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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report this month is going to be full of thank yous, kudos and atta-boys.

This year has been a very interesting one for the Fan Club and many of its members. Many of us have need medical treatments and surgeries. Some members have missed meeting and games due to work and personal commitments. And some have been involved with families and community. All these things have let others step in and help with all the activities and day to day functions of our club.

I was going to name names but I decided to just say THANK YOU to the entire membership and Board for their continued hard work and commitment in The Florida Everblades Fan Club. Without everyone doing their part both at the games and behind the scenes this would not be the as much fun as it is right now. With everyone continued involvement it will that much more funnier (I know bad grammar).

Remember this your club and the more you put in the more you get out.

As always.
GO BLADES
DOUG BYINGTON, PRESIDENT

Calendar of Upcoming Events

The next Fan Club event will be our ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC. Keep a lookout for emails and news on our website.

The next Fan Club board meeting will be on Feb 9, 2011 and the next membership meeting will be on Feb 23, 2011

The next promotional night for the Blades will be the **PINK IN THE RINK** night on Feb 18, 2011.

COMMITTEES

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Children's Activities	Stephanie Spagnuolo -
Holiday Party:	Open TBA 2011
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KUDOS

The Fan Club would like to give KUDOS to Bob Uroda for his diligent efforts to keep our website current and full all the pictures from each of our functions over the past year. Please take the time to check out your fan club's website and all the hard work that Bob has contributed in keeping our site current.

The second KUDOS goes to the entire Fan Club. This is for all the donations and support in helping out our member Gary Mac Neil when he had a small fire in his apartment while he was on a road trip with the team.

Membership Committee Gini Hogenson

Wow! Can you believe it...We are now halfway thru the season. Amazing! We have done very well this year with Memberships. More importantly is the fact that many, many, many of the new members have wanted to and been able to participate in lots of ways this year. Members assisted with the Packing Party, held at the beginning of the year. Some members assisted with the initial set up of the apartments. We have some new drivers on the Transportation Committee. Thank goodness for them. Three Special Events have already occurred – The Meet & Greet, the Holiday Party, and the Children's' Christmas party. All three events were super and were put together by a multitude of volunteer members. Way to Go, Team Behind the Team. Ok members – So let's keep it going. Help is needed to keep the raffle table going, help will be needed for the Spring Picnic, and help will be needed to break down the players' apartments.

Winners of the "Show Your Card" Membership contest are Dean and Cindy Homan

Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to You-ou, Happy Birthday to You!!!
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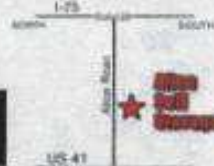
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“We, the members of the Florida Everblades Fan Club, are committed to act in a professional manner, as a booster organization, in supporting all efforts for the promotion of professional hockey in Southwest Florida. The objectives of the Fan Club are to have fun, along with providing a forum for hockey enthusiasts to exchange ideas and have opportunities to enjoy the game of hockey. Furthermore, the Fan Club will provide support for the members of the Florida Everblades hockey team and their families.”

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YOUR FAN CLUB (BEHEIND THE SCENES)

Every year we make up Welcome Baskets. These are given to the players after the Pre-Season games. They help the players with staple food expenses till they get settled into their apartments.

Below is just an example of what is put into each basket. A majority of these items are donated by Fan Club Members and Fn Club Corporate Sponsors.

- Slim Jims - 6 per basket, total of 96
- Macaroni & Cheese - 3 per, total 48
- Popcorn - 6 bags per, total 96
- Tuna fish - 3 cans per, total 48
- Spaghetti - 2 boxes per, total 32
- Spaghetti sauce - 1 jar per, total 16
- Peanut butter - 1 jar per, total 16
- Jelly/Jam - 1 jar per, total 16
- Bread - 1 loaf per, total 16
- Crackers (i.e. club, triskets, town house) 1 box per, total 16
- PB crackers - 6 per, total 96
- Ramen noodles - 6 per, total 96
- Fruit cups - 6 per, total 96
- Salt & pepper - 1 set per, total 16
- Mayo - 1 jar per, total 16
- Canned veggies - 3 each per basket (green beans, corn, peas, baked beans)
- Total 48 per kind Sponges - 2 per
- Total 32 Dish soap - 1 bottle per
- Total 16 Dishwasher detergent - 2 tabs per
- Total 32 Laundry soap - 1 bottle per
- Total 16 Bottled water – unlimited amount needed
- Unlimited amount needed Sports drinks
- Paper towels - 2 rolls per, total 32
- Toilet tissue – 4 rolls per, total 64

Next month will look at what goes into each foot locker that we out together and deliver to each apartment at the beginning of each season.

All these activities are open to all current members and sponsors and we encourage you participate when available. Remember the more you can participate the more fun you can have.

Scenes Form the 2010-2011 Kids Holiday Party



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HOCKEY HISTORY OF THE 1950'S

1952:

Hockey Night in Canada makes its television debut.

1955:

Maurice "Rocket" Richard is suspended for the remainder of the season and the playoffs after punching a linesman during a fight. The suspension sparks the "Richard Riot" in Montreal.

NHL officials wear striped sweaters for the first time.

The Zamboni makes its NHL debut when Montreal hosts Toronto.

1956:

Jean Beliveau is the first hockey player to appear on the cover of "Sports Illustrated."

The USSR enters Olympic ice hockey for the first time, winning the gold medal.

1957:

The first NHL Player's Association is formed with Detroit's Ted Lindsay as president. The owners soon crush the organization and the Red Wings trade Lindsay to the last place Chicago Black Hawks.

CBS is the first U.S. television network to carry NHL games.

1958:

Willie O'Ree of the Boston Bruins is the first black player in the NHL.



Look for news coming on new and improved attendance and assistance contest. The more you help the more you may win.

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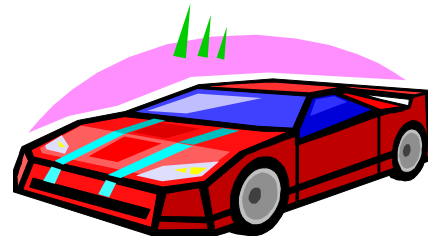
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