



# Passing the Puck

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February 2012

## Rochester Americans Booster Club

### Upcoming Events

- Feb 9 - General Meeting at Sports Center at MCC.
- Mar 8 - General Meeting at Sports Center at MCC.
- Mar 10—Host Binghamton Booster Club at ?
- Mar 25 - Euchre Tournament
- Apr 12 - General Meeting at Sports Center at MCC.
- Apr 14 - Trip to Lake Erie.

### President's Report - Virginia Paddock

It is the time of the year to start thinking of who you would like to see as Officers of the Club for the next two years.

I would like to thank Dave Sturm, Bill Flynn and Dave Parlet for obtaining and showing us the Home movies of the Amerks in the late 1950's and the early 1960's . The films were great and Dave Parlet talked about the old Sweaters/Jersey's. Dave explained how he got involved in collecting Sweaters and Jersey's.



It is with sadness that I have to tell the membership that a long time member Penny Fogg passed away on 1/14/12. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

If anyone has any ideas to make the Club better or is interested in working the games please contact myself or any Board Member. I hope everyone has a great Valentines Day. GO AMERKS!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Vice President's Report - Mark Polizzi

Hello! I hope everyone had a Great Holiday and New Year!

I am in need of workers for the games, if you are interested please contact me at the games or my phone or email. Thanks again everyone!

Also if anyone has any ideas on how to help me get more new workers please contact me.

Let Go Amerks! Support your Amerks and the Booster Club.

As always if you have any questions I can be reached at either by phone at 585-469-1699 or email- [map13@frontiernet.net](mailto:map13@frontiernet.net).



### Feb. Birthdays

- 2/1 Dan Sullivan
- 2/4 Andrew Newbury
- 2/10 Carol Buehler
- 2/12 Mark Buehler
- 2/14 Sharon Trojan
- 2/15 Jan Fernandez
- 2/16 Sandy Borkhuis
- 2/16 Joanne Dunlap
- 2/16 Nicole Polizzi
- 2/18 Mason O'Connor
- 2/19 Joe Crozier
- 2/20 Dan Sullivan
- 2/23 Debbie Goosen
- 2/25 Janice Baist
- 2/25 Jose Hernandez

### Exec Foundation Report - Mary Dibble

A monetary donation was given to the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division Fort Drum Mountaineers hockey team to offset their out-of-pocket expenses for uniforms and ice time when they organize charity hockey games against police, fire, and other military teams.

A monetary donation was given to the Scottsville Warriors hockey team for the entry fee to play in a tournament.

A monetary donation was given to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester for their GIMME \$FIVE Annual Appeal.

Currently there are four charities and two hockey teams still under consideration.

## Sunshine Committee - Jenny Schuber



Christmas Cards were received from The Bridgeport Sound Tigers Booster Club and The Pittsburgh Penguins Booster Club.

A Get Well Card sent to Nicole Polizzi.

A Get well Card sent to Mia Polizzi.

A Memorial was sent to Lollypop Farm in memory of Barbara Bell-Moore.

A Thank You was received for the donation from Lollypop Farm for Barbara Bell-Moore.

A Sympathy Card sent to Kenneth and Patricia Roesch on the death of Kenneth's Sister, Barbara Bell-Moore.

If anyone knows of any sickness, deaths, births or weddings please let me know.

You can call me at home at 585-654-6522 or you can e-mail me at (jensch628@aol.com)

### **Parliamentarian—Jim Clement**

**Hello to all members. I, Jim Clement, have been asked to take over the position of Parliamentarian for the remainder on the term. Because this is an election year there are procedures for elections that have not been followed per the constitution. We are 2 months behind in the timely requirements set down in Article VII. The Nominating Comm. has been charged by the Board to accelerate the steps required while still staying within the Constitution.**

**It was voted by the membership at the January meeting to move the elections to April. The Nominating Comm. has included in this notice the list of eligible candidates for election to the board. Only those members highlighted may run for President of the Board.**

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS REQUEST**

**Request for absentee ballots may be sent at this time. Written request must be mailed to JAMES CLEMENT, 18 HIDDEN VALLEY RD., ROCHESTER, NY 14624. Request for absentee ballot must contain the member's printed name, address and member number of the requester. Please send your request ASAP so a list can be created to facilitate timely mailing of ballots. No request will be accepted after Mar. 8th, 2012. Please note: if there is only one candidate for an elected position the current Sec. of the Board will be asked to submit one vote for election of that candidate at the April meeting.**

