

President's Corner . . . Monico Zamora

Hello Everyone . . . It's been a really good year for our club activities, so I would like to thank you **all** for participating and helping our club be the best during 2009.

We are already planning some trips to see our Dodgers out-of town, such as Boston, so, get ready for some plane rides and fun, courtesy of Boston trip planners Olivia & Vicky Armenta.

Since we already have the 2010 schedule and giveaway dates, we are busy planning this year's events. Read on and keep informed with this, and future editions of the Booster Bits.

With the holidays just behind us and a new year in front of us, we'd like to send Holiday Cheer and New Years good wishes to all, from your executive Board and President. Go Dodgers in 2010!



Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

By now, all of you should have received your refund check for your unused Post Season tickets. If you have not received your check, please contact me. The 2010 Projection Sheet will be finalized after the first of the year, so start saving some of that refund money now for next season's tickets.

We will take into consideration the survey forms members filled out during last season when selecting the games for the Projection Sheet. Don't forget the Yankees will be in town during June, but I understand we will be limited to the number of tickets made available to us for this series. As always, active/buying members will have first choice. Hope the New Year brings you all good health and happiness AND a winning year for the Dodgers!



January Birthdays

1/05 - McKenna Sweeney
1/06 - Chris Lozano
1/08 - Daniel Carrillo
1/08 - Loreen Makashima
1/08 - Madelina Martinez
1/08 - Laurie McCarty
1/09 - Susana Araujo
1/09 - Linda Heymann
1/09 - Dolly Mardock
1/16 - Coletta Lindell
1/18 - BJ Weckerle
1/20 - Linda Ruelas
1/20 - Dorothy Wylie
1/21 - Brandon Medrano
1/22 - Adam Holguin
1/24 - Albert Martinez Jr.
1/27 - Eloisa Aguilar
1/30 - Xavier Esparza

Membership Notes . . . Sandy Zamora

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and are now ready for a great 2010.

I have received many renewal forms. I thank you for renewing early. For those who have renewed already, you will find a receipt for your dues payment with this newsletter. If there isn't one included and you are sure you've already paid your 2010 dues, please contact me.

For those of you who have not renewed yet, remember you must have renewed before the next meeting in order to be in good standing, and therefore qualify to vote for your new board members at the January meeting.

Membership dues continue to be \$25 for the first member of the household, \$15 for the second member of the same household and \$10 for all remaining members of that same household. Junior member dues remain at just \$10. A junior member is any minor who does not turn age 14 during 2010.

Please be sure to include your 2010 Membership Information form with your check. This form helps us verify that we continue to have your most updated information such as address, phone numbers, birthdates, etc. If you need another form, please visit our website at www.dodgersboosterclub.com and download another form. You can mail your form along with your check to L.A.D.B.C., P.O. Box 86965, Los Angeles, CA 90086. Looking forward to seeing you all at the January meeting!



Electing Our 2010 Officers . . .

As you know, we'll be electing our 2010 club officers at the January 11th meeting. Please remember only those members who have paid their 2010 dues prior to the January meeting can vote in this annual election. If you have not renewed yet, please send in your renewal check NOW so Membership Chairperson Sandy Zamora will have an up-to-date list of eligible voters at the meeting. If you will be unable to attend the January meeting, please fill out the enclosed absentee ballot and return it to L.A.D.B.C. Membership, P.O. Box 86965, Los Angeles, CA 90086. If you do this, PLEASE also do these two simple things to ensure YOUR ballot is included in the final count. FIRST, be sure your full name(s) is/are printed clearly in the return address section of the envelope. SECOND, write the word "BALLOT" in the lower left corner of the envelope. Following these two steps will enable Sandy to verify your eligibility to vote but will NOT open the envelope.

Please be aware only those absentee ballots in our P.O. Box by the day of the January meeting can be included in the count. Therefore, don't delay; send in your ballot right away to be included. At the meeting, all the eligible envelopes will be handed over to the Nominating Committee to open and include in the count.

Please do NOT include your 2010 renewal check in the SAME envelope as your mail-in ballot. Instead, please send your renewal check AND 2010 Membership Information form in a separate envelope marked with the word "MEMBERSHIP" in the lower left corner so Sandy can open it immediately and process your renewal. If you plan to vote in-person at the January meeting, please do NOT bring the enclosed ballot with you. You will be handed another one that night once your eligibility to vote has been confirmed.

