



President's Corner . . . JJ Sells

Fellow Boosters - WOW! WOW is all I can say! As I write this article, it is mid August and we hold a nearly 20-game lead. This team is really on a roll.

Although there are still 6 weeks to go from now and 2+ weeks by the time you read this, I have to say, top to bottom, this is the best and deepest Dodgers team in my lifetime. I guess our 6 straight Western Division championships attest to the job our front office has done putting together our team and our farm system is ranked #3 in all of baseball.

So, for now and going forward, our future is bright but at the end of the day, the only thing that matters is winning that last game and it's not an easy feat. I hope you will make your plans to join us as we root our boys to victory. That's where I will be and hope you will be too. So with that,

I hope to see you at the ballpark!

Ticket Talk . . . Mae Rosenkranz

First of all, I want to **thank all of you** for getting your 1st quarterly payment for 2020 tickets to me by the August 16th deadline. As a reminder, your 2nd quarterly payment is due to me by October 18th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

As of this writing, we have not received any information regarding the Post Season. With that being said, keep a look out for EMAIL BLASTS from the club with pertinent information for ordering, cost of tickets, allotments, if any, and, of course, due dates for payment.

This is the best way for the club to notify members, so make sure you keep a look out. If you've changed your email lately, please let us know immediately. We have been noticing that when Blasts are sent out, the hits are only in the 50% to 70% range, on average. So please keep checking. Be sure to also check your Junk or SPAM folder in case they may be placed there by your email provider.

This is such an **exciting season** and I would hate for someone to miss out on information regarding playoff tickets for lack of not opening a Blast. Keep rooting our boys on and **see you at the ballpark!**



Membership Notes . . . Brenda Marsh & Danee Gallegos

September begins our **Membership Drive for 2020** and the dues will remain the same for yet another year! Our current membership for 2019 is 140 members. Thank you for all your support throughout the years. Remember, if you recruit 10 members during the year, you will receive a **FREE Membership** the following year.

Although no one reached that goal this year, now is a great time to start thinking about who to recruit for 2020! Encourage your family, friends & fellow Dodger fans to join our LA Dodgers Booster Club family for 2020 and beyond.

As a reminder, take a minute and simply go to our web site, www.dodgersboosterclub.com, and, with complete ease, you can renew your membership as well as add any new members. Again, we would like to thank you all for continuing to join us year after year as we look forward to the excitement of 2019 October Baseball and on to the 2020 Dodgers Baseball Season!

Your 2019 Booster Club Officers . . .

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Las Vegas Booster Trip . . . Jeff Marsh

Our inaugural trip to the new **Las Vegas Ballpark** to watch the OKC Dodgers play the Las Vegas Aviators was a blast! The stadium is beautiful with lots of things for kids to do with a swimming pool and water play area. The seats are specifically designed to be 30% cooler than regular stadium seats.

We lost the game but we got to see Austin Barnes & Edwin Rios both hit home runs. Up & coming superstar Gavin Lux went 3 for 5 and is batting .458. We will be seeing him at Dodger Stadium very soon no doubt.

It was nice to see a thank you to the Los Angeles Dodgers Booster Club on the big screen in center field but it was fun to see Booster members Lidia, Esteban & their kids on the big screen as well. A good time was had by one & all and hopefully we can return again next year. **Check out the photos on page 3!**

September Birthdays

09/06 – Jack Ciganek
 09/06 – Alicia Trujillo
 09/11 – Jason Dodger Gallegos
 09/15 – Albert G. Rondero
 09/17 – Nick Stratis
 09/27 – Willie Koskela
 09/28 – Rudy Cadena

RC Quakes Game Recap . . .



On Saturday, August 17th, 43 members, family and friends headed out to **Rancho Cucamonga** to watch the Quakes battle it out with the Visalia Rawhide. Both teams had already won their respective divisions in the first half and both were in first place again in the second half. Through the sixth, we were down 4-1. With 2 runs in the 7th and 3 more in the 8th, **we won 6-4!** An added bonus was seeing Chris Taylor play second for 7 innings in a rehab stint and looking as though his wrist was in fine shape. (Photo on page 3) As he was warming up with the other players, he paused his routine to sign a lot of autographs for fans.

