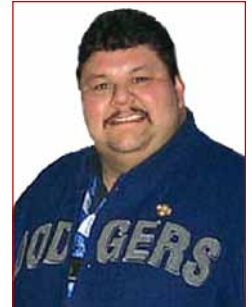


President's Corner . . . Monico Zamora

Hello Everyone . . . Go Dodgers! Well, our Boys in Blue are setting the pace for post season play in October. Our club is also on a winning pace with activities for our members like our annual picnic and, of course, Dodger baseball games, along with the giveaways that help our club raise funds to keep little leagues, and us, afloat.

There are going to be some exciting activities coming up, so read on and see ya at the park.



Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz



The close of the season is just around the corner and hopefully I will be notifying all of you about the playoff tickets and the deadline, etc. Those who qualify for tickets are listed in another article, so be sure and read it. As of this writing I still have a few tickets left for 9/20 & 10/4, so give me a call and come on out to the ballpark. If you haven't picked up all your tickets for the 2009 season yet, please make arrangements immediately with me.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have been buying tickets and really attending a lot of games, and bringing other family members and friends. See you at the ball park!

September Birthdays

9/01 – Thomas Galindo
9/03 – Ruth Martinez
9/03 – Eddie Medrano
9/04 – Marc Perez
9/05 – Mort Katz
9/06 – Dolores Ochoa
9/07 – Jackson Warner
9/08 – Ryan Martin
9/11 – Meg Lamb
9/12 – Madison Sweeney
9/14 – Miguel Aguilar
9/14 – Sonia Perez
9/16 – Josie Meraz
9/16 – Vanessa Trujillo
9/17 – Paul Romo
9/20 – Joe Arellano
9/25 – Estela Casas
9/28 – Rudy Cadena
9/28 – Ladd Harrison
9/28 – Jacob Montoya
9/29 – Devin Ybarra

Membership Notes . . . Sandy Zamora

As a reminder, we kick off our 2010 Membership Drive September 15th. Be sure to read my "2010 Membership Dues" article on page 2 for all the details.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for bringing new members into our club. If you recruited 10 new members during this year, you will receive a free membership for 2010. It's great to see new and enthusiastic Dodger fans join our club. Please welcome our newest member, **Laura Allarid** from Whittier, who signed up at the July meeting - WELCOME!



Christmas Party . . . Herb Hammann

Major league baseball has its Fall Classic, and the Los Angeles Dodgers Booster Club has its Winter Classic, our annual Christmas Party. This year it's going to a brunch buffet on Sunday, December 6th at the Almanson Court in Alhambra, last year's location.

The prices will also be the same as last year – Adult members \$24, Junior members ages 3-10 \$8, Guests \$28 and guests ages 3-10 \$12. Sign up will be at the General meetings or by calling Herb Hammann at 000.000.0000. For those of you who attended last year know that a great time was had by all. So, for those of you who did not attend come and enjoy the fun.

We will again ask you to bring, if you can, a wrapped toy or two with a gift tag marked for a boy or girl and the age. These toys will be given to a local group who work with area kids in need – Para Los Ninos. There will not be a gift exchange, but plenty of free door prizes for everyone, along with the chance to win some really great raffle prizes.

As always, we plan to have a surprise guest speaker and, who knows, maybe even Santa Claus might be able to take a little time out from his busy preparations to stop by and say hello!

2010 Membership Dues . . . Sandy Zamora

It is once again that time of year to start thinking about renewing your membership for 2010! Membership renewals will be accepted starting on September 15th and are due by December 31st, with a single one-month grace period extended to January 31, 2010! The good news is that the 2010 membership dues will again remain the same at \$25 for the first member of a household, \$15 for the second member and \$10 for each additional member. Junior member dues (those not turning 14 during 2010) will also remain at \$10.

