



# Passing the Puck

New Editor—Issue 1

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**Rochester  
Americans  
Booster Club**

## Upcoming Events

May 8—General Meeting  
@ESL

Sept 5-7—2008 AHL  
Booster Club Convention



## May Birthdays

5/2	Penny Fogg
5/3	Millie Schenkel
5/4	David Cassara
5/6	Harold Smith
5/7	Rory O'Connor
5/13	Stacey Flanders
5/21	Karen Jackson
5/21	Heather Wilbur
5/23	Fred Stiffler
5/24	Tory Decker
5/24	Jim Torkington
5/27	Bert Garman
5/28	Michael Davis
5/29	Allen Hudson
5/30	Jan Munro
5/31	Betty Grasta

## President's Report—Jeff Savidge

As I write this report our hockey season has been over for one full week already. I want to take this opportunity to reflect back on, quite possibly, the most difficult season in Rochester Americans history.

It was a difficult season both on and off the ice. We all know the issues that have gone on within the Amerks organization. As a Booster Club we were faced with several challenges as well. For the first time in several years we were not supplied jersey's from the team to do a jersey raffle at our home games. The Booster Club has come to rely on the high amount of income that we have made off these jersey raffles. This season also saw our 50/50 income become limited due to the smaller crowds. Unfortunately, the loss of this income impacted the clubs ability to have all of the functions that we usually schedule. However, through all of the adversity both on and off the ice, I am pleased to say that the core of the Booster Club stood strong and forged ahead. I would like to thank everyone that helped make this possible.

I have been asked several times over the past month what will happen to the Booster Club if for some reason Rochester does not have a team next season. While we all hope that this will not be the case, it is something that remains a possibility. If Rochester does not have a team next year, the Booster Club will still function and hold monthly meetings. There are several AHL Booster Clubs out there that have not had teams for years. While this remains a possibility, I personally have strong feelings that one way or the other, Rochester will have a team next year.

This will be my last news article as President of the Booster Club. It has been a pleasure serving as President for the past two seasons. While there were several challenging times throughout the two seasons, through it all, I knew what an important job it was and completed it to the best of my abilities.

While I am confident that I was able to make the club better and make several positive changes, I could not have done it without the hard work of an outstanding Booster Club Board. Some of those Board members will move on to another term over the course of the next two years. I want to wish the best of continued success to Virginia Paddock, Laurie Gavigan, and Mary Dibble.

I would also like to thank the outgoing board members. Thank you to Vice President Donna Voelkl, Secretary Norine Borrelli, and Member Communications Director Betty Grasta who have all served on the Board for the past two years along with myself.

I also would like to thank Kris Ryan for six years of service on the Booster Club Board as Transportation Chairperson. After six years of running several bus trips covering all parts of two different countries, Kris will be "retiring" as Transportation Chairperson. Anyone that has gone on a bus trip over the course of the past six seasons will know what a great job Kris did putting the trips together. Thank you to Kris for her years of service and the time put into this position.

Also, thank you to all of the committee members for all of their time and hard work. As well, thank you to all of the people who volunteered their time to work at games.

The Booster Club is a very large organization and without the hard work and countless hours of volunteering from all of these people, the club would not be able to function.

Finally, I want to thank the entire Booster Club Membership. Without all of you, there would be no club. It is with mixed emotions that I write my last article as Booster Club President. It has truly been an honor to serve as your President and I look forward to seeing you all next season at the meetings and games.

Thank you to all and have a great Summer.—Jeffrey Savidge

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Virginia Paddock

I would like to thank the outgoing Officers and Board for the good job they did. I would like to thank all of you that voted for me. I will try to do the best job I can. Please feel free to call me, come to the meetings or stop by the table next year with any suggestions or ideas for events or fund raisers. We also continue to need workers. The Club is only as good as the people who work to help it be better.

### WAYS AND MEANS—Virginia Paddock

I would like to thank all the members that have helped buy or sell 50/50 tickets, the "Enjoy the City" books and the Lottery Calendars. I would like to thank Sandy Clement for all her help as assistant. I would like to thank Mike Petta for the great job he has done selling the Lottery Calendars and the "Enjoy the City" books. I hope you will support the new board coming in. Hope you all have a great summer and will look forward to seeing you in the fall.

### Transportation—Kris Ryan

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 38 members of the Rochester Americans Booster Club took a bus trip to Binghamton to watch the Amerks play. Before the game we were treated to a wonderful dinner by the Binghamton Booster Club. We all had a good time and enjoyed our last trip of the season.

With the season coming to an end and also my term as the Transportation Chairperson, I would like to thank EVERYONE who made these last 6 years very enjoyable. Without all of you that signed up each and every trip these trips would never have gone. We traveled to many different cities and even had a few plane trips to San Antonio and Houston. Each trip had its own lasting memories and experiences we will never forget. Who could forget the flat tires we had in Kentucky or the drum we brought along to Syracuse only to have it taken away or our famous saying "What happens in Cleveland stays in Cleveland" or whatever city we might have been in. I could go on and on and I'm sure we all have stories we won't ever forget. We met a lot of friends along the way and formed some lasting relationships. I will miss doing the bus trips but will be helping out in whatever way I can to make this a smooth transition. Best of luck to the new board!