Those of us to took part in our pregame potluck picnic had quite an array of great picnic food to eat. Most of us didn't even buy a Dodger dog once inside the stadium. The weather really cooperated with us this year, being very pleasant with a gentle breeze throughout the evening.

After the postgame fireworks, we gathered for a postgame meal with the players. Because of so many more autograph seekers than usual standing outside their clubhouse, most of the players went out the back way. We missed a few of them before some quick thinking Quake Boosters realized it and started ushering them in to our gathering. The guys were very thankful and appreciative for the meal and stayed for some time chatting with our boosters. Many of the players were even more expressive in their thanks once they learned it was our club who had provided the apartment supplies for them this season.

We had a chance to chat with their new manager, Mark Kertenian. He too was very thankful for our part in providing the apartment supplies for his players, pointing out how big a deal it is for them to get this assistance. Debbie & Frank Grieci from the Quakes Booster Club stopped by to say hello and thank us again for all our support.

I want to especially thank member Clyde Alt, for greeting the players as they came in and handing out their nametags, as well as board members Pat Moore, for serving up all the food, and Brenda Marsh, for seating the players amongst our members.

A grand time was had by one and all out there that day with all the picnicking, watching great baseball and fun in-between innings stunts and meeting some our future big league Dodgers!

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 Christmas Brunch, TBA

September Meeting & Nacho Bar . . .

NACHO BAR - That does have a nice ring to it, doesn't it? What better way to follow a VERY successful August Meeting Ice Cream Social than with an even **bigger and better Nacho Bar** at our September Meeting!

We will again start serving around 6 PM to give everyone plenty of time before the meeting starts to make their own nacho plate piled high with an awesome array of toppings from which to select. See ya there!



Booster Blog . . . Brent Wood



For baseball fans, September is always a month we meet with mixed emotions. On one hand, the end of the season is approaching which means four long months of no baseball. On the other hand, the pennant races, playoffs and World Series make for an exciting time. As Dodger fans, we have been so fortunate over the years to be in so many pennant races.

However, this was not always the case. The Dodgers joined the National League in 1890. They won the pennant that year as the **Brooklyn Bridegrooms**. They did not win another pennant until 1899 when they were the **Brooklyn Superbas**. They also won the Pennant in 1900. However, from 1901 to 1941, the Dodgers won only two pennants, 1920 and 1941. It was not until the late 1940's that the Dodgers emerged as a dominant team.

Between 1947 and 1967, the **Brooklyn/LA Dodgers** won 10 pennants. Since 1967, the Dodgers have won 7 Pennants and 17 NL West titles.

A World Championship for 2019 would be a great way for us Dodger fans to face that long winter ahead.

November Meeting - On The 4th . . .

The November meeting will be held on the **FIRST Monday** this year as Veteran's Day falls on the second Monday and the city of Santa Fe Springs, along with our meeting location, will be closed down tight in observance of this National holiday.

Mark your calendars now and see you on November 4th, not the 11th! Oh, and don't forget to **turn your clocks back on the 3rd** or you'll arrive an hour too soon for that meeting!



Ed Note . . . John Eiden

As a reminder, after our September meeting, our NEXT regularly scheduled meeting is not until Monday, November 4th! (the first Monday as stated above) Therefore, the next edition of your Booster Bits will not be posted until approximately a week before that meeting.

In the meantime, enjoy the thrill of this year's exciting run for a **7th straight Western Division Championship** and then beyond to their post-season run to bring that elusive World Championship trophy back to Los Angeles! Third Time IS a Charm!!!

October Birthdays

- 10/01 – Jonathan Dodger Gallegos
- 10/02 – Desiree Gallegos
- 10/13 – Ruby Ruelas
- 10/14 – J.J. Sells
- 10/19 – Brent Wood
- 10/27 – Victoria Armenta
- 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

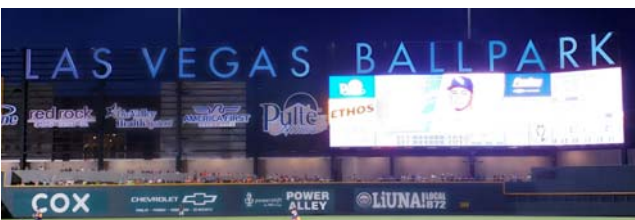


Photo Gallery

Top Left: Jeff & Brenda Marsh
 Center: Carrillo Family in Las Vegas
 Right: Chris Taylor at Quakes Game
 Left: The New Las Vegas Ballpark

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J.J. Sells

I first met Mark Clark shortly after I started teaching at Nightingale Middle School in 1996. He was a History teacher, and I was looking for some ideas. He didn't know too much about teaching my Special Ed students, but he did offer some useful plans. Mark was a dedicated teacher, leading his students through challenging subject matter and taking on many additional duties, including accompanying several 14-year-olds to New York City for a National Model United Nations event.

