



President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters - The season we all look forward to is in full swing. There's nothing like being at Blue Heaven on Earth watching **Dodger baseball**, but I can't lie. I still feel something is missing and yes, Vinnie, you know I'm talking about you.

But . . . on a good note, the team looks strong and deep, which hopefully will translate into another successful season and hopefully baseball in October! I'm looking forward to watching it unfold. I hope to see you all at the ballpark.

Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

Guess who? It's your friendly, smiling but begging ticket lady!!! **NOTE:** the **5/10 Kenley Jensen Bobblehead game** had to be **cancelled** because the required 20-ticket minimum was not met. Those with Mini Plans will still get to attend this game. **H.S. 5 - 5/20 game is NOT cancelled**, thanks to new member **Elsa Perea**; she saved the day by buying 18 tickets in addition to the 5 previously sold. I'm still not quite sure what to do about the **5/23 Joc Pederson BH game** as we still need 9 more tickets to reach our minimum. And then there's the **5/25 game**, we still need 4 more. **5/27 game** vs. the Cubs is **NOT cancelled** as we just made our minimum.

You know, one of the biggest issues having to cancel games in jeopardy is those members who have purchased tickets for these games not being able to go. They cannot help but be disappointed that not enough other boosters want to go, especially with the minimum required now being dropped from 30 to just 20 tickets. And just as important, we don't look like either a viable or worthwhile partner to the Dodgers when we cancel games as we have and are in danger of continuing to do.

Off my soap box, let's move on to H.S. 6. We're good for the **6/05 Hall of Fame game** **BUT** those Hall of Fame members hosted by the club **MUST** contact me by **May 5th** to let me know if they are going, so a ticket may be ordered. **6/06 Justin Turner BH game** is in serious trouble as we need 12 more tickets ordered. **6/10 Old Timers Game** needs 9 more. **H.S. 7 - 6/20 Awards Night** - remember those going on the field, must purchase their tickets from the club and must be ordered and paid for by May 20th. 6/21 Andre Ethier BH game, we still need 6. The 6/27 game vs. the Angels and is Kershaw's Jersey T- Shirt, still need 10, if you can believe that!

I want to remind everybody that if you ordered tickets and haven't received them digitally via email, do not wait until the last minute to let me know because I might not be home in time to recall your tickets and resend them to you.

Another reminder, I must have your order and payment 30 days prior to the first game of the homestand. All games in said homestand must be ordered and paid for at the same time. Any questions or if you want to place an order, call, text or email me. See ya at the ole ballpark watching the Dodgers win!



Exciting Events Ahead . . . Alicia Trujillo

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – It's not too late! Our May meeting will also include our first Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser of this year. (YUM) Dinner will consist of spaghetti, salad and garlic bread for the very low cost of \$8, again prepared by That's Amore Pizzeria. Drinks and dessert will be available as well. If you weren't able to attend April's meeting, feel free to text me at 000.000.0000, to place your order, so we have plenty of food for everyone. Be sure to come with an appetite!

Booster Family Picnic – This year's Booster Family FUN picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th at Lakeview Park in Santa Fe Springs, from 12 – 5 PM. It's not too late to sign up and help us out! You can still sign up to bring food and help out with the games. Signups for both will be available at the May meeting. To help cover some of the costs to the club, we are asking for a small \$5 donation from each adult member or guest interested in attending this year. We'll start taking names and collecting your donations at the May meeting.

Meet and Greet Future Dodgers . . .

Watchin' Our Baby Boys in Blue Play down on the farm this season sure will be a fun and exciting way to check out the next batch of future Dodger big leaguers! Watching them play in-person rather than on TV is always a lot more fun and rewarding! Next time, when you're in Oklahoma City or Tulsa (OK), Midland (MI), Ogden (UT), Glendale (AZ) or the Dominican Republic, be sure to catch a game if you can, it'll be worth it.

For most of us though, our best chance to see a Dodgers minor league game is actually MUCH closer, right here in Rancho Cucamonga where the Dodgers Single-A team, the Quakes play. This year, we are most likely planning to watch our Quakes play against the Lancaster JetHawks on Saturday, August 5th, starting at 7:05 PM. There's a slight chance that it may be changed to the game on Sunday, August 27th but we'll let everyone know the final decision at the May meeting. We also plan to once again host a postgame meet-and-greet meal for all the players and coaches.

This will provide you with a first glimpse of some of our Dodgers of the future. Recent players we have had the pleasure of meeting out there have included **Joc Pederson**, **Scott Van Slyke** and, most recently, **Corey Seager**! As of press time, we don't have all the details yet but the game tickets should be in the neighborhood of last year's \$10 or so.

