



President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters, will this be a dogfight to the end or will someone take control of this division? That is the big question as I write this article. We are 2 games behind the D'backs and a game and a half behind the Rockies after a rough stretch with Jansen out. Can we right our ship? Well, hopefully there will be some clarity to the races by the time you read this article and if we are still in it, we can look forward to an exciting finale to this season. If that happens, expect lots of excitement in the close to this season. With that, **I hope to see you all at the ballpark..**

Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

Here we are almost at the end of the regular season. Where has the season gone? As of this writing, we are waiting for Post Season information and hope by the time you read the newsletter, you will have received either in the mail or by email the Order Form and all pertinent information, i.e. number of tickets, prices and due dates. **Also, keep an eye out for BLASTS** because a lot of times we get info at the last minute and this is our only way of keeping our members informed. We will also be getting info regarding 2019 Season Tickets and Mini Plans shortly and will pass that along to you as well. You might want to start thinking and planning which way you would like to go to the games in 2019. If you decide to go "Season Tickets", we definitely will need a deposit in order for us to be able to start making payments to the Dodgers in September. "Mini Plans" usually have a payment schedule too. Have you thought maybe splitting a Mini Plan? As far as this season is concerned, we still have season tickets available. You can look at our calendar on TeamUp.com or give JJ Sells a call or text him at 000.000.0000. Any questions give me a call or send me a text or an email. **And start saving your money.**



September Meeting Nacho Bar . . .

Can you think of any other phrase that completes "September Meeting" any better than "Nacho Bar"? I cannot and I've mulled this over very carefully during the last few Dodgers games! While the plans for this new activity are still top secret, the Nacho Bar chair Lidia Carrillo was overheard at the last board meeting alphabetically listing "guacamole, jalapenos, refried beans, onions, freshly homemade



salsa, shredded cheese, sliced tomatoes, sour cream" as possible toppings! **Y-U-M-M-Y!**

Now you just gotta come and be a part of our first-ever **Nacho Bar** at our September meeting – see ya there!

In Brief . . .

November Meeting – We plan to close out our 2018 Meeting Activities calendar this year as we did last year with another **BINGO NIGHT!** In our efforts to keep this fresh, new and entertaining, we'd love to hear about any ideas you yourself may have or may have encountered at other Bingo Nights around town. Let's make this **EXCITING!**

Come share them with us at the September meeting and perhaps see them in practice at the November meeting.

Your 2018 Booster Club Officers . . .

- President – JJ Sells – 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

Booster Club Apparel Update. . . Jeff Marsh

Hi Everybody! Just a quick note from me to say that we should have the shirts in kid sizes at the next meeting as well as some of the other sizes we have been out of in the men's and women's styles. Still kicking around lot's of ideas for things other than apparel, such as Koozies, seat cushions, clear tote bags etc. If you have any thoughts, please feel free to let me know at the next meeting. **Thank you again for all your support!**



Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

One of the qualities baseball fans seem to appreciate is consistency. Whether a player is consistent in hitting home runs, such as Duke Snyder, strikeouts as with Sandy Koufax or stolen bases, as in the case of Maury Wills, there is something awe inspiring about consistency.

In September of 1988, another Dodger was added to the list of "consistency", **Orel Hershiser**. That year, Orel threw 59 consecutive shutout innings. To achieve such a feat, which has yet to be matched, Hershiser had to pitch a shutout in six starts during the month of September.

During that time, he pitched five complete games and ten innings in his last game on September 28 against the Padres. Ironically, the record for most shutout innings that Hershiser broke, was held by Don Drysdale. Big D announced the game on radio, and was one of the first to congratulate Hershiser. Orel would go onto throw two more shutouts in post season earning him MVP awards. **Talk about consistency, that was Orel Hershiser in 1988.**

Ed Note . . . John Eiden

Please remember that after our September meeting, our NEXT regularly scheduled meeting is not until Monday, November 12th! 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 their post-season run to bring that elusive World Championship trophy back to Los Angeles!

