

First Friday Club of Greater Akron Media Advisory

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Bob DiBiasio

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Bob DiBiasio is in his 43rd season with the Cleveland Indians/Guardians and his 44th in Major League Baseball in 2022. He started w/the Tribe in 1979 as Assistant PR Director, was named PR Director in 1980, and Vice President of PR in 1988. The Lakewood, OH native was promoted to his current position in 2011. His lone season away from the Tribe was 1987 when he served as PR Chief for the Atlanta Braves.

DiBiasio serves as President of Cleveland Indians Charities. He is an honorary member of the Executive Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland, serves on the Athletic Advisory Board of Notre Dame College (OH); and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cuyahoga County Public Library Foundation, the Bob Feller Act of Valor Foundation and the Baseball Heritage Museum at League Park.

DiBiasio is the host of the popular “Indians Alumni Roundtable Show” on STO, as well as “Tribe Tales” – a where-are-they-now segment that airs pre-game every Sunday on the Indians Radio Network. He was the 1999 recipient of the prestigious Robert O. Fishel Award for Public Relations Excellence in Major League Baseball. He was inducted into the Lakewood High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 1999. In 1986, DiBiasio was named the Public Relations Director to Sports Illustrated’s Dream Team.

DiBiasio graduated from Lakewood High School in 1973. He earned degrees in journalism and education from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1977. While at Ohio Wesleyan, Bob was sports editor of the school paper “The Transcript”, the student Sports Information Director, and did color on OWU football and basketball broadcasts. DiBiasio also played one year of basketball and two years of baseball at OWU. In 1978 he earned his Masters Degree in journalism from The Ohio State University and started a stint as Assistant Sports Editor of the Fremont (OH) News Messenger before joining the Indians.

Bob and his wife, Penny, reside in Solon, OH; they have two adult children-daughter, Julie (Matt), and son, Patrick (Liz).

The First Friday Club will meet May 6, 2022 at **Our Lady of Cedars, 507 South Cleveland Massillon Road, Fairlawn, OH 44333**. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00 Doors open at 11:00 AM; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. Reservations can be made by calling 330-535-7668; by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307; or online at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org