

President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters - So, as I write this article, I have no idea how our season will end. We have just completed a sweep of the D'backs and await the winner of the Cubs - Nats series. However it turns out, I can tell you what a fantastic ride and season it has been.

We have gone from the highest of highs to the lowest of lows to get where we are today. What I can say for those of us who have been there to see this unfold is "What a season!" To think with the core of this team is all less than 25, this bodes well for our future regardless of the outcome of this season.

So, as we bring 2017 to an end, may I wish every member a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. At our next general meeting, will we be talking about a World Series win? With that, I can't wait to see you all at the ballpark!



Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

With the last of the postseason tickets distributed, for all intents and purposes, I am now on hiatus until 2018 except for issuing any refund checks for postseason games NOT played (which I hope doesn't happen).

I'll get right on it just as soon as the Dodgers send us our refund check, which is usually by December 1st. Here's wishing for one and all to have a wonderful, safe and happy holiday season!



It's BINGO Time!!! . . . Alicia Trujillo

For our next membership meeting on November 13th, the board is planning an **AWESOME event! BINGO!** In addition to our brief meeting, we will be serving up hot dogs, chips and chili in addition to our usual array of beverages and dessert treats. Donations are always graciously accepted to help defray club costs.

The plan for our Dodger Bingo Night will be to play 4 or 5 games. The cost will be just \$5 for each game you play which entitles you to play 3 cards for each game. The winner of each game will receive half of the money collected for that game with the club collecting the other half for our Building Fund.

The more members and guests who play, means the **bigger the winnings!** Keep in mind, these fundraising events are only successful if **YOU** participate! Family and friends are welcome to take part in the Bingo games. This fun night will begin at 6:30 PM. Look forward to seeing all of YOU there!

Booster Club Merchandise Update. . . Jeff Marsh

Hi everyone! Just a quick note to let you know I will have what is left of our old stock of apparel items on closeout at the November meeting and no reasonable offer will be denied!

I will also lay out our two current styles of shirts, along with our rubberized club wristbands, stickers, and ladies necklaces and bracelets for you to purchase.

With Christmas just around the corner, this is a great opportunity to pick up a few items for that Dodger fan on your list!

We are also still able to take orders for our new Booster Club sports jacket.





Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

In this era of social media and instant communications, I am reminded of the **Andy Warhol quote**, “**In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes.**” Fame can be fleeting, just ask Dick Nen. If you are asking the question “Who’s Dick Nen?,” here is some background.

In September 1963, the Dodgers and Cardinals were battling for the pennant. The Dodgers were in St. Louis for a crucial three game series. The Dodgers won the first two games, but trailed in the third game 5-1. In the top of the eighth, the Dodgers scored three runs to close the gap 5-4. The top of the ninth set the stage for Dick Nen as he sent a Ron Taylor fastball over the fence to tie the score. The Dodgers scored the go-ahead run in the 13th inning and went on to

sweep the Cardinals, and later the Yankees in the World Series.

For Dick Nen? He spent 1964 in the minors and was eventually traded. But on that one night in September 1963, Dick Nen had his 15 minutes of fame!

Christmas Party Update . . . Mae Rosenkranz

Can you believe our Christmas Party Brunch is just around the corner? Be sure to take a look at your invitation included with this newsletter for all the details. Don’t forget to also look for the directions and a map, which are on the back of the invitation. You can sign up and make your payment at the November meeting. RSVP and payment deadline to attend is Saturday, November 25th. Please contact me to do either or both by then. Make your checks

payable to LADBC. The prices will remain the same as last year - Adult Members \$30; Adult Guests \$37; Jr. Members, ages 3-10, \$12; Jr. Guests, ages 3-10, \$17, and paid-in-full Hall of Fame Members (not those upgraded from All-Star status this year) \$27.



Please be sure to bring one or more gifts with you as we are again assisting the **Friends of Foster Children**, in the San Gabriel Valley, to help make Christmas

a little more special this year for those children in their care. Be sure to grab a gift suggestion list at the November meeting to provide ideas for the most appropriate gifts.

Gift cards for restaurants or retail stores are definitely

welcome too. Please be sure to purchase these cards in \$5 increments only.

There will be also be both door and raffle prizes, along with a guest speaker and a possible visit by you-know-who. What a great way to start off the Holiday Season by joining your fellow Boosters at our annual Christmas party!

Your 2017 Booster Club Officers . . .

President – JJ Sells – 000.000.0000
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 Membership – Brenda Marsh – 000.000.0000
 Board Member – Michelle Gorum – 000.000.0000
 Board Member – Jeff Marsh – 000.000.0000
 Board Member – Brent Wood – 000.000.0000
 Board Member – Dorothy Wylie – 000.000.0000

November Birthdays

1/02 - Xavier Contreras
 11/02 - Jim Grant
 11/08 - John Contreras
 11/08 - Johnny Sells
 11/10 - Natalia Carrillo
 11/10 - Debbie Lopez
 11/11 - Jacob Plotkin
 11/12 - Renita Caldwell
 11/13 - Anna Uy
 11/13 - Izzy Uy
 11/16 - Pam Carroll
 11/16 - Geri Fineroff
 11/18 - Cesar Mendoza
 11/19 - Peter Graves
 11/20 - Tommy Galindo
 11/21 - Christian Bidolli
 11/21 - Forrest Wylie
 11/23 - Robert Chavez
 11/27 - Frank Barreto
 11/29 - Reiko Morimoto

September Meeting Fundraisers . . . Michelle Gorum

Wow, how about them Boys in Blue! I’m so happy for them; they sure deserve it! I don’t know about you but I was kinda looking forward to a pool party. **Our regular meeting raffle will be a 50/50 cash raffle this time.** In addition, there will be a special raffle for your chance to win a replica of Dodger Stadium.