As a reminder, Junior Members (those not turning age 14 during 2010) are NOT eligible to vote. Please also read the "2010 Quorum Proxy Form" article if you are interested in transferring your voting rights to another member. Good voting and see ya at the meeting!

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2010 Meeting Dates . . .

All meeting dates listed, as follows, are the second Monday of the month with the exception of the April & October meetings held on the first Monday this year. The location will continue to be at St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs unless otherwise announced in later editions. We have also enclosed a handy-dandy magnet schedule to help you easily keep track of our meeting dates throughout the coming year. January 11th, February 8th, March 8th, April 5th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 4th, November 8th, December 5th - Christmas Party, no meeting

Campaign Statements . . .

From nominee Manny Galindo for Board Member: Wow, 2010 already and time for another year of excitement both on the field with the Dodgers and with our Booster Club. Over the ten years I have been a Booster member, I would like to think in a small part I've contributed to the success of our club and this is why I am running again for the position of Board Member. I believe our board members are custodians of our club and with this brings a responsibility to maintain the integrity of our club as well as provide all our members with new and creative events throughout the year. However, it's the General Members who make our club go as in Go Dodgers, so now it's Go Boosters. As members, we need to ask questions and demand answers, to share ideas and suggestions and, most of all, to participate and volunteer when possible. I'm looking forward to a great year for our club and members - we can do this together. I would like the opportunity to do my part to make our club even better, so please take this first step in participation and vote in the upcoming club election. I have three main issues for your consideration. First, you may not know but one of our club's foundations when we were created in 1958 was to service the community and especially the local Little Leagues in need of financial help. Today more than ever, they need our help so we should double our efforts to help them. Second, St. Paul High School has been great to allow us to use their facility and we are grateful. However, to be fair to "all" our membership, we need a more centrally located meeting place and this is where our great network of members can help. Third, we need to utilize our website better with the flow of information. Ask yourself when the last time you took a look and got useful information; it's a great tool if we use it. Thanks for your time.

2010 Quorum Proxy Form . . .

IMPORTANT - YOU MUST READ THIS! Got your attention? Good! Sound familiar? I'm sure it may be to some of you, but until we are in acceptable compliance on this, we'll have to continue to have this conversation. Starting in 2007, the bylaws were changed to allow proxies for the purpose of ensuring a required quorum at all our monthly meetings to conduct business. In addition, the bylaws were further changed to allow you to grant that same proxy the right to vote for you in the elections at the January meeting if you wish.

Why do we have this form in the first place and why is it necessary for everyone to fill it out? Simply put, we must have a majority of our members present at each monthly meeting in order to conduct any business. With a current membership surpassing 250 and a current average attendance at our meetings at around 90, having a valid quorum proxy form filled out for EVERY member is the only means we have to meet the quorum requirement. Even if you plan to attend every single meeting, having a valid quorum proxy form on file ensures we remain above the required minimum on a monthly basis in the event enough of you are unable to attend one meeting.

Remember this form is only valid IF you do not attend a meeting. Otherwise, we use your name on the sign-in sheet as being present at the meeting to meet the quorum requirement.

There must be three items present on this form in order for it to be valid - [1] a complete name printed on the first line, [2] one of two boxes checked in the middle of the form BUT not BOTH boxes, & [3] signed AND dated at the bottom. Since Junior members are not included in establishing a quorum since they cannot vote, they will not be asked to fill out this form.

Regarding the two boxes in the middle of the form, you want to generally check the first box. You CAN instead check the second box but only IF you ALSO want the proxy to vote for you at the January meeting AND you can submit it by the deadline listed on the form.

A new proxy form (with the name already printed on the first line for you) has been included with this newsletter for EACH member in your household for whom we do not currently have a VALID proxy form on file. Past valid proxy forms remain in effect until you revoke it. You may choose to revoke your current form by requesting a new form from John Eiden.

Please fill out all proxy forms enclosed and mail them to L.A.D.B.C. PROXY, P.O. Box 86965, Los Angeles, CA 90086. Alternatively, you can scan the completed form and email it to John Eiden at 00000000000@0000.com or simply turn it in at a meeting. Remember - the deadline on the form ONLY applies if you check the second box. Otherwise, you can still submit a valid form any time after the deadline. If you have any questions, comments or need a form, please feel free to contact John Eiden at 000.000.0000. Thanks for your assistance in helping the club resolve the meeting quorum issue once and for all!