Save This Date, December 2nd . . .

Our annual **Christmas Party Brunch** will be held this year on Sunday, December 2nd 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 (maybe?) and lots of fun. More info and your invitation will follow next month.

October Birthdays

- 10/01 – Jonathan Dodger Gallegos
- 10/07 – Mark Clark
- 10/08 – Gina Bidolli
- 10/14 – J.J. Sells
- 10/19 – Brent Wood
- 10/22 – Virginia Ochoa
- 10/27 – Victoria Armenta
- 10/27 – Yolanda Corona
- 10/27 – Luke DiSomma
- 10/27 – Max DiSomma
- 10/27 – Joseph Ruelas
- 10/27 – Monico Zamora
- 10/28 – Johnny Torres
- 10/31 – Sandra Holguin
- 10/31 – Ben Lee

Recruit 10 NEW Members & YOUR 2019 Membership will be FREE

NEW members must be signed up & paid before 12/31/18 Some restrictions apply, so please call a Board member, or attend any monthly meeting for more information



May Meeting Fundraiser \$\$. . . Michelle Gorum

I want to first send out a great big Dodger Blue shout-out and thank-you to all the boosters who have donated some really great items throughout this year for our raffles. They're much appreciated and have really helped us out.

I think I will keep it nice and simple this time out with a **50/50 raffle** so you can win some cool CASH while everyone enjoys our yummy Nacho Bar!



Fanfare And Booster Tidbits . . .

We promised you an update to the **incredibly moving story** about member Brenda Boeglin-Quintana donating one of her kidneys to save fellow member Michelle Gorum's life **and here it is**. We are so pleased to share that the two surgeries performed mid-July, first to remove one of Brenda's kidneys and the other to replace Michelle's bad kidney with Brenda's good one, went quite smoothly and were completed without any issues.

Brenda's recovery has gone quite smoothly with no complications. She been cleared and has no restrictions in place now. She returned to work last month and she, along with family, was spotted at the Quakes game, looking really great.

Michelle's recovery process has likewise been smooth and without mishap.

Hers of course has been more involved and longer. She won't be cleared to go back to work until sometime next month. She reported at the last meeting she was much improved from the initial weeks after surgery and was feeling much more energetic (she too looked great with no noticeable signs of having had surgery). She was quite ecstatic when she was told she could finally go from only 32 ounces of just fluids each day to eating **WHATEVER** she wanted!

Michelle would like to share that "Brenda was a godsend sent my way. Angels were watching over both of us." Their touching story is quite hopeful and heartwarming. It serves as a reminder to each and every one of us we all have organs we can donate during life, without any debilitating effect to ourselves, as well as in death, which will **SAVE THE LIFE** of another person, be it a loved one or a total stranger! Don't let myths and misinformation confuse you and dissuade you from checking out whether you may be a donor match to someone else in great need of your help. Please take a moment to checkout sites like organdonor.gov, mayoclinic.org and donatelifecalifornia.net for much more information about donating.

Remember to also go to dmv.org to register as an organ donor. It's simple and easy to do and we all now know firsthand just how important and life changing this really is thanks to our very own members Brenda & Michelle!



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

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 Brunch, TBA

Membership Notes . . . Brenda Marsh

Wow, September is here already and this starts our 2019 Membership Drive! Our Boys in Blue are pushing to grind out wins, and we are all there with them heading into autumn. You are welcome to renew online, www.dodgersboosterclub.com, or in-person at our meetings. We are happy to say your membership fees will **NOT** increase, all dues will be staying at the same low price for 2019!!!

As a reminder, if you recruit **10 or more new members for 2019 you will be eligible to receive a free membership** for the next year!

We encourage you to invite all your family, friends, co-workers, and all Dodger lovers to join our L.A. Dodgers Booster Club, so we can all cheer the Dodgers on!

