

President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters - as I write this article, we are fresh off a sweep of the Marlins and a day after that dramatic 2-out rally in the ninth, which has happened several times this year already. What s season so far! I cannot implore you more than to come join us cheer our boys down the stretch run towards our goal for October.

As a side note to the future, this is a young exciting team that is going to compete at a high level for years. Make your plans now to join us in becoming part of our growing Mini Plan family. Our game prices many times are close to half of the individual game prices listed on our Projection Sheet. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone one this year or next at the ballpark!



Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

Oh Boy. I don't know what to say except **what a great season the Dodgers are having** and the best in baseball! Don't you want to get in on the excitement and be at the ballpark rooting our boys onto the playoffs? Well, you still have time to join in and all you have to do is simply call me with your ticket order. The last games of this season in jeopardy of being cancelled are on 9/06 vs. Diamondbacks & Selfie **Adrian Gonzalez** BH (\$45) – still need 13 more tickets and 9/26 vs. Padres & **Julio Urias** BH (\$45) - need 15 more. We sure can use your help with these two games.

The Order & Payment deadline for the 9/06 game is the August 14th meeting. And don't forget about the exciting game we recently added to our Projection Sheet - the 9/08 game vs. Rockies & **Cody Bellinger** BH (\$62). I only have 10 tickets left for this one on a first come, first served basis! Once they are all gone, that's it. Please be aware the Order & Payment deadline for this game will be the August 14th meeting! While it's certainly not in jeopardy of being cancelled, don't forget about the 9/24 game vs. GIANTS & FAN APPRECIATION Day as we can always use more ticket sales to keep those dreaded Giants fans as far away from us as possible! Order & Payment deadline for the 9/24 & 9/26 games will be our September 11th meeting.

Please keep checking your emails for our Booster Club Email BLASTS because as soon as we receive notice of playoff tickets, we will notify you with an Email BLAST. Hopefully, there will be enough time to follow that up with instructions and an order form sent to you via US mail. The turnaround time is usually quite short for our playoff order and payment to the Dodgers, so time will be of the essence. So, while we wait for the playoffs, come on guys and order tickets via email, phone or text to help us get there! I'll be waiting for your orders . . . your friendly Ticket Lady, Mae.



2017 Meeting Dates

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

Membership Notes . . . Danee Gallegos

Our current membership for the 2017 season is now at 181. I would like to extend a Big Blue welcome to our club's newest members – **Frank Barreto & Cynthia Gutierrez** of Pomona and **Julie Valdez & Kevin Guzman** of Culver City!

What a wonderful year we have had thus far with lots of great memories yet to come. As a reminder, membership badges are given to new members who pay the new membership price. Therefore, the online renewal price does not include the printing of a new membership badge. Not to worry though, if you would like to order a new badge or just want a replacement badge, you can order one for just \$6, either online or by coming up to the membership table during one of the meetings.

As we gear up to begin our 2018 Membership Drive, I want to remind you that if you recruit a total of 10 new members, you will be eligible to receive a **free membership for 2018**. Please continue to encourage family, friends and other Dodger lovers at Dodger Stadium to join the L.A. Dodgers Booster Club. Next year will be our 60th anniversary in celebrating Dodger baseball as a booster club. Walter O'Malley would be so happy to see how our club has grown!

First Dodger Memorabilia Silent Auction . . . Monico Zamora



At our August meeting, we will hold our **First Dodger Memorabilia Silent Auction**. So, come prepared to step up to the plate and get in the game of helping our club hit some big homeruns to keep the building fund growing and leading our club towards a more stable and sustainable future! We have some very nice items - one is a bat from the Baseball Hall of fame honoring Jackie Robinson's 1962 Induction.



Another great item is a signed photo of our great Dodger infield foursome from the past (3 guesses?). We have Bobbleheads, and probably the very one your collection is missing.



But wait, there's more! We also have other exciting, collectible items to bid on so you need to come to the meeting to see what they are. We will be at the meeting early, so come by to check out what's available and help our club. Cash, checks and credit cards are all welcome.

If anyone is interested in donating more items, please contact me, 000.000.0000, so we can have them displayed for everyone to see and bid on.

August Meeting Fundraisers . . . Michelle Gorum

Oh boy, this is a hot summer and I'm ready for something cold and sweet! Come early for a nice big scoop of ice cream and stop by the raffle table to get your **50/50 raffle tickets**. Do you have extra Bobbleheads you would like to get off your hands? Have doubles of any? Or are you missing one because you missed a game? We will have a table of just Bobbleheads so you can pick up the one you're wanting to own, \$20+. **Don't forget to bring your other donated items to Monico** for our silent auction fundraiser too.

Member Spotlight - Robert & Danee Gallegos. . .



