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**Last chance to sign up for 2015 Convention in Albany.  
See your booster club convention contact for info.**

## *Cleveland Boosters Lend a Hand to Ronald McDonald House*

The Cleveland Hockey Booster Club visited the Ronald McDonald House! Members volunteered to cook breakfast for the guests, toured the facility and played noodle hockey! It was a great experience and they were excited to go back the following month. There are some photos of the visit.



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## **Mission Statement**

The purpose of this organization will be:

- a. To promote better understanding between Booster Clubs and the American Hockey League Organization.
- b. To Compare and attempt to alleviate problems confronting each individual Booster Club.
- c. To act as a social organization for Booster Club members.

## **Submitting an Article**

To submit an article to this newsletter, please email it to lighthouseman2@yahoo.com with "AAHLBC Newsletter" in the subject line.

**Please note: Your club must be a member of the AAHLBC in order to submit an article to this newsletter.**

**Editor: Bill Walch**

## **Booster Club Happenings**

The **BINGHAMTON SENATORS BOOSTER CLUB** will host their annual Player Award Banquet on April 13, 2015... The BSBC is once again holding their season ticket raffle.

The **BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS BOOSTER CLUB** met up with members of the Providence Bruins Fan Club after a recent game in Bridgeport.

The **CHICAGO WOLVES BOOSTER CLUB** held its annual Player Appreciation Night on February 21, 2015... They are getting their team ready for Relay for Life.

The **CLEVELAND HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB** sold bags of popcorn from Campbell's Sweets Factory as a fundraiser. There were some interesting flavors: Beer Cheddar, Caramel Corn, Cheezy, Extreme Dichotomy (Spicy Cheese coated caramel corn), Kettle Corn, White Cheddar, Caramel Apple, Campbell Jack's (Peanut Caramel corn), Dichotomy (Cheese coated caramel corn), Salt and Vinegar, and Vanilla Butternut.

The **HERSHEY BEARS BOOSTER CLUB** will hold their 4th annual Autism Society event on Saturday, April 4th. This event features local TV personalities from around the midstate area, as well as, numerous radio & print media stars. All proceeds go to the Autism Society of Central Pennsylvania... The HBBC will participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on June 4 & 5.

The **MANCHESTER MONARCHS BOOSTER CLUB**

The **NORFOLK ADMIRALS BOOSTER CLUB** held an end on the season party on March 29.

The **PEORIA RIVERMEN BOOSTER CLUB** recently lost a Board member. Kevin R. "Dubby" Janosov passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. He was 51.

**Editor Note: Condolences to the Peoria Rivermen Booster Club.**

The **PORTLAND PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB** placed treats on the buses of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club on a recent trip to Portland.

The **SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE BOOSTER CLUB** recently lost a member. Delbert Chris "Twig" Anderson passed away on March 1, 2015. He was 67.

**Editor Note: Condolences to the San Antonio Rampage Booster Club.**

The **WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS BOOSTER CLUB** are in the process of planning their annual Player Award Banquet... The WBS Pens Boosters raised \$463 for Pathways during the Parade of Trees event at Grotto Pizza.

## **Convention 2015 Albany, NY**

The Association of American Hockey League Booster Clubs 2015 Convention information is available online at [www.aahlbc.org](http://www.aahlbc.org).

We are still waiting on side trip information to be released. It will be posted on the Association's website as soon as it is released.

This year's theme is "1970's a Night at the Disco". However, anything pertinent to the 1970's falls under this theme. It is not limited to disco exclusively.

The 2015 Convention is being hosted by the Utica Devils Booster Club and the Albany Devils Booster Club.





## Bruins FC Hits the Road

The Providence Bruins Fan Club hit the road back in February, traveling to Allentown and Wilkes-Barre, PA to cheer on the Bruins.

From what has been said, they had a great trip. Many were able to meet the new Lehigh Valley Phantoms Phan Club while there. They also met up with members of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club! The WBS booster club held a hosting for the group.

PBFC President Jeff Florio posted the following on FaceBook, "The PBFC would like to thank Carol "Plev", Chip, Rose, Ed, and the Wilkes Barre Booster Club for everything...The true meaning of "family" was on full display from our Convention friends in Lehigh Valley and Wilkes Barre. What an amazing road trip"

He also thanked John Rogers, their bus driver, stating "You are the main reason the PBFC was able to have such a FANtastic time. John's professionalism, organization, and driving skills, and his eye on the clock, making sure we met our schedule, was second to none".



## AHL approves Pacific Division

From AHL Insider Email Release - Edited due to space constraints

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. American Hockey League President and CEO David Andrews announced today that the league's Board of Governors has formally and unanimously approved the steps necessary to create a Pacific Division within the AHL beginning with the 2015-16 season.

