



## President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

**Fellow Boosters** - can you believe it? It's spring training now, and Opening Day is just around the corner. I don't know about you but it felt like the off-season flew by this year. I for one am glad about that because, to be honest, if I could, I would watch baseball year round.

Anyway, on to 2018. Although we didn't make a lot of splashy moves due to salary cap restrictions, we did obtain 2 pieces for our bullpen that we needed to replace 2 pieces that left us. As I write this, the only need not addressed was a #2 starter. Will we have signed one by now or is Walker Buehler the starter of the future? Only time will tell.

Well, back to spring training for now. For those making it out to Camelback Ranch this year and for those we will see Opening Day, I can't wait to see you all at the ballpark!

**Don't forget the March meeting date has been changed to Monday March 5th.**

## Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

As of this writing, **we now know the price for our Opening Day tickets** – \$115 and \$90 for handicapped. We still do not know yet how many tickets will be allotted to us this year but we have been informed it will be less than we have been given in the past. If necessary, we will use the rules laid out in our by-laws to distribute them. Just as soon as I receive word from the Dodgers regarding that, all the information for ordering and paying for them will be relayed to everyone via an Email Blast. So, keep an eye out for all future Email Blasts coming your way from the club.

Meanwhile, the final payment for the mini plan tickets as well as any Season tickets ordered is due at the **March 5th meeting**. Save this date – Tuesday, May 29th, when the Dodgers play the Phillies, as this is when our annual Booster Club night will be held at Dodger Stadium. In addition to presenting our annual awards, two lucky members will get to take part in a **First Pitch ceremony on the field**, along with 8 of our little league members getting to take the field with their favorite Dodgers to start the game. Be sure to read the "Dodgers Booster Club Night at Dodger Stadium!" article for all the detailed information about this great event and how you may be able to take part. Game tickets for this one will be \$20 and can be ordered now by contacting me.

Remember all those who are picked to take part will need to have a ticket purchased through the club. Even if you aren't picked this time, you'll still want to order tickets for this game to come out and support your fellow boosters and let everyone know who we are and where we sit! As a reminder, there is a \$4 per ticket surcharge added for tickets purchased for any non-members. There are still tickets available during the season through our Season Ticket program. Contact JJ Sells at 000.000.0000 or at [0000000000@00000.com](mailto:0000000000@00000.com) to check on what's available and place your ticket order with him. I will still be the one to send your payment to for these tickets and I will also be the one distributing those tickets electronically.

On a final note, if you would like to put a group of 20 or more together to go to a game in our section this year, contact me and I can order them for you at our club's group price for that game. The Dodgers have informed us parking will be \$15 this season if ordered online in advance. We do not know yet what it will be if purchased at the stadium.



## Membership Notes . . . Danee Gallegos

**2018 is off to an amazing start!** As of our February meeting, the club already had received 131 renewals. Let's continue the momentum by inviting our family and friends to join. Remember, if you recruit a total of 10 new members during this year, you will be eligible to receive a free membership for next year. We are beginning to celebrate our 60th anniversary and have many great activities planned for the rest of the season.

Please join me in welcoming the latest members into our Booster Club family – **Alan Munoz** of Cypress, **Steve & Jenny Vicario** of Temple City and the **Rodriguez family** – **Julie, Ethan, Jennifer & Evan**, of Simi Valley! Renewals and joining can be done online at our website, [www.dodgersboosterclub.com](http://www.dodgersboosterclub.com), or in-person at our next meeting on **March 5th**.

## Booster Club Night At Dodger Stadium . . .

**Where will YOU be on Tuesday, May 29th?** At Dodger Stadium of course! You've got to be there before the game to witness our club's big night to shine as we hand out our annual club awards, followed by our First Pitch ceremony and lastly, watching our Kids Take the Field! Alright!

**Booster Club Awards** – Your board members will first hand out our annual Dodger awards to those especially deserving Dodger players whom we all select at the March meeting.

**First Pitch Crew** – Ever wonder what it'd be like to be at the mound and throw a ball like Kershaw or catch one at the plate like Grandal? Well, now's your chance to possibly find out but only if you show up at the March meeting! Each All-Star and Hall of Fame member (except your board members) will receive one ticket to be included in the drawing that night for a chance to take part in our annual First Pitch ceremony. Each member will also be handed an additional ticket for EACH meeting attended so far this year, up to 2. The number of additional tickets given is based solely on the sign-in sheet at the meetings (yet another reason to remember to sign in at each meeting!)

Two tickets will be drawn with the first person choosing to pitch or catch. Please note the "catcher" gets to keep the ball. Two more tickets will be drawn to select alternates in the event someone cannot make it that night. YOU must be present at the meeting when the drawing is held and there's no transferring this privilege to another member if you should win.

