



President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters – Fellow Boosters, another year has come and gone and, for us Dodgers fans, an end that was both frustrating and disappointing. I hope the holiday season was wonderful for you and yours and the New Year will bring you health, happiness and joy...and hopefully a World Series victory.

As I prepare this article, you have once again entrusted me to run our organization for the next 2 years. I hope to continue to work along with our board to lead us going forward. Spring training and the new season is right around the corner. So, with that, thank you for your trust and on to 2019, where I hope to see you at the ballpark!

Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz



A BLAST was emailed out on November 30th announcing the **new Mini Plans for 2019**. After reviewing all of the Mini Plans, we offered to our members two of the 20-game plans (the Collectors & the Marquee Plans), and the first of the 4 installment payments was due December 10th.

The second payment is due January 10th with the third one due February 8th and the fourth and final payment due March 8th. You can still sign up for a 20-game mini plan at the next meeting or by calling Mae now. However, if you do, the Dodgers will require the full amount when it is ordered, installment payments will not be allowed.

If anyone has any questions regarding these plans give me call. You can also go to this web page: www.mlb.com/dodgers/tickets/season-tickets/twenty-game-plans, and scroll to the bottom of that page to review both the Collectors and Marquee Plans.

And it's still not too late to participate in our Season Ticket plan! Contact JJ Sells at 714.315.8156 to sign up but be sure to send all payments to me. For those who have already signed up and still owe for season tickets, you can send your payments to me as well.

Membership Notes . . . Danee Gallegos

Happy New Year to all my fellow Boosters! I hope 2019 is off to an amazing start for all of you. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for 2019. Remember, if you recruit a total of 10 new members this year, you will be eligible to receive a free membership for 2020.

So, please keep referring your friends and family to join our club. It's also time to do a badge check. As you know, for those of you who forget to wear their badges to meetings, you get to donate a \$1 to the club. If you would like to order a replacement, it is just \$6.

You can renew your membership or purchase a new badge online at dodgersboosterclub.com. In addition, you can also visit the Membership table at the January meeting.

Your 2019 Booster Club Officers . . .

- President - JJ Sells - 000.000.0000
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- Board Member - Jeff Marsh - 000.000.0000
- Board Member - Pat Moore - 000.000.0000
- Board Member - Brent Wood - 000.000.0000
- Past President - Monico Zamora - 000.000.0000

Recruit 10 NEW Members & YOUR 2019 Membership will be FREE

NEW members must be signed up & paid before 12/31/19
Some restrictions apply, so please call a Board member, or attend any monthly meeting for more information

Booster Club Apparel Update. . . Jeff Marsh

Hi everyone, hope you all enjoyed the Holiday season. I am always looking for suggestions for new items you would all be interested in. The clear carry bags with our logo on it is something I am already looking into.

Let me know if there is anything in particular that you would like, such as Koozies, seat cushions, key chains, travel mugs, etc. Please feel free to email me with any suggestions at 000000000000@0000000.com. Look forward to seeing you all soon!



Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

For those under a certain age, **Sandy Koufax** is a name on a list of great pitchers. However, for those of us who remember Sandy as a pitcher, we know he really was GREAT! Koufax, who turned 83 on December 30th, captured the admiration of so many during the height of his pitching prowess from 1962 to 1966.

To understand his greatness, let's look at the year 1965. In 1965, there were three events that highlight his greatness. The first event occurred September 9th when Koufax threw a perfect game. There have been only 23 perfect games in the history of baseball. This game was against the Cubs, who were not an exceptionally good team but did have three future Hall of Famers in the line-up (Ernie Banks, Ron Santo and Billy Williams).

The second event was game 1 of the World Series, which was also Yom Kippur. Sandy, who is Jewish, refused to pitch on this holy day, demonstrating that his priorities were in order.

The third event was his pitching in games 5 and 7. In both games, Koufax pitched a complete game, with ten strikeouts in each. What makes this feat even more amazing, he pitched game 7 on two days' rest. How fortunate those over a certain age were to have seen the great Sandy Koufax.

