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Rochester BC Delivers Christmas



On December 21, 2014, thirteen RABC booster club members, as well as, Drew & Kristyn Bagnall and Mark Pysyk's girlfriend, Oakly, delivered gifts and food to the Christmas family chosen by the Aremks Boosters. Santa was good as usual and this year brought an elf with him. The children were excited, though the two-year-old was frightened by Santa. The family was very appreciative of everything they received. To make Christmas even merrier, the young lady who was expecting a baby went into labor later that day and had a baby boy on the 22nd.



Providence BC Invited to Celebration

The Providence Bruins Fan Club was again invited to participate in a Holiday Celebration.

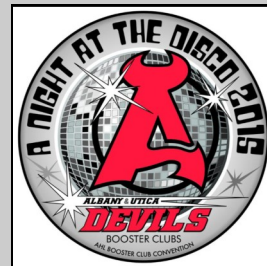


The event was hosted by Representative John DeSimone (RI House Majority Leader), Councilman Nicholas J Narducci, Jr (Deputy Majority Leader), and representative Thomas Palangio on Thursday, December 18, 2014. It was held at the Knights of Columbus Bouffard Council in North Providence, RI.

In the spirit of giving, the PBFC donated unwrapped toys supplied by the club and the generosity of its' members. The photo shows the toys donated to two city toy drives.

Convention 2015 Albany, NY

The Association of American Hockey League Booster Clubs 2015 Convention information is available online at www.aahlbc.org. Look for the registration form coming out soon.



You must register through your booster club. Make sure you are aware of your local club's deposit and final payment deadlines.

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.

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Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization will be:

- To promote better understanding between Booster Clubs and the American Hockey League Organization.
- To Compare and attempt to alleviate problems confronting each individual Booster Club.
- 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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Coming to an arena near you!



The following is a list of cities booster clubs are planning bus trips to and the dates they are planning to be in town.

Allentown

February 28 - Binghamton
April 19 - W-B/Scranton

Bridgeport

March 22 - Binghamton
April 10/11 - Manchester (1 night)

Hartford

March 7 - Hershey

Manchester

March 6/7 - W-B/Scranton (2 games)

Norfolk

April 3/4 - Hershey - 2 nights

Portland

March 18, 19, 20 & 21 - Hershey (2

games) - 4 Nights Hampton Inn @ Maine Mall

April 11, 12 & 13 - W-B/Scranton (2 games)

Providence

March 6 - Hershey

Springfield

March 8 - W-B/Scranton

Worcester

March 18 - Hershey

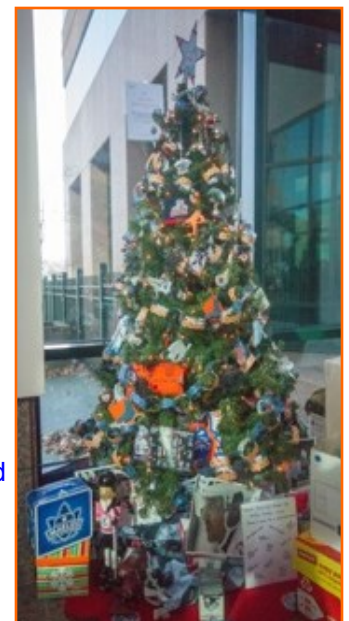
The information provided here is just informational. All trips are tentative and may not happen. Please contact the traveling booster club for final trip plans, if needed.

Sound Tigers BC Supports Ronald McDonald House

Once again, Bridgeport Sound Tigers BC members rallied together to decorate a hockey themed tree at the Maritime Center in New Haven. Twenty-five BSTBC members met for breakfast beforehand at Ikea, where they gathered strength for the task at hand. They had so many ornaments left over, they put them aside for next year.

This is a special community based event that the BSTBC looks forward to and have been doing for over eight years. Each tree is unique with many talented elves making sure each ornament is placed in just the right place. The fundraiser continued for two weeks with people coming from all around to place bids on their favorite tree. The winner of the BSTBC tree will receive a family four pack to a Sound Tigers game, plus lots and lots of hockey memorabilia.

Visit www.soundtigerboosters.com/gallery for more pictures.



MMBC Holds Celebration Balloon Launch



The MMBC held a Celebrate Jen event to honor Jennifer Kemp, co-founder of the MMBC. This year was the 10th year of Jen's passing. Kemp family members were joined by several MMBC members at the Henniker New Cemetery for a celebratory balloon launch.