Don't forget that for anyone who joins the club between now and the end of this year, the dues paid will also cover all of 2010 (a possible Christmas gift for someone?) You may pay your 2010 dues at any of the next few meetings or you can mail it to LADBC, P. O. Box 86965, Los Angeles, CA 90086. **IMPORTANT** - please take a few moments now to also fill out the enclosed 2010 Membership Information form. Feel free to use the back of the form to provide the requested information if you run out of space on the front. This form contains the most updated information about you and is of great value not only to the club but to you as well. Among other things, this filled-in form is used to create the annual Membership List, as well as list member birthdays in and create the mailing labels for each edition of the Booster Bits. Your responses to the other questions help the board to better focus on the activities the members are most interested in doing.

Please **DO** fill it out now even if nothing has changed since you joined this year or filled out last year's form as it allows the club to proof the information currently on file for you. You may mail it along with your membership dues check or hand it in at any of the next couple of meetings – thanks again for your help!

In Brief . . .

October Birthdays

10/02 – Samantha Zaragoza
 10/06 – Toni Castillo
 10/06 – Samuel James
 10/07 – Mark Clark
 10/11 – Agustin Moreno
 10/13 – Alexis Vargas
 10/14 – JJ Sells
 10/15 – Jesse Reyes
 10/18 – Jim Craig
 10/20 – Lori Ornelas
 10/21 – Ivy Castillo
 10/22 – Neil Lucas
 10/22 – Virginia Ochoa
 10/24 – Charlotte Ochoa
 10/26 – Esteban Becerra
 10/26 – Richard Shumar
 10/27 – Vickey Armenta
 10/27 – Eleanor Cuneo
 10/27 – Yolanda Garcia
 10/27 – Joseph Ruelas
 10/27 – Monico Zamora
 10/28 – Jose Ortiz
 10/28 – Johnny Torres
 10/29 – Aaron Esparza
 10/30 – Audrey Zaragosa
 10/31 – Bob Dominguez

Second Blood Drive – The Dodgers are hosting a blood drive to commemorate 9-11 at Dodger Stadium, Friday, September 11th, from 3 PM to 9 PM. At the last meeting, we took names of those who want to volunteer not only to help out at the event itself but to help man registration tables at Dodger games during the homestand prior to this drive. Talk to all your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and perfect strangers about participating in this important event. If you want to volunteer or have any questions, please feel free to contact John Eiden at 000.000.0000.

Booster Family Picnic – The day after the blood drive, Saturday, September 12th, the club will hold its annual picnic. It's free to you and your family and friends. We just need an RSVP so we can figure out how much food to buy so we won't run out. Be sure to **read the enclosed invitation** for all details. See ya there!

August Meeting . . .

How best to describe the August Meeting? Yummy comes to mind, first and foremost. Dorothy Wylie and her crew of scoopers really outdid themselves this year with not only the ice cream but even a wider array of toppings and other goodies that made decisions next to impossible! But we did survive and had a most fun Ice Cream Social prior to the start of the meeting – a great big Dodger Blue Thank You to Dorothy and her crew! Though we did have our usual business meeting full of reports, updates, sign-up sheets and such, we still continued to eat, courtesy of a gorgeous cake Armida Vasquez brought in to celebrate her husband Louis's "special" birthday! Thanks Armida & Louis! Susan Davidson provided quite a large display of some really cool Dodger items for the meeting's raffle, thanks mostly to the continued donations of Kay Grall – thanks, Kay! Once the last report was read, the last item of business discussed, and the last raffle item claimed, this meeting was history!

October & November Meetings . . .

IMPORTANT - We will hold our October meeting on Monday, October 5th **SOLELY** for the purpose of handing out the playoff tickets. On the remote chance that the Dodgers don't make it into the playoffs, this meeting will be **CANCELLED**. If that turns out to be the case, the next General meeting will **NOT** be held until November 9th.

Giveaway Crew Update . . . Sandy Zamora

There's only one thing I can say about our **booster volunteers**, who work the giveaways, "YOU'RE THE BEST!" We could not have raised as much money as we did if it hadn't been for all your hard work and commitment.

