



President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters - **“Wow” is the only word I have** to describe this season! If you are not part of what's going on at the stadium, I will just say “sorry”. I have watched or listened to Dodger games my entire life and although there have been many exciting seasons and games, I have to say this team is the best of them all. Now, I realize that when you read this, it's early September but based on what's happening I fully expect this run to continue.

So, if you are among the ones fortunate enough to be at some or all of these games, you are the lucky ones. If not, I'm sorry you have missed this historic run. Don't be left out and plan to join us next year. This is a young club that will get only better (hard to believe) in the seasons to come. Let's win 11 in October and as always see you at the ballpark!



Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

I hope everybody has saved their \$\$\$\$ for post season tickets. By now, you have all received the information and the order form for the Division and League Championship series, which must be returned to me by September 8th. Those who checked the box on that order form will receive a separate order form for World Series tickets when I receive it. Keep watching for our Booster Club Email Blasts for updates.

Those who first qualify for tickets according to our new by-laws are (1) those who purchased Mini Plans through LADBC, then (2) Hall of Fame members or those members who have attended at least 15 "booster games" and will obtain Hall of Fame status in the following year, then (3) Any member who has attended at least 5 meetings in 2017. For our Out-of-Town members and any others who don't qualify, still send in your order form and payment by the September 8th deadline, as we may still be able to accommodate you if additional tickets are available. Your check will only be cashed if you actually do receive tickets.

Remember, we take credit cards! And finally, there is one game left I need help with – the last one on our Projection Sheet, Tuesday, 9/26 vs. Padres & Julio Urias BH, \$45. Check your calendar and please help me to not be forced to cancel our last game! Deadline to order and pay will be our September 11th meeting. Thanks for your help and see you at the ballpark!

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

2017 Membership Renewal Drive . . .

Wow, time really has flown by this year what with the **Dodgers' historic run this season**, along with the great trips and other fun club activities and all! As we look ahead to a possible World Series championship to cap this all off, we want to take just a moment here to announce that our **2018 Membership Renewal Drive has begun**.

Good news - there have been no changes to the prices of any of the membership levels or any other membership related items for 2018. Since this is now our fourth online membership renewal drive, we won't need to go into all the usual details of walking you through it. You all know our website address, www.dodgersboosterclub.com. Once there, click on the menu item “Join or Renew Online” to renew for 2018 and then completely fill out the Membership Information form. Lastly, follow the steps to then pay for your membership renewals. Please remember if you are adding a new member on your Membership Information form, please be sure you also do these two things – make sure to select “new member” and not “renewing member” when you make your selections for the Shopping Cart or else the new member will not receive a Membership badge. Second, to help us identify the new member and to print their new badge, please let us know about the new member in the space provided for Notes on the last page when you submit your order. If you have questions or encounter any problems, please feel free to contact John Eiden, 000.000.0000, for help and assistance.



Dodger Memorabilia Silent Auction . . . Monico Zamora

Our first Dodger Memorabilia Silent auction was a huge success for the booster club, raising over \$1,300 for our treasury, and making a big difference towards the future of YOUR club!

Thank you to every single contributor for all of your fantastic donations. This rousing success makes it very clear that the dollars have voted, and all of you clearly want to have another one soon.

Special thanks to **Sandy Zamora** and **Michelle Gorum** who provided a huge amount of help, allowing us to make this event the success it turned out to be. If anyone wants to donate collectibles, cash, autographs, or anything of value that will help the club at the next event, please do not hesitate contact Sandy or myself.

[Ed. Note – You're just gonna have to come to our next meeting to find out just how much our special Building Fund thermometer really has risen as a result of this silent auction!]



S= September + Series + Spaghetti . . . Alicia Trujillo

Our Boys of Summer look to be on the **road to the Championship!** They are so HOT! And while we can cheer them on at our September meeting, we will enjoy another spaghetti dinner prepared by That's Amore Pizza.

The cost of this dinner of spaghetti, salad and bread is a mere \$7. Drinks and desserts will also be available to enjoy. For those who didn't purchase their dinner tickets at the last meeting,

it's not too late! Call or text me at 000.000.0000 with your order by Sunday, 9/10, so I may place our dinner order for the meeting the next day. Your family and friends are welcomed too. Come early, 6:30 PM, to enjoy your dinner and perhaps watch our Boys in Blue play the Giants!



In Brief . . .

