



President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters - what a ride it was! I feel like I just went on the ride of my life that crashed and burned at the end. Am I disappointed? Without a doubt but if you tell me that we would play a W.S. game 7 at home, I would take that every year. So, although we didn't win, the Astros were better in that game 7. It was the most exciting series and year that I have ever experienced. I hope you had the opportunity to see some of it.

As you read this article, our Christmas Party and the holidays have passed and Spring Training is right around the corner.

As 2018 begins, so does our quest for a World Championship. The only question is...will you be part of the action? I sure hope so! With that, I cannot wait to see you all at the ballpark!

January Birthdays

1/02 - Lindy Bidolli
1/06 - Tyler Israel
1/08 - Loreen Makishima
1/08 - Mireya Valdivia
1/09 - Patricia Moore
1/12 - Fernando Perez
1/15 - Jeff Marsh
1/16 - Coletta Lindell
1/18 - Lucas Quintana
1/20 - Linda Ruelas
1/20 - Dorothy Wylie
1/21 - Brandon Medrano
1/27 - Beverly Rosas
1/27 - Eloisa Aguilar
1/28 - Gilbert Rosas
1/30 - Xavier Esparza

Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

By now you have received in the mail the information and order form for the two 2018 Mini Plans we are offering this year. To recap – the 21-Game Collector Mini Plan has the Dodgers selecting the games, including the Bobbleheads and other collector items, and the 37-Game Flex Mini Plan which will include the same 21 games of the other plan plus 16 additional games you may select.

We have also made initial plans to purchase 6 regular and 2 handicap season tickets in our section 6 for use by our members.

Lastly, the Projection Sheet is being worked on and ought to be out in the mail to everyone sometime in mid-January. So, keep a close watch out for continued updates regarding tickets, plans, commitments, installment payment plans, etc. in both your In-Box and mailbox! And of course, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.



Electing Your 2018 Board Members . . .

At the November meeting, nominations were held for the board positions up for election in 2018. Since a single candidate was nominated for each of these 3 offices, Vice President, Treasurer and Ticket Chairperson, Alicia Trujillo, Olivia Armenta and Mae Rosenkranz, respectively, each won by acclamation. They will join the current board of President JJ Sells, Secretary John Eiden, Membership Co-Chairs Danee Gallegos & Brenda Marsh and At-Large Board Members Michelle Gorum & Brent Wood, each starting the second year of their current terms. This left the two open At-Large Board Member positions. Nominations for these 2 positions yielded 4 interested and qualified candidates – Lidia Carrillo, Gary Droeger, Jeff Marsh and Pat Moore.

Because of the confusion and chaos created by our new election rules in our last election, the board then decided future elections would be held at the February meeting to allow members ample opportunity to have renewed by the January meeting deadline for voting. Therefore, those who have renewed their Hall of Fame or All-Star memberships by no later than the January 8th meeting will receive his or her ballot in the mail by Friday, January 19th, including instructions as to how to vote. A new ballot will be issued to you at the February meeting should you lose or forget to bring yours. Please be sure to look at the enclosed campaign statements submitted by the nominees. Should you have any questions or issues, please feel free to contact the Election Committee Chair Brent Wood at 000.000.0000. **We want to take this opportunity to give a great big Dodger Blue Thank-You to outgoing Board Member Dorothy Wylie!** During her time on the board, Dorothy eagerly volunteered to take on so many of the tasks needed to help run this club and performed each and every one of them superbly. Dorothy, we thank you so much for your many services to the club.

Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

“Walter O’Malley was the founder of the Los Angeles Angels?” my Halo fan friend repeated as he looked at me with an incredulous look. Now, admittedly, I do get a certain amount of devious fun by making such a statement to a die-hard Angels fan, but when I explained, he saw that, in a sense, Mr. O’Malley did have a hand in forming the LA Angels! Let me explain. When the Dodgers moved to LA in 1958, KMPC, owned by Gene Autry, was their flagship station.