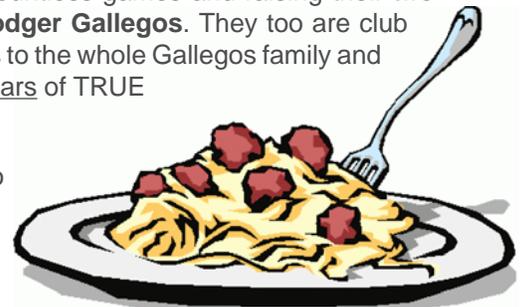
Robert & Danee Gallegos have been very active and ardent members in our club since they first joined back in 2008. However, this Member Spotlight focuses on something really cool which took place before they became members.

This month will mark their 10th wedding anniversary. When they first met, it was apparent from day one, they shared a deep love for their Boys in Blue. **On August 11, 2007, they were married at Dodger Stadium!** They had both their wedding ceremony and reception at the Stadium Club with such a grand view of their Blue Heaven on Earth! The last decade together has been spent traveling to see the Dodgers play at a total of 17 different ball parks (still counting) plus cheering them on here at home for countless games and raising their two sons, **Jason Dodger** and **Johnny Dodger Gallegos**. They too are club

members, enrolled in the year each was born, 2010 & 2015 respectively. Congrats to the whole Gallegos family and Robert & Danee's 10th wedding anniversary. Here's wishing them many more years of TRUE BLUE LOVE!

Our Next Fundraiser Dinner . . . Alicia Trujillo

Our September meeting will also include our second fundraising dinner this year. I am currently working out the dinner menu and details with That's Amore Pizzeria and it will be delicious! Drinks and dessert will again be available as well. More information and purchasing your dinner tickets will be available at the August Meeting.



August Birthdays

8/03 - Lidia Carrillo
 8/03 - Louis Vasquez
 8/04 - Carolyn Hemming
 8/05 - Will Mickelson
 8/07 - Susan Davidson
 8/07 - Micki Wood
 8/08 - Esteban Carrillo
 8/09 - Tirza Chaves
 8/09 - Hailee Reinert
 8/11 - Christopher Gorman
 8/12 - Denise Carmona
 8/13 - Eileen Mendoza
 8/13 - Suzette Poulter
 8/13 - Nicole Sells
 8/14 - Ashley Thacker
 8/15 - Debbie Caudill
 8/16 - Patricia Gonzales
 8/16 - Matthew Vargas
 8/24 - Danee Gallegos
 8/24 - Ralph Holguin
 8/25 - John Aston
 8/25 - Lilian Galindo
 8/26 - Dolores Bromberek
 8/27 - Christine Mercado
 8/29 - Mary Chisholm

Building Fund (Save Your Club) . . .

As you know, we are in the midst of an **urgent year long drive** to establish a crucial treasury Building Fund to help provide a stronger more sustainable future, and allow our club to continue as a thriving stable organization. We cannot achieve our goal unless everyone – **EVERY MEMBER** – decides the booster club is worth saving, and realizes the club needs help to continue and to grow.

If you want the club to be here for years to come, then you cannot sit back and watch others do all the work. Without everybody's help, the club will NOT survive.

At the July meeting, the Promotions team presented a thermometer chart to gauge our building fund's progress. On that night, it showed we are close to being half way to our minimum current goal of \$5,000. But, to get this far, the board earmarked a portion of the general fund to be placed into the Building Fund. Even though we've had a few members step up to the plate and provide large donations, we all know that will certainly not fix the problem.

Every member needs to realize that without participation now, the club simply cannot survive long term. The promotions we did for the Dodgers in the past helped our treasury, and made life easy. **But it's not like that anymore.** Just imagine if 100 members made a ONE TIME donation of \$100! That would bring in \$10,000 and keep your club active and vital for MANY years to come.

Any direct donation, no matter what size, will help. Actively participating in our various fundraising events, including our upcoming silent auction, is another way to help. Suggesting fundraising opportunities is another big plus.

Think about it. **This is YOUR club.** Even if you don't have a lot of spare cash right now, how about donating a little of your spare time? We need ideas, we need sponsors, we NEED volunteers to help with planning and managing special events. We need auction and raffle items, we need photos and video of our events and stadium activities.

We need your help. It's as simple as that. As we move forward, we will have more fundraising events. Join in. Get Involved. Participate. Bring the entire family. Invite people you know or strangers to join the club. Buy tickets. Volunteer. Bring your spare change if that's all you have. Make suggestions. Speak up. If you're not happy with the status quo, use your vote to make change at the next election, or run for office yourself. This is your club, you can make it better. You can make it last. **Let's Do This!**

Booster Apparel Update. . . Jeff Marsh

Hi Everybody! We do have some great new things for the ladies – bracelets, necklaces & earrings. Be sure to check them out at the meeting. I also have a few of the V-neck collegiate style shirts in stock and, of course, to order. We also have a new t-shirt design in the works. The new jacket has been selling well. Be sure to order yours before October. Last but not least, we are blowing out any old stock we still have left. No reasonable offer will be refused. See you at the next meeting!

