



BOOSTER Chatter

June 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Laura Young*



May was a busy month for the Boosters – RBI events, Angels Fan Fiesta and the Car Show. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for upcoming volunteer opportunities or events like Angels or 66ers games, watch parties, and tail-gate parties. Thank you to all the volunteers at the events. At the May 8th meeting, we gave out our first “Booster Bucks” to volunteers. You get one ‘buck’ for each event when you help, then you can use those bucks at the meetings for raffle tickets or to purchase food. Keep up the good work!

A special thank you to CHRIS EPTING and CHARLES EPTING (authors, Angels fans, and Booster supporters) for joining us at the May meeting. See the article in this newsletter to read more about the interesting information they shared with us.

Keep voting for Angels to be on the ALL STAR team – vote early and as often as you are allowed. With Mike Trout and others out on the DL, we need to get our deserving players into the All Star lineup like PUJOLS, CALHOUN, SIMMONS, MAYBIN, and ESCOBAR. And, PUJOLS, as of the writing of this column, is at 599 homeruns. Go out and cheer on your Angels – show them some love and support! ☺

INSIDE THE CLUB



Fan Fiesta 2
Angels Booster Club volunteers really got into the theme of Fan Fiesta



PCAA Car Show 2
Beautifully restored cars, good music and food made for a fun day in the sun.



May Speaker 3
Chris Epting once again entertained us with a night of stories.

ANGEL BOOSTERS ARE ENJOYING GAMES AND AUTOGRAPHS

Angel Booster members Wyatt Weaver and Bobbie Hamfeldt are having a blast getting autographs from their favorite players. Bobbie was told by Cameron Maybin that her 3D posters was the best he has seen. He came



right over and autographed the poster for her which made Bobbie's day. He is so fan friendly with a huge smile always on his face. The poster will be on display at a future Booster meeting for all to see Bobbie's creativity. That same night Bobbie got her poster autographed she also was lucky to get a Mike Trout autograph as well. What a fun evening for these two Boosters. Send us your favorite photos, articles or ideas to be included in a future newsletter. ☺



NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR JUNE 5TH BOOSTER MEETING ONLY



Angels Booster Club June 2017 Meeting • Monday, June 5, 2017 • 7:00 pm • Angel Stadium Gate I • Music Garden • Doors Open Early at 6:30 pm and are closed at 7:00 pm • Don't Miss It!

The June 5th meeting at the stadium will be in the MUSIC GARDEN because the Angels are using the Home Plate Club. Please park near Gate I and enter the stadium at Gate I. Because it is outside, bring a jacket in case it gets cool.

FAN FIESTA, RBI, AND PCAA/BOOSTER CLUB CAR SHOW

Laura Young

Thank you to those who helped make the Angels Fan Fiesta's Booster Club booth a success on 5/6. We had our tossing games and the Angels generously provided calendars for our prizes. Kids and adults had a good time trying to win. We talked about the fun events and volunteer work our Booster Club does. People who attended the Fan Fiesta could visit a number of booths, had chances to win prizes from sponsors, and were able to get autographs from current and past players and coaches. Despite the wind and overcast afternoon, the fans seemed to have a good time. Earlier that day, a number of Booster members assisted with the RBI program at Angel Stadium. It was a rousing success according to the attendees.



Boosters volunteering at Angels Fan Fiesta

At the PCAA Car Show, in conjunction with the Angels Booster Club, to raise funds to help at-risk youth, there were opportunities to win raffle items, purchase yummy food (cooked by Chefs Raul Montano, Curtis Randall, and Steve Portwood) and wonderful desserts, listen to a great band, see some vintage cars and motorhomes, and help the PCAA and Booster Club as well. It was held at the Circle S Ranch in Silverado Canyon. There was even a PCAA 'general store' where some great items and books were offered at very reasonable prices, including special floral arrangements by Heather Young. Overall, it was a successful day. ☺



Floral basket by Heather Young



PCAA Car Show



TRIPS & TICKETS *Maria Kageyama*

Hi all, at this writing, our Angels had a rough road trip but they're back home and hopefully will get back on the winning track! Our IE 66er's terrace BBQ party on April 29 turned out great! The food was good, it wasn't too hot, and we all were able to get the Jim Abbott bobblehead. As this was DisAbilities awareness night, Jim Abbott was on the field before the game working with and speaking with the children. When he was done, he was graciously signing autographs for everyone. Bernie (66ers mascot) came up to visit with us. Two foul balls ended up in the terrace, one of them barely missing the potato salad. Luis Valbuena was doing his last rehab game before joining the Angels and the 66ers won! What more can you ask for? Well, how about another 66ers game? **Saturday July 8 is the 66ers Star Wars night** where

they are giving away a Space Rebel Bernie bobblehead. The patio bbqs are booked up and one of the terrace bbqs are booked up also. So, I opted for a group ticket deal of \$11 which includes a club seat, hot dog and soda. You won't have early entrance, so you will have to get there in plenty of time to get in line so that you can get the promotion. I will have signups at the meeting on June 5. I'm also going to have signups for a group night at Angel stadium.

Tuesday July 18 is Trout MVP double bobblehead night against the Washington Nationals. Come out and watch Bryce Harper vs. Mike Trout (you all know which one is the better player by far). I will have more details at the next meeting. I'm also looking into having a group night for **Friday September 15, Star Wars night at Angel stadium.** ☺

1ST VP/SPEAKERS *Judee Slapp*

MAY SPEAKERS CHRIS AND CHARLES EPTING

On Monday, May 5, 2017 the Angel Booster Club was delighted to have Chris Epting as our speaker. Chris is a prolific author and has written many books including "Huntington Beach, California" and "Los Angeles's Historic Ball Parks" (both in his Images of America series). Other books are "Change of Seasons – A Memoir" with and about John Oates (of Hall & Oates fame) and "Adrenalized: Life, Def Leppard, and Beyond" with bank member guitarist Phil Collen.

