

President's Corner . . . Monico Zamora

Hello Everyone . . . Well, by the time you read this newsletter, we will have already had Opening Day, and I am ALREADY dreaming of post season play just around the corner.

We have had really great general meetings, with great folks who have been attending, plus some great raffles, thanks to Susan Davidson.

I, on behalf of the executive board, would like to thank each and every one of you members, new and past, for making our club one of the finest clubs of Dodger Boosters I have ever seen. We have a great board and are planning some great events this season, like a trip to San Diego with a tailgate party. Hope you all join us, see you at the park.



May Birthdays

5/01 - Sean Lucas
5/03 - Frank Fernandez
5/03 - Barbara Hammann
5/03 - Tony Zamora
5/04 - Sylvia Esqueda
5/05 - JoAnn Kaye
5/06 - Ramona Allarid
5/07 - Alina Holguin
5/07 - Joshua Evans
9/09 - Alvaro Padilla
5/10 - Laura Allarid
5/10 - Kaye Grall
5/10 - Elizabeth Neria
5/11 - Steven Garcia
5/11 - Wesley Hickman
5/11 - Sharon Israel
5/12 - Becky Ascencio
5/12 - Jorge Perez
5/13 - Chyral Waldron
5/14 - George Esparza
5/15 - James Allarid
5/15 - Kim Kovacs
5/15 - Chilo Navarrette
5/18 - Barbara Gray
5/19 - Judy Ransdell
5/21 - Chris Gonzalez
5/22 - Elaine Dudley
5/25 - Rose Espinoza
5/27 - Juan Colunga
5/27 - Marv Fineroff
5/27 - Ismael Monterroso
5/27 - Sylvia Quezada
5/27 - Alfonso Zaragoza
5/29 - Sandy Gastelo
5/30 - Miranda Ortiz
5/31 - Joey Ornelas
5/31 - Tito Rodriguez
5/31 - Brandon Stanisci

Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

At our May meeting, tickets for homestands 3 & 4 (5/18, 5/23, 6/4, 6/8, 6/11 & 6/13) will be available for pick up. If you cannot attend the meeting, please be sure to make arrangements to pick up your tickets. Always double check the tickets you receive to make sure they are the correct date and number that you ordered.

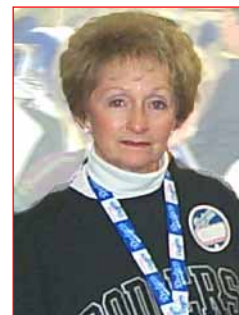
The Dodgers have a new policy this year regarding tickets for NON BOOSTER games. Ordering 30 tickets or more will be handled the same as before. I will order them through our club's contact at the stadium.

If you order less than 30 tickets, you are on your own and can purchase them through the internet. If and when you are interested in doing so, I can give you the site/link to purchase the tickets and tell you whether it is a "B" or "C" game.

Be sure and come to the May 10th meeting to be included in the drawing to go on the field for 1st Pitch. If you are lucky enough to have your name drawn to go on the field June 4th, you must have a ticket and guess who can accommodate your ticket needs? Yep, that's me.

This is also the Booster Club's Awards Night and KTF, so even if you don't get picked to go on the field, come on out and support our club.

At the May meeting, we will have the 2 plaques that we'll be awarding that night on display. Also, take a look at your projection sheet for the following games that are in jeopardy of being cancelled, unless I sell at least thirty tickets: 7/5, 7/9, 8/20, 8/30, 9/17 and 10/2.



Your 2010 Booster Club Officers . . .

