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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Folks:

Welcome to the 2018-19 season! I write this one week prior to our hosting the annual NHLBC Convention. We're excited about hosting fans from USA and Canada!! I hope everyone attending or working the event had a great time! Before I continue let's give a big Standing O to Lois Witulski for her many hard years being coordinator of the PUCK. This was not an easy task but she handled it with professionalism and grace. It's tough to say goodbye but I know she'll still be around, (if not I'll find her...). Lois volunteers working the PFFC Table at some home games. At the next PFFC event you attend, take the time to say thanks to her. Also, MANY THANKS to Randee Rubin who will be taking over as PUCK Editor. I assume you will give her the same cooperation Lois was given.

I also want to thank Joe Fisher for his MANY years of service as PFFC President and Theresa Carney-Kestenholtz for last season as PFFC President. They worked very hard to keep the club active and now the challenge is mine! I am trusting like Lois, they'll both stay around (I may not give them a choice, LOL)

I truly hope all our members both old and new, participate in some or all of our activities. Our members make us strong. Feel free to submit any fun ideas you may have, after all this is what we're all about; as well as supporting the Flyers and hockey in the Philadelphia area and all over the world!

I would also like to thank Brad Marsh for attending the April meeting. It is always great to hear from Brad and all the great Charity work performed by the Flyers Alumni. Brad was especially excited to promote the Flyers Charity Classic that was held on July 15, 2018.

Have a great rest of summer and see you in September!!

Lou Milano, President

Upcoming PFFC Events you won't want to miss...

Please visit our website www.flyersfanclub.org or either of our Social Media Pages for the latest information and updates.

Pool Party at the Dolphin Swim Club, August 26, 2018

3 pools, diving board and slide, playing fields and snack bar. 12 to 7pm
For more information contact: Randee Rubin @ rer1714@aol.com
or Lou Milano @ lmstut@comcast.net

Next meeting: Thursday, September 13, 2018 - Venue TBD

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and

Antonio Valentin
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK by Lois Witulski

In early April during the Flyers Team Awards ceremony, I got the chance to accompany former PFFC President Theresa Carney-Kestenholtz and Lauren Hart to present the 2017-18 Gene Hart Memorial Award to Flyers forward Sean Couturier. The award is given each year to the player who plays with the most heart, chosen by PFFC members at our meetings. In addition, Sean also won the Pelle Lindbergh Memorial Trophy as most improved player and the Yanick Dupre Class Guy Memorial Award. Congratulations, Sean! It was so exciting being at ice level during warm-ups and leading up to the ceremony! After much anticipation, Lou Nolan announced our award and we headed out to the carpet, where we presented Sean with a crystal figurine and a check to his favorite charity. It was all over in less than 5 minutes, but it was truly an experience I will never forget! So keep attending PFFC meetings for your chance (by drawing) to present a future Hart Award.

On another note, as most of you know, this is my last issue as editor of the PUCK. I am happy to announce that Randee Rubin, will be taking over as our new editor. I am confident that Randee will do a great job and wish her luck in her new position. I will do everything I can to help her with the transition. I would like to thank everyone who helped me over the last 13 seasons and more than 100 PUCK issues. Whether writing articles (too many of you to name but thank you!), proofreading (Mom), printing (Jerry), pick up & delivery to the Wells Fargo Center (Dad), advice (Maureen) or folding and labelling (Jen & Alan), I couldn't have done it without you all! And to Joe Fisher and Lou Milano for putting up with my deadlines, you made my job easy (and fun). Don't worry Lou, I'm not going anywhere... Lois

Sympathy Wishes to Steven Bagby for the sudden loss of his brother Robert this past April. Steven is a long time member of the PFFC who resides in Alabama. The brothers visited Philadelphia every year to see a Flyers game for over 30 years. The PFFC honors the memory of this truly devoted Flyers fan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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We'd like to hear from you!

The PFFC welcomes all ideas and comments. You can submit your articles to: Lois Witulski, c/o PFFC, 3601 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148 or email to: lwitulski@verizon.net.

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A NOTE FROM OUR NEW EDITOR...

Hi Everyone,

Thank you, President Lou for asking me to be the new editor of the Puck.

I have major shoes to fill in following Lois, who has done an outstanding job for all these years as editor.

