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Rochester Delivers Christmas to Family in Need

Each December, the Rochester Americans Booster Club selects one family as its Christmas Family. On December 18th, the Booster Club's Elves and Santa delivered the gifts and food to their Christmas family. The older children were at the store with Dad and arrived home to see Santa sitting in the house. Their eyes got as big as a half dollar. Mom had brought the twins downstairs in the car seats. Santa held both twins for a photo. Each of the older children had their pictures taken with Santa. Santa gave each child a Christmas package to open then. They each got a stuffed animal. Mom and Dad were overwhelmed with all the food and gifts that were dropped off. Dad was going to set up

the Christmas tree after we left. The family thanked us for all the food and gifts. We had a group photo taken with the family. The elves were Ann Paddock, Virginia Paddock, Jan Fernandez, Bruce Fernandez, Norine Borrelli. Sue Nashburn, Drew Bobzin, Mike Petta, Sherry Petta, Shannon Zink, Sarah Zink, and John Zink (aka Santa).



Bob Johnson Scholarship Winner Announced

Congratulations to Bob Johnson Scholarship winner AJ Misiti. He is attending the University of Dayton and playing hockey there. A very nice young man to present the award to.



The Bob Johnson Memorial Scholarship is co-sponsored by the Penguins Foundation and the Penguins Booster Club. This annual \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to a western Pennsylvania high school senior for academic excellence, community service, and for providing leadership and sportsmanship as a member of their high school's hockey team.

The Association of AHL Booster Clubs sends our congratulations to AJ. Well done!

Message from Kevin Doyle (Lowell)

This article first appeared in the November/December edition of Faceoff. This is a reprint...

At the 2016 AAHLBC Convention hosted by Springfield, a proposal was brought in front of the board to develop a grant to attend convention. This person would be a first time attendee, or an attendee that has not been to convention in some time, with the goal of growing convention attendance long into the future. The concept was sent to committee where it would be developed into completed proposal and returned to the group in Bridgeport in September, 2017.

While the committee has started the process, there is still time for more folks to engage! The effort is being done via email and a google document, so the only thing you need is access to the internet and the willingness to help!

If you would like to assist in the effort, or offered to at convention and for some reason have not received any emails to date, please contact Kevin Doyle from Lowell at kevindoyle3@comcast.net. Thank you to all who have already shared their thoughts, and to all of you who may join our committee.

Yours in Hockey,

Kevin

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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.

Editor: Bill Walch

Booster Club Happenings

The **Albany Devils Booster Club** will hold its Awards Banquet on March 14th.

The **Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club** will support Spooner House on Saturday, February 11th. They will supply and prepare a luncheon for the residents of this facility...The booster club will also hold a social at BrewPort Brewing Company after their game on February 12th.

The **Cleveland Hockey Booster Club** traveled to Columbus to see the Jackets take on the New York Rangers. The Rangers scored 3 goals in the third period to win the game 5-4...Cleveland will run a second bus trip this season, this time to Grand Rapids to watch their Monsters take on the Griffins. This trip will take place on April 8th-9th.

The **Hershey Bears Booster Club** is holding their annual Food Bank Drive on March 4th. They will be collecting food, gift cards & cash donations at the main doors and the season ticket entrance...They have a trip planned for a Flyers vs. Caps game...The HBBC sold player signed Christmas ornaments during the holiday season.

The **Lehigh Valley Phantoms Fan Club** made holiday cookies for the players, which was a huge success...The LVPPC raffled off a Stolie Stick. The raffle raised \$760 and all proceeds went to the Peaceable Kingdom, an animal shelter.

The **Norfolk Admirals Booster Club** will be traveling to Raleigh, North Carolina to see the Carolina Hurricanes take on the Dallas Stars on April 1st...The NABC has scheduled its End of Season Party for April 3rd. It includes an all-you-can-eat buffet of salad, pizza and dessert with the players of their ECHL hockey club. It will be held at UNO Pizzeria & Grill.

The **Peoria Rivermen Booster Club** will hold its Bowlathon on February 26th and their End of Season Banquet on March 29th.

Did you know, the **Pittsburgh Penguins Booster Club** has 250 members. Out of 250, 150 are local members, 30 lifetime members and 100 out of town members. Out of town membership includes people from 20 states, 4 Canadian provinces, Switzerland, Japan, and the Czech Republic...Thanks again to the generosity of the Pens fans, the club raised \$1821 and 890 toys collected for the Marines and Toys for Tots. The Pens Foundation took all proceeds to the 96.1 Stuff A Bus collection this morning!