He also joined me as an advisor for MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) – somewhat ambitious for a History teacher – but once again the master educator shone brightly. He actually led two different teams to Science Bowl titles, as well as taking two other teams to state-wide competitions in designing and building working model windmills.

Early in 1998, we went together to a middle school teacher conference in San Jose. We chatted on the plane and found some common interests. I mentioned that I had just joined the Dodger Booster Club and he asked me for more details. Not long after that he was a member. We went on our first Booster trip to Phoenix. Many more would follow. We also made many

trips not involving baseball or the Boosters, including New Orleans, Hawaii, and Europe (all of these included some historic aspect). In Hawaii, we toured Pearl Harbor and the USS Missouri. In New Orleans it was the National D-Day Museum, and in 2014 we took in Normandy Beach in France.

Mark was in his element, challenging the docents for details. One of our most memorable trips covered both baseball and history. It started just before my 49th birthday when Mark said that “for your 50th, we'll go see the Giants play.” I was a bit confused by this notion – until Mark impishly added “the Tokyo Giants.” Wow. Once we started making detailed plans a few months later, Mark had a time-share with Hilton, including access to accommodations in Tokyo. I figured that the cost of a seven-day stay at a Tokyo Hilton (we always got separate rooms) would be close in price to round-trip airfare, so I offered to pay for the flight in exchange for his time-share allotment.

I went on-line to look for flights and found one with China Air within our (my) budget. Before confirming the reservation, just for kicks, I clicked on the Business Class option and was shocked to see the price only \$200 more. Business Class here we come! (The flight had a three-hour layover in Beijing, and our Beijing-Tokyo leg would be FIRST CLASS).

A former Nightingale teacher was living in Tokyo, teaching English, and we had email contact with her. She helped set-up some side trips as well as getting us tickets to three different Japan League sites. The third was at the fabled Tokyo Dome, home of the Yomiuri Giants. The Tokyo Dome has one astounding feature, not to be found at any stadium in the US (or probably anywhere else in the world); there are two rows of seats actually on the field – inside of the safety netting. And we had two of those seats!

There were gloves and batting

helmets on the seats and someone marched back-and-forth between innings with a sign in Japanese and English reminding us to keep our eyes open during the game.

The trip included some significant history as well. We took the Shinkansen (bullet train) – Mark loved trains – south, stopping at the giant statue of Buddha in Kamagaya. Built in 1776, it is large enough for several people to go inside (and tradition calls for the leaving of a modest ten Yen offering), then on to Hiroshima, site of the first atomic bombing that brought an end to WWII. We walked through Peace Park, located at ground zero, trying to comprehend the events of the bright August 1945 morning. Mark chided me for wearing a windbreaker featuring an American flag.

Mark was a great educator, who had that career cut short by health issues much too soon. He was a gentleman in every way, concerned with the well-being of friends and family. He was a dedicated Dodger fan, a welcome companion to many games. He was thrilled at being able to attend a World Series game in 2017 (and I want to personally thank Monico and Sandy Zamora for helping that dream come true). He will be greatly missed.

Fanfare And Booster Tidbits

20-year member Mark Clark passed away last month after a lengthy illness. Our August meeting ended with a moment of silence to honor his passing. At the graveside burial, a poem was read, having just been written earlier that day, by longtime friend and published author David Meyerhof. We would like to share it with you here not only as a tribute to Mark but for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one.

Yes, we must go on
Even without the one who is gone
Travel upon that beautiful path
Go forth despite the thicket's wrath.

The wellspring of life tells us more
Such as the ship landing at our shore
But what strength, what courage blooms
And opens every door in all our rooms.

We will not let him down
We have so much love with nary a frown
We will stand strong, we will stand tall
You are in each of us forever and all.

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