In 1959, Walter O’Malley bought a cabin at Big Bear. Unfortunately for him, he could not receive the Dodgers’ games due to the reduced radio signal from KMPC. So in November of 1959, the Dodgers announced they were moving their 1960 broadcast to 50,000 watt KFI which reached Big Bear. Gene Autry wanted to insure that if LA were granted an American League franchise, they would broadcast on KMPC, so he went to the winter meetings of 1960. When Mr. Autry returned to LA, not only did he have a radio contract, but a new team, the Angels. So Angels fans have Walter O’Malley to thank for his part in creating the LA Angels of Anaheim. Now if they could only figure out what city they were from, which of course is another statement Angel fans love to hear from a Dodger fan.



Christmas Party Update . . . Mae Rosenkranz

83 boosters, family and friends came together to celebrate at our 60th annual Christmas party last month. The Christmas spirit inspired our members to fill up a table with lots of great toys and other gifts for the children served by Friends of Foster Children. [Michelle Gorum](#) laid out a wide range of great door prizes, each and every one beautifully wrapped, so that everyone would be able to leave with something! A whole host of great raffle prizes filled up another table including items autographed by the likes of [Alex Wood](#), [Julio Urias](#), all the Quakes players **and** [Maury Wills](#). In addition, there were scrapping, kitchen, beer and Dodger themed gift baskets, Bobbleheads, gift sets and much much more! Everyone was so excited and eager to buy raffle tickets to win one of those raffle prizes, \$775 was collected!

Each table was dressed with an elegant and colorful centerpiece, donated and arranged by [Ben Lee and Olivia & Vickey Armenta](#). The centerpieces too were sent home as raffle prizes. This year’s guest speaker was former Dodger great **Al “The Bull” Ferrara**. He regaled us with some great stories of his days playing on those great World Championship teams of the ‘60’s. He also shared his insight on the differences between baseball of today and then, especially the rise of analytics. He feels a combination of analytics and “the nose” as he called it is the best formula for successful baseball and developing players. He stayed afterwards to take photos and sign autographs. We were even graced with a quick visit by the man himself - Santa Claus! With the help of one of his toyshop elves, each child got a chance to say hi to him and take home a special gift. No Christmas Party would be complete without the gathering for the group photo (**see it on Page 4**) – thanks [Ralph](#)! As all things must, this year’s party ended with a festive time had by all, one of the best ever. Filled with gifts, food and pleasant memories, no one left empty-handed that day! This fantastic party did not put itself together! There are many members who put in a lot of time and effort to make this one of the best ever. With apologies up front to anyone overlooked – first and foremost, a great big **THANK YOU must go out to Mae Rosenkranz** for organizing this year’s extravaganza! In no particular order, Mae would like to thank the following – a big Thank-You to [Annette Alexander](#) for her generous monetary donation to make this party a success. Thanks to [Afton Kurth](#), our Group Sales Gal from the Dodgers, who helped us this year to obtain our guest speaker. Thanks to [Ben, Vickey and Olivia](#) for not only donating their time and material to make those gorgeous centerpieces but for a number of other raffle prizes as well. Thanks to the great work [Michelle Gorum](#), Mae and others did in acquiring so many great raffle prizes this time to help raise as much as we did. A special thank-you to [Jeff Marsh](#) for his keen eye in acquiring some great raffle prizes from Ultimate Pastime Collectible. Additional thanks to [Michelle](#) for going out and buying every single one of those wonderful door prizes for the 83+ folks attending, as well as taking the time to wrap each and every one of them. In addition, thanks to Michelle for not only contacting “Santa” but making sure each kid’s stocking was truly stuffed! More thanks to [Susan Davidson](#), [Mary Ann Law](#), [the Zamora's](#) and any others who donated cash towards purchasing the kids’ stocking stuffers.

Finally, Mae wants to point out what a great combined effort it was from everyone to help make our Christmas Party so fun and successful and such a wonderful way for our members to kick off the holiday season!





Ed Note . . . John Eiden

IMPORTANT: The username and password to access the Members Only section of our website will be changed by the end of January. Keep a look out for a Dodgers Booster Club Email Blast to go out around mid-January with the new access information. The current login will remain active for a short while after that to allow everyone to get used to the new one.