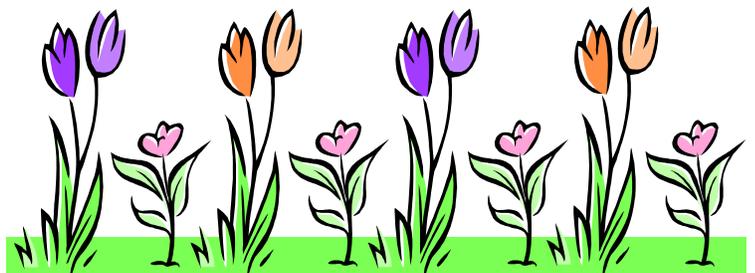
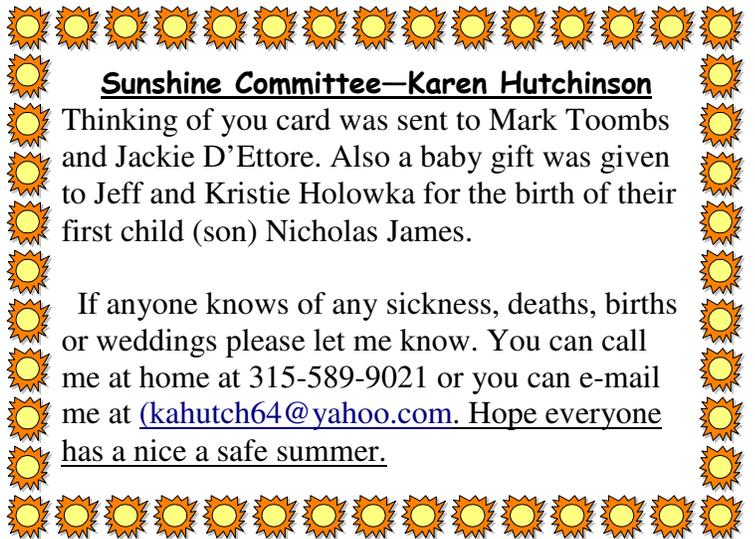


Everyone have a great summer and I hope to see you all in the fall.

### Sunshine Committee—Karen Hutchinson

Thinking of you card was sent to Mark Toombs and Jackie D'Ettore. Also a baby gift was given to Jeff and Kristie Holowka for the birth of their first child (son) Nicholas James.

If anyone knows of any sickness, deaths, births or weddings please let me know. You can call me at home at 315-589-9021 or you can e-mail me at [kahutch64@yahoo.com](mailto:kahutch64@yahoo.com). Hope everyone has a nice a safe summer.



**EXEC FOUNDATION—Mary Dibble**

A monetary donation was given to Melissa's Living Legacy Foundation for trophies and prizes for a golf tournament to benefit teenagers with cancer.

A monetary donation was given to Arkport Central School Spanish Club to help fund a student exchange trip to Spain in July. The Spanish Club helped sell raffle tickets for the booster club on April 6.

Thank you cards were received from Spencerport Rangers hockey team coached by former Amerk Craig Charron, CURE Childhood Cancer Association, and St. Joseph's Villa for monetary donations given to them.

**NEW EDITOR,**

I'm very excited about being your new editor and sending you the news of the Booster Club. This is all new to me ,but I am willing to listen to your comments and concerns. Please send me what you would like to see in the coming issues. The following issues will show you the people who will move this club forward. Be apart of this Booster Club and make the difference.

Gary Schaeffer

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**God Bless America  
Support our Troops!**

The Rochester Americans Booster Club is in it's 42nd Year. Your involvement in the Club helps to provide donations to Charities and Youth Hockey in the Rochester area. Join friends or make new friends on Booster Club Trips. Monthly Meetings, and other Events are planned throughout the year. *Get Involved—Support our Team!*

**Awards Committee—Gary Schaeffer**

The Awards night on April 10, 2008 meeting was a great success and everyone attending went away with a gift to remember the Hockey Team of 2007-2008.

The Awards Committee would like to thank the following Sponsors for their support:

- Alphonse's Sports
- Bugaboo Creek Steak House
- China Buffet
- Mary & Jean Dibble
- Dave Sturm
- Recognition Experts
- Red Lobster
- Wegman's
- Awards Committee

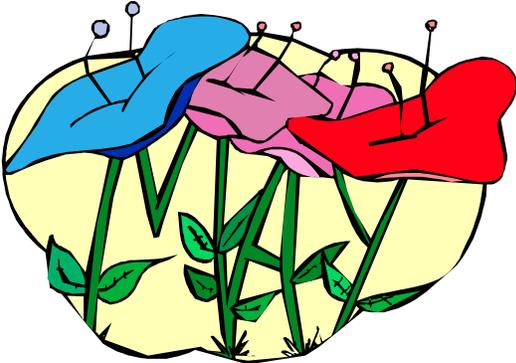
When a member attends a function or earns a Booster Buck for helping, their name is added to the drawing. There were many names in the drawing which shows the Great Work of the Booster Club, thank you for your support.

We had one (1) Grand prize winner of the Rochester Americans blanket which was awarded to Vicki Savidge.

I would like to say thank you to my Awards Committee assistants who gave there time and effort to make the night possible:

- Ella Schaeffer
- Sherry Petta
- Mike Petta

Thank you for all your participation, Awards Committee Chairman Gary Schaeffer



**Next Meeting: May 8, 7:00pm @ESL**