

President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters – What a start with 30 wins by the middle of May. This team is rolling now that the pitching is coming around and what a start of the year for Bellinger. The rest of the season shapes up, as of this writing, to be yet another exciting year.

With Arizona and San Diego improved this year, the road to the Post Season will be a tough one. Come join us for all the excitement the season promises to bring. See you at the ballpark!



Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

Wow, what an exciting season this is! What about Cody Bellinger, first and second in all categories! I can't wait for him to come up to bat to see what he is going to do and his defensive is really good too. Love to see those throws he makes from right field. And then there's Joc Pederson and Justin Turner, both are starting to get in the groove as are Corey Seager and Max Muncy, not to mention the pitching of Ryu and the outstanding defensive plays from Kike.

I can hardly wait until the next game. With all of this being said, think about going and seeing them in person. Check our TeamUp app and see what tickets are still available and then call JJ Sells with your order, 000.000.0000, and mail me a check for your order.

Keep in mind **Fan Appreciation Day, September 22nd**. Some of you have already ordered tickets and submitted a deposit due to one of the requirements we had to adhere to in order to place an order for additional tickets for Opening Day. The balance is due by the August 12th meeting and, yes, we can still add onto our original order. So, don't miss out, jump on the fun wagon now and join us. Give me a call to place your order and mail me a check by the deadline, August 12th.



San Diego Trip Recap . . . Olivia Armenta

The weather was perfect, the food great and the company fantastic. Our seats on the second level were excellent for viewing games at Petco Park. We won't mention the eventual outcome other than to say it was a good game until that last pitch thrown in the bottom of the 9th. We had 80 members and friends travel south to San Diego on Cinco de Mayo Sunday.

Everyone enjoyed the tailgate party before the game, relaxing and enjoying the company on the sunny, gorgeous spring day we had. Before heading into the game, everyone also enjoyed themselves to a lunch of street tacos, rice and beans. A Special thanks for all the cooking and preparing that **Nicole DiSomma** and **Michelle Gorum** did for our tasty lunch. Thank you to **Armida Vasquez** for helping them. Ladies, you ROCK! Thanks to the members that brought along the sweets for dessert. Word on the street is we'll have to do this next year in 2020!

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

Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

"But I was there" I said in what I hoped was a convincing way. He just laughed and said that me and 500,000 others were there. I wasn't sure if he was kidding or not. He beamed that great smile that made him one of my favorite Dodgers. For a moment, I thought back to that day. It was Saturday May 1, 1965.

It started like any other day. I got up and had my bowl of cereal while I watched the Jetsons, Rocky & Bullwinkle and Tennessee Tuxedo. Later in the day, I went to the store with my mom. Everyone did their shopping on Saturday. After all, who heard of stores being open on Sunday? Finally, the time arrived. We piled into the car, turned on Boss radio 93 KHJ, and were off to Dodger Stadium.

It was a large Saturday night crowd, close to 50,000, against the hated Giants. I was happy to see that Ron Fairly, Maury Wills and Tommy Davis were all in the line-up. Fairly hit a home run, Wills got 2 hits, and the Dodgers won 4-2. However, there was a tremendous amount of apprehension in the air that night. Tommy Davis was going into second base when his foot caught on the infield dirt and he broke his ankle. We went home that night happy the Dodgers won but wondered if our season was over. Fortunately, Lou Johnson, TD's replacement, added the needed spark and the Dodgers went on to win the World Series that year. But on that May night, when I saw Tommy Davis break his ankle, I got a lesson in how fragile life can be. After all, I was there.



In Brief . . .



NACHO BAR – Our second ever Nacho Bar was even MORE varied and possibly tastier than our first one!

A great big Dodger Blue Thank You to **Lidia Carrillo** for so expertly organizing this special event, along with her fellow servers, **Vickey Armenta, Danee Gallegos & Michelle Gorum** as well as to those board members who donated the wide array of toppings.

Cannot wait to see what Lidia and her crew come up with for our next DELICIOUS NACHO BAR!

Sunshine Lady, Aurora Pina . . .

Is a Booster Member you know who's celebrating a graduation? An engagement? A wedding? A birth? A milestone anniversary? Any other kind of celebratory event?

Be sure you contact our Sunshine Lady **Aurora Pina** to let her know so your Dodgers Booster Club friends can celebrate along with you. Call her at 000.000.0000 or email her at 000000@0000000.000 to share your news so we may send a card and announce it in a future edition of Your Booster Bits monthly newsletter.

On the flip side of that, please be sure to also contact Aurora to share about any member you know who may have suffered an injury, sickness, surgery or death so we may send out a get-well or condolence card and to include them in our thoughts and prayers in the Booster Bits.