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Membership Notes . . . Sandy Zamora

First of all, I'd like to thank John Eiden, our newsletter editor, for giving me a reprieve last month from writing an article. You, our new and renewed members, have really kept me busy. We presently have over 300 members - 254 adult members and 61 junior members to be exact! This is fantastic. And what's even greater than that is we are becoming familiar with many new members because you are attending the meetings. We had 116 members attend the April meeting alone, which is really fantastic. And I hope you remember to come back for our May meeting because we are going to have a spread of delicious goodies for our potluck. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our renewed members who renewed early this year and to welcome our new members. In the last two months, the following 27 Dodger fans have joined our family of Dodger boosters: **Eli Garcia** of Claremont; **Valerie Martin** of South Gate; **Sylvia, Annalee, Tracy & Jose Enrique Esqueda** of La Puente; **Dalyn Visitisomsuk** of Burbank; **Aaron & Eric Castillo** of La Puente; **Gabriel "Chili" Hernandez** of Diamond Bar; **Mark & Dawn Mercado** of Placentia; **George Macias** of Ontario; **Enrique Flores, Lizette Alcantar, Eric Rosales & Gena Madrid** of Pico Rivera; **Michael & Tanya Lee** of Whittier; **Alfred Sr. & Alfred Rodriguez** of Los Angeles; **Cindy Cantu** of East Los Angeles; **Reilly Orrell** of Rancho Cucamonga; **Karla Serrano** of Burbank; **Richard & Michelle Sanchez** of Pico Rivera; and **Sergio Zazueta** of Montebello. WELCOME! WELCOME!

One more thing - thanks to John Eiden and Mae Rosenkranz, the discount cards for all adult members were sent out in last month's newsletter. If you did not receive yours or if there is a problem with it, please let me know so we can take care of it. The membership cards and lanyards were also distributed to NEW MEMBERS at the April meeting. If you were not there to pick yours up, please plan to attend the May meeting to get it.

Lastly, thank you all for a great job of recruiting new members.

Our Trip To San Diego . . . Olivia Armenta

The May 15th game in San Diego will be attended by 120 Los Angeles Dodgers Boosters, along with family and friends. An additional 16 members signed up at the April meeting in addition to the 56 tickets Jeff Castillo bought for his family and friends. This enabled us to get a 30% discount on the ticket price.

Jeff will be cooking up a storm at a tailgate party he'll be hosting before the game that day. The separate tailgating parking lot opens at 2:30 PM, 3 hours before game time. He will be selecting a location to meet near the stadium for those who wish to caravan into the lot. To keep it simple, this will be BYOB (bring your own beverage). Alcohol is allowed but according to the Padres website, "All alcohol consumption must be discontinued 30 minutes following the scheduled start time of the event. No glass bottles or containers are allowed on the premises."

The cost to attend this great pre-game event will be just \$5 per person. We ask that you sign up and pay for this tailgate party at the May meeting when you pick up your game tickets so we can get a head count and allow Jeff to plan accordingly. A map with the location of the parking lot will be provided at the meeting. For those who cannot attend the May meeting, please make arrangements for your tickets and tailgate party by calling Vickey or myself at 000.000.0000.

2010 First Pitch Ceremony . . .

And where will you be on Friday, June 4th? Hopefully, you'll be at Dodger Stadium watching your board members present our annual player awards to Andre Ethier and Casey Blake and watching 8 of our junior members run onto the field with the players to start the game!

Sounds like lotsa fun, huh! Now, how would YOU like to also be down on the field that night? You can if you are chosen to be a part of our annual First Pitch Ceremony but ONLY if YOU show up at the May 10th meeting. You will receive a ticket at that meeting to be included in the drawing. You will also be given an additional ticket for EACH meeting you've attended so far this year, giving you as many as 5 chances to win a coveted spot in this lineup. Four names will be selected at random.

You must be present to win and there's no transferring this privilege to another member. The first name drawn gets to select which position he or she wants to "play" (pitcher, catcher, umpire or manager) and so on until all 4 are selected.

Please note that the "catcher" gets to keep the baseball. In addition, four alternates will be selected just in case someone is unable to take part that day. Please be sure to order your tickets now for that game to support your club, your board, eight fortunate junior members and the four lucky first pitch ceremony winners, which could very well include YOU!

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Giveaway Crew Update . . . Sandy Zamora

April not only brings us Spring, it also brings us DODGER BASEBALL! We all love going to the games to watch our Boys in Blue come out victorious at the end of the game.

