

President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters - Well, it has begun. As I write this article, we are in the first round of the playoffs and we stand tied 1-1 with the Nationals in the NLDS. Although we lost home field advantage, we did have the opportunity to tie or win in a walk-off and, in every game, we just want that chance. So, when you read this article, the World Series will have concluded and the off-season will be upon us and it should be an exciting one.

The major construction project will be underway at the stadium and the holiday season, along with free agency, will be around the corner. Since our next newsletter will be after the holidays, let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Then spring training happens in late February. If you have never been to Camelback Ranch, I urge you to join the thousands who do visit and, if you do, then I will get to see you at the ballpark!



Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

It's hard to concentrate on putting something together for this edition, during these exciting playoffs. So, this will be short and to the point. First of all, I want to thank everyone for getting their payments in to me for not only the Post Season tickets but for the 2020 Season Tickets and Mini Plans as well. **You guys are great!**

Okay, here's a breather for you, your 3rd payment isn't due to me until after the New Year, on January 8, 2020, and I will send out another reminder. Go DODGERS

Membership Notes . . . Brenda Marsh & Danee Gallegos

Our Membership Drive for 2020 is NOW OPEN. Just go to the Booster Club website, dodgersboosterclub.com, to renew, and, just like that, you're all set to enjoy another **great year** as a Dodger Booster Club member. If you recruit 10 new members during the coming year, you will receive a **FREE** membership the following one. So, get a head start now by encouraging your family, friends and your fellow Dodger fans to join our LA Dodgers Booster Club. Thank you for all your support throughout the years. We end our 2019 Membership at 140. We would like to thank you all for continuing to join us year after year as we look forward to the excitement of our 2020 All-Star Season.

NOVEMBER MEETING ALERT! . . .

READ ON or YOU WILL BE SORRY!!! The City of Santa Fe Springs will be closed on November 11th, our usual meeting date, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Therefore, we have to move our November meeting to the Monday before that – Monday, November 4th! **In addition, since Daylight Savings time ends the day before, don't forget to turn your clocks back or you'll "wind" up getting there an hour early!**

Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 4th for our November meeting where we will nominate members for our upcoming election, conduct other business, **eat hot dogs and play Bingo** for a great cause. See ya there on-time at 6:30 PM PST and on the right date, November 4th!

Your 2019 Booster Club Officers . . .

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Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood

Baseball history is full of characters and colorful individuals. One of the most colorful characters managed both the Dodgers and the Giants and is known for saying that “nice guys finish last”. It is, of course, **Leo “the Lip” Durocher**.

Leo played on the New York Yankees of the 1920’s, where Babe Ruth referred to him as the “All-American Out.” He went on to the St. Louis Cardinals where he was captain of the 1934 “Gashouse Gang”, which won the World Series that year. He was known as “the Lip” for his antagonistic attitude towards opposing players, umpires and team executives.

In 1939, Durocher became a player-manager for the Brooklyn Dodgers and guided them to the Pennant in 1941. During Spring Training 1947, Durocher heard about a petition signed by several players stating they would not play with Jackie Robinson. Leo called a meeting and told them what they could do with their petition. Right after that incident, Durocher was suspended for a year by the Baseball Commissioner on an unrelated matter.

Midway through the 1948 season, Dodger President Branch Rickey made a deal with Giant owner Horace Stoneham to let Leo manage the Giants. Durocher was with the Giants from 1948 to 1955 and was in the third base coaching box during the infamous Bobby Thompson home run of 1951. Leo Durocher returned to the Dodgers as a coach from 1961 to 1964. He became a manager again at sixty years old when he managed the Cubs, followed by the Astros. Leo Durocher passed away in 1991 and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1994 as the fifth-winningest manager in baseball history. Leo Durocher led a very colorful life and truly was one of the great baseball characters.

Possible 2020 Road Trips . . . Olivia Armenta

We are again happy to see our Dodgers in the post season! They have given us all they've got during the 2019 season. By this publishing, we are hopefully attending a parade in triumph of a World Series Championship.

