

President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters – Baseball is in the air! As you read this article, spring training is over, Opening Day has come and gone and the regular season is in full swing. I for one could not be more excited that the off-season has come to an end and the real season is upon us.

As we enter this 2019 season, our team appears to be strong with a couple of good acquisitions in Joe Kelly and AJ Pollock, which should make this edition stronger than the 2018 team. Only time will tell if our pitching will be as good as expected and whether Seager can bounce back and have another good year. Only time will tell but this looks once again to be an exciting year. I urge you to buy available tickets and come hang with us. Until then, I will see you all at the ballpark.

# **Ticket Talk** . . . Mae Rosenkranz

We are off and running with Opening Day now behind us and an exciting season ahead of us. Let's talk about Awards Night on May 6th. First of all, those who didn't attend our March Booster Club Meeting did not hear the announcement that the club will no longer get to automatically participate on field for a First Pitch ceremony or Kids to the Field. In order to qualify for a First Pitch, we have to purchase a minimum of 1,000 tickets for that game. For our kids to take part in Kids to the Field, we must now purchase at least 750 tickets for that game in order for just two of our kids to take part. We were also told by the Dodgers that they will make an exception this year letting us have our Awards Night because that now requires another 1,000 tickets to qualify. As you can imagine, I had my say but to no avail; it fell on deaf ears.

However, the club is going to write a letter to the Dodgers to let the new people know who we are and remind the older ones about our long standing connection with them.

The Dodgers are also instituting something new this year. They are inviting 8 of our kids, ages 5-14, along with one parent per child, to go down as spectators to watch the Dodgers take batting practice, which is generally 3 to 3 1/2 hours prior to game time. We have chosen to have our kids participate in this on the same day when we present our club awards. The 8 kids who get to go down and watch batting practice that day, whose names were drawn at the last meeting, will be Esteban Carrillo, Jason & Jonathan Gallegos, Gizelle Reinert, Luke DiSomma, Noah & Olivia Leanos and Allegra Paez.

In addition, the Board voted to have 2 additional kids go on the field, along with 4 Board Members, for our Awards ceremony. Those 2 lucky kids will also get to each present an award plaque to a player. Those two, whose names were also randomly selected at that meeting, will be Natilia Carrillo & Dylan Rodriguez. All those going down on the field must have tickets purchased through our club. The deadline to order and to pay in full for those tickets is Monday, April 1st (no fooling!) Next on the agenda is our Season Tickets, which are still available. Most of you now have the TeamUp Calendar

app downloaded on your phone, so take a look at it and come on out and join the fun. Those of you who don't have the app, can always call JJ Sells for availability, and if he isn't available, you can contact me. And remember all payments still come to me, and don't forget we accept credit cards.

### Booster Merchandise Update... Jeff Marsh

Hi Everyone! It looks like it will be close but we should have the clear tote bags in time for our April meeting. They meet the standard of approval for all stadium-type events, including NASCAR. With our club logo on them, these will be great for the coming season.

As always, please feel free to let me know if you have any suggestions.

### **April Birthdays**

- 4/03 Olivia Armenta
- 4/04 Elsa Reinert
- 4/04 Ashley Sells
- 4/06 Constance Hunter
- 4/09 Esteban A. Carrillo
- 4/11 Brenda Quintana-Boeglin
- 4/12 Mark Mercado
- 4/18 Ann Baziak



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### Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

Last winter, when there was speculation regarding Bryce Harper joining the Dodgers, a sidebar conversation around office water coolers and on sports radio had to do with his Nationals number of 34. Would he wear that number with the Dodgers? For many of us longtime Dodger fans, there can be only one player associated with "34", **Fernando Valenzuela**. Fernando came up with the Dodgers in 1980, when he pitched in 17 innings with a 2-0 record. But in 1981, did he ever make



an impression that morphed into Fernandomania. Fernando's popularity began when he was the substitute Opening Day pitcher for Jerry Reuss. In that game, Fernando pitched a nine-inning shutout allowing only five hits to the Astros. Fernando would go on to win both the Cy Young and Rookie of the Year awards in 1981, a championship year for the Dodgers. He was very athletic, in addition to his pitching accomplishments, as he won a Gold Glove and two Silver Slugger awards. Later, on June 29, 1990, Fernando threw a no-hitter against the Cardinals. Fernandomania ended after the 1990 season when he left the Dodgers as a free agent and signed with the Angels. But for those But for those ten years Fernando was with the Dodgers, number 34 was sure fun to watch!

### Spaghetti Dinner 2019...

We were all saddened to learn that Mary Ann had sold her restaurant, That's Amore Pizza, because that meant no more of her delicious spaghetti dinners at our meetings. Lucky for us, the cry is still "Come one! Come all!" because member Nicole DiSomma has volunteered to step up to the plate and plans to hit it out of the ball park as she will be catering our spaghetti dinner fundraiser at our April meeting. The meal will include spaghetti, with not one but two sauce choices – marinara and meat sauce, along with a salad and bread. All this for just \$8! Drinks and desserts will be available too. It's not too late to purchase your dinner tickets! You can text/call Alicia Trujillo at 000.000.0000 by no later than Sunday, April 7th with your order and then pay at the meeting. Remember, come early – 6 PM to enjoy dinner and friends.

