

## President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

**Fellow Boosters** - as I write this article, spring training is a week from conclusion and some takeaways include the emergence of Matt Kemp, who in all likelihood, will win the starting left field job, the hitting of Jake Peter (yeah I know, I had to look him up too) and the depth in the outfield because of Matt Kemp's spring. As we head towards Opening Day, I can't help but be excited at the prospect of another exciting season.

We will be well into the first month of the season as this article goes to print, so let's see how the Dodgers start out the 2018 season. As you are aware, we still have seats available among our season tickets, so please look at your calendars and go to our club's online calendar and then contact

me to purchase a couple of the upcoming games at a significant savings over the day-of-game prices! And, as always, I will see you at the ballpark



## Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

**Let the exciting 2018 season begin!** I want to remind everyone of our Awards & 1st Pitch & KTF Night scheduled for Tuesday, May 29th. Everyone going on the field must have a ticket purchased through the club and all tickets must be ordered and paid for no later than May 1st. Of course, those not going on the field will also want to come on out and support our club.

The lucky winners for 1st Pitch and KTF were selected by a random drawing at the March meeting. The catcher for the night will be Dorothy Wylie, with Robyn Morningstar as her alternate, and the pitcher will be Fernando Perez with alternate Gary Droeger. The KTF will be Denise Carmona, Max DiSomma, Colin Duarte, Ian Duarte, Tyler Israel, Brodie Miller, Isaiah Pereda & Jake Ruelas, and 2 alternates, Natalie Carrillo & Noah Leanos.

There have been several comments about no Projection Sheet this year and from those wanting to still purchase tickets once all our season tickets to a special game have been sold. Because we aim to please, whenever possible, and based on your demand, I have done my part by selecting 10 games, in addition to our Awards Night, and reserving the required 20-ticket minimum for these games in our Section 6. Now I just need YOU to follow through and do your part by ordering at least 20 or more tickets to each game I've selected so we do not have to cancel any and weaken our standing with the Dodgers (i.e. our reduced allotment of Opening Day tickets!). None of our season tickets are available for the games selected.

The first 2 games have already received orders: 1) 5/30 vs. Phillies, Chris Taylor BH (\$46) with 9 tickets sold already (need 11 more minimum to not cancel) & 2) 6/15 vs. Giants, Kenley Jensen Star Wars BH (\$46) with 3 sold (need 17 more). The other 8 added games are 6/30 vs. Rockies, Piggy Bank (\$46); 7/14 vs. Angels, BH #6 (\$54); 7/31 vs. Brewers, BH #7 (\$46); 8/14 vs. Giants, BH #8 (\$46); 8/22 vs. Cardinals, BH #9 (\$46); 8/30 vs. D'backs, Sand Globe (\$40); 9/18 vs. Rockies, BH #10 (\$46); and 9/23 vs. Padres, Fan Appreciation Day (\$40). I do have to place and pay for my ticket orders no less than 3 weeks before the game date with the Dodgers but the sooner you contact me to order, the better it is. Remember to add the \$4 surcharge for any tickets you order for non-members.

Don't forget to take a look at our TeamUp calendar online and check out which games still have season tickets available. The price is certainly right at \$26 for members and \$20 for the wheelchair seats. It's definitely worth taking a look there.

Please remember to first contact JJ to order any of those season tickets (000.000.0000 or [000000000@0000000.com](mailto:000000000@0000000.com)). However, please send me payment for those tickets as well as for the ones ordered directly from me because I will be the one digitally sending out ALL our tickets! See you at the ballpark!

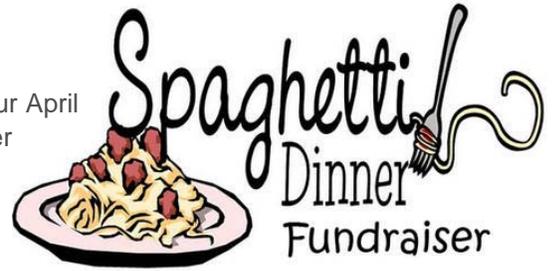
### 2018 Meeting Dates

Monday, January 8th  
Monday, February 12th  
Monday, March 5th  
Monday, April 9th  
Monday, May 14th  
Monday, June 11h  
Monday, July 9th  
Monday, August 13th  
Monday, September 10th  
Monday, November 5th  
Christmas December TBA



## Spaghetti 2018 . . . Alicia Trujillo

**Come one! Come all!** All are welcomed to our April General meeting where we will also enjoy another **spaghetti dinner fundraiser**, prepared by That's Amore Pizzeria in Whittier. The cost for this dinner of spaghetti, salad and bread is only \$8. Drinks and desserts will be available too.



It's not too late to purchase your dinner tickets! You can text me at 000.000.0000 with your order by the Sunday before our meeting so I may then place our order.

**Remember to come early – 6:30 PM** to enjoy dinner and friends. What a great way to compliment the meeting and our guest speaker!

## Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

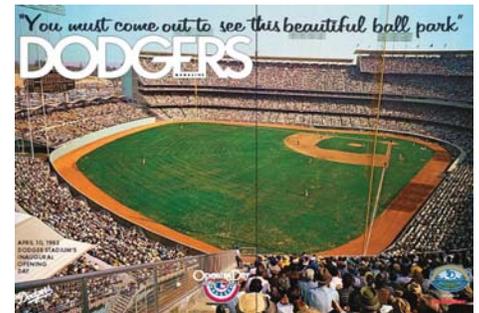
**Were you there?** When asked of a baseball fan this time of year, it can only mean one thing - Were you there for Opening Day! There is nothing quite like Opening Day. The great anticipation of the coming season is played out in a stadium that has a Spring freshness about it. The fresh cut grass, the banners, the pageantry, it's all there and each Opening Day has a special feel about it.

Some Opening Days can be pretty monumental. Here are some Opening Days that stand out. April 19, 1890. The first Opening Day in the National League for the Brooklyn Bridegrooms. They lost 15-9 to the Braves in Boston. April 9, 1913. The Brooklyn team plays their first game at Ebbets Field losing to the Phillies 1-0. April 12, 1932.

In a 8-3 loss to the Boston Braves at Ebbets Field, the Brooklyn team is officially called the Dodgers. April 15, 1958. The first game on the West Coast and the Dodgers lose 8-0 to the Giants in SF (boo). April 10, 1962. The first home opener at Dodger Stadium The Dodgers lost 6-3 in that game but would go on to win 102 games that year. Unfortunately, they lost to the Giants in the play-off series.

April 7, 1975. The "Infield" of Garvey, Lopes, Russell, Cey, make their first opening day appearance in a 2-1 14-inning loss to the Reds. April 9, 1981. Fernando Valenzuela is the surprise starter for Opening Day after original starter Jerry Ruesch pulls a calf muscle. Fernando pitches a 5-hit shutout defeating the Astros 2-0. April 1, 2013. Dodgers win 4-0 as Clayton Kershaw hit a home run and pitched a 9 inning complete game.

Maybe you have a favorite Opening Day memory not listed. The question then is "Were you there?"



### April Birthdays

4/03 - Olivia Armenta  
 4/04 - Elsa Reinert  
 4/04 - Ashley Sells  
 4/06 - Constance Hunter  
 4/09 - Esteban A. Carrillo  
 4/11 - Brenda Quintana-Boeglin  
 4/12 - Maya Alvarado  
 4/12 - Mark Mercado  
 4/12 - Rachel Mercado  
 4/18 - Ann Baziak

### In Brief . . .

**2017 LADBC Dodger Player Awards** – At the March meeting, the members selected the recipients for our 2017 player awards. The recipient for our 26th annual Carmen Delsi Memorial Award recognizing the season's outstanding Dodger rookie was a true no-brainer. **Cody Bellinger** was the members' unanimous selection! The second award, the 30th annual Ed Enterline Memorial Award recognizing the Dodger who best embodies the true spirit of the Dodgers, was more of a horse race with six Dodgers in the running. When all hands were counted, the winner was **Chase Utley!** The third one, the 17th annual Ruth Wilcox Memorial Award given to the Most Valuable Player was competitive too with 4 players in the running. In the end, the clear winner here was **Justin Turner**. Be sure to read Mae's

"Ticket Talk" article for all the other info about our annual Dodgers Booster Club night at the ravine on May 29th!

**2018 Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Game** – This year we will head out to watch the Quakes play on Saturday, August 11th! We plan to once again host a postgame meet-and-greet meal with the players and coaches. Mark your calendars now and signups for this awesome event will start at the May meeting.



**Silent Auction . . .** Monico Zamora

**Hold on to your hats and glasses!**  
Our next exciting Dodger and sports memorabilia Silent Auction will be held at our May meeting!

Thank you very much to everyone who has already made donations for this hugely popular and exciting fundraiser! Just IMAGINE the items you'll find and be able to own. There is still time for all of you to go into your closets, attics, garage rafters, etc. to seek out those Dodger or baseball related items gathering dust and taking up space and remember to bring them to our April meeting.

This auction is **NOT** just limited to those items though. If you have anything you'd like to donate, which you think will help us raise those much-needed funds, feel free to bring those to the

April meeting as well. **REMEMBER - All of our Much Needed fundraisers will help to keep your club active and vital.**

Any donated items you want to bring to the May meeting are certainly welcome but they may have to wait until the next auction as we need time to properly catalogue, price and create bid sheets for all the auction items in advance of the May meeting. We already have some AMAZING items on tap to auction off but there is always plenty of room for more. If you have any **questions** please feel free to contact me, 000.000.0000.



**Membership Notes . . .** Danee Gallegos

**Our favorite time of year is back!** April brings the renewed hope of a championship as well as the excitement of new beginnings. If you did not get your membership renewed in time for Opening Day, don't forget to **renew ASAP to avoid missing out** on all the membership perks that the baseball season brings.

If you have not already done so, you can renew NOW online at [www.dodgersboosterclub.com](http://www.dodgersboosterclub.com) or in-person at the next meeting. Let's also continue to recruit family and friends to join the Los Angeles Dodgers Booster Club. I would like to thank all of the 159 members who have already joined us for the 2018 season. We are very happy to have your continued support, and we look forward to sharing some exciting Dodger memories with you throughout the 2018 season!

