



BOOSTER Chatter

February 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Laura Young*



It is hard to believe that pitchers and catchers will be reporting to Spring Training in just a couple of weeks with the rest of the team shortly after that. The Booster Club has some wonderful events and speakers lined

up for the coming year, so be sure to check our newsletters, website and Facebook page regularly for a calendar. Speaking of Facebook, thanks again to Darlene Oliveira for continuing to keep it updated with lots of great information. And, thanks to Diane Weaver, our Newsletter Editor, for lending her expertise to the editing and layout of the newsletter – it always looks so good.

A special thank you to TIM MEAD, VP of Communications for Angels Baseball, for being our speaker at the January 11th meeting. See Darwin's article in this

newsletter to find out what Tim discussed. He was as gracious as always in answering our questions and taking time from his busy schedule. Next month's speaker, Tom Taylor, the Angels Traveling Secretary, should have some great stories for us as well. Don't miss the February 1st meeting.

In order to make the newsletter even more available, the Board of Directors is considering emailing it to those members with email addresses. We are still looking into it, but please be sure your email address is correct and current. You can check with the Welcome Table or the Membership Table at our next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meetings you can contact Kim Edwards, Debbie Martinez or Renee Patterson with any updates to your address, phone number or email. And, you can still get the newsletter mailed to your home with a payment of \$10 per year (which helps cover the cost of printing and mailing the newsletters). See Debbie or Kim for that. ☺

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Tim Mead showed his enthusiasm for the 2016 season.



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Join the fun on Feb. 11 for autographs, raffles and photos before team moves on to Spring Training.



Stadium Bricks 4
A special place for a special member to remember her son.

FEBRUARY 1, 2016 SPEAKER
TOM TAYLOR
Angels Traveling Secretary



Tom Taylor, the Angels Traveling Secretary is scheduled for our February 1st Angels Booster meeting. He is involved in making sure the players and coaches have a hotel to stay in, that buses and truck companies make sure the teams equipment is delivered to the right place and on time, and the chartered planes are ready to go, just to name a few things. When the Angel's make the playoffs things can really go crazy. His job is an adventure, so please come and hear him speak.

2016 ANGELS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING DATES

Monday, 2/1/16	Monday, 5/2/16	Monday, 8/8/16	Monday, 11/7/16 (Annual Dinner/ Election)
Monday, 3/7/16	Monday, 6/6/16	Thursday, 9/8/16	Saturday, 12/3/16 (Toy Drive)
Monday, 4/11/16	Monday, 7/11/16	Monday, 10/3/16	

HELPING OTHERS THROUGH THE LOVE OF ANGELS BASEBALL

Angels Booster Club February 2016 Meeting • Monday, February 1, 2016 • 7:00 pm • Angel Stadium
Main Entrance • Home Plate Club • 4th Floor • Doors Open Early at 6:30 pm and are closed at 7:00 pm • Don't Miss It!

1st VP/SPEAKER *Darvin Evink*

Tim Mead Spoke at January Meeting

We had the honor of having Tim Mead as the speaker at our inaugural 2016 monthly Angels Boosters meeting. He is currently the Vice President of Communications for the Angels Baseball team and has been with the organization for 37 years. He is a very dedicated supporter of our Booster Club. As in previous years, he brought a gift to the Angels Booster meeting. This year he presented a signed Don Baylor baseball to one of our most senior members, Aileen Ackerman.

Tim touched on a variety of subjects for us and the following is a sampling of things he talked about. Since it is always the Angels goal to reach the post-season, the players and organization were



disappointed about not doing this in 2015. Unfortunately, the Angels dug a hole for themselves in August. However, they did not give up in September and showed a lot of heart by pushing their opportunity to reach the post season all the way up to the final game. Scioscia expressed to his players how much he appreciated the team's effort and hard play to the end. The clubhouse built quite a camaraderie and even Shane Victorino expressed to his fellow players how much he enjoyed his short time with them.



Scioscia is re energized and excited for the 2016 season to begin. Mead touched on the new General Manager, Billy Eppler, who is from the San Diego area and is a surfer. He is positive, outgoing, a great communicator, and has great attention to detail. Eppler brings in a different philosophy than that of Dipoto. He has kept much of the same staff in the Angels organization but with some changes. Mead talked about the enthusiasm of new hire Mike Gallego, Director of Baseball Development, and the insight that Eppler's Special Assistant Eric Chavez brings to the organization. He also was enthusiastic about the return of both Ron Roenicke and Bud Black to the Angels.

Mead believes the players will be more aggressive in running the bases in the upcoming 2016 season and will again make a push for the post season. He does not believe they will sign a big contract player before the beginning of the season just for the sake of signing a big name player. At this time it looks like there will be a platoon in left field and that catchers Soto and Perez will complement each other while sharing their duties. Mead added that the Angels in the past have acquired players during spring training, so you can never rule anything out in making player changes.

A big thanks to Tim Mead for coming and speaking to us. We thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent with us. ☺



Booster Birthdays!

Mike Maloney	2-Feb
Helen Norleen	2-Feb
Judee Stapp	3-Feb
Don Carlson	8-Feb
Judy Lavin	8-Feb
Mia Sanns	8-Feb
Laura Young	9-Feb
Dennis Weaver	10-Feb
Fritz Rendon	15-Feb
Kelly Mandic	21-Feb
Ardene McAlevey	22-Feb
Edna Johnson	26-Feb
Mayra Key	28-Feb



Booster Wedding Anniversaries!

Michelle & Curtis Randall	17-Feb
Debbi Standiford	20-Feb
Esther Macias	22-Feb
Adam & Dora Corby	29-Feb

JANUARY NEW MEMBERS!