**This is the list of those members eligible for nomination. Those on the list will be contacted by the Nominating Comm. to state their desire to run, or not run, for an elected position. The following positions are open: Pres., V. Pres., Treas., Sec., and Member Communications.**

**The nominating committee has contacted those members eligible for election to the Board of Directors. The following members have volunteered to run for the following positions.**

**Joanne Dries – Secretary.**

**Mark Polizzi – Vice-President**

**As you can see we do not have a full slate of candidates. Virginia Paddock is not eligible, under the constitution, to run for a third term as President.**

**At the Feb. meeting we will be taking nominations from the floor for all positions.**

## TRANSPORTATION: ANN PADDOCK

- We left in bright sunshine for our three day trip. We stopped in Cortland for lunch and arrived at Econolodge at 3:45 PM. Carol Pleveck from the hotel greeted us with a Cake and Chip from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Booster Club with food for dinner before the Game. After checking in and eating we left for the game. Saw a great game, but lost in the Shootout, then back to the hotel to socialize. On Saturday we left for Binghamton. The weather was sunny and warm. After a great meal with the Senators Booster Club we saw a 3-2 win, then back on the bus for a 3 hour ride to Hershey. Arrived at the Comfort Inn at 12:53AM and after a quick sleep we where up and out by 1:00PM for Chocolate World. Lots of good Chocolate with the Chocolate Bucks from the Booster Club. Then over to Giant Center for a great game with Hershey. The game ended in an exciting last minute goal to tie, but lost in the shootout. Back on the bus at about 8:00PM for the trip back and arrived at 1:30AM. Hope everyone had a great time and see you in Cleveland.
- Our last trip planned for the year will be Saturday, April 14, 2012 Lake Erie 7:30 PM overnight. Bus leaves about Noon on April 14, arrives home April 15 about 3:00 PM Stop by the table and see me for details.



	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Senior	\$216	\$152	\$131	\$121
Member	\$240	\$170	\$146	\$135
Non-Member	\$264	\$186	\$161	\$150

Deposit due: 2-3-2012, Final payment: 3-2-12.

- Also we do have 10 tickets for sale for any Syracuse game. If you are interested let me know and the tickets will be at will call for you.

## WAYS AND MEANS - Sherry Petta

Hope everyone is enjoying this hockey season so far hopefully the team will go far in the playoffs this year.

We have 2012 Lottery Calendars for sale at the games so pick out your lucky numbers to have a chance to win \$25.00 if your number comes up and don't forget you win if you sold the ticket too. See Mike at the Booster Club table to get your tickets.

Barb is selling enjoy the city books at the table also for \$20.00 so stop by to pick up your savings on car washes, restaurants, Amerks games etc..

Please remember to buy 50/50 tickets at the meetings to support our Booster Club's Christmas family. Also buy tickets to support our Booster Club at the games to benefit youth hockey and local charities. See you at the games and GO AMERKS!!!!

## Christmas Family Fire

On Tuesday night Jan. 17, 2012 our Christmas Family lost their house and all their belongings in a House Fire. We have been in contact with the family. They can use clothing, linens and any household items to restart their lives in a new place.

Some sizes of clothing needed are : Mom Tamara \* Ladies pants size 7, medium shirts; Shantja age 14 \* Jr. size 15-16 pants, Jr. size 15-16 or large tops; Shantrel age 12 \* Jr. size 14 pants, Jr. size 14 top; Shanina age 11 \* girls 10 pants, girls 10 top / medium; Shzma age 10 \* Girls 10 pants, girls 10 top / medium; Ashanti age 8 \* Girls 7-8 pants, Girls 7-8 top / small; Caleb age 5 \* boys 6 pants, 6 top. If you have anything you could donate please let Virginia Paddock or any board member know and we will get it to them.

## Player Interviews - Kelly Toombs

Recently I had the chance to catch up with Alex Biega #4 before a game and get to know him a little better. We had a nice little talk before he went in for the game and here are some of the highlights of what we talked about.

**1. Q: How does it feel to be playing in Rochester?**

A: Great, great fans, great hockey city

**2. Q: What is your favorite rink to play at besides Rochester?**

A: In Portland, nice city, nice as Rochester more passionate fans..

**3. Q: What is your biggest accomplishment in hockey?**

A: Getting drafted by the Sabers.

