**Baseball Stars – 1950’s and 1960’s TV**

**Notes**

**Slide 2 – Mr. Ed**

* Before showing Slide 2, **ASK** “Who used to say “Hello, Wilburrrrrrrrrr!’?”
* Mr. Ed only talked to Wilbur (Alan Young)
* Click on picture on **Slide 3** to show video of Mr. Ed hitting a home run off of Sandy Koufax
* Theme song (print out words and get participants to sing along):

“A horse is a horse, of course, of course

And no one can talk to a horse, of course

That is, or course, unless the horse is the famous Mr. Ed”

**Slide 4 – “You Bet Your Life”**

* Starred Groucho Marx, with George Finneman as his helper
* Phyllis Diller appeared as a housewife before starting her comedic career
* Click on picture on **Slide 4** to show video of Don and Ginger Drysdale on the show

**Slide 6 – What’s My Line?**

* Very first mystery guest (when show debuted) was Yankee shortstop Phil Rizzuto
* Click on picture on **Slide 7** to see Stan Musial as special mystery guest
* Click on picture on **Slide 8** to see Ted Williams as special mystery guest
* **Slide 9** shows Joe DiMaggio when he appeared
* **Slide 10** shows Robin Roberts. Roberts was not a mystery guest – the panel had to guess what second career was “his line”. Roberts sold frozen shrimp.

**Slide 11 – “The Phil Silvers Show”**

* Starred Phil Silvers as Sgt. Bilko. Bilko ran the motor pool at Fort Baxter, Kansas
* **Slide 12** shows several NY Yankees (from left to right, recognizable) – Gil McDougald, Whitey Ford, Phil Rizzuto and Yogi Berra

**Slide 13 – Leave it to Beaver**

* **ASK** if anyone can name some of Beaver’s friends – *Whitey Whitney, Larry Mondello*
* **ASK** if anyone can name some of Wally’s (Beaver’s brother) friends – *Eddie Haskell and Clarence “Lumpy” Rutherford*
* Lumpy’s dad was Fred Rutherford, played by Richard Deacon. During this same time, Deacon played Dick Van Dyke’s boss, Mel Cooley, on the “Dick Van Dyke Show”
* **Slide 14** shows Don Drysdale (in split shot) talking to Beaver

**Slide 15** shows Don Drysdale (the umpire) in appearance on “The Flying Nun” show with Sally Field. Fairly certain that the player is Dodger outfielder, Willie Davis.

**Slide 16** shows Don Drysdale in appearance on “The Rifleman” starring Chuck Connors

**Slide 17** – Duke Snider in appearance on “Father Knows Best”

**Slide 18** – Duke Snider in appearance on “Captain Midnight”

* Click on picture to get video of Duke Snider pitching Ovaltine to Captain Midnight

**Slide 19** – Duke Snider in appearance on “Home Run Derby”

**Slide 20** – Duke Snider in appearance on “What’s My Line?”

**Slide 21** – Duke Snider in appearance on “The Rifleman”

**Slide 22** – Chuck Connors, who starred a Lucas McCain on “The Rifleman”

* Chuck Connors played briefly for the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Chicago Cubs (also played for Boston Celtics and was drafted by NFL’s Chicago Bears)
* **Slide 23** shows Chuck Connors appearing on Superman
* **ASK**
  + Who played Superman? *George Reeves*
  + What was Superman’s “real” name? *Clark Kent*
  + Who was Clark Kent’s girl friend? *Lois Lane*
  + Where did they both work? *At the Daily Planet newspaper*
  + Who was the cub reporter at the Daily Planet? *Jimmy Olsen*
  + Who was the editor of the Daily Planet? *Perry White*
  + Fill in the blanks – “It’s a \_\_\_\_! It’s a \_\_\_\_\_! It’s \_\_\_\_! (*bird, plane, Superman*)
  + Fill in the blanks – “Faster than a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_! More powerful than a \_\_\_\_\_. Able to leap\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (*Speeding bullet, locomotive, tall buildings in a single bound*)
  + Fill in the blanks – “Fights a never-ending battle for \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_. (*truth, justice, American way*)

**Slide 24** – Sandy Koufax in appearance on old western “Colt 45”

**Slide 25** – Sandy Koufax in appearance on “Dennis the Menace”

**Slide 26** - Leo Durocher on “The Munsters”

* Click on picture of Herman Munster to get video of Herman hitting several baseballs – very hard!

**Slide 27** – Wally Moon (1954 NL Rookie of the Year) on “Wagon Train” (Moon beat out Hank Aaron and Ernie Banks to win the ROY award that year)

**Slide 28** – Willie Mays on “The Donna Reed Show” (as a catcher!)

**Slide 29** – Willie Mays on “What’s My Line?”