On the topic of baseball, Chris discussed his thoughts on the new Intentional Walk Rule, which he thought that it distracted from the game as it was meant to be played. He believes that it doesn't really speed up the game all that much and takes some of the suspense and enjoyment away from the game.

Then Chris captivated us with the background story of his most recent book with Shirley Babshoff, "Making Waves: My Journey to Winning Olympic Gold and Defeating the East German Doping Program." This book has international intrigue, Olympic gold medals, and local connections.

Shirley was a swimmer with Fountain Valley High School who went on to the Olympics and in 1972 won 3 medals at only 15 years old. For the next 4 years, 7 days a week, she swam 20 miles a day without fail! In 1973 in Yugoslavia, the USA was soundly beaten by East Germany, supposedly due to their "skin suits" which let them cut through the water faster.

In swim meets during 1974, 1975 and 1976, the East German women got bigger and stronger. These women showed increasing effects of steroid use with deepening voices and even mustaches! Their coaches didn't allow them to associate or live with the other competing athletes and instead had them living

on a rented houseboat. But Shirley had a plan for the US relay team to beat the East Germans by practicing in their room to shave seconds off their time. They concentrated on their timing and technique. They practiced all night and beat the East Germans to win the gold medal! Shirley herself set 6 world records.

In spite of winning, Shirley was disillusioned about the drug use by East German athletes and the lack of enforcement by the Olympic Committee. She became a swimming coach and a letter carrier in Chris' mother's neighborhood. Chris met Shirley through his mother and together they wrote Shirley's amazing story. In later years, the East Germans admitted to doping their women swimmers and Shirley continues to fight for medals for those swimmers who would have won medals in their races if the competition was fair.



Club President, Laura Young and Chris Epting

Also joining us was Chris' son, Charlie, who updated us on his life and shared his love of traveling, silent films, and collecting stamps. He is the author of a number of books and currently works at a prominent stamp auction house. He also writes, edits and publishes the "Silent Film Quarterly"

magazine. He's quite an amazing young man.

We were thoroughly entertained and delighted, as we always are, by the visit from Chris and Charlie Epting. ☺



Chris' son, author Charles Epting speaking at May meeting.



BOOSTER, JOE VALLIERE, SPECIAL OLYMPICS SWIMMER

Maria Kageyama

As most of you know, my sister Sandy and I are USA swimming officials. Once in a while we have the privilege of officiating US Masters Swim meets where we get to see swimmers of all ages including 95+ year olds! We also have the honor of officiating Special Olympics swim meets. At the Special Olympics regional swim meet in Irvine on May 13, our very own Joe Valliere was swimming. He swam the 25yd freestyle, 50yd freestyle, 50yd breaststroke and the 4x25 freestyle relay. He did very well, winning several ribbons! He will be swimming those same events for the State Meet at Cal State Long Beach on June 10 & 11. When you see him, congratulate him and wish him luck! ☺

2017 ANGELS AND BOOSTER CLUB EVENTS

Please check www.angelsboosterclub.org or follow the Angels Booster Club Facebook page for updates.

JUNE

- 6/17 Saturday RBI
- 6/26 Monday Watch Party & Booster Fundraiser at JP23 (Angels vs. Dodgers) – good food, great raffles & fun with other fans
- 6/29 Thursday Angels Wives' Gold Ball Mystery Grab Bags – Home Plate Gate
All proceeds go to Angels Baseball Foundation

JULY

- 7/11 Tuesday All Star Game at Miami Marlins Stadium
- 7/17 Monday Albert Pujols Celebrity Golf Classic at Pelican Hill Golf Club, Newport Beach
- 7/18 Tuesday Booster Group game - Trout MVP double bobblehead night against the Washington Nationals.

SEPTEMBER

- 9/15 Friday Possible Booster Group Angels game for Star Wars Night
- 9/23 Saturday Light the Night Walk to raise awareness and funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Sign up to volunteer

NOVEMBER

- 11/13 Monday Angels Booster Club Annual Dinner and Elections
- 11/17-19 Fri – Sun Angels Groundskeepers Food Drive for monetary and non-perishable food donations to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of O.C.

DECEMBER

- 12/9 Saturday Angels Booster Club Annual Holiday Toy Drive

Contact Maria Kageyama with questions or if you are unable to attend the meetings and want to purchase tickets for any of the above events.



June Booster Birthdays!

Pat Velting	1-Jun
Judy Davis	3-Jun
Tony Gonzalez	7-Jun
Bobbie Hamfeldt	13-Jun
Virginia Parke	17-Jun
Laura Evink	19-Jun
Andrea Barham	20-Jun
Art Chavez	21-Jun
James Nishizawa	29-Jun



June Booster Wedding Anniversaries!

Susan & Tom Milslagle	2-Jun
Don Carlson	15-Jun
Margaret Fassbinder	20-Jun
Diane & Dennis Weaver	20-Jun
Will & Laura Young	21-Jun
Susan Aulick	26-Jun
Evelina & James Nishizawa	27-Jun
Jim & Rosie Westrup	30-Jun

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2017 ANGELS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING DATES

Monday, 6/5/17	Monday, 8/14/17	Monday, 10/16/17	Monday, 11/13/17 (Annual Dinner/ Election)
Monday, 7/10/17	Monday, 9/11/17		Saturday, 12/9/17 (Annual Toy Drive)

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