

## President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

**Fellow Boosters** - As I write this article, the All-Star game has concluded and the second half of the season is about to start and I thought before it did, I would reflect on what has happened in the first half. First and foremost, this team has played fantastic baseball for the most part. Cody Bellinger, Max Muncy and Alex Verdugo have been better than expected. Ryu has pitched out of his mind. Walker Buehler is proving that last year was no fluke. Turner, Taylor and Maeda have been solid and the bullpen, although the weakest part of the team, has held its own for the most part. Kershaw has re-invented himself as a pitcher and continues to pitch at an all-star level. All of this has been done without Corey Seager and AJ Pollack for most of the first half.

But what does it all mean? Nothing. Because what happened in the first half doesn't get you to the finish line. You still have to perform in the second half. To see what happens, join us as we experience it together. As always, I hope to see you at the ballpark!



## Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

The second half of the season is well on its way and getting ready soon for the homestretch. If you don't have all your tickets yet, look at the TeamUp app or give JJ Sells a call to order some tickets and then send your payment to me. And even if you have tickets, **order more tickets because our boys are going all the way**. Those of you who have already ordered tickets for Fan Appreciation Day on September 22nd, your final payment is due by the August 12th meeting. Tickets are \$49 and if you have forgotten your balance, give me a holler by text, email or phone.

Have you ordered tickets and paid for them and then found you couldn't go to that game and YOU haven't been able to get rid of them yourself? Well, the club now has an alternative, which would also benefit the club. Notify JJ or me and JJ will put them on StubHub and whatever they sell for the club gets the proceeds, thus you have made a donation to the club. Now, wasn't that easy for you and beneficial to the club?

Lastly, be sure to keep your eyes peeled for ALL upcoming Email Blasts because, just as soon as we receive word from the Dodgers regarding playoff tickets, we will send one out right away with all the pertinent information!



## Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

Located behind the Reserve Level at Dodger Stadium are large baseballs with the names of Dodger Cy Young Award winners. All the names are pretty familiar with the possible exception of one, **Mike Marshall**. The Dodgers had an outfielder in the 1980's with the same name, which adds to the confusion. Mike Marshall was a relief pitcher for the Dodgers and several other teams from 1968 until 1981. He won the Cy Young Award with the Dodgers in 1974 after appearing in 106 games (MLB record), with 21 saves, a 15-12 won-lost record and an ERA of 2.42.

Until 1974, no reliever ever took home a Cy Young trophy. Marshall claimed he could pitch in so many games due to his theory of pitching, which used pitching mechanics not advocated by most major league pitchers. Mike Marshall was a Phys Ed major at Michigan State and eventually received a doctorate in Kinesiology, the study of body mechanics.

As talented as he was, Marshall did not win any "Mr. Congeniality" awards with his teammates. He reportedly was very belligerent and critical of fellow players, coaches and management. Despite his clubhouse dynamics, Mike Marshall did accomplish something most pitchers in baseball do not and that was to win the Cy Young Award. A unique accomplishment for a unique individual. That is Mike Marshall, pitcher.



## Silent Auction Recap . . .

Our 2019 silent auction was **simply awesome!** 29 items were offered for bid and all 29 were sold, leaving only empty tables at the end! Only 6 items went for just the minimum bid and 5 items had the minimum bid raised 10-13 times. There was quite a variety of items to bid upon - etched Dodger glasses w/wine and YETI wine tumblers w/wine to lunch box and toy sets for the kids; celebrating Don Newcombe to celebrating Jackie Robinson; restaurant gift cards for Langer's Deli, Philippe's & Ozzie's Diner to gift cards for Trader Joe's, Starbucks & iTunes; a Quake Players signed baseball to an Alex Wood signed baseball; Dooney & Bourke Dodger purse to a Dodger reversible jacket and other Dodger apparel items; a dog's basket full of all sorts of toys and accessories to a Doggie Day Spa visit and exam; along with kitchen aids like a bamboo set of cutting boards, oven stoneware and an 8-quart InstaPot. Pat Moore and her team are to be congratulated for making this the wonderful success it was. Pat's infectious optimism and smart team building led to raising a record-setting total of \$1,743 for our treasury! A great big Dodger Blue THANK-YOU to everyone who in one way or another helped contribute to making this one the amazing success it was!

