



# THE PUCK

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Hey Folks:

To start I hope everyone is practicing safe habits during this virus crises. Take the time to enjoy your families, do things together at home and be safe. This crap will hopefully be over sooner than we think. Until then, practice good common sense. Unfortunately we had to cancel some of the upcoming activities such as a dinner with the Hartford Whalers Booster Club and possible Alumni / Warriors gathering. Many thanks to Misti Love for planning both events. It's too bad the plans couldn't come to fruition. But, I'm confident we'll (as well as the Flyers) bounce back better than ever!! Well until this crap happened the Flyers were into the 2019-2020 season and playing well. We know now IF there's playoffs (which we all hope) the Flyers will be there!! Hopefully it's a great ride and the weather is WARM and HOT by the time the team is still playing. Hopefully you'll enjoy it with the PFFC.

I want to thank Anthony San Fillipo and Russell Joy for appearing at our January Meeting (1/29/20). They spoke for over an hour with some info on the Flyers that everyone enjoyed (including me). Plus they involved everyone in a Quizzo game. GREAT time! I think members are really missing out if they don't attend PFFC Meetings. February's guest was the famed Zack Hill, a GREAT FRIEND of the PFFC. We were entertained by his stories and I never knew how much he is involved in the Community. Special thanks to Joe Fisher, our Liaison, for securing the guests.

Those of you signed up for the Nashville trip, I'm sure you've heard from Joe D. at Phans of Philly, and I'm also sure there will be a resolution. The rest of the cancelled planned activities (see above) will be made up of new ones once we return. I'm sure Misti already has a plan for the Phillies tickets should the game be canceled, postponed or rescheduled. Also, the 50th NHLBCC Convention is not too far away (Aug. 2020) and as of this date is still on. Info on the Convention is available in this PUCK. Stay tuned to our media's for updates (dates / times, etc.) on the info. mentioned in this paragraph as well as info. on future meetings. We DID have a trip with Phans Of Philly and PFFC to the Rangers 3/1/20. The trip was GREAT as you'll read in my article somewhere in this newsletter.

Also, it appears Randee Rubin and Josh Ash will be retiring as our PUCK and Website/ FB coordinator after the season whenever this is. I want to thank both of them for their hard work and support. They will be missed! Any volunteers to try and fill their shoes??

As far as the Kevin Hayes Raffle, my assumption is it will be drawn either at the first meeting after we're back or the first game we're back. The officers will discuss. Sales have been light and my guess is the raffle will continue until we're back. It's tough to sell a raffle when you can't be near anyone. The next meeting I'm guessing will be sometime in May. Again, the O board will discuss. Speaking of Hayes, if we're back and still permitted to hand out the award on the ice we'll make it happen.

Also coming up are 2020-21 PFFC Officer Nominations. We will continue proceedings at the next meeting whenever this is. If you want to have a say on how the club is run here's your chance. There may be some changes with officers for next season, for starters as I won't seek re-election as PFFC Pres. (I can hear the clapping now). It was a great run but it's time for someone to take the helm. I also feel there are very qualified people who can serve as Pres. (probably more qualified than me). However, I'll still be around as I'm a Lifetime Member and Past President so you're not getting rid of me that fast. Worst case we have meetings in July and Aug.. The new Officers don't take the helm until the Sept. meeting anyway.

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**Congrats to all the players  
who won Player Of the  
Month. Kevin Hayes won  
the most times! Remember  
to keep Oscar Lindblom in  
your prayers**

**By the time you read this it  
will be over a year our be-  
loved Evelyn Gross passed!  
Still sad (will always be)!!**

**Let's all stay HEALTHY!!  
Hopefully we'll be back and  
ready go sooner than later!!  
Again, be safe!!!**

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**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK by Randee Rubin**

Hi All!

**I hope everyone is enjoying the great success that the Flyers are having!**

As usual I am getting this issue out late again. I apologize, but I have to take care of personal business before all else. Thank you for your patience.