Ice Cream Social Recap . . . Lidia Carrillo

Hello Booster Members! We hope you all enjoyed this year's Ice Cream Social. I want to take this time to thank all the lovely ladies who helped with setting up, serving and cleaning up afterwards. I couldn't have done it with all of your help!

A HUGE thank you to Dorothy for guiding me through my first event. Oh, and I can't forget to thank our amazing board members for donating all the yummy ice cream and toppings this time. Lastly, I want to acknowledge all those Boosters who placed a total of \$30 into our Ice Cream Social donation jar that night. What would you like to enjoy in next year's ice cream sundaes??

Let me know and I will do my best to make it happen. And get your appetite ready for September's meeting...as a nacho bar is coming your way!





RC Quakes Game Recap . . . John Eiden



On Saturday, August 11th, 56 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 again this year for first place in the season's second half.

The Quakes had already won a spot in the playoffs by winning the division in the first half. They were even more determined to maintain and increase their first place lead over the JetHawks in order to earn a bye in their first round of playoffs.

What a game it was!

But first, about 36 members (by far, our largest crowd ever!) gathered for a fun and tasty pregame picnic in front of the stadium. The usually empty park was totally occupied this time by a large organization. Although we found ourselves relegated to a small grassy knoll nearby, we had a great and relaxing time.

A big thank-you to JJ Sells for bringing the sandwiches, drinks, condiments, plates, cups, ice, etc.! A big thank you to everyone who brought a wide array of delicious side dishes, desserts and appetizers. We ate so much, we simply had no appetite for Dodgers dogs inside the stadium later. Although we were still in the tail end of a current heat wave, it was still dry and cooled off nicely during the game. It was a great game by all accounts with our Quakes emerging the victors 3-1.

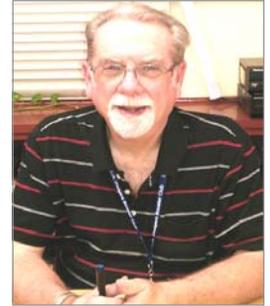
They had their usual Saturday night fireworks and they certainly were on the same scale of those seen on any Friday night at Dodger Stadium. Because Waba Grill is no longer a sponsor for the Quakes, we had to scramble and use one of the current sponsors to cater our postgame meal for the players. We settled on

Shakey's Pizza once we were informed there were no longer any mandatory dietary restrictions in place. Although we ordered the 50-person party package of pizzas, fried chicken and mojo potatoes, the 21 players, along with the manager Drew Saylor, happily gobbled down almost all of it and what little remained, the players took home for later. The players had a great time eating, relaxing and sharing all kinds of conversations with the many of us who stayed around. Both our members and the players had a wonderful time talking and chatting for quite awhile. So much so, when they realized how late it had become, the players got up as one, thanked us all for our kindness and apologized profusely for having to take off then as they had to get to bed because they had to be back in less than 12 hours for the game the next afternoon.

Manager Drew Saylor 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. He pointed out with all the major league players rotating on and off the DL this season, the effects are certainly felt at this level with players constantly coming and going to fill the needs of the other Dodgers' minor league teams. Drew is certainly very adept at managing his team with these constant changes in personnel this year as they have not only won the first half but look to win the second half of the season as well. At a mere 34-years old and in just 3 seasons now as manager, he has amassed the most career wins in the history of the franchise!

I want to thank all the members who came to the gathering and engaged the players in conversation and having such 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 the players at the buffet tables – great job! I want to especially thank member Clyle Alt for greeting the players as they came in and handing out their pre-printed nametags. Debbie Grieci from the Quakes Booster Club waited until just 2 days before the game to print out those nametags for us. Even so, that night there were nametags not picked up as players had moved on and a few players who didn't have them as they had just arrived! The Quakes boosters thanked us again for the tremendous help we were this year with providing all of the apartment supplies we did at the start of the season and hope we can help out again next year. All in all, a great time was had that day by one and all!

FYI – as of August 21st, with just 14 games left, the Quakes enjoy an 8-game lead over the JetHawks for first place. **Playoffs in their future too**, let's hope so!



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