### A message from our Silent Auction Committee Chair Pat Moore -

"This was such a fun and exciting event, I found out what a wonderful group of people are in this club. It really was a group event! It started with a strategy meeting with experienced club members - John [Eiden], Mae [Rosenkranz], Robyn [Morningstar] & Dorothy [Wylie]. We were given some great ideas and John and I used all of them. We then got together a second time with Ann [Baziak], Robyn

and Mae to assemble and wrap them all. The result is what you saw at the July meeting - ALL items were sold. In addition to those I thanked above for their contributions, I want to continue my thank-you's to show just how much of a group event this really was. I want to thank the following for donating such wonderful items - Vickey & Olivia Armenta, John Aston, Cindi & Gary Droeger, John Eiden, Jeff & Brenda Marsh, Robyn Morningstar & Jack Ciganek, Mae Rosenkranz and Dorothy & Forrest Wylie. I would also like to thank the following for their unique contributions - Mary Ann Law, JJ Sells, Brenda Marsh & Danee Gallegos for printing the invitations to former members and then addressing envelopes and handling all of that, Nicole DiSomma for the great job she did creating a poster to advertise the event and Alan Munoz for donating all those great baskets we used for various items. I do most humbly apologize to anyone who I may have inadvertently overlooked thanking here."

## Fanfare And Booster Tidbits . . .

VP Alicia Trujillo asked us to pass along this note to everyone - "I received the get well card of well wishes, thank you all very much. I had a 'minor' slip and fall and fractured both my ankles. I had a cast on one ankle and a brace on the other. I am now in a boot and am able to get around a little better. With each day, I see and feel improvement. Thank goodness I don't need surgery, just time to heal.

What has helped me through this trying time are the Dodgers. Watching the Dodger games have been the highlight of my days. If all goes well, I hope to see all of you at the August meeting. Stay well."

### Ed Note . . . John Eiden

Last month, we launched our new digital Birthday Greetings program. A few members even sent back kind thank-you notes. One thing we also discovered was that some of these birthday greeting emails from American Greetings were being sent to your Junk / SPAM folders by some email providers.

The email does display "LA Dodgers Booster Club", which ought to help to identify it. So, when your birthday month rolls around, please be sure to check your Junk / SPAM folders because we don't want you to think we ignored your special day!

### 2019 Meeting Dates

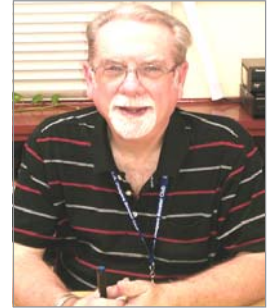
Monday, January 14th  
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 Monday, April 8th  
 Monday, May 13th  
 Monday, June 10th  
 Monday, July 8th  
 Monday, August 12th  
 Monday, September 9th  
 Monday, November 4th  
 Christmas Brunch, TBA



## Best Meeting Ever . . . John Eiden

What an amazing **TRIPLE PLAY** we experienced at our July meeting! **First-** the meal! **Second-** our guest speaker Chris Epting! **Third-** our Silent Auction! Don't even get me started on that one but take a moment to check out the "**Silent Auction Recap**" article on page two for FULL details. When we entered the room, we found that the silent auction tables up front, along with the sign-in table, were all festively decorated with Dodger blue table cloths and blue and white Dodger balloons. The kids even got to take those balloons home after the meeting.

The 3 kinds of subs were all quite delicious. There was enough left to allow for seconds and after that, some members even purchased the few remaining to take home. The sandwiches were complimented by an array of delectable salads donated by board members (mostly all homemade). There were all kinds of chips to pick from, along with several tasty desserts.



We got the meeting underway by introducing our guest speaker **Chris Epting**. (left) A Brooklyn transplant, who lives in Huntington Beach and is the author of 30 books on various aspects of our pop culture, music, baseball and history. As soon as he began speaking, you could tell he was a seasoned speaker and soon we learned what a skilled storyteller he was. His most recent book, *Roadside Baseball*, combines both his love for history and baseball. It reads like a AAA Tour Book for baseball fans. Each state is given its own chapter and various points of current or historical baseball interest are discussed. He delighted us with so many wonderful stories that night, too many to list here although we will highlight a couple. **RAY CHAPMAN** – He played shortstop for the Cleveland Indians. On August 16, 1920, Ray, age 29, was struck in the head by a pitch from Yankee Carl Mays and died 12 hours later. He is the only MLB player to have died from an injury

received during a game. His death led to MLB rule changes the following season, but they didn't include batting helmets, those requirement didn't come until 30 years later! Up until 1921, it was the pitcher's job to dirty up a new ball the moment it was thrown onto the field by whatever means necessary. They smeared it with dirt, licorice or tobacco juice and were deliberately scuffed, sandpapered, scarred or cut. Back then, foul balls and HR balls were retrieved and put back into play. Naturally, balls got dirty and hard to see. It was late afternoon on that August day when Chapman was struck. Eyewitnesses said Chapman never moved out of the way, probably unable to see the ball. In 1921, the rules were changed to require frequent clean balls

