



BOOSTER Chatter

April 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Judee Stapp*

Hello Boosters! Are you ready for some baseball!!! To get you started, we will have 68 sets of tickets to raffle at the April meeting! Plus we have 10 sets of "special" tickets to raffle that include opening day, Trout bobblehead, Ohtani blanket and the Ohtani sweatshirt games.

I know we are all excited to hear that one of our favorite players, Mike Trout, will be staying around until 2030!! Thank you, Arte Moreno! The team looks great this year with so many returning and new players. We love our Angels!

In March we had an entertaining evening with author, Jay Paris, as our speaker. He regaled us with tales about another of our favorite players, Shohei Ohtani. Jay was nearly overwhelmed with Boosters standing in line to buy an autographed copy of his book. Thanks Jay.

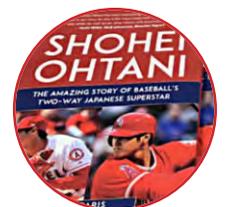
On April 1st, we look forward to hearing from Lois from PCAA and Nanette from the Angels to give more details for those volunteering to help with the Angel 5K

run. Our Boosters love to help wherever and whenever we are needed. Best Boosters in the country!

Speaking of outstanding Boosters, we have a new board member! Linda Longfellow has joined the board after we sadly accepted the resignation of Tony Hensen. Linda has been volunteering and helping us this year and we are happy to have her enthusiasm on the board. Linda has 4 kids and 8 grandkids. Although raised as a Reds fan when she lived in Covington, KY, Linda has been an Angels fan for many years and a Booster member for 10 years thanks to her friend, Esther Macias. Linda's current favorite player is Kole Calhoun and her classic favorite is Bobby Grich. Linda lived in France for 5 years as a kid and moved to Roswell, NM before making her way to California. Welcome Linda!

We hope to see you all at the April 1st meeting. Doors open at 6:30. Thank you for faithfully donating baked goods for sale at the meeting. Your support for the board and the club is so appreciated! ☺

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APRIL 1, 2019 SPEAKERS

Lois from PCAA will be at the meeting to recap the 2018 Toy Drive and speak about how the generosity of our Boosters helped to make a very special holiday for so many children in need.



ANGELS 5K REPRESENTATIVES

The Angels 5K and one mile fun run is just around the corner. It will be on Saturday, April 20th at the stadium parking lot. Once again, the Angels organization has asked for our help with registration. Nanette Muirhead from Time Management will be giving us more details at the April 1 meeting. Volunteer signup sheets will be at the meeting as well.

2019 ANGELS BOOSTER CLUB MEETING DATES

Monday, 4/1/19	Monday, 7/1/19	Monday, 9/16/19	Monday, 11/4/19 (Annual Dinner/ Election)
Monday, 5/6/19	Monday, 8/5/19	Monday, 10/7/19	Saturday, 12/7/19 (Toy Drive)
Monday, 6/3/19			



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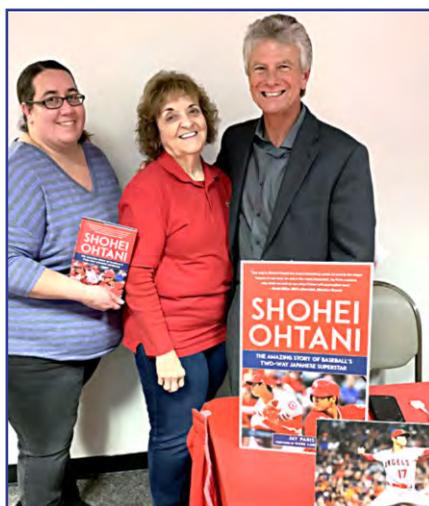
Angels Booster Club April 2019 Meeting • Monday, April 1, 2019 • 7:00 pm • Angel Stadium
Main Entrance • Home Plate Club • 4th Floor • Doors Open Early at 6:30 pm and are closed at 7:00 pm • Don't Miss It!

1st VP/Speakers *Amber Cisco*

Let me start out by saying thank you to everyone who came out to the meeting and made it a huge success. Nanette Muirhead from Time Management was the first speaker giving details about the Angels 5K coming up on April 20th. They will be in need of volunteers for both Friday April 19th and Saturday April 20th to help out with registration, packet pick-up and handing out finisher medals. Nanette will be back for the April meeting to give us more details and training so make sure to be there if you are planning to volunteer and earn Booster Bucks.

Our main speaker, author Jay Paris, was very entertaining and kept us laughing throughout the night. Mr. Paris is a former member of the Booster Club and grew up attending games at Angel Stadium. He talked about being a junior Angel and riding his bike through the orange groves to get to the stadium. He also talked about hanging out at the old Grand Hotel to meet members of the visiting teams and the time Gene Autry patted him on the head. After taking that trip down memory lane we moved on to the main subject of the night, Shohei Ohtani.