Participants were able to warm up with Dunkin' coffee and hot chocolate and snack on munchkins while they waited for the event to start. Event coordinator, Bill Walch welcomed attendees and thanked them for coming out to celebrate the life of Jennifer Kemp. Afterwards, a moment of silence was held.

MMBC President Dan O'Grady made a presentation to the Kemp's. The MMBC made a donation of \$100 donation to Monarchs Care Foundation in honor of Jen and other MMBC members who have passed on.

Next, we moved on to the balloon launch. Participants each received a balloon and had the opportunity to write messages and thoughts of Jen. A countdown commenced and all the balloons were launched at the same time, giving color to the cloud deck above. Folks watched as all the balloons floated into the sky. A family bouquet of balloons was handed to the Kemp family and they were launched. Once again, everyone watched until they disappeared. This ended the cemetery portion of the event.

It was on to a lunchtime social at Sonny's Main Street Restaurant. After enjoying each other in conversation, the Kemp's were given a gift. It was a custom framed autographed TJ Kemp jersey from MMBC members Bill Walch, Roger Carpenter, Michelle Gagnon and Ray Clarke.

Special thanks to John & Lydia Perry for supplying the helium and balloons for the balloon launch and Bill Walch for the coffee, hot chocolate and donuts.

Photos from this event can be found on the photo page of the MMBC website, located at www.monarchsboosters.com.

Worcester Holiday Party Photos

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club held its Holiday Party in December. One hundred people were in attendance at this event and raised \$880 in toys, which were donated to the Friendly House.



Booster Club Happenings

The **ALBANY DEVILS BOOSTER CLUB** held its annual bowlathon in early February.

The **BINGHAMTON SENATORS BOOSTER CLUB** have started their annual season ticket raffle fundraiser.



The **BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS BOOSTER CLUB** are always asking the team what they need. BSTBC members approved the purchase of a dishwasher for the locker room and it was delivered to the arena.

The **HERSHEY BEARS BOOSTER CLUB** held its Children's Christmas Party in mid-December... The HBBC has had a Shoe/Sneaker Recycling Drive, where they collected shoes, sneakers, work boots and other footwear for redistribution to needy families.

The **MANCHESTER MONARCHS BOOSTER CLUB** held its annual Holiday Party on January 11... The MMBC will hold its annual bowlathon on February 28..

The **PEORIA RIVERMEN BOOSTER CLUB** will hold a bowlathon on February 22... The PRBC will hold their end of season banquet on March 10.

The **PITTSBURGH PENGUINS BOOSTER CLUB** continued an annual tradition in selling Pittsburgh Penguin hockey holiday ornaments. All proceeds benefited the Autism Society of Pittsburgh.



The **PROVIDENCE BRUINS FAN CLUB** will hold their 5th Annual Steak Fry on March 24th.

The **SYRACUSE CRUNCH BOOSTER CLUB** members volunteered to bell ring for donations in Mattydale... The SCBC put together some nice gift bags for the players in December.



The **SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE BOOSTER CLUB** members were up bright and early setting up for @OpComfort 5th Annual Salute to Service Members run.

The **WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS BOOSTER CLUB** has already started planning for their team in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

Chicago Parties with the Hamilton Boosters



On January 2, the Chicago Wolves Booster Club hosted the Hamilton Bulldogs Boosters. This marked the third time hosting the Hamilton BC over the years. Thirty-four people made the long bus ride from Hamilton, Ontario to cheer on their team with voices and cowbells. The Dogs pushed the game to overtime, however, the Wolves were victorious.

Once everyone made it to the Residence Inn (the hotel where the boosters were staying) they got down to the business of having a good time! There were snacks, sweets, pizza, soft drinks and (of course) a bit of beer. The police activity outside was a little distracting. Later, the group found out it was an investigation of Rosemont's first murder in 9 years. It didn't keep them from having a good time.



After most of the pizza had been consumed, it was time for Jeopardy. Wolf Pack member/creativity superstar Sue Smith put together a game custom made for US and Canadian hockey fans. Each team had fans of both teams, which helped make the scoring very balanced. There were a few disputed answers, but soon a clear winner was crowned. One team had a secret weapon, Allan from Hamilton, who was the ace in the final jeopardy answer. Who knew it would involve knowing the number of miles between Hamilton & Chicago? Since Allan booked the bus, he had a pretty good idea of the answer! Once the game ended, it was time for the big raffle and no one went home empty handed. After a bit of clean up it was time for Wolves fans to hit the road and Bulldog fans to hit the hay. Both clubs made promises to party again the next time, either in Rosemont or in Hamilton!