**Kids Take the Field** – The names of 8 of our minor league members (ages 5-14 only) will also be selected at random at the March meeting to take part part in running onto the field with the players to start the game on the 29th. The kids do NOT have to be present at the March meeting in order to win a spot. A few alternates will also be selected just in case any of the winners won't be able to participate.

Mae will contact the families of the kids selected to make sure each one is available and to order game tickets. Again, there is no transferring this privilege to another minor league member.

Don't forget that ALL winners must purchase their tickets from the club in order to take part that night. See ya there at the March meeting for your chance to join in on all the fun!

### February Birthdays

- 2/01 – Lynn Lewis
- 2/06 - Jeff Reinert
- 2/08 - Brenda Marsh
- 2/13 - Henry Santillan
- 2/15 - Ian Duarte
- 2/21 - Alma Medrano
- 2/22 - Colin Duarte
- 2/23 - Robert Gallegos
- 2/23 - Charles Nance
- 2/25 - Jasmine Gorum
- 2/26 – Norberto Corona
- 2/28 - Juan Contreras

### Opening Day 2018



**Dodgers vs. Giants**  
Thursday, March 29th, 4:08 PM

## Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

One of the great advantages to living in Southern California is the diversity of culture. Drive through many of our towns and you will witness the richness of diverse cultures that surround us. However, a strange thing happens every March 17, for whatever your ethnicity, you are Irish as it is St. Patrick's Day!

To those of us who have ancestral roots in the Emerald Isle, we love to celebrate this day and no one exemplified that more than Walter O'Malley.

Every St. Patrick's Day, Mr. O'Malley would host a huge party that would allow players, executives, staff and media to relax and have fun. The parties would feature music, skits, green beer and food such as corned beef, cabbage and other Irish fare. So, whether the name was Koufax, Roseboro, Mota or Tracewski, on March 17, Mr. O'Malley made sure that everyone was Irish. **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

### Your 2018 Booster Club Officers . . .

- President – JJ Sells – 000.000.0000
- Vice President – Alicia Trujillo – 000.000.0000
- Secretary – John Eiden – 000.000.0000
- Treasurer – Olivia Armenta – 000.000.0000
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- Board Member – Michelle Gorum – 000.000.0000
- Board Member – Jeff Marsh – 000.000.0000
- Board Member – Brent Wood – 000.000.0000

**Ed Note . . .** John Eiden

**IMPORTANT – YOU HAD BEST READ THIS OR YOU’LL BE SORRY! YES, YOU really WILL! Got YOUR attention?** We sure hope so because the **DATE of our March meeting has been changed** to March 5th, due to a scheduling conflict for the Town Center Hall on the 12th. All the same great fun – information – news – signups – raffles, etc., just a week earlier is all! See ya there on **March 5th!**

**November Meeting Recap . . .**

**March Birthdays**

- 3/05 - Phil Squyres
- 3/06 - Manny Galindo
- 3/08 - Michelle Gorum
- 3/10 - Kathleen Montoya
- 3/11 - Leah Mercado
- 3/18 - Jerry Berman
- 3/20 - Annette Alexander
- 3/20 - Patty Contreras
- 3/20 - Steve Sameshima
- 3/22 - Marti Squyres
- 3/23 - Noah Leanos
- 3/23 - Caroline Lopez
- 3/25 - John Eiden
- 3/27 - Olivia Leanos

From the time we got there until the lights were finally switched off, **what a great time we had!** Although we seem to run out of superlatives to describe our annual potluck dinner with each passing year, this was one of the best ones ever! There was some of the best home cooked food we’ve ever had. We ought to consider putting out a Booster Club recipe book so everyone can share in all these great dishes! Hmmm, a fundraiser perhaps?

A great big Dodger Blue **Thank-You** goes out to **Dorothy Wylie** for once again displaying her mastery of creating, coordinating, making, assembling, putting together, setting up, breaking down AND cleaning up this year’s amazing potluck dinner. She in turn wants to thank **Jasmine & Michelle Gorum** plus **Robyn Morningstar** for their invaluable help. No one with even the healthiest of appetites went home hungry.

With that concluded, we moved on to the business at hand with various reports, updates and upcoming events discussed. While Election Committee Chair Brent Wood and his crew of John Aston, Vickey Armenta & Louis Vasquez were off counting the ballots for the night’s election, we were treated to a most enlightening conversation with our guest speakers **Robert Grieci, president of the Quakes Booster Club, and his**

**wife Debbie.** They shared with us just how involved their members are with the young men trying to make it up to the big leagues. For many, this will be their first time away from home. Most are without their own transportation and, being under 25, cannot even rent cars. Coming to the Quakes can provide another big adjustment, as they all must find their own housing and fend for themselves, most for the first time. Their \$6,600 base salary will not go very far to cover all the necessary expenses to get through the season.

