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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Hi Everyone,

With Thanksgiving approaching, I want to start out by thanking the 2013-2014 Gene Hart Award Winner, Mr. Steve Mason for being our guest at the last meeting. The Gene Hart Award is given annually to the player who plays with the most heart, as voted on by the Fan Club at various meetings during the year. Steve was a great guest answering questions and telling us stories about his life in hockey. Steve signed autographs and took pictures with those in attendance. At the end of the meeting, I presented Steve with a \$2,000 check payable to his charity "SickKids Foundation of Toronto". If you would like to be a part of picking the Gene Hart Award winner for this season, please attend the monthly meetings. This month's player of the month was Jakub Voracek.

I also want to thank the members of the Fan Club who attended the New York City trip to see the musical play Beautiful: The Carol King Story. The play was tremendous, especially with Tony Award Winner Jessie Mueller in the part of Carol King. It was amazing to see how many songs she wrote in her career before she became a recording artist herself. I highly recommend this show to anyone who enjoyed her music. Hopefully more people will join us on our next outing.

Since this is our holiday issue, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving, and a very Happy Holiday season. Let there be Peace on Earth and Good Will towards others.

Joe Fisher, President

PFFC MEETING REMINDER

The next meeting of the Philadelphia Flyers Fan Club will be on
Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7PM. Venue:TBD

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check our Facebook page for the latest PFFC news.**

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PFFC Meeting News by Lois Witulski

On October 6th, Flyers TV play by play announcer Jim Jackson visited the PFFC at our first meeting of the season in the Hall of Fame Room at the Wells Fargo Center. Jim is a great friend to our club and has joined us on several occasions in the past. With over 20 years of experience with the Flyers, Jim has been through it all with the team. Jim had many funny stories, talked about his favorite Flyers memories and also about his second job on radio for the Phillies. When asked which job he liked best, he explained that he really can't choose. He loves them both equally but in different ways. Needless to say, Jim has not one but two very exciting jobs and does an outstanding job with both.

As Joe mentioned in his article, it was great to get a chance to meet Flyers goaltender Steve Mason at our meeting on November 11th at the Holiday Inn near the stadium. Steve spoke to the fan club for about 1/2 hour, answering many questions and telling some interesting stories about the game of hockey. He was kind and patient while signing autographs and posing for pictures with the approximately 40 members in attendance. Congratulations to Steve Mason, last year's Gene Hart Award winner – well deserved!!

Thanks to both of our amazing guests for taking the time to come out and speak with the PFFC!!

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This will be your last issue of the Puck if you have not yet sent in your membership for the 2014-15 season.

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PFFC 2014-2015 Trip List by Lou Milano (as of 11/1/14)

NY ISLANDERS 1/19/15 (Monday) 1 PM Bus Trip (Martin Luther King Day)

Nassau Coliseum is one of the great old places to watch a game. This is the last regularly scheduled game for the Flyers at Nassau Coliseum. Join the PFFC on a trip to say a proper goodbye to a great arena. The bus will depart at 8:30 AM and return by 7 PM.

Price includes round trip Motorcoach, snacks, reception and game ticket: \$99.00 per person.

COLUMBUS/BUFFALO 2/13 - 2/16/15 (Friday to Monday) Bus Trip

This would be a perfect time to cross these arenas from your bucket list. Plus it's a holiday weekend!! Columbus's downtown setup is pretty neat, with many places to eat and drink while Nationwide Arena is one the best arenas in the NHL. There are lots of great things to do and see in Buffalo. Chomp down some wings at the Anchor Bar; take a small excursion to Canada (passport required). The HSBC arena is another newer type arena surrounded by local watering holes and great places to eat. The trip will depart 5 AM 2/13/15, arrive in Columbus around 1 PM and check into the Crowne Plaza hotel, located a couple blocks from Nationwide Arena where we'll watch the Flyers battle the Columbus Blue Jackets that evening (7:05 PM). On 2/14/15, we'll head to Buffalo where we'll spend that night at the Hampton Inn Downtown (there's a chocolate pub located inside the hotel). On 2/15/15 at 7 PM, we'll head to HSBC to watch the Flyers take on the improving Sabres. After the game we'll head home with arrival at 5 AM.

Price includes Round Trip Motorcoach, two nights lodging, taxes, breakfast at the Hampton Inn (Buffalo), snacks on bus, welcome reception and two game tickets (Flyers-Blue Jackets 2/13/15, Flyers-Sabres 2/15/15)

MORE INFORMATION IN THE NEXT PUCK ISSUE!!

