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THE FLORIDA EVERBLADES FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER  
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*President's Message*

Dear Fellow Hockey Fans,

As we enjoy the warm and sunny days of summer, I hope each of you is finding time to relax, recharge and get ready for the fall season! While the ice may have temporarily melted, our passion for the game remains as strong as ever.

Looking ahead, the fall season promises to be an exciting time for our club. We'll be gearing up for another thrilling season of hockey, filled with intense games, incredible plays, and unforgettable moments. Our team has been working hard during the off-season, and we can't wait to share the upcoming events with all of you.

Stay tuned for updates on our events, including the meet-and-greet, locker room tour and other activities designed to bring our community closer together. Don't forget to renew your membership, so you don't miss a thing! Your enthusiasm and support are what make this club truly special, and we look forward to another season of cheering on our team with you.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and get ready for an electrifying fall!

Go Blades!

**Belinda Hanley**

**President, Florida Everblades Fan Club**

## 2024 Jamboree

The Wellsworth Hotel in Southbridge, Massachusetts has a rich history. Its' historical connection is to the American Optical Company. Wellsworth was the name of American Optical's lifestyle magazine in the 1900's. The name originally comes from a type of lens, The Wellsworth Crookes. Why am I telling you this? The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual ECHL/SPHL Jamboree was held there and hosted by the Worcester Railers July 19-21. I attended the event. I wanted to share a little about the history of this beautiful building and how it got its' name.

Friday evening was a team colors mix and mingles evening, where you get to see old friends and meet new friends from other teams in attendance. There were 8 other teams plus the hosting team represented at the event.

Saturday there were workshops held with team representatives and we exchanged ideas about what each club does to raise money for their team and what each club does for the players during the season. It is always great to network with other clubs at these events, and much was learned.

After the workshops, the Atlanta representatives, (which will be hosting the event July 25-27, 2025), spoke a little about the event for next summer. Hopefully, since the Jamboree is being held closer to us, we can get a larger representation from our club at the event. Before we broke for lunch the Railers Head Coach Bob Deraney spoke. Then after lunch Railers COO, Mike Myers, and their community man, Pete Foley, spoke. Afterwards, several ladies from their ice crew showed the clubs how to fold a t-shirt that is thrown or shot into the crowds at games.

The evening started out with a Taco Dinner in the dining room and a Carnival afterwards. They had different carnival games set up and the person that won the most tickets at the end won a prize. It was tons of fun and lots of laughs. After the carnival was done their "Play by Play" guy drew the winning ticket for each of the Chinese auction items that were there. Each club that attended was asked to bring a basket or two to the event for this auction, including the hosting club, so there were many prizes to win!

Sunday was a Continental Breakfast and farewell remarks from the Railers Booster Club. It was a fun but also informative weekend! It was great to see old friends and meet new friends from other clubs, and I hope next year our members will choose to attend and represent our club.

Belinda Hanley, President Florida Everblades Fan Club

## General Info

Information will be coming about the apartments. Management has rented the apartments until October. All supplies are in the apartments and inventory is being complete as to what needs to be replaced. Further information will be coming from Kim Thompson.

## From the Editor

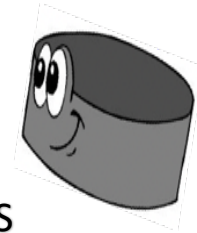
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## Upcoming Events

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Meet & Greet – The Club at Gateway- More details to follow.

October -Locker Room Tour - TBD

December – Christmas Party –TBD

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – September TBD**

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