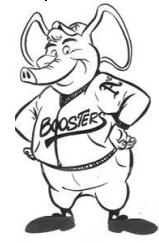


Oakland A's Boosters Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2019

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
In This Issue...**

- New -- Booster Phone Number
FindAs4FUN = (346) 327-4386
- New -- “Chalk Talk” with a Player – FREE EVENTS
- A’s Announce New Broadcast Agreement

IMPORTANT DATES:

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>DETAILS</i>
March 7 – 13	Boosters Go to Spring Training	
March 20 - 21	A’s-Seattle play in Japan	
April 12	<i>Reservation Deadline for the April 19th Luncheon</i>	Email RSVP to oaklandasboosters@gmail.com , call (346) 327-4386, or log onto www.oaklandathleticsboosterclub.com
April 19	Luncheon - Friday	Shibe Park Tavern, Coliseum
May 24	Luncheon - Friday	Shibe Park Tavern, Coliseum
June 1	Chalk Talk - Saturday	Shibe Park Tavern, Coliseum
July 27	Luncheon - Saturday	Shibe Park Tavern, Coliseum
August 16	Chalk Talk - Friday	Shibe Park Tavern, Coliseum
Sept 6	Luncheon - Friday	Shibe Park Tavern, Coliseum

President's Message By Shannon Starr

Are you as happy as I am that baseball season is back? How many of you are taking the opportunity to go to spring training? How about Japan?



There are some exciting changes this season both with the team and with the Boosters. I wanted to take a moment to explain a couple of Booster Club changes – our new “**Chalk Talk**” events and new luncheon reservation number.

We have a new contact number for reservations. So that I can have assistance in handling luncheon reservations we have created a new phone number. Messages left will be picked up by volunteers handling reservations. This number belongs to the Booster Club and will remain the contact number regardless of who is handling the reservations. Please call “FindAs4FUN” which equals (346) 327-4386.

In an effort to provide free events to our members we are trying something new. The June and August gatherings will remain at Shibe Tavern at the same time and the A's will be sending us a player; however NO meal will be served. These will be **FREE - MEMBER ONLY EVENTS – no guests will be allowed**. The A's will provide a player to speak at the event and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact during the Chalk Talk. We have also been told the attending player(s) will sign a limited number of autographs.

What this means for you:

Chalk Talks dates are FREE

Chalk Talks are for MEMBERS ONLY

2019 Membership must be current

NO guests will be allowed (minors of current members allowed with parent)

Non-members wishing to attend may join the Booster Club at the Chalk Talk events

Some lucky members in attendance will be chosen, by lottery, to meet the player and get an autograph.

I hope to see you there!!

Go A's!!

The 2018 A's captured many awards for what was a special season:

- **AL Manager of the Year – Bob Melvin**
- **Sports News AL Manager of the Year – Bob Melvin**
- **MLB Executive of the Year – Billy Beane**
- **Gold Gloves – Matt Chapman and Matt Olson**
- **Fielding Bibles – Matt Chapman and Matt Olson**
- **AL Platinum Glove – Matt Chapman**
- **Wilson Defensive Player of the Year – Matt Chapman**
- **Edgar Martinez DH Award – Khris Davis**
- **MLB Network's Best Play of 2018 – Ramon Laureano for The Catch and The Throw**

The 2019 Booster Kick-Off!

We had a great time at the Kick-Off to the 2019 season at Harry's Hofbrau! Thanks to those of you who came out!

Our Booster luncheon MC and A's public address announcer, Dick Callahan, was nice enough to show up at the Hofbrau to greet all of us. He announced that on Tuesday, May 7th, he will be announcing his 1,000th A's game at the Coliseum! He urged all of us to come to the game that night.

The Kick-Off was one day before A's pitchers and catchers reported to Fitch Park in Mesa, AZ. The 2019 baseball season has begun!



NEW PLANS FOR HOWARD TERMINAL BALLPARK!

The A's announced in late November their plans to build the new Oakland Athletics ballpark at Howard Terminal. The 34,000-seat ballpark evokes memories of Shibe Park. They expect ground-breaking to commence in late 2020, with an opening date of 2023.



A's ANNOUNCE NEW RADIO BROADCAST AGREEMENT

(courtesy of www.athleticsnation.com)

The Oakland A's today announced a new radio broadcast agreement with **KTRB 860 AM** and an expanded partnership with **KHTK-AM 1140 in Sacramento**. The dual stations, along with 17 additional radio network affiliates, will provide the **largest coverage map ever for A's baseball**.

The Club also announced a partnership with **TuneIn**, the leading global live audio streaming service. In addition to **free live streaming of all A's games in-territory**, **TuneIn will launch a 24/7 A's channel**. The A's TuneIn channel will air exclusive team content, including special programming and podcasts.

"Our new partnerships with KTRB 860, KHTK-AM 1140, and TuneIn significantly amplify our coverage and reach, ensuring that every Spring Training and regular season game will be available throughout Northern California. These partnerships will allow us to reach A's fans from as far north as Butte and Mendocino Counties across the Bay Area and down to Fresno and Monterey, with both terrestrial and free streaming broadcasts," said A's COO Chris Giles. "We are also thrilled to launch a 24/7 A's channel on TuneIn and deliver exclusive content and unprecedented coverage throughout the season."

Ken Korach will return for his 24th season with the A's and his 14th as the team's lead radio announcer, **pairing with Vince Cotroneo**, who will begin his 14th season with the Club. **Ray Fosse** will also make special appearances in the booth throughout the season. The team will debut expanded pre and postgame shows – *A's Total Access* and *A's Clubhouse* – **hosted by Chris Townsend**.

KIQI (**1010 AM**, San Francisco) and KATD (**990 AM**, Pittsburg) will serve as the **Spanish-language home** of Oakland A's baseball, broadcasting 72 games. **Amaury Pi-González**, will return for his 26th season with the A's and 36th season overall in MLB. González will be joined by **Manolo Hernández-Douen**, who will begin his 11th season as an A's analyst.

KTRB 860 AM will **air every A's game**, and KHTK-AM will air every game, minus Sacramento Kings game conflicts. The A's TuneIn channel can be accessed at tunein.com/athletics.com.

Booster website: www.oaklandathleticsboosterclub.com

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