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**'Yankee Miracles' Author Ray Negrón To Sign At Empire City Casino Nov. 5**

*Longtime Yankees Advisor, Community Relations Leader*

**October 19, 2012** – In 1973, young **Ray Negrón's** life changed forever when, while spray painting graffiti on the outside of Yankee Stadium, he was caught by none other than Principal Owner George Steinbrenner. Rather than turn in the 18-year-old Queens youth to police, the Boss gave Ray a job as Yankees batboy, to pay off the cost of the damages.

Given the second chance, Negrón thrived. Now he tells his amazing story, which includes close friendships with some of the game's greatest stars and personalities (Reggie Jackson, Thurman Munson and Billy Martin, to name a few) as well as a career as a community leader and Yankees advisor, in his new book *Yankee Miracles*, which recently reached the top spot for both new biographies and baseball books on the Amazon.com list.

On **Monday, November 5**, Negrón will meet fans, pose for photographs and sign copies of *Yankee Miracles* at Empire City Casino (810 Yonkers Ave., Yonkers, N.Y.) from 6-7 p.m., open to the public. Then from 7-9 p.m. he will conduct a special reading and Q&A session at an elite dinner event in the casino's Good Time Room.

The antithesis of *Ball Four* or *The Bronx Zoo* in tone, *Yankee Miracles* does not dwell on steroids, drug use, or scandals, but creates a portrait of baseball that is unapologetically affectionate told by someone, a baseball insider, who was given a very unique second chance.

Negrón's unique perspective on Steinbrenner – based on the successive breaks the Boss gave him over the last four decades, from batboy to head of community outreach for the Yankees – flies in the face of Steinbrenner's gruff public image.

**Who:** Yankees longtime advisor Ray Negrón

**What:** Signing of Negrón's new book *Yankee Miracles*

**Where:** Empire City Casino, 810 Yonkers Ave., Yonkers, N.Y.

**Date:** Monday, Nov. 5

**Time:** 6-7 p.m. public signing; 7-9 p.m. private event

**Information:** 914.968.4200; [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com)

Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway features: 5,300 slot machines, video roulette, electronic craps, and baccarat tables. Italian cuisine is featured in Nonno's Trattoria, and trackside dining in the Empire Terrace Restaurant, which overlooks the track for live harness racing; a quick bite is available at the International Food Court and its wide-ranging menu. The multi-faceted Good Time Room is available for parties, benefits, weddings, and major events for up to 400. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County, (I-87 to Exit 2). Empire City Casino is open seven days a week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 AM. For more information call 914.968.4200 or log onto [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com).

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