As of the end of August, we will have worked 14 giveaways for this season. We have four more giveaways left this season before our Boys in Blue go to the playoffs! It's going to be pretty busy in September with 3 giveaways in one week. I am completely positive that we can do it. They are: Tuesday, 9/15 - Fleece Blanket Night; Wednesday, 9/16 - 2nd Manny Ramirez Bobblehead; and Sunday, 9/20 - Webkinz Pet giveaway.

Our last scheduled giveaway is set for Saturday, 10/3 - Team Photo Calendar. The sign-up sheets for these last dates were filled at the August general meeting. So I would just like to remind you to please show up on time at the top of the park if you are assigned to work any one of these dates. Thanks again for your participation.



September Meeting Fundraiser . . . Susan Davidson

Have any Dodger memorabilia that you would like to pass on to another member? Here's your chance to clean out your closets and maybe acquire some new items as well. We will be having a "Popsicle Stick Auction" at our September meeting. Here is how it works – items are donated by members and placed on the table with a cup in front of each item. Popsicle sticks are sold for the price of 5 for \$1 or 30 sticks for \$5. You then write your name on each stick so we can identify the winner. Please bring a pen with you. You will then place your sticks in the cups of the item or items that you would like to win. You can place all of your sticks in the same cup if you are really determined to win that item!

This is not limited to just Dodger items. You can also donate something of general interest if you wish. In the past, we've had such things as a big bag of avocados, home baked cookies, cakes, pies, chocolate dipped strawberries, the sky's the limit really! But, PLEASE do not bring tattered items. Nobody wants your old junk!

By all means, you are not required to bring anything to participate, only if you feel you have something interesting or tasty to donate. Thanks and looking forward to seeing everyone there!

That Time Of Year Again . . .

It's that time again, to accept nominations for next year's officers and board members. Nominating Committee chair Louis Vasquez will be accepting nominations at the September 14th meeting for the following offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ticket Chairperson, Membership Chairperson and two at-large Board Members.

If you are interested in helping to make a difference or to get more involved in club affairs, the criteria to run is really quite simple – be a member in "good standing." This simply means you have paid your 2009 dues and have expressed a willingness to run for that office at the nomination meeting or prior to Louis Vasquez or a member of the board.

All nominees are then encouraged to also attend the November meeting to allow the membership a chance to get to know who they are and to ask any pertinent questions of them. All nominees are also invited to submit a campaign statement to be included in the January 2010 Booster Bits. Please remember that to be eligible to be elected at the January meeting, ALL nominees must have paid their 2010 dues PRIOR to the January meeting.

In addition, only those members who have paid their 2010 dues will be eligible to vote that night. Interested in running for an office? All you gotta do is call Louis Vasquez at 000.000.0000 or show up at the September meeting – see ya there!

Ed. Note . . .

Due to the fact that there will only be 3 weeks between the September 14th and October 5th, there is not enough time to complete a separate October edition of the Booster Bits. Therefore, this edition will once again cover both September and October. Please be sure to also read the "October & November Meetings" article regarding the October meeting.

Please look for your next edition to arrive in late October or early November in plenty of time to find out all about what's been going on and all the great things planned for our November 9th meeting and for the rest of this year!

Till then, Go DODGERS!

Playoff Ticket Qualifiers . . .

Your Booster Club is getting ready for what we hope will include the Dodgers in this year's playoffs. Be sure to show up at the next meeting on September 14th for the latest information about how you can order and pay for playoff tickets should you qualify. How do you qualify? To reiterate – according to Section 3.29 of the club by-laws, "In the event the Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball Team enters post-season play, for the purchase of post-season tickets, members must have attended five or more meetings of the Club in the year of the post-season play. POST-SEASON TICKETS WILL BE ALLOCATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF L.A.D.B.C. SCHEDULED GROUP GAMES ATTENDED BY A MEMBER. POST-SEASON TICKETS SHALL INITIALLY BE LIMITED TO ONE TICKET PER MEMBER PER GAME. Additional post-season tickets (if available) shall be allocated in the same manner. Exceptions to this allocation may be made on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors."