I did have something written and ready to go for the Puck Issue, but..... COVID-19 happened. It happened to everyone, nobody was or is exempt and the world has been changed forever. But we will survive and life will go on and sometime, hopefully real soon, we will be able to get back to living life together.

The Flyers were going great before the season suspension and should be able to pick it right back up where they left off, if and when the season resumes.

**Play-offs, here we come!** (as long as there is going to be any).

**Stay hopeful, stay healthy and lets all be safe!!**

Randee, Puck Editor

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## **Why I Joined the Philadelphia Flyers Fan Club**

**by Deb Robb, Vice-President PFFC**

Many moons ago, the early 70's to be more specific, I was out of high school, working full-time and going to college at night. I lived in one of the few areas of Philadelphia that actually had this wonderful new innovation called Cable TV, the precursor to PRISM for those of you who remember that.

My father bought what I remember to be the basic package which allowed me to watch the Flyers, Rangers, Islanders, Blackhawks, and Atlanta Flames when I finally got home at night while I was doing my schoolwork.

One night, between periods, I heard the announcer interviewing the president of one of the fan/booster clubs. I heard these guys extolling the joys of road trips and meeting new friends throughout the USA and Canada. Their banter was infectious! This was something I wanted to do for me.

So I started by writing (on paper with a pen), mailing it off (at a post office with a stamp), and waiting (days/weeks) for a reply. I finally got a form letter stating this is how you join, with a piece of paper (again with the pen), mail it off (again with the stamp), and wait (again!).

But finally I got my membership card. I was in. Then came newsletters with weird looking pictures detailing meetings and trips. And one day they talked of this gathering called "Convention". I summoned up my inner strength, dipped my toe in, looked around, liked what I saw, and thought I want more. So I went on a couple of road trips and by the time convention rolled around again, in a different city with a different club hosting, I jumped in both feet.

I've never looked back. People I met back then are still some of my dearest friends today. No matter what team we root for on the ice, we are rooting for each other off of it. Through marriages, babies, grandbabies, health problems, divorces, and yes, inevitably after all these years, deaths, there is a wondrous bond that holds us all together.

Now clearly, I am smart enough to know that if you are reading this you are already a member of the Philadelphia Flyers Fan Club. But are you taking full advantage of the experience of being a PFFC member?? Hanging around our table before, during, and after the games. Talking, laughing, comparing the "good old days" to the modern game. Getting to know your fellow fans face-to-face. Dropping in at Watch Parties. Going on a Road Trip. Jumping in both feet for Convention. Meeting fans from other clubs who are more alike than different from you.

Back when I first joined the Fan Club, when my friends asked "why?", I would say to travel to new places and meet strange people. It wasn't long before I realized it was to meet new friends and travel to strange places.

I really started this article to help Randee Rubin, our PUCK newsletter editor, fill up some space in this edition. But now I say let's run with this. Tell us why YOU joined the PFFC. And if you seeing me hanging around somewhere, please come up and talk to me. It doesn't have to be about hockey but our mutual love for the sport and its fans sure does seem like a great place to start.

**BOOSTER CLUB CONVENTION**  
**INFORMATION**

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**ATTENTION PFFC CONVENTIONEERS**

**PAST & PRESENT:**

**On the 50th anniversary of the NHLBCC, the Flyers fan club would like to pay tribute to those conventioneers who have left us to join the Big Stanley Cup Parade in the sky. If you know of someone who fits this description & have a picture of them (although we may not have room) please contact Palma 215-720-6388 or**

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## **NY RANGERS 3/1/20**

I've always loved bus trips, even at my old (ok, maybe not that old) age. I think I've been on 117 bus trip in my life. So, when Phans Of Philly and the PFFC decided to host a trip to the famed MSG for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of a home and home with the Rangers I thought WOW..... We didn't know at the time the trip was planned the game would have great meaning to both clubs. To be very honest I thought ok if a split happens I'd even be ok with it.