The Board has approved the following:

- The Anaheim Ducks will purchase the Norfolk Admirals AHL franchise and will relocate it from Norfolk, Va., to San Diego, Calif.
- The AHL franchise owned by the Calgary Flames will relocate from Glens Falls, N.Y., to Stockton, Calif.
- The AHL franchise owned by the Edmonton Oilers will relocate from Oklahoma City, Okla., to Bakersfield, Calif.
- The AHL franchise owned by the Los Angeles Kings will relocate from Manchester, N.H., to Ontario, Calif.
- The AHL franchise owned by the San Jose Sharks will relocate from Worcester, Mass., to San Jose, Calif.

Full division alignments and schedule formats for the 2015-16 season will be determined by the Board of Governors at a later date.

## AHL announces Franchise transactions

From AHL Insider Email Release. - Edited due to space constraints

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. American Hockey League President and CEO **David Andrews** announced today that the league's Board of Governors has unanimously approved the following:

- The transfer of ownership of the Hamilton Bulldogs franchise to **Club de Hockey Canadien Inc.**, owners of the National Hockey League's Montreal Canadiens.
- The relocation of that franchise from Hamilton, Ont., to **St. John's, N.L.**, beginning with the 2015-16 season.
- The relocation of the AHL franchise owned by **True North Sports & Entertainment Ltd.**, owners of the National Hockey League's Winnipeg Jets, from St. John's, N.L., to **Winnipeg, Man.**, beginning with the 2015-16 season.

## Chicago Boosters Hold Annual WolfPack Appreciation Party

### ***Mask-erade Unmasked***

*By Grace Garritano*

Tuesday, March 3rd was the night of the 2015 WolfPack Player Appreciation Party, and I think it was safe to assume a good time was had by all who attended. There were a few minor glitches, but it didn't keep any of us from enjoying ourselves.

The room we had for the event was beautiful, all decked out in red, black and silver. As usual, there was a giant table of raffle prizes of both the \$1 and \$5 variety. There was also a huge table for the silent auction of trinket boxes which were decorated by the players. We had something new this year - a photo booth. Quite a few people took advantage of it, including several of our players (little did they know those pictures would turn up in print)!

The evening started with passed appetizers and a well stocked open bar. For the first time ever, the bar's beer selection included Spotted Cow and believe me there were more than a few fans (Note to self: next year, plan on bringing at least two more cases to the party)! During the cocktail hour, quite a few of the fans played a game of "Know Your Wolves Bingo" with the prize being a team signed stick. It wasn't easy, but sure was fun.

After drinks, it was time for introductions of our dignitaries, coaches and players. Our master of ceremonies and colorman extraordinaire, Billy Gardner did a FABULOUS job (as always). You know what came next - our famous icebreaker game, and it was as competitive as ever. I'll have to say I was shocked when the item to find was a drivers license from anywhere but Illinois, and all the participants had one of their own! We didn't have quite as many players participating as we did last year, but those who did were great. The big winner of the game was Ben Eager who won prizes for everyone on his table for being the last one standing.

Instead of the station style dinner we've had the past few years, we had a family style dinner. No one could have possibly gone hungry after soup, salad, three kinds of meat, potatoes, vegetable and AWESOME cheesecake.

If by some strange reason you were still hungry, there was a giant sweets table with the best looking and tasting variety of desserts you could imagine.

After a huge dinner (and another trip to the bar), it



was time for the night's festivities to begin. First up was a game similar to charades, but using an IPAD. There were three teams of three players each. One player held the IPAD over his head (so he couldn't see it) while the other two players had to make him say what it said. It sounds funny and it was, but the overwhelming disturbing thing is how old it made some of us feel when the guys had no idea what

some of the movies were that they had to make their partner guess!

After the IPAD game, there was a short video "roasting" Coach Anderson on his career and 1,000 wins. While everyone who has played for or worked with Johnny has more than a few stories, very few people were willing to share. Apparently, "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" applies to hockey teams as well. There were some great clips from former assistant coaches Scott Allen and Todd Nelson, as well as, material from Bill Bentley, Kenny McCudden and of course Skates. We owe a huge thanks to Bill for getting video from Nelly for us!

Next up was the award presentation. Billy Gardner gave the player of the month awards to the following:

October: Matt Climie  
November: Ty Rattie  
December: Philip McRae  
January: Pat Cannone

The last award of the evening was the most important, the Dan Snyder Heart Award. This year's winner was Brent Regner who was very deserving for all he has done on and off the ice. He promised he and the rest of the team would give the 110% effort needed to make the season last as long as it possibly could.

When the awards were finished, it was time for all the winners to pick up their raffle prizes and silent auction items. Judging by the look of the prizes they won, we need to get really friendly with Nancy & Keith Stanbury. Hopefully we would be invited to help them out with some of the wine and beer they won!

After some dancing, more pictures in the photo booth, and a few more trips to the bar, the night was over.