According to club records, the following 77 members currently qualify to purchase playoff tickets: Annette Alexander; Victor & Griselda Alvarez; Joe Arellano; Olivia & Vickey Armenta; Ramona Allarid; John Aston; Estela Casas; Gloria & Manuel Castaneda; Richard Castellanos; Jeff, Olga, Toni & Tori Castillo; Mark Clark; Eleanor Cuneo; Susan Davidson; Bob Dominguez; John Eiden; Manny Galindo; Danee & Robert Gallegos; Yolanda Garcia; Peter & Priscilla Graves; Barbara & Herb Hammann; Robert & Ryan Hemming; Linda Heyman; Ralph & Sandra Holguin; Jessica & Sharon Israel; Larry Lamb; John Lorenz; Sallie Lundahl; Brandon & Eddie Medrano; Vera Montemayor; Isabel Morante; Robyn Morningstar; Anthony & Miranda Ortiz; Marc Perez; Aurora Pina; Jesse Reyes; Tito Rodriguez; Elizabeth Romo; Mae Rosenkranz; Linda Ruelas; Henry Santillan; Dora, JJ & Johnny Sells; Richard Shumar; Ashley, Brianna & David Thacker; Jerald Todd; Robert & Rose Marie Turner; Audelia, Belinda & Carlos Uribe; Armida, Louis & Michelle Vasquez; Michael Villa; Mary Walsh; Dorothy & Forrest Wylie; Mark Ybarra; and Monico & Sandy Zamora. The following 12 members have attended four meetings so far this year and will also qualify to purchase playoff tickets IF they attend the September 14th meeting: Dolly Bartelme; Jesse Fraire; Jorge Garcia Jr; Chris Gonzalez; Carolyn, Emily Jonathan & Victoria Hemming; Chris Lozano; Albert & Albert Jr. Martinez; and Steve Ruelas.

For those of you not listed above, do not lose heart if you have not attended the requisite number of meetings this year. In the event that not all tickets for all games for all series are claimed by qualifying members, any remaining tickets may be allocated by the board to fill the requests of any remaining members. For those members who live outside of Southern California and want to be here for some of the action, please contact Mae Rosenkranz ASAP to let her know your plans (000.000.0000). If you have ANY questions about these lists, please contact Monico Zamora at 000.000.0000 BEFORE the September 14th meeting. Otherwise, see ya at our next meeting!

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Fanfare & Booster Tidbits . . .

One of our most ardent volunteers for just about everything, Annette Alexander, has fractured two vertebrae in her spine, forcing her to take it easy and recuperate. In her own words however, this will not stop her from attending our annual picnic, be at the last homestand, and cheer our Dodgers on in the playoffs. May you mend fast, Annette, we need you!

On a happier note, to celebrate her 89th birthday recently, longtime member Eileen Russell sent the club a check for the birthday march totaling \$89, \$1 for each year. May she live long and prosper and for her kind gesture – thanks, Eileen!

It started with an email. "Hey babes - can you call my cell when you get this?" Little did Becky Fineroff know, Josh Evans had traveled overnight to surprise her in Paris. Her co-workers were careful to keep the secret. When she finally found out, Becky was so excited that she dropped everything and ran to the hotel. Soon, they went out on the town. Walking from the hotel, they first saw the Arc de Triomphe. They then started to head over to the Eiffel Tower. After hanging out in the park of a beautiful opera house, they decided to head on over. Luckily, they had purchased tickets from the concierge and were able to walk straight to the elevator. After a short ride with a loud group of school kids, they were gazing out on the rooftops of Paris.

The cool breeze felt great after the long walk. Once they walked all around the 1st level, they settled into their favorite area. While Becky was getting her camera, Josh reached into his shirt pocket. When Becky turned around, he was there, holding her close with a ring between them. Looking into her eyes, he said "Becky, you mean everything to me and I want to spend the rest of my life with you. Will you marry me?" After a few speechless moments and tears of joy, she replied 'Yes'.

They haven't landed on the ground since their return. Who says this only happens in the movies! Congratulations to members John & Becky on their engagement. The above story was submitted by member, and proud papa, Marv Fineroff.