

President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters - The off-season is almost over, thank goodness! As you read this article, the pitchers & catchers reporting dates are just around the corner and actual spring training games begin on February 25th. I for one **cannot wait** for this 2017 season to begin.

Also, as of this writing, we have been unable to acquire the right-handed bat we so desperately need. Will we do so before we get to spring? If not, is this club good enough to make it to the "Fall Classic"? Answers to those questions will begin to be known starting on the 25th.

Hope you all can make it to Camelback Ranch this spring. Till then, see you at the ballpark.



Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

You should have received your 2017 Projection Sheet in the mail by now. So, look it over, fill it out and **return it at the February 13th meeting**. If you've not received yours yet, please contact me ASAP! The Dodgers are enforcing some new rules this year regarding our payment for tickets. Payment for all tickets ordered must accompany the ticket order itself. What this means is that each time when I place my ticket order with the Dodgers, I must also pay for them at the same time. This is because ALL tickets will be digitally transmitted to me this year.

The Dodgers will no longer print tickets for us unless we wish to pay a \$40 fee for each game. Therefore, I will be sending your tickets to you digitally as well. If you want me to print out your tickets, there will be a fee of \$1 per ticket. The Dodgers will require that all tickets must be ordered and paid for a minimum of 30 days prior to game date. This means I must have your payment in my hands much sooner than just 30 days before the game date. My suggestion to everyone is to pay for all your tickets at the same time, if possible, or to pay for tickets ordered at least 2 homestands ahead of time. Remember, in addition to paying with cash or check, you may also use a credit card to pay for tickets, subject to a small CC service charge. As of this writing, I still **do not have the Opening Day ticket price**. Be sure to watch your email for any club email alerts regarding price, payment and deadline for these tickets. PARKING this year will be \$10 if paid in advance online or \$20 at the gate. For those with Mini Plans, there will be no more \$1 discount on parking if bought for those games all at once before the season starts. Therefore, everyone will be responsible for buying their own parking online with the Dodgers prior to game time or at the parking gates. **DON'T FORGET YOUR FINAL MINI PLAN PAYMENT IS DUE by FEBRUARY 23rd.**

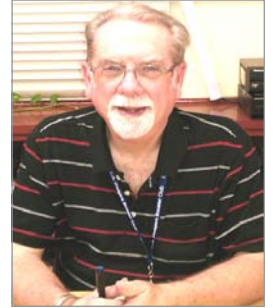
2017 Membership Drive . . . Danee Gallegos

We are in the final stages of our 2017 Membership Drive. As you know, your 2016 membership ended on December 31st. If you haven't renewed for 2017, your membership has lapsed until we have received your payment to re-activate your membership. Please see either Brenda or myself at the next meeting to renew and make your payment. We are here to answer any questions you may have. Perhaps the very Best Option is to renew online. To do so, just follow these quick easy steps. **STEP 1** – Visit our new and improved website, www.dodgersboosterclub.com, and on the home page, click the link "JOIN THE CLUB" at the top of the page. **STEP 2** – On the next screen, you can review the various levels of membership available to you and your family. You can read more about these benefits by clicking the link next to each option at the bottom of the page under "Dodger Booster Club Membership Dues". **STEP 3** – After you've decided which membership level best suits you and your family, please select "JOIN NOW". **STEP 4** – You will be taken to the LADBC Online Membership Store. Here, you will see "RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP". Please remember if you attended 15 or more LADBC games last season, still purchase an ALL-STAR membership now and you will be manually upgraded to a HALL OF FAME membership. When you are done completing your online application, click "GO TO BASKET". **STEP 5** – On the next page, you can select either "CONTINUE" or "SIGN IN" and then simply enter your billing and shipping information. When finished, you will select "PLACE ORDER" and you are done! If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at 000000@00000000000000000000.



In Brief... John Eiden

Loose Change - Please Don't Forget to bring all that annoying loose change filling up your purses or pants pockets, to each and every club meeting. Small bills too! Especially if it's just laying around the house, rather than have it just fall between the sofa cushions or bang away in your dryer. From all of your recent and previous contributions, we were able to collect over \$100 in just small change last year alone. The treasury REALLY needs it, so let's keep it up and shoot for \$200 (or more) this year!



Beverages - Member **Carlos Uribe** has been supplying us with beverages at the meetings to help keep all our whistles wet, including a variety of soft drinks, water and coffee, for quite some time now. He was often helped by wife **Delia** and daughter **Belinda**, who also assist Michelle in setting up and serving our monthly meeting treats and sweets.

Now- As it does with us all, the time has come for them to pack up that ice chest and put all the rest back in the cupboard and ride off into that sunset (metaphorically speaking only, as they will still be around and remain ardent Booster Club members). On behalf of the club and for anyone's thirst you've quenched over the years, a great big Dodger Blue Thank-You Carlos for all the hard work and effort you put into helping quench our thirsts month after month and to Delia & Belinda for all the work you've put in as well. **Monico Zamora** has graciously stepped up in volunteering to take over in your absence, starting in March.