Mr. Paris took the time to teach our members how to properly say Ohtani's name and a few other Japanese words. In his book he tells about Shohei's two goals, first was to throw 100 mph and second was to become an MLB professional baseball player. One of the ways to achieve these goals was to get physically bigger and he did this by going from eating 3 bowls of rice a day to 10 bowls of rice a day. Shohei was so set on going directly to the MLB after



High School that he told the Japanese baseball teams not to draft him because he wouldn't sign. However, the Hamfighters chose to draft him anyway and convinced him that by signing with them he would have even more opportunities in Major League Baseball down the road. It also helped that one of Shohei's favorite players is Yu Darvish and he too played for the Hamfighters in the past. 2016 was Shohei's biggest year in Japan, and even though this was the case, he chose to play one more year in Japan before signing with an MLB team. The choice to sign with an MLB team at that time left millions of dollars on the table which allowed every team to have a shot at signing him.

Now we know he chose our Angels, and soon after that choice was made, Shohei fever took hold and had people here and in Japan very excited for the season. Had Shohei been able to he would have chosen jersey number 11 to wear, because it's the number worn by Yu Darvish. But, since that number was retired for Jim Fregosi, he decided to wear number 17.

His first year in Major League Baseball was definitely one full of highlights. The one that really stood out to Mr. Paris was the fact that Shohei hit a homerun off of Corey Kluber who was the reigning Cy Young Award winner and he struck out Jose Altuve who was the reigning MVP. With all of Shohei's accomplishments thus far and what he is capable of in the future Mr. Paris will have plenty more to write about and share with us in the future. ☺

HALO highlights

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS FROM FACEBOOK

- ◆ March 6th - Matt Harvey makes his Spring Training Debut
- ◆ March 6th - Mike Trout Rookie Card sells for \$186,000 at auction
- ◆ March 8th - Shohei Ohtani throws light tosses for the first time since Tommy John surgery
- ◆ March 9th - Top prospect Jo Adell suffers 2 injuries on one play
- ◆ March 19th - Trevor Cahill named Opening Day Starter
- ◆ March 19th & 20th - Mike Trout contract extension announced and made official.



ONE YOUNG BOOSTERS PREDICTIONS FOR THE ANGELS MLB 2019 SEASON

Wyatt Weaver

The following article is by ABC Booster, Wyatt Weaver, he is 15 years old and a huge Angels fan. He wrote this article for his Freshman, Sports Media and Writing class. He submitted it to the ABC editor to be included in the monthly newsletter. We were thrilled to include it.

Even though this Angels' offseason was very quiet, they still ended up obtaining a couple small additions in the bullpen such as Matt Harvey and Cody Allen. These additions will help the Angels to a certain degree. Even though these players aren't huge signings, the Angels' bullpen still looks way better than it did last year. These pitching signings were pretty good in my opinion.

The Angels also signed some pretty good position players such as Justin Bour and Jonathan Lucroy. These two players have been underrated, in my opinion, for the past few years. Justin Bour hit 20 homers last year with the Marlins and the Phillies. Bour is a pretty consistent fielder with a great powerful bat.

I believe he could be a great 4 or 5 hitter. Jonathan Lucroy has been a very consistent catcher on the defensive side. However, his hitting has been up and down throughout his career. Giving Lucroy only 3.35 million is not a huge risk. If he can get 10-15 home runs, hit .275, and get around 70 RBI's, then this signing will be well worth it.

Fortunately, the Angel's haven't lost anyone of much importance this offseason. I would say the two biggest names were Garrett Richards and Matt Shoemaker. Richards signed with the Padres for a two year deal worth 14 million when he probably won't even pitch this year. And fan favorite, Matt Shoemaker, went to the Blue Jays due to arbitration. These players were long past their best playing years, which makes them small loses to the team. The Angels still do have some free agents left on the market as well. However, they are lower end players who will be lucky to get a minor league contract before the season starts.

I believe that there will be a few breakout players that the Angels will have this season. The first one I believe that will break out is David Fletcher. Fletcher had his MLB debut last season with the Angels and was a solid contact hitter with

flashes of power. His defensive play at second base was pretty good as well. The second break out player I believe will be Matt Harvey. Harvey was believed to be one of the best pitchers in 2013-2015. Unfortunately, Harvey had to sit out the 2014 season due to Tommy John surgery. He hasn't been the same all star pitcher since. His ERA (Earned Runs Average), wins and W.A.R (Wins Above Replacement) has dramatically suffered. However, he looked pretty good in my opinion when he got traded in the 2018 mid-season to the Reds. Now with the Angels I believe he will become a solid long relief pitcher this season.

