



President's Corner . . . Monico Zamora

Hello Everyone . . . I'm so happy to see members coming to meetings in triple digits, as we saw at our last general membership meeting. Seeing such a consistent mix of both brand new and long term members showing up makes me humble and proud to be leader of such a group of Dodger fans. Now we just have to have fun and get ready for Dodger Baseball coming in the weeks to come.

We have some good events planned and I hope all will participate in going to San Diego, San Francisco and of course Dodger Stadium.

Carlos Uribe, thank you for all your participation and continued help with our club by lending a hand whenever we need one, thank you for bringing along Audelia and Belinda because the women in our lives make us better men.

With Opening Day just around the corner I know the Dodgers will be in post season play again, so let's get ready to cheer on our Boys in Blue. See you at our next meeting and the park.

REMINDER: Our April meeting will be held on the **FIRST Monday, April 5th!** Don't forget to mark your calendar, or you'll miss picking up your **Opening Day tickets!**

Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz



Opening Day is literally around the corner, and the beginning of another exciting season. Tickets for Opening Day on 4/13 plus those for 4/18, 4/30, 5/4 and 5/7 will be available for pick up at our next meeting on 4/5. If you cannot attend this meeting, please make other arrangements with me to pick up your tickets.

I would like to thank everyone for getting your Projection Sheets in to me in a timely manner along with your payment for Opening Day tickets. This year again the Dodgers have allocated us 200 tickets for Opening Day with members getting first choice. Any paid Opening Day tickets over and above that will be credited to your account for future games.

To reiterate our policy regarding tickets ordered: they are your responsibility for payment unless cancelled 15 days prior to the date of the game. Kids to the Field (KTF) dates, available to our junior members ages 5-14, have not been confirmed yet, with the exception of 8 spots given us in conjunction with our Booster Club Awards & First Pitch Ceremony set for the 6/4 game. The Dodgers allocate so many spots for certain games to the Booster Club. Once they let us know that, we will have a lottery to select our participants.

The families will be notified so we can coordinate the date that is most convenient. Kids must have a ticket to the game in order to go on the field. Be sure and order your tickets when your date has been confirmed. Due to a lack of sales, please cancel the 8/6 game from your projection sheet.

Keep in mind the Dodgers have a policy which requires us to purchase a minimum of 30 tickets per game in order to qualify for our group pricing. The following dates are in jeopardy of being cancelled right now because they are not close to meeting the minimum number required: 7/5 - 7/9 - 8/20 - 8/30 - 9/17 - 10/2. Please take a look at these 6 dates and order some tickets. Please also remember the number of tickets we order during the regular season has a direct influence on the number of playoff tickets we are allotted, come October. So, start ordering now and watch our Boys in Blue live and in-person at Dodger Stadium. To order tickets, or if you have any questions, call me at 000.000.0000 or email me at maeabc@aol.com.

Your 2010 Booster Club Officers . . .

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Ed. Note . . .

2 quick things before you read on. First, I want to thank each and every one of you for all your kind thoughts, encouraging words and generous support while I have been dealing with my health issues these past few months. They have really meant a lot to me. By the time you read this, I will have had what I believe will be my last surgery and I will be healthy and whole, cheering for the Dodgers on Opening Day.

Second, I want to thank Monico and Mae in particular, plus the rest of the board, and Trafficstopper, who designs and prints our final product, for the great work they did in getting the last two editions of our newsletter out in my absence - congrats on a job well done!

2010 Trips . . .

Although our group trip to Boston was canceled due to an inability to get enough tickets, our fearless "Trip Girls", Vickey & Olivia Armenta, are not ones to close up shop and go home crying. They already started taking signups at our last meeting for trips to see our Boys in Blue battle the Padres in San Diego on May 15th & 16th and the Giants in San Francisco on July 31st & August 1st! They are also looking into the possibility of renting a bus for the ride down to San Diego if there is enough interest. Be sure to come to the April meeting for all the latest details about these fun trips. If you wish to sign up or have any questions before or after the next meeting, feel free to email Vickey at 000000000@000.com or call her at 000.000.0000.

In Brief . . .

Potluck Dinner - We will hold our annual Potluck Dinner before our May 10th meeting. More details about this fun event will be included in your May edition of the Booster Bits. Board member Dorothy Wylie will have signup sheets at our April meeting, so start thinking now about which of your most popular dishes you'll want to sign up for to bring - yum, yum!

12th Annual Freeway Series Blood Drive - This year's blood drive is currently scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 12th. In addition to collecting much needed blood for our local community, it is also a friendly competition between the Angels Booster Club and ours, one which we won for the first time last year. Mark your calendars now and look for more details as to how you can help out by donating blood yourself and recruiting others to do the same as well as working as volunteers at the various locations to set up the day of the drive.

