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Bridgeport & Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Clubs Deck the Halls...Um...Trees

On November 28th, the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club will head to New Haven, CT to decorate a hockey themed holiday tree for Trees of Hope.



For 26 years, the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut and the greater New Haven community have partnered together to raise funds for the children and families staying at RMHCT through Trees of Hope. What began with a dozen trees at the Governor's Mansion has flourished into a nine day event displaying over 100 beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and holiday baskets decking the halls of the Maritime Center in New Haven.

Trees of Hope is a dynamic and festive holiday spectacular one that is enjoyed by more than 3,000 people each year!

Over 100 individuals, organizations and groups in the community donate fully decorated trees, wreaths, and other holiday décor to be raffled off to lucky winners on the last day of the event.

The event features a holiday boutique open daily, live musical performances and visits from Santa and Ronald McDonald.



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The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club participated in the 2015 Grotto Pizza Parade of Trees. The event raised more than \$18,000 for charity. Trees were sponsored by local businesses and groups. Once the trees were decorated, visitors to Grotto's Pizza Harvey Lake were able to participate by voting for their favorite tree by donating money to the tree of their choice.

This year's winners were...

1. Petals Preserved for Susan G. Komen for the Cure
2. H&R Block Supporting David's Coffee Shop
3. Changes Fitness Center's tree for Ava

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club tree was in support of Pathways Unplanned Pregnancy Help Center.

The 20th Annual Parade of Trees and was a fantastic success!



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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

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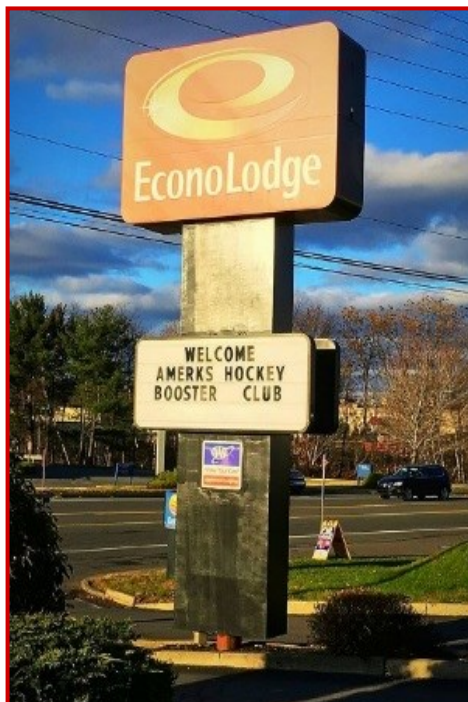
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Rochester Celebrates, Travels to PA

The **Rochester Americans Booster Club** are celebrating its 50th Anniversary during the 2015-2016 hockey season. Congratulations!!!



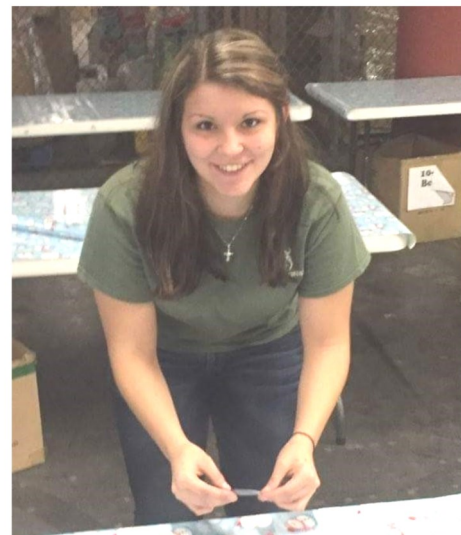
The RABC recently held its first road trip to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton and Hershey, PA in support of their team on November 14th & 15th. Pasta dinner was courtesy of the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Booster Club. Some photos are below. Others can be viewed on the Association website at www.aahlbc.org.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

San Antonio Rampage Boosters get their Elf on!!!

On November 21st, the San Antonio Rampage Booster Club helped prep wrapping tables and stock toys for the annual Elf Louise event in San Antonio. It is a great community event that gives back to children and families in need during the holiday season. There were several members of the SARBC who participated and the group is looking forward to doing it all over again next year! More photos of this event are on the Association website at www.aahlbc.org.



Booster Club Happenings

The **Albany Devils Booster Club** will be volunteering to wrap presents at Van Rensselaer Manor nursing home on December 21st... the ADBC will also hold its annual bowl-a-thon on January 24th with Albany Devils players.