Blood Drive Recap. . . Brenda Marsh



My heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated or volunteered at our Booster Club Blood Drive this year! We had 10 donors at City of Hope and 2 more at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. All donors at City of Hope received gift cards as a thank you. Several of our donors passed their gift cards back to the club for use at our Christmas Party. I am so grateful for their generous gesture, thank you Boosters!

For 2018, I am open to any suggestions any member has about a blood drive, including perhaps joining forces with another organization or two. I look forward to have greater numbers next year so we can possibly have two active sites at both City of Hope and Children's Hospital Los Angeles. **My thanks to everyone!**

In Brief. . .

2018 Meeting Dates – In addition to our upcoming January meeting on the 8th, our February meeting is set for Monday, February 12th. As you read this, we are finalizing the remaining dates for 2018 and will announce them at the January meeting and in the February edition of the Booster Bits.

February Meeting – Just to give you a heads up now, a lot will be happening at our February meeting! First, we will have our election to fill the two open At-Large Board Member positions. We will also hold our annual Potluck Dinner that night as well. In addition, we are making plans to have a special guest speaker come talk to us. Look for more in the next newsletter.



Bingo Night & November Meeting . . .

We started off the November meeting commiserating about our heartbreaking loss to the Astros in the World Series as well as rejoicing in what a season it was! The difficult decision involving how to distribute the few World Series tickets given us among our members was explained as well as possible remedies as we move forward for the 2018 season.

The upcoming Christmas Party and next year’s Spring Training trip were also discussed. Election Committee Chair Brent Wood did another excellent job handling the nomination process for our 2018 elections. Alicia Trujillo, Olivia Armenta and Mae Rosenkranz, as the sole nominees for their respective offices – Vice President, Treasurer and Ticket Chair, were re-elected by acclamation. For the two open At-Large Board Member positions, 4 members were nominated – Lidia Carrillo, Gary Droeger, Jeff Marsh and Pat Moore. It was announced an election to select two of these four nominees will be held at the February meeting. While this was all going on, the members were treated to hot dogs, beans, chips and a variety of desserts, donated by board members and others, and all washed down with a variety of beverages. Lucas Quintana won the special raffle prize, a cool miniature replica of Dodger Stadium.

With that done, we got down to the serious business of the evening: B-I-N-G-O! Most of the 55 members stuck around to play one or more games. Alicia Trujillo made a great bingo number caller. We had an absolute blast playing 3 games in total with winners taking home pots ranging from \$55. to more than \$92. One member even donated his winnings back to the club – thanks Gary! Judging by the response and the fun had by all, we plan to definitely hold more Bingo nights at our meetings throughout 2018!

2018 Spring Training . . .

Last month, we sent out an Email Blast announcing our plans to go out to Camelback Ranch for Spring Training again this year, March 17th - 19th, and asked members to sign up. If you signed up or are interested in signing up, be sure to come to the January 8th meeting for all the latest details, and perhaps be prepared to pay for any tickets ordered. See ya there!

Fanfare And Booster Tidbits . . .

It is our sad responsibility to inform you of the passing of two treasured members in the span of just 7 days last November. **Delia Uribe** passed away on November 16th at age 72 after a prolonged battle with leukemia. She, along with her husband Carlos and daughter Belinda, joined the club back in '07 at one of our first recruitment tables we had set up at what is now known as the Dodgers Fan Fest. Immediately, they all became active in the club and she was everywhere with her broad smile and bright eyes.

A limited command of English did not deter her from always helping out at meetings, handing out giveaways at the stadium, or showing up at numerous events from picnics to Rose Parade float decorating, eager and willing to help wherever she could.

Just a week later on the 23rd, **Mary Coe** succumbed to pneumonia and complications from heart failure at age 84. Mary was a Lifetime Member, having joined the club 36 years ago. She had a great laugh and a keen wit. She was always very active in the club and was a constant fixture at home games as well as on all our road trips, be it San Diego, San Francisco, Denver, Houston, etc. She also served several terms as our club treasurer before she retired and moved to Texas in '02 to be closer to her kids and grand children.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to both of their families and friends as they deal with their losses. Delia & Mary will forever remain in our hearts and we will always cherish our memories of them and their many years in our club.