November Meeting – This meeting is quickly turning into the one where we try to do something completely different with a twist! Last year, we held an in-door picnic and we all remember how much fun and what a blast that one was!

Now, with fundraising in mind, we thought we'd try something else completely different – **BINGO NIGHT!** We are looking to have a Dodger Bingo Night as a part of the evening's festivities.

We are in the midst of the planning stages of setting up this one and we'll have more info to report as it gets closer!
B 14, I 28, N 35, G 58 O 83 – BINGO!

September Meeting Treats & Sweets . . . Dorothy Wylie

With all the excitement and fun at the August meeting, only one member signed up to bring treats or sweets to our September meeting – **Priscilla Graves**. Thanks Priscilla.

We still need about 3 or more Boosters to also bring some to this meeting. You wouldn't want to enjoy your delicious spaghetti dinner and then have no desserts available to top it off now would you? If you can help out, please call me at 000.000.0000. Thanks.

September Meeting Fundraisers . . . Michelle Gorum

Wow, our August Meeting Fundraiser - was that awesome or what! Did everyone get what they wanted? This was our first Dodger Memorabilia Silent Auction and boy, it was FUN!

Thank you Sandy & Monico for all the hard work you put forth into it. Are you still missing that one bobblehead to complete your collection or want to start one?

At our September meeting, you'll get your chance as we have quite an array of the Bobbleheads you want. Starting at just \$20, be sure to stop by the table and get yours!

Membership Notes . . . Danee Gallegos

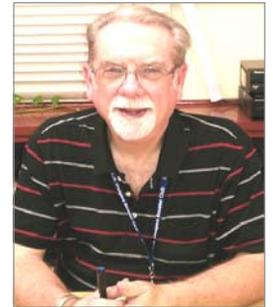
What an amazing 2017 season, **our dreams of a championship season are stronger than ever!** As we close out this 2017 season, our **membership is 183 strong!** I would like to extend a BIG BLUE Welcome to our club's newest member – John Doe! Huh? Well, we are getting ready to begin our 2018 Membership Drive.

As a reminder, if **YOU recruit 10 members, you will receive a free membership for the next year.** We would love to replace “John Doe” with the names of your recruits. Please continue to encourage your friends, family and other Dodger lovers at the stadium to join our L.A. Dodgers Booster Club family.

Next year will mark our 60th anniversary celebrating Dodger baseball as a booster club! Walter O'Malley would be so happy and proud to see how our club has grown over the years.

RC Quakes Recap . . . John Eiden

On Saturday, August 5th, 62 members, along with friends and family, headed out to Rancho Cucamonga and LoanMart Field for First Responder's Night to watch the Quakes battle it out with the JetHawks for first place in the season's second half. The JetHawks had already won a spot in the playoffs by winning the division in the first half. The Quakes were determined to maintain and increase their first place lead over them in the second half. What a game it was! But first, about 15 members gathered for a fun and tasty pregame picnic in front of the stadium. A big thank-you to JJ for setting this one up and making it a success. It was a gorgeous sunny day and it cooled off to a nice and breezy game time. The score went back-and-forth to a 5-5 tie by the bottom of the 7th. In typical Dodger style this season, the Quakes came back with 2 in the bottom of the 8th for a big win.



September Birthdays

09/01 – Thomas Galindo
 09/03 – Eddie A. Medrano
 09/06 – Jack Ciganek
 09/06 – Alicia Trujillo
 09/07 – Gerald Lewis
 09/11 – Jason Dodger Gallegos
 09/15 – Albert G. Rondero
 09/17 – Nick Stratis
 09/28 – Rudy Cadena

October Birthdays

10/01 – Jonathan Dodger Gallegos
 10/07 – Mark Clark
 10/14 – J.J. Sells
 10/18 – Kathleen Martin
 10/19 – Brent Wood
 10/22 – Jimmy Imperial
 10/22 – Virginia Ochoa
 10/22 – Joseph Ruelas
 10/22 – Brian Still
 10/27 – Victoria Armenta
 10/27 – Li Chi
 10/27 – Luke DiSomma
 10/27 – Max DiSomma
 10/27 – Monico Zamora
 10/28 – Johnny Torres
 10/31 – Ben Lee