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January Birthdays

1/02 - Lindy Bidolli
1/06 - Tyler Israel
1/08 - Loreen Makishima
1/09 - Patricia Moore
1/12 - Fernando Perez
1/15 - Jeff Marsh
1/16 - Coletta Lindell
1/18 - Lucas Quintana
1/20 - Linda Ruelas
1/20 - Steve Vicario
1/20 - Dorothy Wylie
1/21 - Brandon Medrano
1/23 - Julie Rodriguez
1/27 - Beverly Rosas
1/27 - Eloisa Aguilar
1/28 - Gilbert Rosas

November Meeting Recap . . .

We began the evening by serving up **delicious hot dogs, chili and chips** before the meeting got started. Once called to order and having reminded everyone to be sure to perform their civic responsibility at the polls the next day, we had a series of reports covering our 2019 season tickets, the upcoming 2018 Christmas Party, renewing member dues, spring training, etc.

Before we started playing bingo, Election Committee Chair John Aston took over to handle the nominations for those board positions up for re-election next year. Since a single nominee was put forth for these positions – JJ Sells for President, John Eiden for Secretary, Danee Gallegos & Brenda Marsh for Membership Chair, they were elected by acclamation.

With two At-Large Board Member positions available, only a single nomination was put forth that night, for Brent Wood. Because we were informed a couple members might be interested in running but weren't present to accept the nomination, it was decided to not close the nominations for this position. In addition, an Email Blast would be put out inviting anyone interested in running to respond back.

With that done for now, we all grabbed our bingo cards and had a blast playing 3 games with the proceeds going towards the gifts Santa would later hand out to the kids at our Christmas party. Once the last number was called and the winner named, this meeting was history.

[Ed. Note – With only one member responding to our Email Blast, Pat Moore will join the board as the other At-Large Board Member, completing our list of 2019 officers and without the need to hold an election.]

2019 Meeting Dates

Monday, January 14th
 Monday, February 11th
 Monday, March 11th
 Monday, April 8th
 Monday, May 13th
 Monday, June 10th
 Monday, July 8th
 Monday, August 12th
 Monday, September 9th
 Monday, November 4th
 Christmas Brunch, TBA

2019 Meeting Dates . . .

There will be a NEW START TIME for meetings for 2019 - 6:30 PM.

Pre-meeting events such as the Potluck, Ice Cream Social, Spaghetti Dinner, Bingo, etc. will commence at 6:00 PM.

As you know, the City of Santa Fe Springs offers the Town Center Hall to us at no charge for our monthly meetings. However, when our meetings go past 8 PM, the city is obligated to pay overtime to their employees who keep the hall open for us.

Those overtime costs are negatively affecting their budget. We hope this change in start time will not negatively influence your ability to continue attending our monthly meetings. If it may, please let us know at the January Meeting.

All meetings for 2019 will be held on the second Monday with the exception of our November meeting.

Ed Note . . . John Eiden

The **username and password to access the Members Only section of our website** will be changed by the end of January. Keep a look out for a Dodgers Booster Club Email Blast to go out around mid-January with the new access information. The current ones will remain active for a short time after that to allow everyone to get used to the new ones.

San Diego Tailgate Party and Game . . .

Made your plans already to celebrate Cinco de Mayo? We sure hope not, so you can plan to celebrate with a tailgate party, plus a Dodger victory, with your fellow boosters down in San Diego when the Dodgers play the Padres on Sunday, May 5th! We plan to have the ticket prices and other details announced at the January meeting, along with a discussion regarding other potential road trips. See ya there!

January Meeting Fundraiser . . .

The start of a new year brings with it a new beginning for our fundraising efforts. For 2019, we will start off simply enough, with a **50/50 cash raffle at the January meeting**. However, you can look forward to another great silent auction (or two), along with those occasional special raffles and maybe some new surprises.

We want to thank each and every one of you for being able to so generously participate, as your finances permitted you, in all our fundraising efforts last year and we hope your magnanimous spirit will continue on throughout 2019 and beyond!

2019 Meeting Activities . . .

Last year was full of **all kinds of special activities at our meetings** – potluck dinner, bingo, ice cream social, spaghetti dinners, silent auction and, of course, our very first Nacho Bar. That one was so successful, we will have another one this year, along with some of your old favorites!