Come to the meeting and check it out. **YOU may just be the lucky winner.**

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 December 3rd

Ed Note . . . John Eiden

REMINDER – This edition will be your last newsletter for 2017, as there will be no meeting in December. Instead, we're gonna party and enjoy the holidays while your Booster Bits enjoys a brief holiday!

Look for the first edition of 2018 to be available online starting the week before our annual meeting on January 8th. Till then, I want to offer my heartfelt wishes to one and all for a most happy, joyful and safe holiday season!

FYI - Your current log-on to access the Members Only area of our website will remain the same until we send out an email announcing the new 2018 username and password sometime in late January.



Membership Notes . . . Danee Gallegos

The 2017 regular season is now over and what a memorable season it was. Watching our first place Dodgers win their fifth straight NL West title and tie the Los Angeles franchise record of 104 wins was spectacular!

As a mini plan holder through the club, I was able to experience 30 exciting games at our beloved Dodger Stadium alongside so many of our Booster Club friends. For the last few seasons, I can say it's not just the great Dodger Blue memories my family has enjoyed as part of my membership but also the atmosphere of sitting around such wonderful baseball fans.

The Booster Club provides a **family-friendly environment** that keeps my family renewing their membership year after year. Our 2017 membership ends with a total of 191 active members. Let's continue to grow our membership for seasons to come by encouraging your family to also join the club. Remember, if you recruit just 10 new members, you will be eligible to receive a free membership for yourself for the 2018 season.

With our 2018 membership drive now underway, there is no better time to recruit new members to join! Renew your membership now by visiting our website, www.dodgersboosterclub.com. If you can't get that to work for you, you can also renew in-person at the next meeting. Please join early as we have exciting things to come as next year marks our 60th anniversary season. #Let'sGoDodgers! #ThisTeam!

2018 Board Position Nominations . . .

How exciting! It's time to for nominations for board positions up for election in 2018! As you know, under our new by-laws, only half of the current board positions are up for election each year for a 2-year term.

For 2018, those positions up for election will be Vice President, Treasurer, Ticket Chairperson and 2 At-Large Board positions, with Michelle Gorum & Dorothy Wylie having completed their current 2-year terms. If you think you might be interested in helping shape the direction of our club, especially given the new media savvy techno world we now live in, why not run for one of these open positions. Nominations will be taken at the November meeting by the Election Committee chair.

Brent Wood has again volunteered to be this year's chair, as his current At-Large Board position is not being contested this time. As a reminder, under our by-laws, no nominations can be accepted once they are closed nor write-in candidates permitted on the ballot. Feel free to check out your By-Laws and Attachment A – Electing the Board of Directors by viewing them in our Members Only section on our website.

All nominees are then invited to submit a campaign statement to be included in the February edition of our newsletter or to speak to the members at our January meeting about their qualifications and why they ought to be elected. Once nominated, all nominees must pay their 2018 membership dues by no later than the January meeting to be eligible for the election at the February meeting. That's right – February! In order to avoid the long lines to renew, properly hand out ballots to eligible voters along with the delays to tabulate the votes, all of which has occurred at previous January meetings, the board decided to implement the following changes for our elections this past year.

The election will again be moved to our February meeting. In order to be eligible to vote in February's election, members must have 1) been an active member by no later than September 14th, the prior year, and 2) have renewed their 2018 membership by no later than the January 8th meeting. Those members who have renewed by the January meeting deadline will then be mailed a ballot of the nominated candidates later that month, in advance of the election itself at the February 12th meeting. There will be more details in our January edition but if you have any questions or concerns now, please feel free to contact any board member or come with them to the November meeting.

December Birthdays

12/02 - David Lopez
 12/07 - Victoria Paez
 12/11 - Cindi Droeger
 12/11 - Rafael Ramirez
 12/12 - Kathleen Juran
 12/22 - Robyn Morningstar
 12/23 - Greg Bidolli
 12/25 - Nicholas Quintana
 12/27 - Larry Lamb
 12/31 - Richard Castellanos

keep you updated on future developments.

[Ed. Note – when the Dodgers 2018 AAA and AA minor league teams' schedules are released, we will take a look to see if we can possibly plan a trip to watch their teams play in Tulsa and Oklahoma City this coming season. Anyone else with road trip ideas? Share 'em at the November meeting!]

Photo Flashback



Vin Scully, 1957 and 2017

2018 Trips . . . Olivia Armenta

Our Booster Club will again travel to see the Dodgers in Arizona during Spring Training. The schedule has not been published at this time, so we do not have a date yet. We will keep you posted but you can probably figure it will be the 2nd or 3rd weekend of March 2018.

The weekend of May 4-6 will be the only time the Dodgers will play the Padres for a weekend series in San Diego for the 2018 season. Both teams are currently in negotiations to possibly play this weekend series in Mexico. In the meantime, we will plan for the Padres hosting the Dodgers in San Diego. That being said, we have already put down a \$100 refundable deposit for first choice on seat location at Petco Park. Again, we will

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Free Membership!

Recruit 10 NEW members and your next year membership is FREE

Start Early! Recruit 10 NEW members to the LADBC by the end of December, and your membership, next year, will be FREE. NEW members must be signed up & paid before 12/31

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Must be NEW members, renewals of existing members not applicable. One adult member = one referral, Two dependent members = one referral. FREE membership refers to one year renewal of your existing membership for the following year, after ten new members are recruited. Maximum value \$25.00. If you recruit MORE than ten, the benefits increase. Receive one free raffle ticket for every 5 referrals over ten recruited. Recruit 25 members, and your Christmas Party fee will also be FREE. for more information, you can contact any Board Member, or attend any monthly meeting