WASHINGTON 2/8/15 (Sunday) 3 PM Bus trip or Game tickets only

Now that the Caps and Flyers are back in the same division, Flyers/Caps games are fun again. With this game in early February, playoff battles will begin. You'll want to be there. The bus will depart for the Verizon Center at 10 AM and return after the game.

Price includes round trip Motorcoach, snacks, reception and game ticket: \$175.00 per person

BOSTON/NEW JERSEY (Friday to Sunday) 3/6 - 3/8/15 Bus Trip

This will be a chance to see two games in the same trip. We'll depart at 7 AM and have almost two full days to explore Boston (a GREAT Town!!). Our hotel, Wyndham Beacon Hill Hotel is located within walking distance of the TD Bank Center (Flyers/Bruins 1PM on 3/7/14) AND many bars/eateries that Boston is most famous for. And, the hotel is not far from Faneuil Hall!! Around 11 AM on 3/8/15, the bus will depart Boston for home but on the way, we'll stop at Newark's Prudential Center to watch the Flyers battle the always tough NJ Devils (5 PM). After the game we'll head home with expected arrival approximately 9:45 PM that evening. Two game trips are hard to come by, you may want to take advantage.

Price includes roundtrip Motorcoach, two nights lodging, taxes, welcome reception at hotel, snacks on the bus and TWO game tickets (Flyers-Bruins 3/7/15, Flyers-Devils 3/8/15). Quad \$549.00, Triple \$599.00, Double \$699.00, Single \$1099.00 All prices are per person.

Provide Your Own Transportation (no bus) and Save (although if driving, pricing at Boston parking lots is ASTRONOMICAL!!): Quad \$429.00, Triple \$475.00, Double \$575.00 See Lou for single price. All prices are per person.

PHANTOMSTRIP 3/22/14 (Sunday) 5 PM Bus trip and Game tickets only

Join the PFFC on our first ever trip to the new PPL Center in Allentown (PA) to see the Lehigh Valley Phantoms battle the visiting Wilkes-Barre Penguins in their beautiful new arena. Football season will be over and what else is there to do on a Sunday in March? If these two teams play each other like the parent clubs do, we're in for a treat!! We'll depart the Philadelphia area at 1 PM and return after the game with scheduled return approximately 10 PM. Get your seats today!! **Price includes round trip**

Motorcoach, snacks and game ticket \$75.00 per person. Purchase Game ticket only: \$25.00 per person.

VANCOUVER 3/17/15 to ??? Details coming... Start looking into airfares!!

For more info contact: Lou Milano at 609.922.2234/ Lmstut@comcast.net/ 1608 Lucas Lane, Voorhees, NJ 08043

**Happy Birthday to PFFC members celebrating their special day!!**

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		Joseph Lanciano	

Birthday List Compiled by: PFFC Corresponding Secretary Randee Rubin

(current as of 11-1-14)

My Experience at the NHL Draft by Allen Dobromislov

This past summer I had the opportunity to attend the NHL draft at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. It all started when my friend's girlfriend told me that she got him 2 passes to the NHL draft for his birthday which is June 21st (the 1st day of summer). She asked me if I wanted to go and I said I definitely would.

The morning of the draft, we took the train down to the stadium complex. We sat in the 2nd level right in the center facing the stage. Since this was our first time at any draft, it was so much fun being there. It is a sight to see all the tables lined up in order and all the teams sitting at the tables. Volunteers walked around the tables, giving everyone water and lunch. It was cool looking at the screen to see which team picked next and who they picked. Every time certain teams were on the clock, they were booed like crazy. I was laughing out loud! The first couple of rounds were fun to watch. The last rounds went by in a jiffy. The draft lasted from 10 AM to about 2 PM.

After the draft, my friend and I went to meet his girlfriend at Chickie's and Pete's to kill some time before the Phillies game that night. When we were leaving Chickie's and Pete's, we saw one of the players who had been drafted by one of the teams that day. We got a picture with him. It is awesome to think that I may have a picture of a player who might be famous someday in the league.

What added to the excitement that day is that there was the NHL draft and two Phillies games in one day at the stadium complex. The complex was rocking! The fireworks were amazing although the Phillies lost that night. It was a good way to start the 4th of July week.



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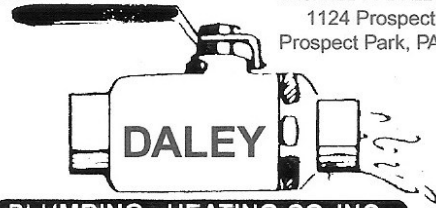
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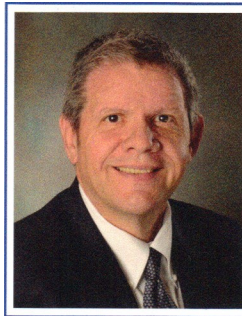
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