At this point, start talking this trip up with your family, friends and co-workers and then come on out to join us for that unique and special experience a minor league game provides and help us support our Baby Boys in Blue! Signups will start at the May meeting for this fun-filled evening of baseball at its finest. Be sure to come to the May meeting for all the latest info and to sign up for this fun and unique experience!

Trip Updates . . .

Olivia Armenta

San Diego, May 7th – A total of 130 members, family and friends will make the trip to San Diego on Sunday, May, 7th. The tailgate parking lot should open around 9:30 AM or so. We will be setting up and start cooking as soon as we are allowed in. We hope to have the breakfast buffet available at 10:30 AM or so. For those in need of a parking voucher for the tailgate area, please go online at <http://m.mlb.com/padres/tickets/parking> and purchase your pass for \$22. See you at the game.

Ohio, June 13-18th - Our Ohio trip is now set. The game tickets have been purchased for both Cleveland and Cincinnati for our travelling members. A big hug and thanks go out to Vickey Armenta for all her hard work and attention to the details of this trip. We are all grateful and appreciative of your patience and assistance!

[Ed. Note – can't wait to hear about both trips after everyone returns!]



The photo answers that.) they both happened to attend the same event. Afterwards, they met just to catch up with the other and before they knew it, they were over the moon in love with each other.

This past Valentine's Day, Nick proposed to Bernadette. Their impending nuptials are scheduled for this August 12th. Bernadette & Nick – congratulations to you both!

Your 2017 Booster Club Officers . . .

- President – JJ Sells – 000.000.0000
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Prices are reasonable, you get a year of exposure, AND - you're helping your club! Just contact Monico Zamora via email, phone, text, or in person at a meeting, to learn how you can place your own business card size ad in the Booster Bits

Fanfare And Booster Tidbits . . .

It's always great when we get the chance to share happy and exciting news concerning our members and this happens to be just one of those times. **Bernadette Collins** and **Nick Stratis** were friends during their high school days.

Upon graduation, each went their separate way and built lives of their own. Not too long ago, happenstance allowed their paths to cross for the first time since high school. Though she now lives up north in Santa Rosa (a Giants fan perhaps?

Membership Notes . . . Danee Gallegos

Baseball is back! As we end our first full month of the regular season, I am sure all the members share my optimism of a World Series championship in 2017. **Will this be the year?** I certainly hope so. Not only am I excited about the hopes of a Championship season, I am also excited for the new memories which will be created watching Dodger baseball with my family and Booster Club friends. Thank you to all the members who renewed their membership so far for 2017.

As of April, we have a total membership count of 174 active members. If you have not already done so, you can still renew in-person at the next Booster Club meeting or you can also renew online by visiting our website, dodgersboosterclub.com. Let's continue to recruit family and friends to join the L.A. Dodgers Booster Club. **Remember**, if you recruit 10 new members, you'll receive a **free membership** for 2018.

I would like to personally welcome new members **Patrick Ferro & Leslie Katz; Patrick McCarthy; Angelica, Elsa & Tony Perea;** and **Gerry & Terri Voets**, along with new junior members **Jacob & Olivia Plotkin**. Welcome to our L.A. Dodgers Booster Club Family.

March Meeting . . .

Information regarding all the cool and interesting items discussed during our April meeting can be found throughout the rest of this edition, **except for one** – our drawing to select this year's **First Pitch and Kids Take the Field participants**.

As you know, our annual Booster Club night will take place prior to the start of the game on June 20th. Board members will present our annual awards to this year's recipients, manager **Dave Roberts** and pitcher **Clay Kershaw**. With the drawing held at this meeting, our list of on-field participants is now complete.

Our First Pitch Ceremony battery will consist of pitcher **Peter Graves** and catcher **Sandy Zamora**. John Aston and Henry Santillan will gladly step up to the plate should either Peter or Sandy not be able perform. To round out the list, our participants for Kids Take the Field will be **Maya Alvarado, Andrea Contreras, Olivia Leanos, Kirsten Miller, Victoria Paez** and **Olivia Plotkin**. Should anyone not be able to take part, Gina Bidolli and Allegra Paez will be waiting in the wings. The Dodgers have said if either of the two alternates do not end up taking part on the 20th, they plan to have them take part in another KTF later in the season. With that done, this meeting was history!

