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WSBC Holds Holiday Party, Makes Donation

By: Rich Lundin

Over 110 attended the 8th annual Worcester Sharks Booster Club Holiday Party in December 10th at the DCU Center. It was a great time for boosters to mingle with their favorite players and the office staff, as well as to give back to the community.

Everyone was greeted with a big platter of goodies at their table (thanks Chris!), and the night was started with some casual mingling and banter. The DCU Center provided a great (as usual) buffet, which many went for seconds! After dinner, Mrs. Claus (Chris) gave presents to all the kids in attendance, and then the players received their gifts. But the night was far from over. In a custom started three years ago, all the rookies were asked to come up to the podium and tell a story from Christmas past, whether good or bad. The guys were really caught off guard and had to think quickly. Some truly hilarious stories ensued, and it really helped create a mood for the rest of the night. But what makes this event most important is what we do for charity, and has been our custom, for Friendly House.

We asked for boosters attending to bring unwrapped toys, and a receipt, and for each dollar spent, they would receive a raffle ticket for some cool items, such as a team signed posters, signed game used sticks, etc. At the end of the night, the tally of toys was over \$1250! On top of this amount, the booster club donated an additional \$1000 worth of toys to the Friendly House, for a grand total of \$2250!

Chris O'Shea and Rich Lundin delivered the toys to a grateful Friendly House, and the toys were all distributed at their Christmas Party, to kids that may never have received presents this year, without their help. A special thanks to Beth Carrigan who supplied us many toys from Toys R Us!

Pictures of the event can be seen on Worcester Boosters website, www.sharksboosters.com.

Lost Booster Club Members

The Albany Devils Booster Club lost member Theresa M. Chwazik on March 24, 2014. She was 47 years old. She was known for her bubbly personality and attended many conventions.



The Wilkes-Barre Scranton Booster Club lost member Della Schulz on February 1, 2014. She was 71 years old. She was known as a faithful Penguins fan and so sweet to everyone.



May you both rest in peace.

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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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Booster Club Happenings

The **Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club** teamed up with the Bridgeport Police Department for a Tip a Cop night at Vazzy's Restaurant in Bridgeport. All tips went to the Connecticut Storm Special Hockey team.

The **Hershey Bears Booster Club's** held a Bone Marrow Drive at the Giant Center. Because of their efforts, 88 new names were added to the donor list... The HBBC Broomball for Autism event will be held on April 19, 2014.

The **Manchester Monarchs Booster Club** held its bowlathon in March. All proceeds went to the MMBC's Jennifer Kemp Memorial Hockey Scholarship Fund, which sends kids to hockey camps over the summer months. Total raised was over \$2,000.

The **Providence Bruins Fan Club** held its annual Steak Fry. All proceeds went to the Rhode Island Special Olympics and Hasbro Children's Hospital.

The **Rochester Americans Booster Club** made a couple monetary donations. One to the Arc of Monroe to purchase two computers. The second to the Monroe County Eagles 16U AA hockey team. The funds were used for a bus to Buffalo so they could participate in a tournament.

The **Syracuse Crunch Booster Club** has a new web address. It is www.crunchboosters.com.

The **Worcester Sharks Booster Club** has a group of fans heading to Fenway Park for a Boston Red Sox Game in August.

Getting Around



The Norfolk Admirals Booster Club traveled to Hershey, PA recently (left).

Members of the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club went to Norfolk, VA (bottom photos).