Please continue writing and sending in your articles and pictures so that I may keep up the very high standards that Lois has always maintained.

Randee

A Winning St. Patrick's Day Weekend in North Carolina! by Randee Rubin

St. Patrick's Day Weekend turned out to be a terrific one! Steve started out on the Phans of Philly bus early morning on March 16, 2018, as I dropped him off and went to work. The bus was about half full and got to North Carolina in the early afternoon. Since there were many fans for the trip, I would guess some, like me, found different modes of transportation. I flew down after work and made it to the hotel around 8:30pm. After a long day of work and travel, I tried something new for dinner, shrimp and grits. It was delish!

The St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday went right by our hotel. The costumes and people were great! Later that day, Steve and I were confused as there were a lot of people inside and outside of our hotel in some very strange looking outfits but the parade had finished much earlier in the day!!! We were finally told that there was a Comic-Con convention across the street at the Convention Center. We were very relieved to find that out!

Saturday afternoon everyone got on the bus to the PNC Arena for a Tailgate Party and the Carolina game versus our Flyers. The food was enjoyable and we met a lot of Phans of Philly Flyers fans. Of course, the **Flyers won!!!**

Sunday was a day to do or go wherever you wanted. So, Steve and I decided we wanted to gamble, and did we ever! We found a (very) seedy Slot Parlor, somewhere in N. Carolina. Once we got a look inside, we decided it would be a very short visit. But it lasted longer than planned for a good reason. Steve hit a jackpot! We took the money and got out. The jackpot was just enough to pay for our trip.

When we arrived back to the hotel, there was a Flyers group at the bar/restaurant. Someone had somehow convinced the bar to turn a TV to the Flyers/Capitals game even though NC State was playing in the NCAA tournament at the same time. A good time was had by most! Flyers won, NC State lost.

Finally on Monday, I had a very early flight back to Philly and to work. Steve climbed back aboard the bus for home. A winning weekend all around...

On the Road to Tampa by Sheila Jernegan

My trip to Tampa in March actually started with a home game against Carolina on Thursday night. We lost, but we always have fun. I opted to stay at a hotel in Essington after the game, rather than drive home and back again. It turned out to be a good idea because it was raining heavily after the game. The only negative was that when you book your hotel with one of the booking websites, you don't always get what was advertised. But we worked it out at the hotel and all was well.

I had an early flight on Friday morning which was good because later flights were delayed or cancelled due to the weather. The weather in Tampa was perfect, not too hot! My friend Andrea, lives near Tampa. We spent some time going to restaurants that we like in the area. On game day we always go to the arena early to see if any of the players walk to the arena. We were lucky enough to see Claude Giroux this year. Last year we got really lucky and were invited by a gentleman and his grandson to sit with them in a club box. Didn't see them this year, but we were able to meet some friends from Philly before the game. It was great to see Denise, Craig, & Kevin! Just wish we could have spent more time together.

The game itself was wild. The score seemed to be changing every minute. Our seats were good (I am not a fan of lower level seats). We were mid-level and had a good view from the corner. We were seated next to two gentleman who were trying to explain the game to their children. That was pretty interesting. We lost 7-6, but the game was awesome! I found it interesting that they give season ticket holders discounts on everything. When I was purchasing my food, the young man asked me "Are you a season ticket holder"? I replied "in Philly". Unfortunately, he said it didn't count.

Andy & I also made a trip to Clearwater for a Phillies spring training game. I am not a huge baseball fan, but it was fun. I would recommend a trip to Tampa to any Flyers fan. This was my fourth trip and I will be going again, especially now that my granddaughter will be attending the University of Tampa.

Officers for the 2018-19 Season from Maureen Fisher, Chairperson

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We would like to welcome Tim Love, Liz Sanna and Randee Rubin to the 2018-19 Board.

We are sorry to see Theresa Carney-Kestenholz and Patty Encarnado leave the Board. We hope you will remain active with the Fan Club and thank you for your years of excellent service.

PFFC/PHANS OF PHILLY 2018 - 2019 SEASON FROM LOU MILANO

We're making a few changes for next season. There's now a Twitter account, an improved sign for the PFFC Table (presently located at Sec. 108), some unique activities planned and we've started investigating ONLINE MEMBERSHIP (hopefully implemented by 12/2018). For our Twitter account Paul Dziomba will be the "master". For additional Twitter information, see page 7.