Booster Club Family Picnic - We will hold our annual picnic for our members and guests later this season. Co-chairs Manny Galindo & Armida Vasquez are looking for members who can help out in any capacity as they plan this always fun and fantastic event. Feel free to contact them by phone or at the next meeting.

Inland Empire 66ers Game - We will again head out to San Bernardino to watch a game of the Dodgers' Single-A minor league team later during the season. We also plan to again host a postgame gathering with the players and coaches. Keep an eye out for details about this always great trip in future editions.

Christmas Party - While it seems way too soon to be thinking about Christmas as Opening Day is yet to occur, just mark on your calendar now this date, Sunday, December 5th, for this year's party which will again be held at last year's location, Almanson Court.

Little League Donation Requests . . .

One of the many ways our club gives back to our community is financial assistance to local little leagues in need. We also extend our support to other baseball-related groups such as softball leagues, traveling teams and senior leagues.

So, if you have a kid on a team who could use some help or know of a league who could use some help, what can you do to help them out? While the board is in the process of designing a simple one-page sheet explaining how to make a donation request, we want to pass along the following information to you now.

Only letters submitted on the organization's official letterhead can be accepted for consideration. Please state whether the request is for the league itself or for a particular team in that league. If you have a dollar amount in mind, please include that, otherwise the board can determine the amount when reviewing the request.

Be sure to also include complete contact information for the person to whom we will send a check as well as in what name the check should be written. The most important thing though to include in your request is to explain why you are making this request and for what purpose will you apply the funds, e.g. replacing old equipment, paying for uniforms or fees for kids who cannot afford them, repairing old or building new playing fields, etc.

If the board receives more requests than it can fulfill, it is this explanation that carries the most weight when deciding. You may either send your completed request to our P.O. Box, give it to any board member or submit it at a meeting.

Membership Notes . . .

Our valiant Membership Chairperson, Sandy Zamora, has been so very busy lately processing all your membership renewals and new member applications not only for club records but to also pass along various board members so they can do their thing, we decided to give her a break this month and not have her have to write an article too. Besides, we don't want her to get sick and have to place her on the DL. Not to worry though, all our new members will be introduced in the next edition.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to let you know something new we are going to do at the meetings. If your name is among the birthdays listed in current Booster Bits, show up at that month's meeting and you will receive a free raffle ticket from Susan Davidson for that evening's fundraiser. If your birthday is not listed in the Booster Bits it's only 'cause we simply don't have it.

To fix it next time, just let Sandy know, so she can update her records. Be sure to also read the "Membership & Discount Cards" article for the latest information about them as well.

21st Annual Canned Food Drive . . .

This year we begin the 3rd decade of our club's longest running continuous effort to help give back in some small way to our community - our annual canned food drive. As in the past, this major event will help support the Necessities of Life program. This service is provided by a local organization which furnishes a valuable service to local residents to provide food and other necessities to those too ill to shop for themselves and to those because of illness who are in dire financial need.

Here's where YOU come in. All YOU need to do to be a part of this great effort is to bring cans of food to our April meeting. It's really just that simple! In addition to cans, we are also allowed to accept food items in cardboard, plastic, foil or glass containers as long as the food item itself is not perishable.

In addition to your gracious donation of cans of food, we are asking everyone to also bring at least one hygiene or toiletry item for a man, woman or child. Soap, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste and brushes are always long in demand but short in supply. Aspirin, antacids and vitamins are also in great need. As always, if you forget to bring your items to the April meeting, you can make a cash donation or write a check out to the club that night and we'll even do the shopping for you. It couldn't be easier! Let's all show our continued generosity and commitment to helping others in our local community in need by showing up at the April meeting with arms loaded full of food and toiletry items!

April Birthdays

4/03 - Olivia Armenta
 4/03 - Monique Romo
 4/03 - Lisa Sells
 4/04 - Ashley Sells
 4/05 - Glenda Berman
 4/06 - Nora Marquez
 4/07 - Shalimar Reodica
 4/07 - Brianna Thacker
 4/08 - Joseph Andrews
 4/09 - Andrew Cameron
 4/09 - Michael Esparza
 4/09 - Jason Frazier
 4/09 - John Frazier
 4/09 - Kieran Sweeney
 4/11 - John Lorenz
 4/14 - Anthony Ortiz
 4/15 - Veronica Montemayor
 4/16 - Eli Garcia
 4/18 - Lupe Alvarez
 4/18 - Ann Baziak
 4/20 - Jonathan Hemming
 4/20 - Selena Torres
 4/20 - Michael Villa
 4/24 - Stephanie Becerra
 4/25 - Cynthia Cisneros
 4/25 - Adela Morales
 4/26 - Jerry Kovacs
 4/28 - Luis Segura

2010 Meeting Dates

January 11th
 February 8th
 March 8th
 April 5th
 May 10th
 June 14th
 July 12th
 August 9th
 September 13th
 October 4th
 November 8th
 December – No Meeting

Discount & Membership Cards . . .