In Brief. . . John Eiden

**2018 LADBC Dodger Player Awards** – At the March meeting, our members selected the recipients for our 2018 player awards. The recipient for our 27th annual Carmen Delsi Memorial Award recognizing the season's outstanding Dodger rookie was **Walker Buehler**, our third unanimous rookie selection in a row! The second award, the 31st annual Ed Enterline Memorial Award recognizing the Dodger who best embodies the true spirit of the Dodgers, was also a unanimous selection, **Kike Hernandez**! The third one, the 18th annual Ruth Wilcox Memorial Award given to the Most Valuable Player, was a competition between **Max Muncy** and **Justin Turner**, with **Max** winning this time around. Check out Mae's "Ticket Talk" article on page 1 for info about our annual Dodgers Booster Club night on May 6th!

**2019 Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Game** – This year we will head out to watch the Quakes play on Saturday, August 17th! We plan to once again host a postgame meal and a meet-and-greet with the players and coaches. Mark your calendars now and signups for this awesome event will start at the May meeting.

### Celebrate...

### OKC In Las Vegas . . . Jeff Marsh

Who's Going to Las Vegas to Watch our OKC Dodgers Play? We are still in the planning stages for our trip to go see the OKC Dodgers Triple-A team play in Las Vegas on Saturday, August 3rd. Ticket prices will vary depending on the number of people we have going but they should be under \$30 each. The brand new state-of-the-art stadium they have just built should be something to see.

We are planning on meeting somewhere to tailgate indoors before game time. Please let us know at the next meeting if you have any interest in going so we can purchase tickets and start making the necessary arrangements ASAP. Viva Las Vegas & Viva Azul!!! Your 2019 Milestone Years of Membership Honorees! Each year, we stop a moment to take the time to identify and recognize those members who this year will be celebrating certain milestones in terms of their years of membership in our club! Please join us in recognizing and congratulating the following members for reaching these membership milestones!

**5 YEARS** – Jonathan Gallegos; Caroline & Debbie Lopez; Pat Moore

**10 YEARS** – Jason Gallegos; Chris Gorum; Jeff Marsh; Jack Ciganek

20 YEARS – JJ Sells; Dora & Johnny Sells 35 YEARS – Reiko Morimoto





### Membership Notes . . . Danee Gallegos

The 2019 season is here. Every April brings a renewed hope for a championship. We have an exciting group of young talent to watch in 2019. Hope to see you at Dodger Stadium. As of our March General meeting, the club has received a total of 120 returning Boosters. Thank you to all for joining us once again this season. If you have not renewed yet, please do so to avoid not missing out on all our club's benefits. Remember, if you recruit 10 new members during this year, you will receive a free membership for 2020. So, please keep talking us up with your friends and family to join our club.

For all of you Hall of Fame members, at the April meeting, be sure to visit Brenda and me at the sign-in table to pick up your new HOF sticker to put on your membership badge. This will identify you as a Hall of Fame member so you can more readily get your free raffle ticket at each meeting, along with your other perks.

Reminder – it's always time to do a badge check. As you know, members who forget to wear their badge at meetings must pay a fine of \$1. If you would like to order an additional or replacement badge, there's a \$6 fee. You can go to our website, dodgersboosterclub.com, and follow the easy steps to renew, add a new member or order a replacement badge. If that doesn't

work for you, you can also take care of this at the next Booster Club meeting.

#### 2019 Meeting Dates

Monday, January 14th Monday, February 11th Monday, March 11th Monday, April 8th Monday, May 13th Monday, June 10h Monday, July 8th Monday, August 12th Monday, September 9th Monday, November 4th Christmas Brunch, TBA

# Silent Auction, Coming SOON . . . Pat Moore

A short note to remind you about our **upcoming Silent Action** to be held at our July meeting. Start talking it up now with your family, friends and coworkers as every on of them are most welcome to attend this special meeting as well. Everyone is welcome, and will have a blast!

Our goal is to raise as much needed funds as we possibly can to strengthen our treasury so we can maintain and even expand on our activities. Even if they are not Dodger or baseball fans (imagine that?), tell them to still come as we plan to have a number of other really great items to bid on.

If you don't regularly attend our monthly meetings, the July meeting would be an ideal one to attend to not only catch up on what you've missed or to say hi to old friends and to bid on some really great items! Don't forget this auction will only be as successful as everyone who takes a look in their closets, cupboards,

attics, etc., and donates those duplicates and other items they no longer have a use for but would be much appreciated by someone else. Start looking now and feel free to bring all donations to the next couple of meetings. The June meeting will be the last one I will be able to accept donations for this auction. If you don't regularly attend meetings, you can still donate items for our auction, as I would be happy to pick anything up from you. Any questions, etc., please give me a call, 000.000.0000, or email me at 00000000@0000000.com.

## Final Update – San Diego Trip, Sunday, May 5th, 1:10 PM ...

**Everything is all set for our trek down to San Diego** to watch our beloved Dodgers take on the Padres on Cinco de Mayo, preceded by a tailgate taco fiesta.

The only thing left is for you to come to the April meeting to pick up your game tickets and parking passes. When the tailgate parking lot opens, around 9:30 AM, we will get a spot and start setting up. Since we will be the only Dodger fans there (ha, ha!), just look for our Dodger EZ-Up tent and folks milling around wearing their finest Booster Club apparel.

We plan to start serving the food around 11:00 AM. Keep in mind, ESPN may choose this game as their Sunday night game, so these times may be pushed back 4 hours. Watch for an Email Blast should that change be announced.

Looking forward to seeing you all there for a fun, delicious, festive and celebratory time with some great Dodger baseball!

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\*\* Please Print - All items must be completed and signed where indicated, for all members

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