**Your 2018 Booster Club Officers . . .**

- President – JJ Sells – 000.000.0000
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**April Meeting Fundraisers . . .** Michelle Gorum

**Hello Boosters.** Wow, spring has sprung up quickly! Who's ready for a new season? Let's start out buying lots of tickets from Mae, new club apparel from Jeff, making sure all membership dues are paid to Danee . . . and let's not forget our raffle tickets from meee!

For the April meeting, we will have an amazing gift basket to win to start off our summer. Be sure to stop by the table after signing in and buy some raffle tickets from yours truly. Remember to also buy your spaghetti dinner tickets from Alicia for this meeting, as it's another fundraiser for us as well!

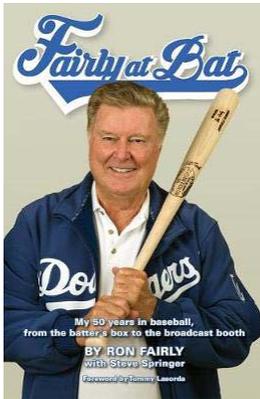


**Booster Club Apparel Update. . .** Jeff Marsh

**It's so exciting with the 2018 season starting up.** We will have NEW items rolling in over the next few months, including some special **60th anniversary items** to celebrate this awesome anniversary of our club and the Dodgers!

As always, if you have any suggestions for items you would like to see us sell, please take a moment and let me know. I want to get you what you really want. **SEE YOU AT THE GAME!**





**Special Guest Speaker At The April Meeting. . . Brent Wood**

Your LA Dodger Booster Club is pleased to announce that **Ron Fairly will be our guest speaker** for the April 9th meeting! Ron Fairly's awesome baseball career spanned fifty years, from the batters box to the announcers booth, and he is fondly remembered as one of the mainstays of the Dodgers in the 1960's.

He played on three World Championship teams - 1959, 1963 and 1965. His .379 batting average and six RBI's led both the Dodgers and Twins in the 1965 World Series. Altogether,

Ron Fairly played 21 seasons with six different teams and has a lifetime batting average of .266 with 1,913 hits. Widely acclaimed as a great storyteller, Ron Fairly has written about his career and attendees at the April meeting will have an opportunity to purchase Ron Fairly's book, Fairly at Bat. So, make your plans to join

us April 9th and come prepared for a great evening with one of the all-time favorite Dodgers. *[Ed. Note – Ron's book will be \$15 at the meeting, which he'll be happy to autograph.]*

**Tailgate Party And Game In Anaheim . . . Olivia Armenta**

On Sunday July 8th, our club will sponsor a game and pregame tailgate party when the **Dodgers play the Angels at Anaheim Stadium**. The time of the game has not been determined yet. We have been informed it could be at 1 PM or 5 PM. Many members have asked for seats in a shaded area. Therefore, we are looking at shaded seats on the third base side in sections 201 & 202 in the Terrace Box. The price for these is \$46, plus \$10 for the tailgate meal for a total cost of \$56. The Angels can also accommodate us in an upper level in sections 409 or 428 at \$38 plus \$10 or \$48, in total. These seats however are in the sun.

So far, we have 60 signups. You may continue to sign up at the April meeting. Please state your seating preference when signing up and also be sure to designate which if you have already signed up. There has also been some interest in attending a weekday game at Oakland in August. More info to follow on that one at the next meeting.

**Spare Change . . . Alicia Trujillo**

**Don't forget to bring your spare change** to meetings and NOT just pennies! This is another necessary fundraiser, so pitch in. Change, silver, greenbacks, whatever you can spare.

Check between the cushions of your couch or your car ashtray – is that even such a thing anymore?! Every single day, I take a moment to clear the change from my purse and pockets and place it in a jar on my nightstand.

How do YOU collect your spare change? Just bring yours to any or every meeting because your change and more will be gratefully collected throughout the year. You can also ask family and co-workers for their "spare change" too.

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**Quakes Player Apartment Supply Support. . . Brenda Marsh**

**We are proud to be partnering with the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Booster Club** to support our up-and-coming Dodger players. Debbie Grieci from the Quakes Booster Club mentioned we could be most helpful if we could pull together household consumable items for the (4) apartments for the players. So, with the suggestion from our boosters, we are reaching out to help. I want to thank Clyle Alt, Danee Gallegos, Robert Chavez & John Eiden for their help in making this happen.

The items needed include paper towels, hand soap, cleaning products (Windex, etc.), toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, also Kleenex and so on. We can also collect gift cards for Target, Walmart or grocery stores like Ralphs and, of course, we will have a cash donation box available.

All this being said, we had a signup sheet at our March meeting and if everyone could remember to bring their donations to our April meeting, that would be appreciated! I will be collecting all the items at that meeting and dropping them off to the Quakes Booster Club in Rancho Cucamonga.

My thanks to everyone for supporting our up-and-coming Boys in Blue!!!