Please be aware YOUR 2010 Discount Card MAY be included with this edition. Last year, we had members lose them not realizing the card fell out when the envelope was opened. Key word here is MAY. If the Discount cards are not available in time to include with the newsletter, we plan to hand them out at our April 5th meeting in time for you to shop till you drop on Opening Day.

For all you new members and as a reminder to the rest, we are once again entitled to receive a 20% discount on merchandise purchased at the Top of the Park and Club level Gift Shops. The card **may be** honored at other concession stands, such as the one near our Section 6 on the Reserved Level. If it is, thank them for accepting it and if not, please do not press the issue or we may lose this great benefit. For all you new members, we plan to have your membership cards and lanyards available to pick up starting with the April meeting.

Giveaway Crew Update . . .

Handing out giveaway items at Dodger Stadium is our main source of revenue, which allows us to have the many things we have, and do the many things we do for our members and for our community, as well as simply to operate our club. We thought this would be a good time to go over how this works, what we receive as volunteers and the rules we must follow, and there are a few new ones so you vets be sure to read on.

First, as volunteers, you get into the stadium without paying for parking, you will receive a food voucher (value equivalent to the cost of a regular hot dog and soda) and you can watch the rest of the game after you are done working (subject to limitations below). You will NO longer be allowed to take a giveaway item with you that day - see below. Second, the club will be paid \$10 per person per giveaway worked.



Now for a quick overview of the rules. You must be at the stadium 2 1/2 hours prior to game time, entering through Gate A at the end of Elysian Park. Tell the guard you are with the Dodger Giveaway Crew, park in Lot 1 and then head up to Top of the Park to check in. For sellouts, the guard will direct you to park in Lot 13/14 and then you can take the shuttle on up. You'll be issued a Giveaway Crew T-shirt the first time you work which you will wear each time you work. Be sure to check in with our team leader so you can receive a wristband which allows you access within the stadium and your food voucher and to get your gate assignment.

As to who is entitled to a giveaway item, the Dodger policy remains the same as in past years - "Limit one item per person in attendance regardless of the number of tickets held. Parents with children under 4 must present a ticket for that child to receive an item." Depending on the giveaway, about 2 hours into the game or by

the bottom of the 5th inning, a Dodger rep will come and collect any remaining items and you are free to go. 2 NEW RULES will be in effect this season. Rule 1 - for non sellout games, you will be allowed to find an open seat to watch the game ONLY in the TOP DECK unless you have a ticket to sit elsewhere. The Dodger policy states "Any volunteers found in other sections of the stadium will be asked to leave the stadium." For sellout games, you'll have to leave. Rule 2 - Volunteers can no longer take a giveaway item at the end of their shift. The Dodgers will issue 1 giveaway item per volunteer, IF there is enough left, to our group leader at the end of each homestand. We'll then hand them out to you at the meetings. The number of items given to us will be based on the list of names we submit to the Dodgers to work PRIOR to a giveaway date. So, you can no longer just show up that day and work. If you do sign up to work, it is a commitment you make on behalf of the club, so please follow through. If something comes up and you cannot work, as they sometimes do, please make sure to contact our group leader with as much notice as possible.

Don't let all these rules possibly turn you off from participating. This is the Dodgers' policy and we want you to know up front. They have come to depend upon us and truly value how well and hard we work the giveaway dates. It's really a lot of fun handing out the items and being the first person to greet a Dodger fan as they enter the stadium. The wide-eyed smiles on the children as you hand 'em their very own giveaway item just melts your heart and makes all the above worth while. So, see ya at the next meeting and sign up to work our giveaway dates!

March Meeting . . .

Wow, the St Paul High School library sure was busting at the seams with everyone who showed up at our March meeting (the sign-in sheet clocked in with 114 members)! Most of what was discussed during the meeting is detailed in other articles in this edition, so no need for repetition here.

Our evening's fundraiser certainly benefited from the high attendance, collecting more than \$300. Susan Davidson wanted to be sure to thank the following for their donations: new member Dalyn Visitisomsuk knitted a beautiful white scarf, Ann Baziak baked a sumptuous Chocolate Cheesecake dessert, Kay Grall added a History of LA Sports book and Ralph & JoAnn Kaye donated 2 vintage bobble heads. Thank you all!

While we were listening to reports, signing up for club events or paying for our Opening Day tickets, we were treated not only to some really tasty cookies provided by Robyn Morningstar and Armida Vasquez but also a most delicious birthday cake for everyone in honor of Michelle Vasquez who chose to celebrate her birthday that night with us. Who brought the cake? Proud parents Armida & Louis Vasquez. After all was said & done with a sugar high, the meeting was history!