Looking forward to this 2019 season I'm disappointed in the whole starting pitching staff. So far this spring the starting pitching rotation has been alright, but I don't see it holding up against major league lineups right now. With more games and maybe a possible signing of pitcher, Dallas Keuchel, the rotation will look better.

In summary, I see the bats this year becoming a big positive for the Angels with the addition of Justin Bour, a huge power hitter and a great addition to the already powerful lineup. I believe that there will be no shortages of runs this season. As long as the offense can stay consistent and get big hits when they need them. I also believe the bullpen will look pretty good this year and they finally have a real closer in Cody Allen. The Angels also added long distance relievers such as Matt Harvey and John Curtiss. But I still believe, since the starting pitching looks a little concerning, the bullpen will have to clean up a lot of messes during the season, which could cause them to break down. But for right now I will say both the hitting and the bullpen are big improvements over last season.

Lastly, my predictions. Most articles are setting the bar pretty low for the Angels this season, putting their record at .500 or lower. I believe that the players I featured above will help the Angels get close to 90 wins. The Angels look like a wild card team if everyone does their part. Unfortunately, I don't see the Angels going that deep in the postseason this year. However, just getting into the postseason will show Mike Trout that there's hope that he can get that RING! I know it will happen soon. ☺

TRIPS & TICKETS *Maria Kageyama*

With the baseball season about to start and with all of the new players and coaches, I know you want to be there in person to see all of the action! I still have a few tickets left for the Saturday April 6 game at 1:05pm. That game is still part of the Opening series at Angel stadium. They are giving away an Angels Nitto tire bag and the tickets are only \$10! I also have a couple of tickets left for the Friday April 5 game at 7:07pm. That is the night they are giving away the Trout Silver Slugger bobblehead. The tickets for that game are \$16 each. Some have ordered tickets for these games but have not paid. All monies are due at the next meeting

on April 1 (no April fool's joke). I will have the tickets that evening and hand them out. Upcoming group outings will be Star Wars night on May 24 where they will be giving out a Rally Monkey wookie. I have already ordered 30 tickets for Friday June 7 where they are giving away an Angels leather logo cap. Those tickets will be \$10 each. Another planned group outing will be Ohtani bobblehead night on July 16. I am currently looking into a few 66ers games also, so keep reading your newsletter and attending the meetings for updates! ☺

COMMUNITY RELATIONS *Maria Kageyama*

Volunteer Opportunities

Regular baseball season is almost here! The annual Angels Foundation 5K fun run and 1 mile family walk is also coming up. The 5K will start on Saturday April 20 at 8:00am and the 1 mile walk starts at 8:30am at Angel Stadium. They have asked us to help with registration and handing out t-shirts on race day and the Friday before. On Friday April 19, there will be two shifts of four hours available. We need volunteers to work from 10:00am-2:00pm and/or 1:00pm-5:00pm. Of course, you are welcome to work all day or any part of that day. On race day, we need volunteers to work from 5:30am-9:00am plus. Some of you will be leaving early to do the run/walk and some of you will

be needed to hand out the participation medals at the finish line. If you haven't yet signed up, please do so at the next meeting. Nanette from Time Management will be at the next booster meeting to speak more about this event so please come to the next meeting to show our Booster Club spirit! She will also have more information on a race discount for the volunteers. If you have an Angels Booster Club red polo shirt, you can wear that when you volunteer. You can also wear any kind of Angels shirt. There are a few red polo booster shirts in storage that we will hand out at the next meeting to those who will be volunteering and do not have one. ☺

2019 ANGELS AND BOOSTER CLUB EVENTS

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

APRIL

- 4/5 Friday **Group Game Night** - Trout Silver Slugger Bobblehead -View Section - \$16 each
- 4/6 Saturday **Group Game Day** - Nitto Tire bag promo and fireworks -View Section - \$10 each
- 4/19 - 4/20 Fri/Sat **Angel 5K** - Volunteer opportunities

MAY

- 5/11 Saturday **Watch Party** - Mother's Day theme - more information to come
- 5/24 Friday **Group Game Night** - Star Wars Wookiee Rally Monkey

JUNE

- 6/7 Friday **Group Game Night** - Leather logo hat giveaway - View Section - \$10 each

JULY

- 7/16 Tuesday **Group Game Night** - Ohtani Bobblehead - more information to come

SEPTEMBER

See Maria Kageyama for additional information on above events and volunteer opportunities.

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April Birthdays!

- Christine Ciscone 4/17
- Yoko Pettus 4/18
- John Stapp 4/19
- Masako Hashimoto 4/20
- Mary Garcia 4/25



April Anniversaries!

- Harry & Nancy Dobashi 4/1

NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to the Club



Marilyn Stewart



Israel Sanchez

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