10/6/2018 Colorado

Join Phans of Philly and the Philadelphia Flyers Fan Club as we invade Colorado! We have been waiting to do this trip for a long time! The game falling on a Saturday and not in the heart of winter is perfect! We fly round trip NON STOP from Philadelphia Friday October 5th and return on Monday October 8th. The flight times allow you to take full advantage of your time in Denver for 3 nights! Our 3 night hotel stay will be at the 4 star Westin Hotel in Downtown Denver. It is in the heart of the city and walking distance to anywhere you will want to go!

Our 2 hour private pre-game party location is awesome! We have space rented at a rooftop bar in downtown Denver! Walking distance to the arena. It will include all of your bottled/draft beers, house wine, mixed well drinks, soft drinks, and a buffet of assorted food items!

Our pre-game party will lead us right into the game at the Pepsi Center! We have a HUGE block of seats on the side the Flyers shoot twice in the upper level and the option to upgrade to lower level! Our group credentials will gain you exclusive access for a post game group photo ON THE ICE, and everyone gets to take a slap shot on net. And much, much more!

On Sunday, we will be hosting an Eagles watch party in downtown Denver for anyone that would like to watch the game. There will be great drink and food specials for everyone who attends!

Packages with airfare are expected to fill fast, and become limited. All it takes is a \$150 deposit per person to reserve your spot. From there the remaining balance is broken into very flexible payment leading up to the trip. If you have any questions please let me know!

3-Night Package WITH airfare (The below prices include everything along with our airfare and airport transfers) Packages are available with you providing your own transportation.

Quad Occupancy (4 People in a room)- \$899 per person

Triple Occupancy (3 People in a room)- \$979 per person

Double Occupancy (2 People in a room)- \$1,129 per person

If you would like to upgrade to lower level tickets on the side the Flyers shoot twice than it would be an additional \$70 per person

***ALL DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS MADE LEADING UP TO THE TRIP ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Please email joe@phansofphilly.com and we will try to work with you as best as possible* or Contact: Lou Milano @lmstut@comcast.net or Call/Text: 609-922-2234**

1/19/2019 Montreal (2 Buses Already)

3/9/2019 New York Islanders @ Nassau Coliseum

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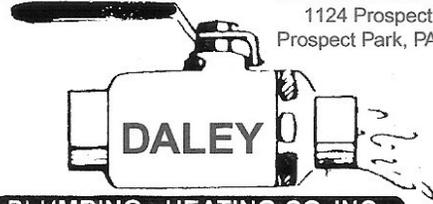
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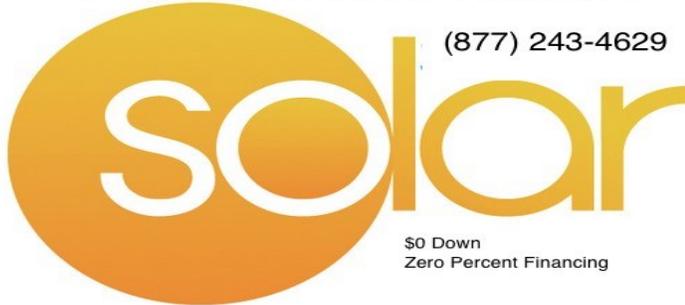
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**48th Annual NHLBC Convention
hosted by the Philadelphia Flyers Fan Club
August 10-12, 2018 at Valley Forge Casino Resort**

For more information follow the link on the PFFC website, www.flyerfanclub.org

Prices per person are \$510 single; \$375 double; \$330 triple; \$300 quad; \$175 children under 18 with parent. Package includes Friday and Saturday hotel accommodations, dinner Friday & Saturday, breakfast Saturday & Sunday, annual meeting Saturday morning, your arrival package and the use of hospitality rooms during posted hours.



Payment schedule is as follows: (please send payment to Evelyn 1 week prior to due date)

12/1/17 \$100 non-refundable deposit

2/1/18 \$100 plus all pre-convention activities

4/1/18 \$100 payment due

6/1/18 Remaining balance due

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