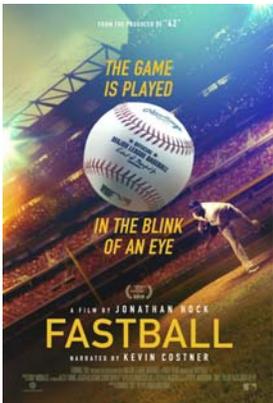


Membership Notes . . . Danee Gallegos

The 2017 regular season is now over. It didn't end like all our hearts had wished but we made a lot of great memories. Our 2017 season ended with 191 active members. **Let's continue to grow our membership for 2018** and many more years to come by encouraging your family to join the club. Remember, if you recruit a total of 10 new members during this year, you will be eligible to receive a free membership for next year.

With our 2018 Membership Drive underway, there is no better time to recruit new members to join. It is best to renew your membership online by visiting our website, www.dodgersboosterclub.com. If you don't have access to a computer, you can renew your membership in-person at the next Booster Club meeting.

As a reminder, you will have to pay your Hall of Fame or All-Star membership in full by the January 8th general meeting in order to have your vote be counted for the election in February. Let's get our 60th anniversary season underway!



Movie Review: "Fastball" . . . Suzy Poulter

Recently, I was heading out on a cross-country flight, and I decided to check in the iTunes store for a movie to rent. Since Charles and I watch tons of movies, it is sometimes challenging for me to find one I want to see that I haven't already. I came across a documentary movie put out in 2016 called simply "Fastball".

It is basically the history of fastballs and their lore, who, through the course of the decades, has thrown the fastest, etc. Sentimentally, I loved the interviews with the past players, HOFers, and just the history being

discussed because I am such a baseball fan. However, I was truly fascinated with the math of how fast some old timers threw by the analysis of the professor guy who explained the geometry of each speed test done over the decades. I won't spoil the conclusion for you of who was the fastest of all time, but I do suggest you rent this movie when you get a chance. Just seeing Tony Gwynn will make you smile.



Campaign Statements for At-Large Board Member Position



Lidia Carrillo: Hello fellow Boosters. My name is Lidia Carrillo and I have been a member since 2013. There may be some of you that may not know me as I am relatively new, but I can assure you that I am extremely committed to our club.

I work well with others, I am organized, and eager to see what new ideas we can come up with for the benefit of our club. My family and I have enjoyed the time here and want it to be around for many more years. Hope I can count on your vote!

Gary Droeger: Cindi and I have been Booster Club members since 2012. We love the club and all the great people in it. I have been a dedicated Dodger fan since they arrived from Brooklyn in 1958.

As a Corporate VP for a Fortune 500 Company, my responsibility was for \$600 million in revenue. I managed our offices in most of the United States and Canada. During this time, I developed skills of problem solving, decision making, negotiation and marketing. It would be my honor to bring these skills to the board and serve all members. I respectfully ask for your vote.



Pat Moore: I have enjoyed belonging to the Dodgers Booster Club these past few years and getting to know so many members and making new friends. I would love to become more involved in the club.

With a wide range of skills, I see this nomination as a great opportunity to help with all the Club's events and in any other capacity wherever needed. I love our Dodgers and I hope you will support my desire to become more involved and vote for me.

Jeff Marsh: My name is Jeff Marsh and I am a native Angelino & a lifelong Dodger fan. I have been a member of the Dodger Booster Club for eight years. I joined the Board two years ago. At that time, I took over the apparel and began the process of streamlining and revamping it. I came up with two new shirt designs, a woman's colligate shirt, bracelets, stickers, jacket, etc.

I have new shirt design ideas for the 2018 season plus I am always looking to hear from members for suggestions on new ideas. Hats, cozies, padded seats. I would be honored to serve you in 2018. GOOOOO DODGERS!!



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