May Birthdays

5/02 – Dennis Carroll
 5/04 – Isabel Ruelas
 5/05 – JoAnn Kaye
 5/06 – Ramona Allarid
 5/07 – Alina Holguin
 5/07 – Alicia Macias
 5/10 – Cindy Ballou
 5/11 – Sharon Israel
 5/15 – James Allarid
 5/18 – Barbara Gray
 5/21 – Brooklyn Miller
 5/22 – Elaine Dudley
 5/23 – Andrea Contreras
 5/24 – John Grant
 5/27 – Marv Fineroff

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

A NEW And FUN Rule Change At meetings . . .

Starting with the May meeting, we are asking all members (not including junior members) to please wear your **membership badge** at ALL meetings. We want to start this practice back up for a number of reasons. Primarily, it's to help our newer members to get to know the names of other members more quickly and perhaps to aid in engaging in those initial conversations getting to know one another.

Second, we think it will help to instill a new pride and excitement in our members in being part of a special group and in identifying ourselves to others. Third, it helps make us look a little more professional and enthusiastic to our guests who may be checking us out before deciding to join. The list goes on. You're probably asking yourself is there any penalty or punishment for not wearing my badge to a meeting? Hopefully, you're not thinking in those terms as we certainly are NOT. We do want to encourage members to adhere to this new policy but we also want to have some fun with the consequences for not wearing yours.

When you sign in, if you're not wearing your badge, Please donate \$1 towards our Building Fund and receive a bright red badge with the word GUEST on it to wear during the entire meeting (you'll have to hand it back in at the end of the meeting and ensure you'll never have to wear it again). You longtime members may remember back when we did this, having a junior member walk around, approaching scofflaws and demanding a quarter be plopped into the can. That segment of the meeting was quite noisy in the beginning but soon enough there was only the occasional plunk to be heard. So please, let's all start wearing our badges to the meetings and have a little fun if you don't!



The Road Ahead: Promotions . . . Monico Zamora

Well, my fellow Booster members, we are going into a new era of fundraising!

We need **all of YOUR help and participation** to make this work, not only for our club's future but also for having more fun as booster members.

First, we are launching a Building Fund fundraiser to help strengthen our treasury and to ensure our club's continued future. Our goal for this Building Fund is to raise a total of \$10,000 by the end of this year. **All contributions large or small are welcome in helping reach our goal.** Just think about it, if we could get just 100 members to pledge \$100 per family, we'd easily achieve our goal in no time, and keep the club healthy and vital.

We are also planning a special, exciting fundraiser for our August meeting with tables set up to sell **sports collectibles** to help raise funds. We are actively looking for any members who would like to step up and donate any sports collectibles they may have. Anything from baseball cards, photos, baseballs and bats (especially if they are signed!) to paintings, books, Bobbleheads or other sports-related merchandise will be a HUGE help. These items will be on display and available to purchase for 2 hours before the meeting. And don't forget, we will also be holding our **annual Ice Cream Social** that night – two treats for one meeting!

We will also display a Special Building Fund Donatrion thermometer at each meeting, tracking our progress towards reaching our Building Fund goal.

We plan to list the donors, whether cash or other donations, unless you prefer to remain anonymous. All Building Fund supporters will also receive free additional raffle tickets for every meeting they attend for the year, based on their donation level. (Plus some other nice benefits) We are working hard on a number of other great opportunities for club, so we'll still be going strong as the years go by. So, stay tuned, attend every meeting, read your Booster Bits and watch for Email Blasts!



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Save This Date NOW - September 16th . . . Brenda Marsh

We are planning to hold our **Dodger Booster Blood Drive** this year on Saturday, September 16th, at City of HOPE again. We are working on also partnering with Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) so we can have the drive at both of these sites the same day. CHLA is a huge partner with the Dodgers, and the location would give



another option to our boosters and other donors in this area. City of HOPE will confirm with me this week and they are working to tie in CHLA for the partnership.

Stay tuned as more details will be announced as we get closer to the big event. We are always open for you suggestions; feel free to send me your ideas any time!

In Brief . . . John Eiden

YOU can do BIG things to help your club, if you are interested. For example, it would be HUGE, and genuinely help the club if members would take photos or short video clips of any and all things Dodgers or even Dodger related. **ALL YOU NEED IS A SMART PHONE.**

By simply taking a few minutes to record a 15-30 second video with your cell phone of Dodger action, fan excitement, family members in Booster Club gear, your little precious one donning a Dodger cap or one of your four-legged companions reacting to a bobblehead, or something Dodgers placed next to them might be just the ticket to get a seasoned internet surfer to stop, smile and take a quick glance at our fun and exciting club and perhaps take a longer look and maybe even join.

Who knows, you might even have a blast yourself doing it! (I know you would) You can forward your photos and videos to promotions@dodgersboosterclub.com or send an email anytime with any question or comment you may have.