**4. Q What do you like to do when you are not playing hockey?**

Chill, watch movies..

**5. Q: At what age did you start playing hockey and who got you into hockey?**

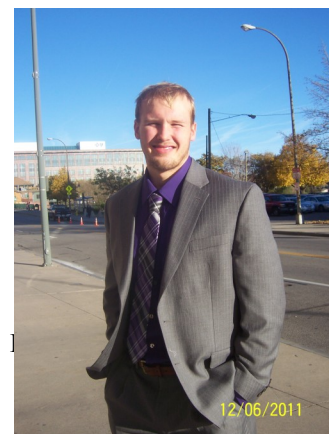
A: At age 7 and my Dad got me into it.

**6. Q: Where are you originally from?**

A: Montreal, Quebec.

**7: Q: Who did you look up too growing up?**

A: My Dad. "my old dad" Alex said..



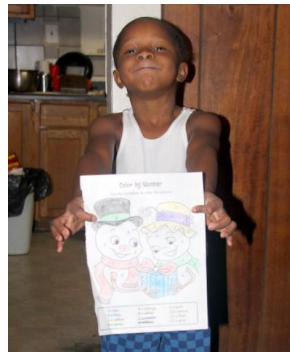
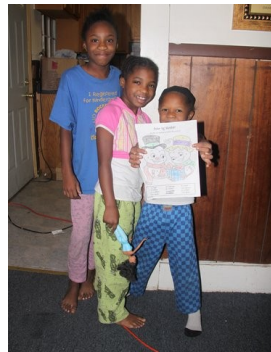
## **Joe Finley reaching out to a pal back home.**

**By: Kelly Toombs**

If you haven't heard Amerks defenseman Joe Finley is helping a pal back home in Minneapolis, Minn. Joe knows what his friend Jack Jablonski is going through because Joe went through 2 major injuries in the previous 2 seasons. Joe is doing everything he can to make him feel better and to help his family. Joe's pal Jack was hit from behind at the end of December in a game. They brought him to the hospital and the doctors said he would never be able to use his arms or legs again, but he has defied early odds on moving both arms and even bending one. This hit Joe very hard and he calls home to see how he is doing. Joe wants to do a fundraiser at a game and send it to him to help with his family expenditures. Also I'm teaming up with Joe to help as well on trying to get people to donate money to give to Joe to send home. Joe and I are planning more to do as time goes on. Call Joe or me with any ideas in ways to help.

## Entertainment - Sandy Clement

Here are some pictures of our Christmas Family by Dave Sturm



Many thanks to Santa's Helpers

Jody Gage, Virginia Paddock, Ann Paddock, Jim Clement, Gary Schaeffer & Dave Sturm

## Charities - Norine Borelli



On Saturday December 10th Ann & Virginia Paddock, Mark Toombs and myself rang bells outside the food court at Greece Ridge Mall for the Salvation Army. Yes it was cold, but at least we didn't have to stand out in the snow! Since we were outside the food court we were able to go inside to get warm. Ann even got a new pair of gloves! Thank you Ann, Virginia and Mark.

On Saturday March 25th, we will be holding our annual euchre tournament at Hidden Valley Club House. This years charity is Wounded Warriors. The cost will be \$15.00. A sign up sheet will be at the booster club table. For more information, you can call me at 585-227-3504.

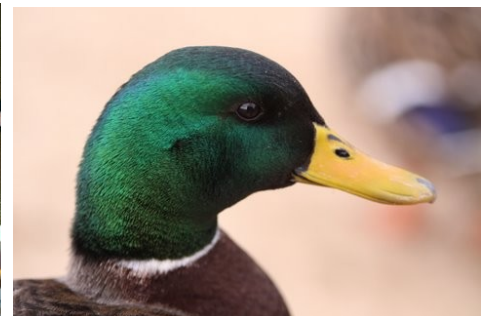
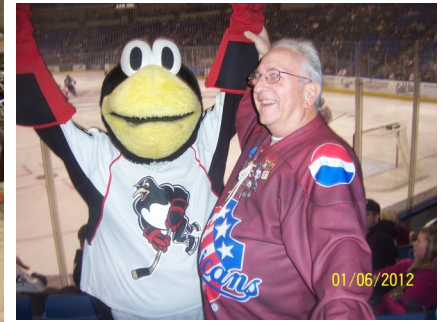


I am always looking for donations to be used for raffle items. In the past I have had a Rochester sports teams package and a restaurant package. If you own or know an owner of a restaurant, maybe you/they would like to donate a certificate to add to the package. It would be great publicity! Or Rochester sports teams memorabilia that you might be willing to donate. Please give me a call if interested.