However I would have jumped for joy even if the orange and black got 3 points over the weekend (even more happened as the Flyers got 4!!).

Well, as of 2/28/20 the Flyers were on a winning streak and the Rangers had won 9 in a row on the road so something had to give. Part 1 of the home and home saw the Broadway Blueshirts (this name was given to the Rangers by Gene Hart) out to an early 1-0 lead and I thought maybe there IS something with this NY magic but as the game went on it was clear the Flyers, having scored 5 answered goals since the early deficit, were the better team for Part 1 of the home and home. Could they carry this to Part 2 at MSG 3/1/20?? Read on.....

So, it's 3/1 and the game was at NOON which means an EARLY start!! Those of you who know me KNOW I had to drag myself to the bus to assist Joe from Phans to help check in people. Getting up at 7 AM on a Sunday isn't exactly great for me. Anyway, everything went smooth, we boarded our buses (I was in charge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> bus which had most PFFC people) and off we were. The traffic was great and we arrived at MSG by 9:30!! Joe D. (God love him) had the sense to have the local bar across the street from the Garden open at 10AM which I believe is named "Local". So, by 10:15A the bar was crazed with us Flyers fans. It was funny 'cause around 11A a couple Rangers fans came in the bar and I wish someone would have taken a pic of their faces. It was priceless!!

Anyway, doors were open at 10:30 A (game was at NOON) and into MSG we went. I know I'm a Flyers fan but watching a game at MSG is an experience!! All the atmosphere, the food choices (no, Alan Ellis didn't tell me to say this...), etc. Anyway, I thought after Friday's game if the Flyers got 1 point today I'd be happy. So, imagine my shock and delight when the orange and black jumped to a 3-0 lead after the 1st. The MSG crowd, so vocal to start the game was SILENT!!! We then saw Derek Grant's first goal as a Flyer increase the lead to four which stood after two periods (goals were exchanged by both teams after the score was 4-0). This lead seemed safe entering the 3<sup>rd</sup>. However the Rangers had different thoughts. They controlled the period, outscored the Flyers 2-0 and were a couple GREAT Carter Hart saves away from the home team getting within one (my thought of the one point came into play but I didn't want it THIS way). Fortunately, the Flyers held on for the 5-3 victory. I was, however, surprised by the derisive cheering from the Rangers fans on Lundquist. This guy has been lights out for them for YEARS. I don't get it.

For most organizations running trips people would just board the bus and go home. NOT OURS!! Joe D. arranged with the Rangers for us to take a group photo on the MSG ice!! It was AWESOME!! Thanks again Joe D.!! The trip home was uneventful and loud, kind of like old times. It was GREAT!! You can view the pic on both Phans Of Philly and PFFC Websites.

Hopefully we'll see you on one of our trips next season. Plan to attend; they're a blast. Always remember, FEEL THE SHAKE!!!

Lou

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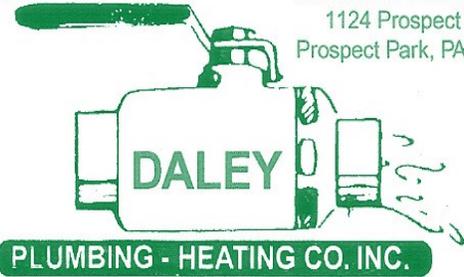
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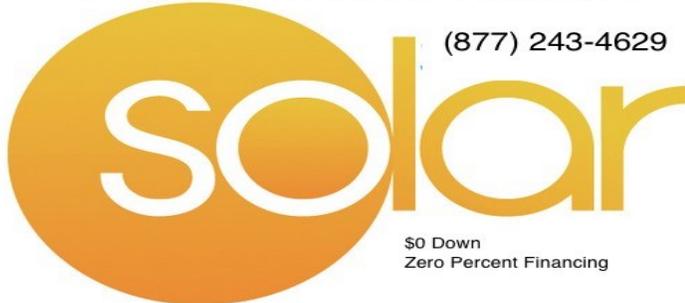
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