February Birthdays

2/06 - Jeff Reinert
 2/08 - Brenda Marsh
 2/13 - Henry Santillan
 2/15 - Ian Duarte
 2/17 - Dylan Stratis
 2/21 - Alma Medrano
 2/22 - Colin Duarte
 2/23 - Robert Gallegos
 2/23 - Charles Nance
 2/24 - Ernie Rodriguez
 2/25 - Jasmine Gorum
 2/28 - Juan Contreras

2016 Booster Club Awards . . .

Because SO MANY members will be attending the February meeting for our annual **Potluck Dinner**, we figured this would also be the best meeting to have everyone vote on our recipients for our **annual club awards** saluting Dodger achievements during the past 2016 season. We have 3 permanent awards set up which we must first decide whether to hand out and, if so, to which Dodger we should give the award. The first permanent award to decide upon will be the 29th annual Ed Enterline Memorial Award to recognize the Dodger who best embodies the true spirit of the Dodgers. The second one will be the 25th annual Carmen Delsi Memorial Award to

recognize the season's outstanding Dodger rookie. The last one is the 16th annual Ruth Wilcox Memorial Award given to the Most Valuable Player. We plan to have the 2016 stats there to help us identify the most deserving recipients. If our annual potluck dinner won't be enough to get you to come to the February meeting, then this always spirited and fun-filled selection process will certainly do the trick - **see ya at the meeting!**

2017 Meeting Dates

Monday, January 9th
 Monday, February 13th
 Monday, March 13th
 Monday, April 10th
 Monday, May 8th
 Monday, June 12th
 Monday, July 10th
 Monday, August 14th
 Monday, September 11th
 Monday, November 13th
 Christmas Party TBA

Opening Day 2017



Dodgers vs. Padres
 Monday, April 3rd, 1:10 PM

Free Membership!

Recruit 10 NEW members in 2017 & your 2018 membership will be FREE

Must be NEW members, renewals of existing members not applicable. One adult member = one referral, Two Dependent members = one referral. Free membership refers to one year renewal of your existing membership for 2018, after ten new members are recruited. Maximum value \$30.00. If you recruit more than ten, the benefits increase. Receive one free raffle ticket for every 5 referrals over ten recruited. Recruit 25 members, and your 2017 Christmas Party fee will also be free. For more information, contact any Board Member, or attend any meeting

Membership Notes . . . Danee Gallegos

Happy New Year to all our 2017 L.A. Dodgers Booster Club family! As the new Membership Co-Chairs, Brenda Marsh and I are excited about the new opportunity to not only work together, but also to work with all of you to make 2017 a successful year. We have big shoes to fill as we are taking over the seat by Sandy Zamora, who has done a wonderful job the past several years. Thank you Sandy for everything you have done for the club.

Currently we are working on the 2017 Membership Drive and, as of January, we have a total of 104 members who have renewed their 2017 memberships. You can renew your membership either online or in-person at a Booster Club meeting. Let's continue to recruit your family and friends to join our L.A. Dodgers Booster Club family!

[Ed. Note – don't miss Danee's separate article on page one for the quick & easy steps to renew online, one last time.]

Great New Booster Club Shirts . . .

Booster Club Apparel Chairperson **Jeff Marsh** has really outdone himself with this latest awesome apparel offering. WOW! Check out this NEW Design. Judging by how quickly this new T-shirt was flying off his display table at the last meeting, it clearly has become quite the success, and clearly one of the club's favorites.

And, it's Super Affordable at \$15 for sizes from S to XL, and just \$18 for XXL & up. If you want to be one of the lucky ones wearing your shirt with Dodger Booster Club pride at Opening Day, there's still time. Come to the February meeting to place your order and Jeff will plan to bring yours to the March meeting, ahead of Opening Day.

Don't forget Jeff is offering plenty of additional apparel choices in a number of sizes, along with other great items you can stock up on for Opening Day and beyond. And remember, we also offer embroidery of our new club logo on any of the apparel items sold, as well as on your own personal favorite Dodger apparel. Be sure to check with Jeff at the February meeting, or you can give him a shout beforehand at 000.000.0000.

**Spring Training, San Diego & Ohio Trips . . .** Olivia Armenta

Our first meeting of the year brought many sign-ups for our planned travels to Spring Training in Glendale, Arizona and our May trip down south to a Dodgers vs. Padre game.

SPRING TRAINING - We have reserved three suites for Monday, March 27th, at Camelback Ranch vs. the Chicago White Sox. Each suite holds 12 fans and we have 26 sign-ups so far. The cost is \$33 per person, which includes munchies in each suite. As of this writing, there are only 10 spots left, so call me ASAP to reserve yours before they are all gone. Full payment will be required by our February meeting.