First up, look for us to hold our annual Potluck Dinner at our February meeting. If time constraints will allow us, we will attempt another movie night during 2019 as well.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for something different to add some more excitement to our meetings, please bring it to the attention of any board member so it can be considered

2019 Spring Training . . .

For 2019, the Dodgers have now implemented multi-tiered pricing for Spring Training tickets at Camelback Ranch. This tiered pricing for the suites seriously impacts our ability to find games that most of us can afford. All but the higher priced suites have already been reserved. Therefore, the bad news is we will not have access to any of the suites for Spring Training games this year. However, the good news is that this frees us to be able to pick games over any weekend the Dodgers play at Camelback Ranch.

Be sure to come to the January meeting to discuss which weekend(s) will allow the most members to attend one or more games out in Glendale, AZ.

Christmas Party Update . . .

On a gorgeous Sunday afternoon last month, 85 Boosters, family, friends and special guests took part in our 61st annual Christmas party at the recently remodeled Almansor Court in Alhambra. The range of food offerings for the brunch was as abundant as it was delicious.

Our members were once again moved by the Christmas spirit as evidenced by the many children's' toys piled high on one table, destined to go to the Friends of Foster Children. Carol and her husband, from FOFC, were in attendance and expressed their gratitude for our generosity again this year.

Another table was spread with quite a number of great raffle prizes, including autographed photos and balls by current Dodgers Max Muncy, Austin Barnes and Chris Taylor, along with some former greats like a Valenzuela signed ball and an autographed Rick Monday bat. We want to give a big shout-out and thank you to Marc at Ultimate Past Sports for his generosity with helping us purchase these great items. There were also several themed baskets, along with some other cool items like popcorn poppers, crock-pots and BBQ grills. Each table was decorated with an elegant and colorful centerpiece. Those 12 centerpieces were also sent home as raffle prizes. Each place setting was adorned with a cute holiday gift bag containing a lottery scratcher and a Sees sucker. Though no one spoke up at the party, we are hopeful one or more of those scratchers will turn up some big winners.

Also among our special guests were Frank and Debbie Grieci from the Quakes Booster Club. They were quite pleased when we announced we would once again help supply the apartments with those household goods the players would need for next season.

Our guest speaker was an old friend of ours, former Dodger Kenny Landreaux. Since he had spoken to our group a few times in the past, he spoke extemporaneously about the MLB Academy in Compton and the work he does there, along with his thoughts about the pervasive reliance on analytics in today's game. He shared how he felt our signing Darvish rather than Verlander was a decisive move that contributed greatly to our loss in last year's World Series. During a Q&A, he was asked what the "T" in his "KT Landreaux 44" autograph stood for. Turns out, it was simply something one of his little league managers called him and it stuck with him throughout his career. He graciously stayed afterwards to take photos and sign autographs. He even had his picture taken with our other special

guest, the man himself – jolly ole Santa Claus!

With the aid of one of his cute toyshop elves, each child got a chance to say hi to him, sit on his lap and take home a special gift. Just before this year's party drew to its close, we all gathered for our traditional group photo.

As all things must, this year's party ended with a festive time had by one and all, filled with good food, a grand time and pleasant memories!

A great big Dodger Blue Thank-You goes out to Mae Rosenkranz for once again putting together another wonderfully splendid affair. There are a number of others who deserve our thanks and gratitude as well and we will let Mae herself do so for us – "Special thanks to the following for helping make the annual Christmas Party a big success: to Santa Claus (Chris Gorum) and his helper Michelle Gorum, who also filled the Kids' Stockings with goodies; to Jeff Marsh for acquiring those great collectible items from Ultimate Pastime Sports for our raffles; to Michelle Gorum, Armida Vasquez & Danee Gallegos for helping me with the Raffle Baskets; to Eddie Medrano for making the invitations; to Olivia and Vicky Armenta for donating the beautiful and festive floral arrangements and to Ben Lee for designing them; to Armida Vasquez for donating and making those individual little gift bags with a lottery ticket & Sees sucker; to Annette Alexander for her generous monetary donation as well as to those who played Bingo at the November meeting; to Clyde Alt for the Kids' Stockings; to Ralph Kaye for our group photo; and lastly a big thank you to all who joined in our celebration to kick off the Holiday Season.

A good time was had by all!"



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