The postgame fireworks were great, certainly on the same scale of those seen on any Friday night at Dodger Stadium. Our postgame meal, provided by Waba Grill, for the players and coaches was yet another success. We had 21 players, along with the manager Drew Saylor, couple of his coaching staff and a scout who was there for the game, go through the buffet line. Many went back for seconds. We sure had a great time with all of them, sitting and talking with them about their background, their hopes and dreams, etc. Manager Drew was particularly enlightening as he shared with us his views of managing at this level and all the work that goes into preparing these young men for the big leagues. I want to thank all the members who came to the gathering and engaged the players in conversation and a good time. We got word back later how many of the players commented on the good time they had that night. I want to also thank all those members who helped out at the buffet tables and serving lines – great job. I want to especially thank member Clyle Alt for greeting the players as they came in and having them fill out name badges – a great idea! Since she is also a member of the Quakes Booster Club, she invited their club's president and wife, Frank & Debbie Grieci, to join us there after the game. We had a chance to talk with them about their club, what they do and possible ways we might be of service to one another. They were both enthusiastic about the idea and accepted our invitation to come to a future meeting to talk with us about their club and how they interact with the players there. Look for more about that to come soon.



All in all, a great time was had by all! FYI – as of August 22nd, with just 10 games left, the Quakes maintain a 1-game lead over the JetHawks for first place. Playoffs in their future too, let's hope so!

Ed Note . . . John Eiden

Please remember that after our September meeting, our NEXT regularly scheduled meeting is not until **Monday, November 13th!** Therefore, the next edition of your Booster Bits will not be posted until the week before that meeting.

In the meantime, enjoy the thrill of this year's run to the end of the regular season and beyond to the post season as the Dodgers work to finally bring the World Championship trophy back to Los Angeles!

Ice Cream Social Recap . . . Dorothy Wylie

A big Dodger Blue Thank-You to all those helpers for making this year's Ice Cream Social yet another great success! I want to especially thank all those Boosters who pitched in to help with the cleanup at the end. I could not have done it without your help. We have the best Ice Cream scoopers and servers!

I hope everyone enjoyed making their own sundaes, root beer floats or a simple bowl of delicious ice cream. A big THANK YOU to our President JJ Sells for donating all the ice cream and to our board members for donating all the ice cream toppings, cookies and brownies!

Lastly, I want to acknowledge all those Boosters who placed a total of \$57 into our Ice Cream Social donation jar that night. Thank you!

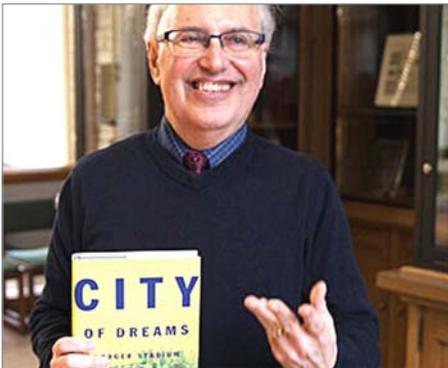
Save This Date, December 3rd . . .

Our annual Christmas Party Brunch will be held this year on **Sunday, December 3rd** at Almansor Court in Alhambra. Let the good times begin at 11:00 AM with a wonderful and delicious brunch, followed by a guest speaker, Santa Claus and lots of fun.

More info and your invitation to follow next month.

City of Dreams - A Book Review . . . John Aston

In **City of Dreams: Dodger Stadium & the Birth of Modern Los Angeles**, author



Jerald Podair connects the success of the Dodgers and the construction of a modern ballpark near downtown Los Angeles as the impetus for the reshaping of the city from a bucolic outpost into a truly modern city with all the sophistication of the established eastern metropolises of New York City, Boston or Philadelphia. The construction of the Dorothy Chandler Music Center, Museum of Modern Art, and the Sports Arena, along with the revitalization of Bunker Hill were key points to this rebirth.

We start, of course, in Flatbush, with Walter O'Malley's battle to build his own stadium in Brooklyn, where he ran into another bull-headed personality in Commissioner Robert Moses, holding multiple bureaucratic positions of power, with command & influence that outweighed that of any elected official. Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, Mayor Norris Poulson and pioneer City Councilwoman Rosalind Wyman were actively pursuing Major League Baseball to bring the top level of the national pastime to the west coast.

Eventually, a deal is struck (amid a multitude of controversy) and our boys in blue make their move. Political entanglements, public relation fiascoes, and financial difficulties are eventually overcome (we learn the reason for that Union 76 gas station in the parking lot), and on April 10, 1962 Dodger Stadium opens.

I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the history of the Dodgers, or that of the City of Los Angeles. There is much more detail that I'm sure will enlighten, delight, and enthrall.

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