being used and those practices to mark the ball were outlawed, as well as the spitball, for sanitary reasons. **THE BIRTH OF THE CURSE OF THE BAMBINO** – It took place in the winter of 1920, just a few minutes from Dodger Stadium at the Griffith Park Public Golf Course in Atwater Village. Red Sox owner Harry Frazee was very deeply in debt. Yankees owner Jacob Ruppert, on the eve of Prohibition, desperately needed something to replace the lost revenue from beer sales and thought signing Babe Ruth would work. The transaction had to be completed quickly before anyone could change their minds but Babe Ruth was nowhere to be found. Yankee manager Miller Huggins was sent out to find Babe. He finally got a tip Ruth was in California and, once here, found out he played golf at this public course. At the 18th hole, Huggins got his signature and the rest is history. For more, you are going to have to read his book. He was so entertaining and spellbinding, we could have listened to him for much longer but, alas, there was the business portion of the meeting to conduct and the silent auction to get to. He stayed and signed copies of the book as we conducted the business of the club. The night was closed out by announcing the winning bids for all of the 29 items displayed. A whopping \$1,743 was collected! With that done, this meeting was history!

## Save This Date - December 1st . . .

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on our **Annual Christmas Brunch** which will be held this year on Sunday, December 1st. It is always one of our highlights of the year and a great way to kick off the holiday season. Watch for more information to follow.

### August Birthdays

8/03 - Lidia Carrillo  
 8/03 - Louis Vasquez  
 8/04 - Carolyn Hemming  
 8/05 - Will Mickelson  
 8/07 - Susan Davidson  
 8/07 - Micki Wood  
 8/08 - Esteban Carrillo  
 8/09 - Tirza Chavez  
 8/11 - Christopher Gorman  
 8/12 - Denise Carmona  
 8/13 - Suzette Poulter  
 8/13 - Nicole DiSomma  
 8/16 - Matthew Vargas  
 8/24 - Danee Gallegos  
 8/24 - Ralph Holguin  
 8/25 - John Aston  
 8/25 - Cindy Fairman  
 8/26 - Dolores Bromberek  
 8/27 - Brooke Petruzelli  
 8/29 - Mary Chisholm



# Dodgers Booster Club Join / Renewal Application

The L.A. Dodgers Booster Club is a non profit organization dedicated to: 1.) bringing the sport of Baseball to the attention of sports lovers the world over; 2.) stimulating interest in the Los Angeles Dodgers ; 3.) providing information that is relative to the sport of Baseball; 4.) Raising funds to help support financially strapped local Little League Teams; 5.) Making our youth more aware of this inspirational pastime

**\*\* Please Print - All items must be completed and signed where indicated, for all members**

Please PRINT ( \* indicates Required Info) Name Birthday (mm/dd)

\* Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* Name 3 \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* Name 4 \_\_\_\_\_ \*

If additional names, please list on reverse \*NOTE - Year of Birth required for any member under age 18

\* Address \_\_\_\_\_ \* Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\* City \_\_\_\_\_ \* State \_\_\_\_\_ \* Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ \* Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to serve on the LADBC Board? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_ Tell me more \_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_

### LA DODGERS BOOSTER CLUB INC. RELEASE AGREEMENT WAIVER

- I, (we) as a member of the LA Dodgers Booster Club, Inc., (hereafter referred to as LADBC) agree as follows: LADBC, is a nonprofit corporation organized for the mutual enjoyment of its members in supporting the LA Dodgers Baseball Club.
- LADBC's activities include group transportation to/from baseball games, meetings, picnics, and other events. At these events LADBC may serve food and engage in group activities of various types.
- I (we) understand that the activities of LADBC, would not be possible if the organization were to accept responsibility for injury to its members or losses its members might incur while participating in group activities, eating, travel or otherwise.
- Therefore, I (we) agree to waive any claims that I now have, or ever may have, arising from my participation in LADBC, and to release and hold harmless DBC, together with its officers and directors, from any liability whatsoever for any injury or damage that I may sustain as a result of participating in events sponsored by LADBC.
- This release agreement shall bind and apply to the benefit of my heirs, representatives, or estate and to the successors of LADBC.

\*Date \_\_\_\_\_ \*Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Member, L.A. Dodgers Booster club

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If any member signing above is under age 18, parent or legal guardian must sign below

\*Date \_\_\_\_\_ \*Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian

### Membership Dues (join / renew)

\_\_\_\_ All-Star Memberships  
Full Adult @ \$30.00 / \$36.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Major League Memberships  
18 + dependent @ \$20 / \$26 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Minor League Memberships  
Under 18 dependent @ \$15 / \$21 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Hall of Fame Memberships  
Upgrade Adult @ \$55 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Minor and Major League Members cannot join on their own; but must be linked to a new or existing All-Star or HOF membership  
Minor and Major League Members are not required to be part of the same household as their All-Star or HOF sponsor  
Minor League members must be supervised by a parent or consenting adult to participate in any / all LA Dodgers Booster Club activities

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