It's not too early to talk about booster travel games for 2020. First on our agenda, our annual tailgate party and game in San Diego will be on Sunday, May 3rd.

Next, a weekend trip to Kansas City on May 15th - May 17th. Then later in the season, a trip to Milwaukee, September 4th - 7th for a weekend series with the Brewers. Let us know what you think. Signups will start at our next booster meeting.

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November Birthdays

1/02 - Xavier Contreras
 11/02 - Jim Grant
 11/04 - David Garcia
 11/07 - Theresa Madrid-Rodriguez
 11/08 - John Contreras
 11/08 - Johnny Sells
 11/10 - Natalia Carrillo
 11/10 - Debbie Lopez
 11/12 - Yolanda Pinon
 11/16 - Pam Carroll
 11/19 - Peter Graves
 11/20 - Kathy Hafner
 11/21 - Forrest Wylie
 11/23 - Robert Chavez
 11/29 - Reiko Morimoto

Ed Note . . . John Eiden

REMINDER – This edition will be your **last newsletter** for 2019, as we’ll have no meeting in December. Instead, we’re gonna party and enjoy the holidays while your Booster Bits enjoys a brief holiday as well! Look for the first edition of 2020 to be available online starting the week before our annual meeting on January 13th.

Till then, I want to offer my heartfelt wishes to one and all for a most happy, joyful and safe holiday season! FYI - Your current log-on to access the “**Members Only**” section of our website will remain the same until we send out an email announcing the new 2020 username and password sometime in late January or early February.

Recruit 10 NEW Members in 2020 & Your Next Membership will be FREE

NEW members must be signed up & paid before 12/31/20 and Some restrictions may apply, so please call a Board member, or attend any monthly meeting for more information.

November Meeting Bingo & Hot Dogs . . .

Our November meeting activity will feature not one but **two great fan favorites!** 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 needed and 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 and entitles you to play 3 cards for each game. The winner of each game will receive half of the money collected for that game with the club collecting 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!



Nominations for DBC Board 2020 Election . . .

It's that time once again to accept nominations for those board positions up for our election next February! As you know, only half of the current board positions are up for election each year for a 2-year term. For 2020, those positions up for election will be Vice-President, Treasurer, Ticket Chair and two At-Large Board positions as Lidia Carrillo & Jeff Marsh have completed their current 2-year terms. If you think you might be interested in helping shape the direction of our club, especially given the new media savvy techno world we now live in, why not run for one of these open positions?

Our Election Committee chair John Aston will take nominations at the **November meeting**. As a reminder, under our by-laws, no nominations can be accepted after they have been closed at that meeting nor are write-in candidates permitted on the ballot. Feel free to check out your By-Laws and Attachment A – Electing the Board of Directors by viewing them in our “Members Only” section on our website.

All nominees are then invited to submit a campaign statement to be included in the February edition of our newsletter as well as being invited to speak to the members at our **January meeting** about their qualifications and why they ought to be elected. Once nominated, all nominees must pay their 2020 membership dues by no later than the January meeting to be eligible for the election at the **February meeting**.

In order to be eligible to vote in February's election, members must have 1) been an active member by no later than September 14th of the prior year, and 2) have renewed their 2020 membership by no later than the January 13th meeting. Those members who have renewed by the January meeting deadline will then be mailed a ballot of the nominated candidates later that month, in advance of the election itself at the February 10th meeting. There will be more details in our January edition but if you have any questions or concerns now, please feel free to contact any board member or bring them to the November meeting to discuss. See ya there!

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

Christmas Party Update . . . Mae Rosenkranz

Our annual **Christmas party** is all set for the first Sunday In December, December 1st, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Look for your invitation in the mail hopefully by the time you read this or shortly thereafter with all the particulars. Some highlights will include a guest speaker, some great raffle prizes, goodies for our pre-teens and Santa Claus.