The **Providence Bruins Fan Club** will hold a fundraiser at UNO Pizzeria & Grill on February 21st. Some players are expected to attend...The PBFC will hold its annual Steak Fry on March 21st. This event will also have some Providence Bruins players in attendance, plus raffle prizes, silent auction and penny social. Proceeds from this event will go to Special Olympics Rhode Island and Hasbro Children's Hospital.

The **Rockford IceHogs Booster Club** collected donations to honor the Puck N Paws game. All donations will go to the Friends Forever Humane Society.

The **San Antonio Rampage Booster Club** has 60 members on its books.

The **Syracuse Crunch Booster Club** will hold a members only Meet & Greet with the Players on February 7th. Members will be able to chat mingle with the players, get autographs and photos, dance, eat and win items from a silent auction.

The **Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club** recently traveled to Rochester and Syracuse to see the Pens play...The WBSPBC will hold its annual Awards Banquet on April 5th...The Pens Boosters cancelled a trip to Portland, but added a trip in April to Hartford as a replacement.

Albany Boosters Hold Holiday Party

Members of the Albany Devils Booster Club help the clubs annual celebration at the Franklin Terrace Ballroom back in December. Here are some photos from the event. From the photos, it looks like everyone enjoyed their time at this event. Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and had plenty of time to spend with their families and friends. Now, it's back to hockey!





Coming to an arena near you!

The following is a list of cities booster clubs are planning potential bus trips to and the dates they are planning to be in town. This is just a guide. Please contact the traveling booster club to verify any trip listed will be taking place.

Coming to Albany:

February 17th - Wilkes-Barre (overnight Windsor Locks, CT)
February 18th - Bridgeport

Coming to Binghamton:

February 3rd - Hershey
March 11th - Hershey

Coming to Bridgeport:

February 20th - Hershey

Coming to Grand Rapids:

April 8th - Cleveland

Coming to Hartford:

March 4th - Lehigh Valley
April 8th - Wilkes-Barre

Coming to Lehigh Valley:

March 10th - Hershey (overnighting in Binghamton)
March 25th - Wilkes-Barre

Coming to Providence:

February 18th - Hershey
February 19th - Hershey
March 5th - Lehigh Valley

Coming to Rochester:

February 19th - Binghamton (overnight Niagara Falls, ON)
April 7th - Hershey (overnighting elsewhere)

Coming to Springfield:

February 18th - Wilkes-Barre (overnighting Windsor Locks, CT)

Coming to Syracuse:

February 11th - Rochester
February 17th - Rochester
March 4th - Binghamton

Coming to Toronto:

February 20th - Binghamton
April 8th - Hershey

Coming to Wilkes-Barre:

February 4th - Lehigh Valley
February 10th - Hershey
February 11th - Binghamton
March 18th - Lehigh Valley
April 1st - Lehigh Valley
April 14th - Hershey

Booster Club Life in Pictures



Above, the Cleveland Boosters participate in this year's Cupid's Undie Run held in Cleveland.



In the above photo, the LV Phan Club presents a check in the amount of \$475 to Phantoms player Cole Bardreau for his "Real Men Wear Pink" campaign raising awareness for breast cancer and the American Cancer Society.



It's That Time ! The 2017 AAHLBC Convention

(PLEASE NOTE - ALL THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT GO OUT TO YOUR MEMBERS - ONLY WHAT PERTAINS TO THE CONVENTION ITSELF -BOOSTER CLUB INFORMATION SHOULD NOT GO OUT TO YOUR MEMBERS)

The 53rd Annual Association of American Hockey League Booster Clubs Convention will be held at the Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway in Trumbull, Ct. on September 8th – 10th, 2017 **hosted by**

The Bridgeport Soundtigers Booster Club

The prices for this year's Convention are: (US FUNDS)
QUAD \$200 per person TRIPLE \$215 per person
DOUBLE \$245 per person SINGLE \$365 per person
Extra nights are \$113.85 inclusive of taxes per room US
Early arrival discount rates are available for Sept. 6th, 7th and 11th
-Room Tax is included in the above prices -

The above prices are PER PERSON for the COMPLETE weekend including the evening meals on Friday and Saturday and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The hotel has a large ground lot for parking. Parking is FREE

***A NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit of \$50 (U.S. funds), per person attending the convention is required by

March 31, 2017 with the BALANCE due by **JUNE 30, 2017**.