Our Sunday Trip to Chocolate World and the greeting party at the Hotel. Ha Ha !!



Pictures by Dave Sturm



### **Rochester Americans Booster Club Shirts - Gary Schaeffer**

We have Polo shirts with SHOOTING STAR LOGO in short sleeves and a little more for long sleeves. Cost of shirts range from \$20.00 - \$27.00 depending on sleeve length, size and color. We have the Rochester Americans Booster Club LOGO. Cost of shirts range from \$24.00 - \$32.00 depending on sleeve length, size and color. The addition of a 3 season **Jacket** is available. The prices range from \$48.00 to \$58.00 depending on size of jacket.

**Please note** : The Month of February will be the only time to place your orders. Get your order in ASAP so I can fill another order the end of February. I only have one order so far please order ASAP. Thank you.

Send completed form with your check, **no cash**, to: Gary Schaeffer 32 Green Clover Dr., Henrietta, NY 14467, check or cash accepted at meetings, events or at the Booster Club table. For special orders or questions please call me or send an email.

I like to say thank you to "Alphonse Sports" for making our Booster Club Shirts and Jacket available.

## Lottery Calendars - Mike Petta      Let's Go Amerks!!!!

Lottery calendars are membership numbers limited to 1000 Tickets (000-999) and are good for the **whole year**, January 1st to December 31st. The winners are based on the **New York State Evening Drawing only**. Tickets are selling for \$20.00 with a chance to win \$25.00, if the actual number is drawn and if the number above or below the actual number comes up you win \$5.00 . **Don't forget ticket sellers receive \$5.00 on actual number drawn.**

We have the 2012 Lottery calendars on sale in for \$20.00, so if you know of a number that you would like, please let myself, Sherry Petta or Virginia Paddock know and we will pull them out for you.

As of this newsletter we've sold 120 2012 Lottery Calendars

You can even help by getting numbers for them, remember **\$5.00 for seller**. of the new year of 2012.. To get tickets (specific lucky numbers) please phone or see Mike or Sherry Petta at any meeting or home game at the booster club table.

Hope everyone is enjoying the season so far and as always, Let's Go Amerks!!!

Position	Name	E-Mail	Phone	Assistants	
President	Virginia Paddock	vpaddock@rochester.rr.com			
Vice President	Mark Polizzi	map13@frontiernet.net			
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Player Incentive Award	Eric Hoad				
Active Member Award	Richard Dries				
Sergeant @ Arms	Kelly Toombs				
Web-site	William Flynn	Amerksboosterclub.com			
Signs	Betty Grasta	digger@rochester.rr.com			
Hall of Fame	Mary Dibble				

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**God Bless America  
Support our Troops!**

The Rochester Americans Booster Club is in its 46th 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 planned throughout the year. Get Involved - Support our Team!

### Membership Communications - Gary Schaeffer

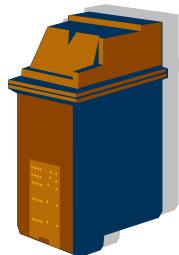
Send an application form (off web site or ask any board member) with your check to ROCHESTER AMERICAN BOOSTER CLUB, P.O. BOX 26454, ROCHESTER, N Y 14626. **Please make all checks payable to: Rochester Americans Booster Club.**

The next step is volunteering, keeps the club rolling for anyone interested in helping with the clubs activities. Come and join in the fun with meeting new people and going new places.

Remember the Booster Club renewal allows you to receive the newsletter and join in the events with membership prices. Sign up don't let your membership expire.

Articles for the March newsletter are due by February 18.

The March newsletter will be Mailed due to no games scheduled the end of the month, if you are not receiving it by e-mail.



**Remember to GO GREEN and receive the newsletter by E\_MAIL or receive by mail.** If you find you are receiving both e-mail and hard copy please advise me so I can correct at [amerksfan273@aol.com](mailto:amerksfan273@aol.com).

**\*\*\*Don't forget to drop off any used printer cartridges for the "Staples Rewards" to earn credit towards printing of the newsletter. Thank you.**

**New Member—Emil Lucko**



**Next Meeting: February 9, 2011 - Sports Centre of MMC, 7:00 PM**