Opening Day

2010



Dodgers vs. Diamondbacks

Tuesday, April 13th, 1:10 PM

2010 Trips - Boston . . .

One of our first club activities already in the planning stages for 2010 is going to take place furthest from Dodger Stadium - Fenway Park in Boston! We are planning a club trip to Boston in June to watch our Boys in Blue play the Red Sox.

Because game tickets went on sale on December 12th, we purchased a required minimum of 20 tickets each for the games on Friday, June 18th & Sunday, June 20th and 40 tickets for the game

on Saturday, June 19th. We will try to order more if demand dictates, but don't waste time waiting till later in case we cannot.

Sign up now, at the January meeting, to reserve your tickets. Trip planners Vickey & Olivia Armenta hope to have preliminary airfare and lodging information to share at the January meeting to help you plan your trip. Act now or you'll be reading all about this fabulous trip in the Booster Bits, instead of being a part of the action!

In Brief . . .

Got your Dodger Booster Club Christmas Card? Your board's first attempt to send holiday greetings, on behalf of the club, to all its members was a resounding success, based on comments from many members. We have to send out kudos to the following members who had a big hand in its success - Belinda Uribe for the snow globe design and to Ed Medrano (and his staff) for the layout and printing of the card. THANK YOU both!

Christmas Party Recap . . .

86 members and guests, old and young alike, helped usher in the holiday season in grand style at our 52nd Christmas Party, held again this year at Almansor Court in Alhambra. Accustomed as we become to the usual dress of one another at games and other club activities, it's really so very easy to forget just how beautiful the women, handsome the men and good-looking the children are until we gather for this party, dressed as we do in all our best holiday finery.

The floral centerpieces on the tables were even more beautiful and elegant than last year, courtesy again of the artistry of members Olivia Armenta and Ben Lee - THANKS!

We were asked this year to not wrap our donated toys. Looking at the table piled up and overflowing with unwrapped toys sure made you want to be a kid again! Thanks to you all, the children served by Para Los Ninos will indeed have had just that much nicer a Christmas this year. [left photo below]

The food was truly as excellent as it was abundant and varied. There was a door prize given to each person in attendance. In addition, there were over a dozen really great raffle prizes and, to help spread the wealth, raffle tickets were limited to just one per person. Susan Davidson did yet another fantastic job of providing all the door prizes and coordinating the raffle prizes. Armida Vasquez continued her mastery of gift baskets by providing a huge holiday-themed basket. THANK YOU both!

No Christmas party could be considered complete without an appearance by the Man himself! Santa Claus took some time out of his really busy schedule to make an appearance. All 15 kids in attendance got the chance to sit on Santa's lap, tell him their secret wish and then receive a special gift. [right photo below]

Even the adults snuck into line. Plenty of pictures were taken, including several with Santa and, of course, Ralph Kaye's annual group photo-op. THANKS Ralph, can't wait to see this year's shot!

A great big THANK YOU must go out to Herb Hammann for heading up the group planning this year's extravaganza. THANKS also to Mae Rosenkranz, Sandy Zamora and the Uribes for their valued contributions.

Gosh, am I forgetting something? Oh yes, there was a speaker too - almost forgot. Actually, you couldn't forget our speaker that day - former Dodger great Wes Parker! Although he has spoken to us before, never has he been as interesting, insightful, witty, humorous and engaging as he was this time out. [center photo below]

He spent his time talking this time about the current state of the Dodgers going through each position in the lineup and what he felt we need to do to improve our chances next season. Understandably, he certainly believes free agency to be the biggest issue creating the current state in which baseball finds itself. He had us spellbound and wanting for more when he had to finally bid farewell, after a really entertaining Q&A session.

As all things must, this year's party came to an end after a fine and festive time was indeed had by all. Filled with gifts, food and pleasant memories, no one left empty-handed that day!

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A table full of unwrapped presents for the kids at Para Los Ninos



Wes Parker Autographs a cane/bat for Eileen Russell



The kids enjoyed their visit with Santa Claus. Adults too.