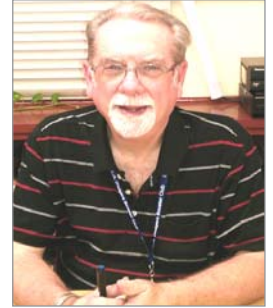
We again ask that everyone bring an **unwrapped toy** to be donated to Friends of Foster Children, which helps make Christmas just a little brighter for our local under-served children. The signup sheet will be at the next general meeting, November 4th. If you cannot attend the meeting, give me a call, 000.000.0000, or text me, 000.000.0000, or email me, 00000000@000000.com, to add your name to the list.

The deadline to reserve your spot and to pay will be Friday, November 22nd. Guests are welcome and we do take credit cards. Hope to see you all there. This is such a great time and a wonderful way to relax and enjoy ringing in the Holidays.

September Meeting . . . John Eiden

As has been the case for these last 7 years now, the September meeting was dominated by discussing the playoffs and postseason tickets. One of the evening's highlights occurred as soon as everyone got there, feasting on yet another scrumptious **Nacho Bar**. Organized again by board member Lidia Carrillo, quite the spread was laid out for making nachos just right for every taste. There was the choice of adding on yummy melted cheese, beans and grilled chicken, along with an array of delicious toppings. A big thank-you to Lidia and her helpers, for making this a huge success.

Member Ralph Holguin, and Dodger employee, shared with us some of the exciting details concerning the planned upgrades to Dodger Stadium for next year's All-Star game here.



For most of us though, the biggest highlight that night came at the very end. 4-term Board Member **Michelle Gorum** has been a fixture at our meetings for quite a long time. Over the years, she has handled any number of essential tasks needed to make our meetings successful. She could be spotted, with her welcoming smile, selling raffle tickets or handing out birthday gifts at the front table. Other times, she'd be spotted, again with a cheery smile, scooping up ice cream at our socials or ladling out food at our potluck dinners. Still other times, she'd be seen floating around the room gently coaxing members to buy not \$1 but \$20 worth of raffle tickets. And that's just a small portion of what she has done unwaveringly for our club. No task big or small would she not take on. She would purchase all the raffle and birthday gifts, she would run back and forth to our storage locker for anything that was needed; she would not hesitate a moment to stop and help out any way she could at any function when and where it was needed – just to name

a few of the many things she did. In recent years, even while facing some serious health issues, she'd still step up to the plate and knock any task out of the ball park, solicited or not. A veritable human Energizer Bunny! But even Energizer Bunnies need their batteries changed eventually.

Everyone is aware she received a lifesaving kidney transplant, donated by fellow member, Brenda Boeglin-Quintana. In what seemed an incredibly short period of time, she was back up and running, doing all the same great things she did before. Just this year, she finally stepped down to take a step back to rest.

This summer, Michelle accepted a well-deserved promotion from her employer, which required a move to Texas in the fall. Knowing the September meeting would be her last, the board decided to surprise and honor her at that meeting with a farewell gift and a token of appreciation for all the many things she's done over the years.


What we hadn't counted on her co-workers also surprising her with a farewell dinner that same evening. Proud parents Louis & Armida Vasquez stood in for her as President JJ presented a gift basket from the club.

And with that, this meeting was history! **Michelle** – it has been an honor and pleasure to know you and to have worked with you over the years. Your contributions to the club have been invaluable and you will be missed! We cannot wait for the next time the Dodgers will be playing in Texas! I think you'll find a lot of us standing on your doorstep. Best of wishes to you and Chris in your new adventure!

December Birthdays

12/11 - Cindi Droeger
 12/12 - Kathleen Juran
 12/22 - Robyn Morningstar
 12/22 - Gizelle Reiner
 12/25 - Nicholas Quintana
 12/27 - Larry Lamb

BOOK SALE



First Annual Mega Book Sale . . .

In addition to holding our annual election and potluck Dinner at our upcoming February 9th meeting, we will ALSO hold our first annual LADBC **Book Sale**. In advance of this meeting, we are asking members, who have any books in good clean condition, if they would like to donate them to our book sale. Certainly, books with a focus on the Dodgers or baseball would be likely choices but books of all other genres would be welcome as well.

We ask you limit your donations to hard cover and soft cover books for this first one, no paperbacks please. If you have any **books you would like to donate**, please feel free to bring them to the November and January meetings.