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Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Participates in Parade of Trees



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The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Booster Club participated in the 16th Annual Parade of Trees. A decorating party was held on November 22, where all the tree sponsors gather to decorate their trees.

Grotto Pizza Harveys Lake customers "vote" on which tree is best-decorated by making monetary donations. The trees that raise the most money are declared the winners and also win additional money from all the entry fees collected.

Decorating this year's WBS tree were (left to right) Deb Charnichko, Anne Flasser, Alex Silva and WBS President Vicki Silva. The Pens BC's charity this year is the Victory Baseball League. This league is for adults with physical and/or mental disabilities ranging from age 21 through 60.

This year's Parade of Trees included dozens of trees sponsored by many local businesses and charities.

Booster Club Happenings

The Albany Devils Booster Club gift wrapped at the Van Rensselaer Manor on December 19...On January 22, they will hold their annual Bowl-a-thon.

The Binghamton Senators Booster Club held their Christmas party for the players & their families on December 14.

The Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club continues to sell Booster Club Spirit Bracelets for \$2. Proceeds benefit the Connecticut Food Bank.

The Hamilton Growl Booster Club held its Christmas Social on December 7. They collected new toys and non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers.

The Hershey Bears Booster Club held their Christmas on December 13 and a Kid's Christmas Party on December 17... They are selling March daily number raffle tickets. The proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House and the Four Diamonds Fund.

The Manchester Monarchs Booster Club adopted two children through Operation Santa, while members of the Monarchs Booster Club broomball team adopted one child. The MMBC also made a donation of \$300 to the New Hampshire Food Bank.

The Portland Pirates Booster Club recently held a blood drive at the Portland Donor Center...The booster club is conducting a bottle drive as one of their fundraisers. There are four Pepsi bottles containers on the concourses of the Civic Center & two trash bins in the lobby area.

The Providence Bruins Fan Club held a mini golf fundraiser on November 5, 2011.

The Rochester Americans Booster Club gave a monetary

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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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donation to the MCYH Thunder Eagles Pee Wee hockey team for equipment, ice time, and tournament fees. The team helped sell 50/50 raffle tickets for the booster club in November. The RABC also gave a donation to the RYH Pee Wee Major Travel Blue hockey team for the cost of ice time for games and practices. That team also sold raffle tickets in November. The booster club rang bells for the Salvation Army in December.

The Worcester Sharks Booster Club held their holiday party at the DCU Center on December 14, with members of the team and the Sharks front office staff. A buffet style dinner was served and the gifts for members of the team and staff were presented. Autographed Sharks merchandise was among the items raffled off. The WSBC collected new, unwrapped toys to donate to the Friendly House.

(Possibly) Coming to an Arena Near You

The following is a list of potential bus trips being offered by booster clubs around the league.

Adirondack: April 9 - to Binghamton

Binghamton: February 4-5 - to Manchester/Portland

Chicago: February 11 - to Rockford (Group tickets only, no bus)

Hamilton: February 3-5 - to Grand Rapids

Hershey: January 10-12 - to Charlotte
January 14 - to Binghamton
January 27-28 - to Norfolk
February 10 - to Syracuse
February 17-19 - to Providence/Manchester/Bridgeport
April 12-15 - to Portland/Manchester/Worcester

Lake Erie (Cleveland): January 14-15 - to Chicago/Milwaukee

Rochester: April 14-15 - to Lake Erie (Cleveland)

Springfield: January 14 - to Portland
February 11 - to Bridgeport
March 1-4 - to Norfolk/Hershey
March 25 - to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton: January 22 - to Syracuse
February 18 - to Albany
March 9-11 - to Providence/Bridgeport/Springfield
April 15 - to Bridgeport

Worcester: February 18 - to Connecticut or February 19 - to Springfield
March 4 - to Portland
April 14 - to Adirondack



Stork Report

The Binghamton Senators Booster Club grew by one on November 2, 2011. Congratulations to Sean & Roberta Murphy on the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Eileen Murphy. Mackenzie was born 6:13 pm, weighed eight pounds and was 20 inches long.