But as giveaway crew volunteers, our work comes way before that victory. This season, we have committed to work 17 giveaway games. This is a huge commitment for our club. The Dodgers have complemented us many times for our punctuality and reliability. We hope to keep this reputation intact again this season. I'd like to thank Belinda Uribe and her parents, Carlos & Audelia, for volunteering to take charge of handling the giveaway crews this year. Please give them the same support and enthusiasm you've given me in the past. I will still be present to work most of the giveaways but I truly appreciate the help.

We had signup sheets for our first group of scheduled giveaways (4/13, 4/14, 4/18, 4/29 & 5/4) at the last meeting. If you were not able to attend that meeting and would like to volunteer, please give a call to me 000.000.0000 or Belinda 000.000.0000. Our scheduled giveaways for May & June are 5/4 - Fleece Blanket, 5/18 - Andre Ethier Bobblehead, 5/31 - Manny Ramirez Kids Batting Practice Jersey, 6/3 - Matt Kemp Action Figure and 6/9 - Jonathan Broxton Bobblehead.

Signup sheets for all dates except 5/4 will be available at the May meeting. The Dodgers have many groups helping them with giveaways, so they assign us a specific number of volunteers for each giveaway. Some giveaways are not as popular as others and this is when we really need your help. For the popular giveaways, we sometimes have way over our limit sign up, forcing a waiting list to be created. Please do not get discouraged if you are put on a waiting list. There will be other giveaways when we will need your help. Thanks again for all your support. LET'S GO DODGERS!



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

In Brief . . .

April Meeting - "76" was indeed the lucky number for our 21st annual canned food drive. Not only is that the number of food and toiletry items members brought to the meeting, it's also the number of dollars donated by those who forgot to bring their items, allowing us to buy and donate even more items to this very worthy cause - Thanks to all of you!

Little League Recipients - Thanks to all the good work you members have done to raise money over this past year, we have been able to make donations to 7 different organizations so far. If you know of a baseball-related organization in need of some financial aid, please submit a written request on the organization's letterhead ASAP to any board member for consideration. We'll list all the organizations we have donated to in the next edition.

Pot Luck Dinner @ May Meeting . . .

Continuing with the excitement of our annual potluck dinner, we will hold this year's prior to the May meeting. At the April meeting, members signed up to bring main dishes, salads, appetizers, desserts, etc.

If you haven't signed up yet to bring something or forgot what it was you signed up to bring, please feel free to call Dorothy Wylie at 000.000.0000. Since there ought to be plenty of food, please limit your contribution to about 8 servings at most. Plan on showing up early that night as we'll start serving food around 7 PM so we can still get underway with the business portion of the meeting on time at 7:30 PM. See ya there!

Fanfare & Booster Tidbits . . .

It is with great excitement we get to make the following announcement, one we don't get to often make, that members Becky Fineroff and Josh Evans were married on March 27th. Giving the bride away were proud parents, and members, Marv & Geri Fineroff. Congrats to the happy couple - Becky and Josh!

Continuing with glad tidings, we're happy to report that member Paul Lopez and his wife Melissa are expecting their first baby on August 29th. Can Sandy look forward to enrolling a new junior member shortly thereafter?

Congrats to you both!

12th Annual Freeway Series Blood Drive . . .

We're not sure yet as to the name of our 12th annual blood drive, but until we hear further we'll call it the Freeway Series Blood Drive. This title is simple enough as it represents a friendly competition with the Angels Booster Club. After they won the first 10 blood drives, we finally won the 11th last year and have no intention of relinquishing that title this year.

Our other goal is to continue the unbroken streak of collecting more units of blood than the year before. Each year it gets harder and harder to do, especially with 609 units collected last year. But we cannot hope to achieve either goal without YOUR help. YOUR help can come in several forms - donating blood, getting family, friends and co-workers to donate blood and volunteering to work at one of the donation sites the day of the drive.