This is where the **Quakes Booster Club** comes in to lend a hand financially, emotionally and spiritually as needed. The club brings what players they can into their own homes and helps set up the rest in local apartments. The members help to furnish their places by providing mattresses, bedding, towels, pots and pans and whatever else is needed. Hats are passed at all the games for players who hit homeruns or strike out the side to help out with a little extra cash. Members take on the responsibility of “sponsoring” a player to help them out as needed, making sure each one has his own goody basket full their favorite snacks, sandwiches, beverages, etc. for those long 7-game road trips up north and for local ones too. Members are there to greet them at the buses and always go along for each road trip. It all starts with a welcome dinner for the players when they are paired up with sponsors, once-a-month postgame potluck dinners and concludes with an appreciation dinner at the end. Debbie spoke quite fondly about the lasting relationships many members have with their former players as they move on with their baseball careers and even beyond. It was quite an eye opener into just how involved their booster club is in providing for and helping to nurture on these young professional ballplayers. We want to thank all our members who stepped up to the plate and brought in sheets, pillowcases, blankets, comforters, towels, etc. for the Griecis to take back with them for the players.

With their talk concluded, Brent announced the winners of the night’s election for the 2 At-Large Board positions – Jeff Marsh and Lidia Carrillo! In addition to our usual 50/50 cash raffle, Olivia Armenta donated two absolutely gorgeous Valentine Day floral arrangements, complete with red roses and balloons, for our special raffle. The lucky winners were new member Alan Munoz and our guest speaker Frank Grieci. And with that, our wonderful evening was history!

**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

## Booster Club Apparel Update. . . Jeff Marsh

**Hi everyone!** As we look forward to the 2018 season, I'm hoping to have a few NEW items ready by the April meeting. This will include a new Dodger Booster T-shirt and a few other surprise items.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for items you would like us carry, possibly seat cushions, cozies, etc. We still have some older stock priced to go and no reasonable offer will be refused! As always, thank you for your generosity throughout the year and Gooo Dodgers!

## 2017 Booster Club Awards . . .

**Guess What?** It's that time again for all the FUN AND EXCITEMENT that goes with selecting the recipients for our annual club awards saluting Dodger achievements during the past 2017 season!

We have 3 permanent annual awards set up and our task at our March meeting will be to decide whom among all our great nominees from this past season will receive our accolades. The first will be the 30th annual Ed Enterline Memorial Award to recognize the Dodger who best embodies the true spirit of the Dodgers. The second one will be the 26th annual Carmen Delsi Memorial Award to recognize the season's outstanding Dodger rookie. The last one is the 17th annual Ruth Wilcox Memorial Award given to the Most Valuable Player.

We will present the winners with their plaques at a pre-game ceremony on the field along with the other events we do for our annual Booster Club Night at Dodger Stadium, set this year for Tuesday, May 29th. (Read all about it on page 2) But first, be sure to come to the March meeting so you can take part in this always spirited and fun-filled selection process. See ya at the meeting!

## 2018 Trips And Tailgates . . . Olivia Armenta

Our Boys in Blue visit the Angels the weekend of July 6th, 7th & 8th this season. How about a tailgate party before the game on Sunday, July 8th? Sign-ups for this game and a tailgate party at Anaheim will continue at our March meeting. Ticket prices to be announced soon.

Are there any members interested in hitting the road this summer to catch a few games in state or out of state? Let us know what is on your bucket list. Come up to Vickey or myself at one of our booster meetings or give us a call.

*[Ed. Note – in case you hadn't heard yet, the only away weekend series with the Padres this season will take place in Monterrey, Mexico, thus Anaheim this time.]*

## New Booster Club Event Calendar . . .

By the time you read this, we will have announced your access to our **Booster Club Event Calendar** in an Email Blast. Our specially designed calendar will display all of our upcoming club events throughout this year, as well as deadlines, meeting dates and any other pertinent dates we need to share with you.

This will be especially valuable because it will show what tickets are still available for which games through our Season Ticket Program. What's more, not only can it be viewed online at TeamUp.com, by downloading their app, you can also have easy access to view it on your smart phone!

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# Free Booster Club Membership!

Recruit 10 NEW members in 2018, and your membership, next year, will be FREE  
NEW members must be signed up & paid before 12/31/18

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 2019, after ten new members recruited. Maximum value \$30.00. If you recruit more than ten, the benefits increase. Receive one free raffle ticket for every referral over ten recruited. Recruit 25 members before the party early December, and your 2018 Christmas Party fee will also be free. For more information, you can contact any Board Member, or attend any monthly meeting