At the January Booster meeting we welcomed new members, Ann and David Nunez. Please introduce yourselves and welcome them to the club.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS *Darvin Evink*
Maria Kageyama

2016 ANGELS BOOSTER CLUB EVENTS

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

MARCH

3/10-13 Thurs-Sun Spring Training - Final ticket payment due by 2/4 to Maria or Darlene

APRIL

4/8-9 Fri-Sat Angels 5K Run & Family Walk - Volunteers Needed
4/15-4/17 Fri-Sat Imaginology - Non-profit education and entertainment fair at the OC Fairgrounds - Volunteers needed
4/16 Saturday Inland 66ers – Weaver Fleece Blanket Cost: \$25 – Due March 7th

MAY

5/21 Saturday Boosters/Trout & Red Rojo Nets in Centerfield Cost: \$20 – Due April 11th

JUNE

6/26 Sunday Inland 66ers – Bernie’s Birthday Party, 5:00 pm game time Cost: \$25 – Due May 2nd

JULY

7/30 Saturday Inland 66ers – Ken Griffey, Jr. Giveaway Cost: \$25 – Due June 6th

SEPTEMBER

9/24 Saturday Light the Night Walk - Volunteers Needed

NOVEMBER

11/7 Monday Annual Dinner/Election
Date: TBA Groundskeepers Food Drive

DECEMBER

12/3 Saturday Toy Drive

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

Join the Fun at Moving Day on February 11

Join the fun at Angel Stadium and give your Halos a proper sendoff as they hit the #Road2Tempe on Moving Day 2016!

Moving Day festivities are slated for Thursday, February 11 from noon until 2 p.m. in the Angel Stadium parking lot (beyond left field, near Tunnel B). Countdown to the event will air on AM830 KLAA and fans are encouraged to use the hashtag #Road2Tempe on social media for a chance to win great prizes.

Moving Day will feature a variety of activities for Angels fans of all ages, including: Autograph sessions and photo opportunities with pitcher Tyler Skaggs and Angels Hall of Famer Chuck Finley. Question and answer session with Angels Radio AM830’s SportsLodge host Roger Lodge and Fox Sports West’s Angels Weekly host Alex Curry. Special appearance by the Angels Strike Force. Raffle with opportunities to win: Game-used items, autographed merchandise, and even a pair of Opening Day tickets!

For further information on Moving Day 2016 visit angels.com.

***Prizes and guests are subject to change. Event scheduled to take place rain or shine.

Helping Others Through the Love of Angels Baseball!

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Angel's Stadium Personalized Bricks - A Story of Love and Dedication

Bobbie Hamfeldt

Angels Stadium is known for its "Big A" and huge red hats. Another welcoming feature is the unique configuration of bricks that guests walk on to enter through Home Plate Gate. The Brick Program was started before Disney took over ownership and continues to grow each year. As of now, there are over 10,000 public bricks on display (this is in addition to the Angels players bricks). Each brick costs \$104 to purchase and proceeds benefit the Angels Baseball Foundation. The bricks are bought and personalized for reasons as unique as each person buying them, and often there are stories accompanying the reasons. Here is my story.



wherever Erik is now, he wants me to be happy. When I see his bricks I get to share a special moment with him while being in a place that brings me joy. He would like that. It just seemed natural to use the bricks as a way to memorialize him but still keep myself uplifted. I knew he would understand the reasons (even if other people don't) and that's all that matters to me.

Four times a year, new bricks are added under the "Big Hats" and they are randomly placed. I was extremely lucky that the bricks I bought were placed in a convenient and easy to find location, immediately to the left of the pitcher's mound. I quickly established a ritual for any time I visit the stadium. I bring a flower and place it on the bricks, then kiss both bricks with my fingers, and then think of a happy memory of my Erik. I do this each and every time I go to the stadium, even if it's not for a game.

I know that the flower is swept up as soon as I walk away, but it doesn't matter to me. All that matters is that I know that my son feels my contentment and that he, baseball fan or not, is just fine with his Angels bricks. ☺

***If you have an Angels brick(s) and would like to share your story please send your information to: editor@angelsboosterclub.org

I bought my two Angels bricks in 2011, a year after my son died. Erik was definitely not an Angels fan; in fact he was not even a baseball fan. It's hard to believe a child of mine could be bored with baseball, but as a boy I had to practically drag him to games and he always brought a couple of books to read to pass the excruciating (for him) 9 innings. So why would I dedicate two Angels bricks to my deceased son who obviously was not a fan? Because Angels Stadium is my "Happy Place" and I truly believe

TRIPS & TICKETS *Maria Klageyama/Darlene Oliveira*

Spring Training Trip is Almost Here
March 10th - March 13th (Thursday-Sunday)

If you signed up to go to Spring Training the final payment is due to Maria or Darlene by February 4th, 2016. The next Booster meeting is February 1st, so please plan on paying then if possible. If you are unable to attend the Booster meeting call Darlene at 714/337-4860 to make arrangements for payment. We are all so excited to cheer on our Angels.



IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION

Raffles

Don't forget to buy your Raffle tickets for your chance at March Angels Games tickets at the February and March Booster meetings. Make sure to save your raffle tickets for the March Booster meeting to win - you must be present at the March Booster meeting to collect/win tickets.

Thank You Members!

A big thank you to all who supported the Angel's Booster Club by donating your aluminum cans, plastic soda bottles, and plastic water bottles. NO GLASS. We will continue to collect those from anyone who wants to donate them to the Booster Club. Bring them to the monthly booster meetings and give them to Darvin. If you cannot bring them to the meetings; talk to Darvin about possible arrangements for pick-up.

Angels Booster Club mailing address: Angels Booster Club, P.O. Box 4787, Anaheim, CA 92803

Check out our website for monthly Club activities, new membership, renew membership or order your Booster Club badges