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Rockford takes steps toward a Cure

By Julia Broomfield, Rockford IceHogs BC

When I first joined the Rockford IceHogs Booster Club it was for the opportunity to be the "welcome wagon" for players who would make Rockford their home and "give back" to the sport that gives me so much enjoyment. My membership in this hockey support group introduced me to something far more profound and rewarding: the fight against Cancer.

You see, the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is the main focus of the RIBC's charitable giving. At my first Relay eight years ago, I discovered that "Relay" is a community based event to raise money for Cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services. Teams of people take turns walking around a lighted track overnight (Cancer doesn't sleep).



It was fun hanging out with my fellow Booster Club Members, fundraising, talking hockey, cooking s'mores, dressing in funny clothes for themed laps and taking turns walking the track. I especially remember the emotions I felt hearing my Grandfathers' names during the Luminaria Ceremony, which honors those fighting the disease and remembers those lost.

How could I not be involved with an organization whose primary goal was to stop the disease that had taken the lives of so many of my co-workers, friends and family? The perfect opportunity to become more involved became available when the Executive Board position of RIBC Secretary in charge of Fundraising/Charitable Contributions opened up and I took over as our Relay Team Captain. Every year, our commitment grows and this year was no exception. For the second year, we are a Platinum Sponsor donating \$1000 to sponsor the event and receiving

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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.

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Sound Tiger Member Patrick Clancy Receives Award

Congratulations to Bridgeport Sound Tiger Booster Club Member Patrick Clancy, who received the 2010-2011 Captain Courageous Award with sincere appreciation for his humble and unselfish service to the United States of America, and to the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club.

Patrick has served in the military for over 26 years and has done a tour of duty in both Vietnam and Afghanistan. As a Booster member, Patrick has been at the door for giveaways, helped with going out on the ice to pick up pucks during Chuck-A-Puck and has served on the BSTBC Board as a Member-at-Large.

A donation was made to Homes for the Brave in Patrick's honor.

Karen Benway presented the award to Patrick.



Albany Devils Booster Club Builds Fun

The Albany Devils Booster Club took the opportunity to put their hammers and other tools to work. The ADBC took time to build a playhouse. The playhouse was auctioned off and all proceeds went to the Ronald McDonald House!



You can find the Association of AHL Booster Clubs on Facebook!!!

AAHLBC Convention Side Notes

230 people signed up at this point – more than the last couple of years. Many plan to arrive on Wednesday or Thursday...

We still need a couple clubs to volunteer to host a hospitality room. Hershey will be hosting Friday night, so there is still a need for hosts on Thursday & Saturday nights. Two clubs can go together if it makes things easier. Please contact Melinda Hardy at mhardy@valspar.com if your club would like to volunteer.

Here is the link to the hotel to make your reservations for the extra nights. Extra night reservations must be made by **August 16, 2011**:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1011100452&key=D6F31>

Convention Attendees

Albany - 16
Baltimore - 2
Binghamton - 36
Bridgeport - 16
Chicago - 1
Cleveland - 5
Connecticut - 3
Halifax - 1
Hamilton - 7
Hershey - 22
Lowell - 10
Manchester - 13
Peoria - 3
Philadelphia Firebirds - 1
Philadelphia Phantoms - 8
Pittsburgh - 7
Portland - 4
Providence - 5
Rochester - 18
Rockford - 4
Springfield - 6
Syracuse - 18
Utica - 1
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton - 15
Worcester - 8

Total Attendees as of May 30 is 230.

There will be 22 rookies in attendance :-)

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recognition as such on published materials and on the event t-shirt (a great way to promote our club while supporting a worthwhile cause).

Four RIBC members are on the Relay For Life event planning committee, three in charge of Onsite/Entertainment and one as Co-chair. Our team of 27

hockey fans raised money with a bachelor auction, car wash, silent auction, raffles and table sales, along with personal contributions/fundraising. All told, our little IceHogs Booster Club raised over \$7,800 towards finding a cure, becoming a Platinum Fundraising Team for the first time! It is gratifying to know that money we've raised will furnish a Cancer patient free transportation to their medical appointment, a chemotherapy patient a wig and ultimately fund the research that will someday find a cure!

We encourage all clubs to look into their local Relay For Life event! We are willing to help out in any way we can for other clubs to take on the fight against Cancer.

Hopefully at the Convention participants can share fundraising ideas for all of us to further our fundraising efforts, whether for charity or for our clubs. If you would like more information about our Relay team or would like to donate (donations accepted through August 31), please visit RelayForLifeWinnebago.com.



2011 Convention Photo Contest

Once again, Faceoff will hold a Convention Photo Contest. We will be looking for the Funniest Photo from Convention 2011. All entries must be submitted to Bill Walch at lighthouseman2@yahoo.com no later than September 30, 2011 by 12:00 noon eastern time.

Photos must have been taken by the submitter. Photos that have captions written on them and/or altered (i.e. designs, graphics, Photoshop, etc) or are obscene in nature in ANY way, shape or form will NOT be considered. Submitted photos must be taken at Convention or any Convention 2011 related event in order to be considered.

The winner will receive a \$10 gift card to a national establishment of their choosing & their picture will be featured in the Convention 2011 edition of the AAHLBCC Recap Video (done by Dennis Gottesman), as well as the October issue of Faceoff!

Good luck to all who enter!