We'd like to take this opportunity to also extend our great big loving **Dodger Blue Thank You** to Aurora for all the great work she does behind the scenes for our club!

Your 2019 Booster Club Officers . . .

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Exciting Silent Auction Update . . . Pat Moore

I want to thank everybody for helping out so far to make our July meeting Silent Auction the success it will be. This silent auction will be huge benefit for our club, the treasury and our long term booster future.

Membership is sending out 100 letters to members who haven't been active in 2 years to get them to perhaps attend this meeting and auction and maybe reactivate their membership. I have received many special items for the auction from members and some promises from potential community donors. Danee Gallegos is taking over our club's Facebook page and will be sending out special posts about the auction. Be sure to check it out! Jeff Marsh is taking a poster for the event out to Ultimate Sports in Rancho Cucamonga to help advertise it as well as sending out posts for our event on their Facebook page.

The June meeting is the last time I will be able to accept items for this auction. It's time to step up to the plate and Help YOUR club. I want to encourage all members to invite family and friends to the July meeting. We will need a large attendance for this to truly be a success!

I am having a "work day" on June 11th at my house from 11 AM to 3 PM (approximately) to help organize the items for the Auction. Please RSVP at 000.000.0000 if you are able to come. Lunch will be served.



Bingo + Hot Dogs at the June Meeting . . .

Our June meeting agenda will feature not one, but **TWO Awesome activities!** We are once again combining the fun that is Bingo with the great taste of hot dogs!

We plan to serve up hot dogs & chips free of charge, starting at 6:30 PM! Donations are always graciously accepted to help defray club costs. Brent Wood will also have his usual array of beverages and snacks available for purchase.

The plan for our Dodger Bingo Night will be to again focus on playing just a couple games, maybe more if time and interest warrant it. The cost will be \$5 for each game you play which entitles you to play 3 cards for each game. The winner of each game will receive half the money collected for that game and the club treasury will benefit from the other half.

Keep in mind, these fundraising events are only successful if YOU participate! Family and friends are welcome to take part in the Bingo games. This fun night will begin at 6:30 PM. Look forward to seeing all of YOU there!

RC Quakes Game . . . John Eiden

As announced earlier, this year's trek out to Rancho Cucamonga to watch our baby Boys in Blue play is set for **Saturday, August 17th**, starting at 7:05 PM, when the Quakes will play the Visalia Rawhide, Single-A D'backs affiliate. Signups started at the May meeting and will continue through the July meeting, your final chance to sign up and to pay.

FYI- 75 choice tickets have been set aside for our use, with the opportunity to purchase more if we need them. In addition to the game itself, the Quakes will also honor First Responders before the game and put on a **postgame fireworks display**.

We will once again treat the players and coaches to a postgame meal along with your chance to meet and chat with some of our future Dodgers. Game tickets are set at \$12, with \$2 going towards providing the meals for the players. Parking will be \$5 (cash only). If the interest warrants it, we may also hold a pregame picnic that day – more information on that to come in the next edition.

If you haven't already, be sure to talk this up with all your family, friends and co-workers as this will be an exciting and fun-filled evening showcasing young men at their best working their way up to the majors.

The Quake players already know we are coming for that game and are anxious for the chance to thank us in-person for all our help at the start of the season setting up their apartments with all the things they needed. Remember, you have until the July meeting to sign up and to pay for your tickets. Hope to see you all out there!



Awards Presentation & Pre-Game BP . . .



choosing my nieces, **Allegra Paez** and **Olivia Leanos** and nephew, **Noah Leanos** (right), to join the L.A. Dodgers at batting practice on May 6, 2019. A HUGE Thank You for choosing my son, **Dylan Rodriguez**,

(below left) to present an award to Max Muncy!!! What a great unique opportunity and experience these kids had!

And of course, the biggest thank you to Sandy and Monico Zamora. This would not be possible at all without you guys!" Junior Member **Natalia Carrillo** (left & below right) shared this about her first time on the field: "When I went down to the field, I was pretty nervous and excited about meeting Kike. I was nervous to be shown on the jumbo screen, and what I would say to him. But as soon as I handed him the award, I was so excited. I wasn't even nervous anymore. We both said hi to each other and said how we were. I handed him the award, then I got to take a couple pictures with him. He's a pretty cool person, very nice, and polite. I'm glad I had this opportunity since it was a once in a lifetime experience. Thank you Dodgers Booster Club!"

And, finally, new Board Member Pat Moore had this to say about her first time: "I had an absolutely wonderful experience. Both Max Muncy and Kiki Hernandez were such gentlemen and we were so excited to meet them. By then, I wasn't even sad I wasn't able to present my award to Walker Buehler (he was warming up in the bullpen to start the game). It was awesome!"



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