Since we announced this year's blood drive at the April meeting, the date has been changed to Saturday, June 19th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The donation sites set up so far are Fullerton - Crowne Plaza, Glendale - Civic Center, Long Beach - American Red Cross, Los Angeles - LAPD Police Academy, Pasadena - American Red Cross and Pomona - American Red Cross. Geri Hernandez of the American Red Cross will come to an upcoming meeting to share with us the need to donate blood and provide all the latest details regarding this year's drive. We are also planning to man registration tables at Dodger Stadium during the homestand prior to the date of the blood drive. Be sure to come to the May meeting for all the latest details - see ya there!

2010 Years Of Membership Recipients . . .

5 Years - James & Ramona Allarid; Kathleen Alexander-Juran; Glenda Berman; Jeff, Olga, Toni & Tori Castillo; Juan Colunga; Chris & Christopher Gonzalez; Adam, Alina, Ralph & Sandra Holguin; Barbara & Mort Katz; John Lorenz; Freddy Luis; Katie Montoya; Mario Neria; Daniel Perez; Aurora Pina; Linda Ruelas; Louie Torres; Alexis & Matthew Vargas; and Charles, Jackson, Karen & Kyle Warner. **10 Years** - Adela & Alfonso Morales. **20 Years** - Marti & Phil Squyres and Monico & Sandy Zamora. **25 Years** - Dolly Bartelme. **35 Years** - Coletta Lindell

162 Baseball Games In 180 Days . . . Ralph Holguin

With all 30 ballparks' lawns manicured to perfection, the smell of Kentucky Blue and Rye grass has filled the air. That distinctive fresh smell that we are all familiar with on a crisp Saturday morning. Red brick dirt fields omitted of any large stone that would inhibit those steel spike cleats from clawing their way in order to allow ballplayers the traction needed from base to base. A game that it obsessed and ruled by the number '9.' 9 innings, 27 outs, bases separated by 90 feet, an infield with 90 degree angles, a 9 ounce ball with 108 hand woven stitches, the 270 foot wall, and yes of course 9 position players!

A team sport that depends on individual results. A sport not dictated by the clock. There is no overtime or timeouts. A game that requires each player to dominate both defensively and offensively. The hand, eye, and reflex coordination skills needed to decide if that 90 mile-per-hour fast ball, at a distance of 60 feet 6 inches, is a strike or ball with less than 1.8 seconds to spare. The oddity of trying to hit a round ball with a round bat squarely. Having to be 100% everyday to play, whether, you're on the West Coast today or the Midwest tomorrow! Fighting your body's clock sense of time or more commonly known as "jet lag" knowing that your next day of rest is every 20 days. In the next 180 days, these athletes will get only 18 days rest.

In contrast, our employers will give us 50 days rest (Sat. & Sun.) in the same time period. The season has begun with 161 games remaining, with two questions in mind. Who will make it to the playoffs? Who will be the 105th World Series Champion? This is baseball!

Got your 2010 Playoff Tickets Yet? . .

Oh no, time may just be running out for YOU to qualify to purchase playoff tickets come this October! As a reminder, in order to qualify for playoff tickets, the by-laws state: "Members must have attended five or more meetings of the Club in the year of post-season play." Therefore, YOU will have to attend at least 5 meetings between January and September this year if YOU want to see the Dodgers in-person at Dodger Stadium in the playoffs. If YOU have not been to any meetings yet this year, this coming May meeting will be your absolute LAST chance to start qualifying for those coveted playoff tickets.

Of course, you'll have to attend the rest of the meetings through September too. So, get started now! If for some reason you are unable to attend the meetings on a regular basis, i.e. work or going to school at night, please submit a letter to the board ASAP requesting an exemption from this rule. For you out-of-state members, don't worry. If you can be in the L.A. area come October and want to attend one or more games, we will accommodate you too. Otherwise, see ya at the May meeting and do be sure to sign in as that's the only proof we go by that you attended the meeting!