SAN DIEGO - Our trip to San Diego is set for Sunday, May 7th, for a 1 PM game. Meeting night already brought in 40 sign-ups for this trip. We will also have a pregame tailgate breakfast for everyone, including eggs, bacon, potatoes, tortillas, something sweet and coffee or juice. As with everything else, the costs have gone up. Even still, the price for this package is just \$45 for members and only \$50 for guests, which you are most welcome to bring as well. The deadline to sign up and to pay in full is by no later than our March Meeting.

OHIO ROAD TRIP - Our trip to Ohio to see the Dodgers in both Cleveland and Cincinnati in June is still in the planning stage. So far, 11 Boosters have signed up. We are planning a visit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. The games are from 6/13 thru 6/18, starting in Cleveland. We will have more info at our February meeting.

Please feel free to call me if you are interested in going on any of the three trips and cannot attend our February meeting or if you just want more info.

Your 2017 Booster Club Officers . . .

President – JJ Sells – 000.000.0000
 Vice President – Alicia Trujillo – 000.000.0000
 Secretary – John Eiden – 000.000.0000
 Treasurer – Olivia Armenta – 000.000.0000
 Ticket Chair – Mae Rosenkranz – 000.000.0000
 Membership – Danee Gallegos – 000.000.0000
 Membership – Brenda Marsh – 000.000.0000
 Board Member – Michelle Gorum – 000.000.0000
 Board Member – Jeff Marsh – 000.000.0000
 Board Member – Brent Wood – 000.000.0000
 Board Member – Dorothy Wylie – 000.000.0000

February Meeting Fundraiser . . .

We've got a lot of exciting stuff going on, especially this meeting's potluck dinner, so we're going to keep it simple to allow everyone to fully enjoy the good food and awesome company. **Alicia Trujillo** will run a \$\$ 50/50 raffle at the meeting for \$1 per raffle ticket. Half the total collected will go to the lucky winning member or guest, and the other half will go into our treasury.

Delicious & Fun Pot Luck Dinner. . . Dorothy Wylie

Our Pot Luck Dinner will take place again before the start of our February 13th General Meeting! Break out your cookbooks and dust off those golden oldie recipe index cards to show off your best secret family dish! This year's potluck will commence around 6:30 PM, given our new 7 PM start time for the meetings. Be sure you bring a healthy and hungry appetite, as there will be lots of a wide variety of food to sample from.

Members who bring food will go through the buffet line first, along with their guests. After they have all been served, then anyone else can then go through the food line. To be sure you're all at the front of the line being able to sample the most variety, please bring a main or side dish, salad, appetizers or dessert. Since there is always plenty of food, please scale your recipe to handle just 8 servings. One free beverage per person will be supplied by the club and additional beverages can be purchased for a very reasonable price.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – Please be sure to mark ALL your dishes and utensils with your name for easier retrieval afterwards. We still have a couple unclaimed, and unmarked items left over from last year's potluck. I DO NEED some help with setting up and with serving, so if you are available to help, **please** contact me at 000.000.0000. Also you can call me to sign up to bring something if you didn't at the last meeting, or if you forgot the delicious dish you already signed up to bring!

Member Spotlight - Ben Lee . . .

Ben Lee has been an active member of our club for 10 years now. As you know, Ben, along with the Armenta sisters, have designed, created and donated the centerpieces for our annual Christmas party for many years now. They are always beautiful and elegant, adding just that right touch to enhance the holiday spirit for not only our gatherings, but any quality event.

Ben is a floral designer by trade. At last year's party, a comment was made about him winning a statewide floral competition recently. He gave us a modest and short account of it. As editor, I'm always intrigued to learn more about what our members do when they are not at Dodger games or involved in our club activities and to potentially share that with our members. I pressed him later for more information and here's some of the good stuff I learned:

On this past November 6th, Ben participated in the California State Floral Association Top Ten Design Competition. This is a statewide competition to determine the best floral designer in California using California grown products. Designers must create two different designs on the day of the competition. The first design is a "designer's choice" piece where the designers are given the theme prior to the competition. This design is used to show the designer's creativity. This year's theme was "Walk the Line".

The second design that day was the appropriately named "Surprise Package" and counted for 60% of the overall score. For this one, all the competitors were given the same products and then told the theme of the design in order to determine who could come up with the best interpretation of that theme. This year's theme was to create a reception table arrangement for a new client who is a high-rise architectural firm. Ben won the title of First Place Winner and the People's Choice Award that day with his two designs.

As the state winner, he is now eligible to compete on the national level later this September, to be held in Florida.

Congrats and way to go Ben!

[Ed. Note – Check out the photos of his designs and awards. If you have a story involving yourself or another member which you might like to consider sharing, please feel free to contact me at info@dodgersboosterclub.com.]