The **Binghamton Senators Booster Club** treated the Syracuse Crunch Corps Booster Club with delicious pizza on their bus for the ride home... The BSBC is planning a trip to Hartford on February 21st.

The **Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club** are planning a road trip to Hershey on November 14th... The BSTBC will be auctioning off player designed/autographed ornaments on December 5th. Proceeds will go to Camp Rising Sun located in Colebrook, CT.

The **Hartford WolfPack Booster Club** held its Meet & Greet Dinner on November 17th at The Quartet Club on Wooster Street in New Britain, CT. Some photos from the festivities can be seen on page 5 of this newsletter.

The **Hershey Bears Booster Club** has a full slate of events scheduled this season. They include: Get Acquainted Party, Christmas Angel Tree, Christmas Dinner Meeting, Children's Christmas Party, Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser, Food Bank Drive, Broomball For Autism, and an End of Season Banquet... The HBBC has also set their trip schedule for 2015-2016. They will visit Lehigh Valley (November 27 & December 9), Rochester/Syracuse (January 8-10), Albany/Syracuse (January 27-30), Lehigh Valley (March 3) and Hartford/Providence (April 1-4).

The **Manchester Monarchs Booster Club** will hold a Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner for the team on November 16th... They will also hold a Winter Holiday Party in January... The MMBC will again hold a bowlathon with proceeds benefitting the MMBC's Jennifer Kemp Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The **Pittsburgh Penguins Booster Club** will hold its annual food drive on November 19th. Donations will be taken as fans enter the doors of the Consol. They will be accepting food pantry items or monetary donations. Any fan making a donation will be given a chance to win autographed Pens memorabilia... The PPBC will be collecting toys with the Marines for Toys for Tots at the Pens games on December 11th & 14th. By bringing a new unwrapped toy or even making a monetary donation, participants will be given a chance to win autographed Pens memorabilia.

The **Portland Professional Hockey Booster Club** will be holding a holiday party with the team on December 14th at Rivalries Sports Bar in Portland, ME... The PPHBC will also hold its "March to the Playoffs" Party with Pirates players on March 15th at Spare Time in Portland. There will be laser tag, video games & food, plus a chance to meet and hang out with players, coaches & staff.

The **Rochester Americans Booster Club** made a monetary donation to Melissa's Living Teen Cancer Foundation to offset the costs of their Bandana Bolt 5K Race and Fitness walk and to the MCYH Scottsville Red, White, and Blue team to participate in a tournament at Harbor Center in Buffalo in December... The booster club is also creating scrapbooks for the team (players, staff and office) and will present them toward the end of the season... At the time of the publication, the RABC had a membership count of 135 for the 2015-16 season... The booster club is planning its second road trip of the season, this time, to Albany & Hartford on February 13th & 14th.

The **Rockford IceHogs Booster Club** donated over \$17,000+ in 2014-2015! Outstanding Job... The RIBC recently held its 5th Annual Have a Skate with Bob. Have a Skate with Bob is a charitable organization dedicated to raising funding for pancreatic cancer research, youth hockey programs and for families dealing with pancreatic cancer through our love of ice hockey (skatewithbob.com). The Rockford BC selected this group as one of the charities to support this year. They also sponsored one of the teams.

The **San Antonio Rampage Booster Club** recently participated in the 2015 Walk to Defeat ALS... The SARBC will hold its 3rd Annual Skate Party on December 5th at Skateland West. Skating, dancing, and a good time are on tap... The group is planning a 2nd annual NHL road trip in February to Dallas, TX, while the Rampage are on a month long rodeo road trip of their own. They will see the Dallas Stars host the New York Rangers.

The **Syracuse Crunch Corps Booster Club** will hold a "Meet the Players" Party on March 9th... The SCCBC are planning a trip on April 17th to Allentown, PA to watch the Crunch take on the Lehigh Valley Phantoms.

The **Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club** traveled to Providence & Bridgeport to cheer on their team. The WBSBPC was hosted by the Providence Bruins Booster Club after their game and the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club hosted them before their game... The WBS Pens Boosters will be doing a lot of baking and filling cookie tins for the players in December... The WBSBPC will be road tripping several times this season. They will travel on January 3rd to Hartford, on January 22-24 to Portland (2 games) and Providence, on February 19-21 they head to Toronto and Rochester. On March 13th, they head to Bridgeport and on April 15, they will be at Lehigh Valley.

**Merry
Christmas**

Hartford WolfPack Boosters Meet & Greet Photos

