cubs want to keep Jim around for quite a while.



Prior to joining the Cubs, Jim was a part of the Florida Marlins organization where he worked as an assistant to GM Dave Dombrowski before coaching in their minor league system for two seasons in 1993 and '94. Jim led the Creighton Blue Jays to the NCAA College World Series in 1991, then jumped at the opportunity to work in Major League Baseball.

While with the Cubs, he has hired manager Dusty Baker and current manager, Lou Piniella. He helped develop the 2008 Cubs team that won more games than any previous team since 1945.

Jim is the father of Lauren and John.



ERIC WEDGE

Manager Cleveland Indians

Eric Wedge began his baseball career in the Wallen Baseball League in northwest Fort Wayne. In 1983, as a freshman catcher at Northrop, Eric was part of the Bruins' IHSAA State Championship Team.

On October 29, 2002 at the age of 35, Wedge was named Manager of the Cleveland Indians. In 2007, the Tribe won the American League Central Division title and advanced to Game 7 of the American League Championship Series, where they fell to the eventual World Series Champion Boston Red Sox.

On November 14, 2007, Eric Wedge was named American League Manager of the Year. Aside from his success on the field, Eric is a husband and father. On January 24, 2009 he will instruct local youth at the 5th Annual Eric Wedge Baseball Camp at the ASH Centre in Fort Wayne.

HISTORY

In early 1989, the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce recognized the need to develop amateur and professional sports in Fort Wayne. They initiated a task force that eventually became the Fort Wayne Sports Corporation (FWSC), an organization that soon evolved into a key player in Fort Wayne sports initiatives.

MISSION

The mission of the Fort Wayne Sports Corporation is to enhance the quality of life and promote community through sports and fitness in the Fort Wayne area.

JOIN US

Join the Fort Wayne Sports Corporation for an enjoyable evening with featured speaker Jim Hendry, Chicago Cubs GM, and special guest and Fort Wayne's own Eric Wedge, Manager of the Cleveland Indians. With the start of spring training only a few weeks away, you'll get a jump on expectations for the upcoming season and stories of a 30-plus year career in baseball. The event's baseball flavor is enhanced by Ceruti's reception hall décor, the gourmet ballpark fare and beverages, and two auctions. The silent auction allows attendees to view various sports memorabilia and other exciting and valuable items and write in bids for each. The live auction takes place after the dinner and program, with a professional auctioneer taking bids for valuable items, including sporting event packages. Whether you're a sports junkie, or just like the feel of baseball during these cold winter days, you're sure to have a great time.

