

PASSING the PUCK

Newsletter of the **Rochester Americans Booster Club**
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President - Tom David (tdavid63@me.com)

Happy New Year to everyone.

With the play of our team, we have received early Christmas presents almost every game. This is the first time in several years that the team has gone into the All Star break with more than 40 points. I know this has brought much joy to everyone. I hope it continues well into the spring.

I want to thank Christine for offering to produce our newsletter. She has done a great job as our membership chairperson, and taking on this much needed task is greatly appreciated. We will continue to post photos, events, and info to the website. Thank you everyone for your patience while we build the newsletter back up.

Our club is doing well. We had a very successful 3 day road trip to the New England area. Our cheering on of the team helped to bring home 5 out of 6 points for this road trip. Our next trip is planned to Lehigh Valley and Hershey in February. We already have 20 people signed up. Pricing was based on 20 people, so the more that go, the lower the price can be. Hershey has always proven to be a FUN trip.

If you missed the Meet the Players Dinner or the Christmas Party, you MISSED out on two great events. Thank you to Tammy and her team for bringing us together off the ice in grand fashion.

We can always use your help with small and big projects, as well as needing members to participate on the Board. Elections will be coming up soon, and if you think you would like to help steer the club down the center of the ice bringing in new goals, speak to Mary Bliet or me. If you have volunteered before a game or for an intermission helping at the table, I and the Board thank you. If you have not had the chance to volunteer yet, see Mark Polizzi or me as we can definitely use your support.

Here's to a Happy New Year.

Yours in Hockey,
Tom

Vice President - Mark Polizzi (map13@frontiernet.net)

We always need people to help before the game selling 50/50 raffle tickets, and sometimes Jersey raffle tickets. We sometimes need help holding the boards for Scorio. If you are interested in helping out, please see me at a game or send me an e-mail.

Entertainment - Tammy Lerum (tammylerum@berryglobal.com)

Tis the season to be jolly.... yes, it is like the words in this old Christmas carol that we feel the joy of the season. It has been a whirlwind of a year. The Amerks season started in October with a win over Syracuse. In November, we held our Meet the Players Dinner. Attendees enjoyed a great meal and got to meet and talk with 2 to 3 players at their tables during dinner. In December, we had our annual Booster Club Christmas Party. The evening was filled with good food, some laughter and of course the Moose. And who wouldn't want the Moose at their Christmas Party? Secret Santa gifts were passed out by our president, who was, by the way, sporting a Santa hat. Many people were wondering who their Secret Santa was, but all seemed pleased with their gifts.

Our guys are doing great this year as they are tied for first place. We will cheer them on and hope that the New Year brings them to the playoffs. I would like to take a moment to say Season's Greetings to you all, and may the New Year bring you much happiness.

Exec Foundation - Patrick Lerum (mmdd4242@yahoo.com)

Though the 50/50 sales have been down this year, we would like to thank those of you who help by supporting youth hockey. Your help has enabled us to support 2 youth hockey teams, as well as a young boy who could not continue his dream of playing hockey without our help. Though the game of hockey is not for everyone, it teaches kids skills and discipline. These kids are our future hockey players. Without them, we would not have teams. Thanks for your continuing support throughout the hockey season. Without you, it would not be possible.

Sunshine - Jan Fernandez (jfernan7@rochester.rr.com)

A sympathy card was sent to Dennis and Chris Spangenburg on the death of Chris's Mother. A donation was sent to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality in memory of Chris's Mom, Therese Henchen. A sympathy card was sent to Ben Laing, equipment manager, on the death of his Grandmother. Get well cards were sent to Mark Polizzi, Vickie Savidge, Eric Hoad, Jim Clement, Eleanor Hernandez, Barb Jarosinski, Kristie Holowka and Betty Evans. A thinking of you card was sent to Jacqueline D'Ettore. A congratulations card was sent to Ben Laing on his recent engagement to Stacey Pensgen.

Newsletter Editor - Chris Spangenburg (cmhspan@frontiernet.net)

This is my first newsletter. I'm no computer whiz, so it won't be fancy. My goal is to get you the information you need to be actively involved in the Booster Club. You can go to the Booster Club website to see pictures of events.

Deadline for articles is the 18th of each month.

Transportation - Mike Davis (Janik33@aol.com)

A group went to Springfield, Hartford and Bridgeport to cheer the team on in December. A great time was had by all, and we came away with 5 points.

Upcoming trips include a car pool excursion to Syracuse on January 13, and February 10-11 to Lehigh Valley and Hershey. For details, see me at the table at the arena.

Scrapbooks - Virginia Paddock (vpaddock@rochester.rr.com)

Scrapbooks are well under way. Be sure to stop at the Booster Club table to see if I have articles or pictures for you for your book.

Membership - Chris Spangenburg (cmhspan@frontiernet.net)

Membership is at 166, including 16 new members. Thank you to all who have renewed your memberships. If you have not yet renewed, we are still accepting renewals. Stop at the Booster Club table to get a membership form, or print one from the website.

Please consider getting involved in the club's activities. You will make new friends with a common interest - Hockey. We can always use help at the table at the games.

Please join us at our monthly meetings to get a glimpse of what goes into running the club, and find out what you can do to get more out of the club.

The following members have January Birthdays. If you see them, wish them a Happy Birthday: 1- Fatima DiRose, 4- Joan Fletcher, 6- James Elliott, 7- Holly Wilkinson, 9- Jean Dibble, 12- Mary Dibble, 12- Renee Wilsey, 14- Christina Falbo, 14- Emma Postilli, 15- James Scott, 27- Taylor Elliott, 28- Barb Sanders, 30- Mark Toombs

Upcoming Events

January 11 - Booster Club meeting at 7:00 at Five Star Bank at City Gate Plaza

January 13 - Car pool to Syracuse

February 8 - Booster Club meeting at 7:00 at Five Star Bank at City Gate Plaza

February 10-11 - Lehigh Valley/Hershey trip