Earlier due dates are because we are trying to get everything done during the hockey season

LATE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR.

NO PAY, NO GO, NO EXCEPTIONS

- ALL CANCELLATIONS MADE PRIOR TO **AUGUST 1st, 2017** WILL RECEIVE A REFUND. **NO REFUNDS** WILL BE MADE AFTER THAT DATE ACCORDING TO OUR BY-LAWS. ANY REFUND WILL BE MINUS THE \$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT. (EXECUTIVE BOARD DISCRETION ON SPECIAL CASES)

ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO **AAHLBC**. Please mail one check per club. Send check along with the DEPOSIT FORM to:

Chris O'Shea 80 Farrar Ave. Worcester, Ma. 01604

DEPOSITS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31st, 2017

BALANCE DUE BY JUNE 30th, 2017.

No Exceptions, No Pay, No Go

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please publish the above information so your members will have an idea what is planned. At this time I would like you to return the form listing the convention contact for your club. This will allow me to keep in touch with the convention organizer from each club. I will send a complete rooming list to your convention organizer as deposits are sent.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO ADVERTISE OUR CONVENTION FROM THIS POINT ON.

CONVENTION CONTACT FORM IS DUE A.S.A.P.

Registration Forms and Deposit Sheets will be mailed/e-mailed shortly

PLEASE INFORM THEM: NO MONEY IS DUE AT THIS TIME.

Your club sets its own date for the DEPOSIT and BALANCE DUE.

Arrangements for early arrival or late departure should be made by calling the hotel directly at **203-380-6324** and speaking with **Amanda Trianovich** to get the "Association of American Hockey League Rate" for the preferred *Convention rate for Tue., Wed., Thur. arrivals.* **This is the ONLY WAY to get the preferred rate. They will not offer it on line or through the 1-800 reservation number.**

Deadline for early room reservations is Friday, August 11, 2017

EARLY ARRIVALS PAID BY THE INDIVIDUAL. THIS COST NOT INCLUDED WITH THE CONVENTION PRICE

For Additional Information or Questions Call

Chip Hanuscik
498 Gaughan Ct.
Archbald, PA 18403
570-876-6701

I WILL GLADLY ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS AND FUTURE CONVENTIONS

ONE APPLICATION PER ROOM - PLEASE PRINT...

- 2017 - AAHLBC REGISTRATION FORM -

Day You Will Arrive:

VERY IMPORTANT (PLEASE CIRCLE)

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN EARLY ARRIVAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS

BOOSTER CLUB _____

1. LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME _____

PLEASE NOTE: PRINT YOUR NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME BADGE!

STREET: _____ CITY: _____

STATE or PROVINCE: _____ ZIP or POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-mail address: _____

NUMBER OF PREVIOUS CONVENTIONS ATTENDED: _____ MEAL SELECTION (Circle): Beef Chicken Fish (SEE BELOW)

BOOSTER CLUB _____

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BOOSTER CLUB _____

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STATE or PROVINCE: _____ ZIP or POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE #: _____ E-mail address: _____

NUMBER OF PREVIOUS CONVENTIONS ATTENDED: _____ MEAL SELECTION (Circle): Beef Chicken Fish (SEE BELOW)

SATURDAY EVENING MEAL SELECTION

(Choose one meal for each person on this sheet)

Sliced Flank Steak

Grilled Chicken Breast

Roasted Salmon

With Samuel Adams Reduction

w/sundried tomato and basil beurre blanc

glazed with soy and brown sugar

Chef's choice of starch, and seasonal vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea

Note: YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN EARLY ARRIVAL ROOM RESERVATIONS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CONFIRMATION NUMBER FOR YOUR EARLY ARRIVAL NIGHTS, YOU DON'T HAVE A ROOM RESERVED!!!

Reservations must be made by calling the hotel DIRECTLY. (On Line reservations will not honor reduced rate) PHONE NUMBER FOR EXTRA NIGHTS: 203-380-6324 and speak with **Amanda Trianovich** (Directly to the Hotel)

When making reservations mention rate code "ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE"

Prices Are \$113.85 PER ROOM (Rates Include Tax) parking is free in onsite parking.

Room Information VERY IMPORTANT
 Circle Appropriate Choice

NUMBER OF BEDS:	1	2
HANDICAPPED:	YES	NO

- The hotel has limited handicapped rooms. **AVAILABILITY IS NOT GUARANTEED.**

IF ARRIVING BY AIR
 Arrival Day: _____ Time: _____