Cooperstown Champions . . . Forrest Wyle

Jr. member Ian Duarte's 12U baseball travel team, the ASAP Santa Clarita Dirtbags, won the Cooperstown Tournament championship on July 6th. This tournament featured 50 premium teams from all over the US and Canada. They lost their first game but went on to win the next 11 games in "Dodger Style" by hitting over 30 homeruns and coming from behind in the championship game over a team from Michigan.

His proud grandmother, Dorothy Wylie, was at Dodger Stadium that night, streaming Ian's game on Robyn Morningstar's iPad and entertaining Boosters (and strangers) as they arrived for our game with her excited cheers as their game progressed. Ian's win must have sparked the Dodgers that night because, down three runs to start the ninth, they rallied as well, scoring four runs to complete a sweep of the D'backs!

Ian wants to thank the Booster Club for the donation his team received to help pay for some of the expenses for the trip. Ian enjoyed going to the Hall of Fame during their stay and seeing a game at Fenway Park before the tournament started and doing some sightseeing in New York City on the way home.





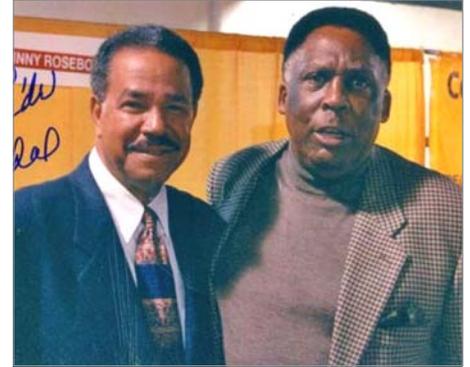
Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

It's a fight! That was enough to get my mom and dad to run into the living room. For there it was, in black and white, on our Zenith, Juan Marichal hitting Johnny Roseboro with a baseball bat. It was August of 1965, and a heated pennant race between the Dodgers and Giants. The Dodgers were at Candlestick Park for a three game series and this particular Sunday afternoon, pitted aces Sandy Koufax and Juan Marichal.

We expected a pitchers' duel, not the brutal assault we witnessed. My parents wondered with such an act of violence, what "lesson" was there

for their impressionable son to learn from these heroes? I hated the Giants anyway but the attack on Roseboro really cinched it! And Juan Marichal? I would never forgive or forget. How could anyone ever forgive such an act? Well, one man did. Johnny Roseboro.

Years later, Juan Marichal reached out to Roseboro and asked for his forgiveness, which was given. Later, the two became good friends and when Roseboro passed away in 2002, Marichal was one of his pallbearers. Johnny Roseboro showed how to forgive and, to the relief of my parents, a good "lesson" was learned after all!



August Meeting Ice Cream Social . . . Dorothy Wylie

Hello Boosters...I'm ready for ice cream! How about you? Don't forget - we are having our annual **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** at our August meeting, beginning at **6:30 PM**.

We will have a variety of toppings to choose from to make that special one-of-a-kind ice cream marvel. We will also be serving sugar-free ice cream along with some sugar-free toppings for you too.

Your board members will be **donating all the toppings** and you are most welcome and encouraged to **make a small donation to help us out**.

Remember now, our Ice Cream Social scoops off at **6:30 PM** so we'll have time enough to cool off and enjoy our treats before the business portion of our meeting gets underway at 7 PM. See ya there!



Fanfare And Booster Tidbits . . .

It is distressing to have to share the following with you regarding the ailing health of three of our beloved longtime members – **Annette Alexander, Virginia Ochoa & Audelia Uribe**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you as you, along with your loved ones, deal with your own individual serious health issues. Our fervent hope is for each of you to return to better health so you can continue to cheer on our favorite Boys in Blue!



On a more upbeat note, in May, we announced the engagement of member **Nick Stratis** to **Bernadette Collins**, with the wedding planned for August. We are happy to share that they decided to not wait any longer and were married at the end of June. Please join us in congratulating the new Mr. & Mrs. Nick Stratis as they begin their lives together and wish for them many years of joy and happiness!

Exciting NEW Ideas . . . Alicia Trujillo

At the July meeting, I mentioned the possibility of having a fundraising **Bingo Night** in November. I would really like your feedback to gauge the interest in putting this on. I'm always thinking of fun and exciting ways to keep our members interested in attending our meetings.

Many members do travel several miles to attend our meeting and I would like to make it worth those miles traveled for them! I would like to see whether our meetings can be more than just informative. Talk to me at the next meeting or call me and we can chat! Keep in mind this is your club!