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## Home Runner

March, 2006

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time this home runner reaches your mailbox Opening Day should be right around the corner. Part of me feels like it took forever to get here, and part of me feels like it came way to fast. Either way, the Men's Board, the Auxiliary, and many others have been working very hard to make sure that this is a very special day. After all, it took 49 other opening days for us to get to this one. I urge everyone involved with the league past and present to make sure and join us for this wonderful occasion.

I wouldn't feel good if I didn't take this opportunity to thank all of my friends and co-workers on the Board and on the Auxiliary. You have all done a wonderful job and worked so hard to get us to this point in time and I truly appreciate it.

A special thanks to Sue Briggs for making picture such a great success, and for picking a day with no rain.

Also would like to thank Patti Sandberg for taking on one of the most difficult task of the pre season, putting together this years program. This job requires a tremendous amount of work and a tremendous amount of patience. Patti has done a wonderful job, which you all will see on Opening Day.

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### Message from Auxiliary

Hi baseball enthusiasts! Can you believe it is March already? Opening Day is only a couple of weeks away. CJBL is 50 years old and we will be celebrating all season!

The baseball gods gave us a dry picture day which we have not seen for a few years! Speaking of picture day, if you would like to see your player's picture prior to Opening Day, log onto [www.nationwidephoto.com](http://www.nationwidephoto.com) and click CJBL! You can order additional pictures directly from their website!

Mark your calendars; March 25<sup>th</sup> is Opening Day Ceremonies. Please have your teams arrive on the Senior field at 8:30 a.m. CJBL is kicking off the season with two brand new fundraisers. In honor of our first 50 years, we are offering a chance to be a permanent part of the next 50 years by purchasing a personalized memorial plaque, (shaped like a baseball of course) that will be placed on the old snack bar wall. A pre-order form is included in this edition of the Home runner. Here is your chance to be a part of CJBL history! Honor your player or a whole team for many years to come. Additional order forms will be available starting Opening Day at the snack bar!

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Now, let's talk about the kids. After all, they are what this whole league is about. Please excuse me if this sounds repetitive. CJBL is not about me, its not about you, its not about winning, its not about losing, its about the children. From the youngest player in the league to the oldest player in the league, it is our responsibility to make sure they have a good time learning the fundamentals and the game of baseball. The world can be a tough and scary place for children of all ages today. They need a place like CJBL where they can go and have fun, play baseball, and hang out with family and friends. A place where they feel safe and comfortable. I always talk about how important it is to me seeing the kids smile. We need to do everything we can to make sure that every child smiles when they come to the fields. They should not be worried about whether or not they will win their game or whether or not they will get

a hit.

The only thing they should have to worry about is whether or not the Icee machine is working. Lets all pitch in and see if we can make this year the best year ever, again, not for me but for the kids.

This is a very special year being our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so please support the league by participating in as many of our functions as possible. We will be selling personalized brass plaques to memorialize our 50<sup>th</sup> year. We are going to have a very special Social Night on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Dugout Club at Dodger Stadium as well as lots of other fun events. So come out and join the fun! See you at the ballpark!

Sincerely,  
Steve Mathias  
President CJBL Board of Directors

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On April 8<sup>th</sup> we will begin our World's Finest chocolate fundraiser, just in time for Easter. Please see your team parent for additional information regarding this fundraiser. Topping off this year's season is a Social event you won't want to miss! CJBL invites you to: "Party at the Dugout" at Dodger's Stadium, Saturday, April 29th at 8 p.m. Enjoy an evening out without the kids. Additional information will be posted at the snack bar after Opening Day. You may purchase your ticket from any CJBL Board/Auxiliary member or the snack bar beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.

It looks to be a very memorable season at CJBL! See you at the field!

Tori Jacobson, Auxiliary Board



### "PARTY AT THE DUGOUT"

Watch for information regarding the **Social Night** on **April 29th**, at The Dodger Stadium Dugout Club. Don't miss out on this grand CJBL 50th year celebration party! Flyers and information regarding Social Night and Dine-out events will be distributed prior to each event and can also be obtained from the CJBL web site at [www.cjbl.org](http://www.cjbl.org).

COME BY THE CJBL CLOTHING WINDOW ON OPENING DAY TO CHECK OUT ARE NEW 50TH LOGO TEE SHIRTS AND ALL THE OTHER FUN CJBL ITEMS



If the clothing window is shut anytime during the season, please feel free to ask the coordinator on duty in the snack bar for assistance.



Our first dine out date is set for **Wednesday March 29th at Baja Fresh in Chatsworth, Porter Ranch and Northridge.**

So mark your calendars for an evening/after-noon out “without cooking”!

There are several more fun dine out dates being scheduled. So keep a watchful eye in the next home runner and for posters with detailed information regarding all the upcoming fun events.

*CJBL fundraisers are fun for all as well as beneficial to our great organization.*

**The 50th season is on it's way, with some new goodies on display!**

Our snack bar is one of the best in the valley and it's all because of our devoted parents!

Okay, so maybe it's because you want your snack bar deposits back - either way, we couldn't operate without you. Please sign up at the field on Opening Day or in the snack bar thereafter with the Coordinator on duty. Please keep the date you pick - "No Shows" are a forfeit!

We will not be hiring subs until after the deadline date (April 16th)! If you have any questions, please call: Kathy Fierro @ 723-1775

### **REMINDERS-**

- ◆ There are working hours available for those CJBL players who need to work Community Service Hours. Players must be 14 years or older. Call Kathy Fierro @ 818-723-1775 with any questions.
- ◆ Any extra household towels/wash clothes that you may want to part with are always needed for snack bar cleanup. Please deliver to the coordinator on duty in the snack bar.
- ◆ Please donate your old or outgrown baseball items and equipment items to CJBL. Elmer accepts these donations year-round for grateful players.
- ◆ We are taking donations for your used computer printer cartridges. We are able to obtain free paper for their return that can be used for printing informational flyers, etc for our league. Please deliver to the coordinator on duty in the snack bar.
- ◆ Once again we are taking donations of new or used tennis balls. CJBL kids love to play with them in their spare time. They rent for \$1.00 from the snack bar. Return the ball and get your \$1.00 back!

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#### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<b>Opening Day</b>	<b>Saturday, March 25th</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Baja Fresh Dine Out (fundraiser)</b>	<b>Wednesday March 29th</b>	<b>11:00am – 9:00pm</b>
<b>Social Night</b>	<b>Saturday, April 29th</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>
<b>All Star Games</b>	<b>Monday, May 29th</b>	<b>All Day!</b>
<b>Mothers Softball Game</b>	<b>Monday, May 29th</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Family Campout at the Field</b>	<b>Saturday, June 17th- Sunday, June 18th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Thank-You Party</b>	<b>Friday, June 23</b>	<b>5:00-8:00pm</b>
<b>End of Season &amp; Alumni Game</b>	<b>Sunday, July 16th</b>	<b>TBA</b>