

THE MUSCLE BEHIND THE MUSIC

Recognizing the HHS Band of Blue Volunteers

Every time the Harpeth High School Band of Blue takes the field, whether a football game or a competition, they are accompanied by a large group of volunteers known as loving parents. These dedicated parents spend countless hours and dollars supporting our award winning musicians.

The Food Factor

The Harpeth High School Band Booster Club coordinates all Band of Blue fund-raising including the manning of concession stands for both HHS Varsity and Jr. Varsity football games. The concession stand is one of the band's major sources of income. The annual cost to run HHS Band of Blue is approximately \$60,000 with only \$10,000 coming from the County and the balance from fund-raising and band fees.

Kim Trotter and Val Breedlove do an outstanding job of heading up the concession detail; communicating duties with parents and providing a great selection of yummy snacks for sale. **Karl Brown** serves up burgers at every varsity game. You haven't lived until you have eaten a "Karl-Burger"! Karl tells us there is a secret to cooking these yummy burgers - one that has been passed down from year to year from parent volunteers of the past.

When the band travels to competitions, parents again step up to coordinate meals for the road trips. Parents, when your child is away from home at competition and is given a sandwich and a cold bottle of water, you have a parent volunteer to thank!

If you haven't met "Queen LaFunnel" yet, then you have not purchased one of the delicious funnel cakes at HHS home games made by **Sandy Sullivan**. Sandy can be found under the white tent next to concessions making some of the best funnel cakes this side of the Harpeth River! Sandy is the one wearing the Tiara. She is assisted by **Resa Brown** and **Anna Clements**. Sandy Sullivan truly knows how to turn dough into money! Sandy, we love you!!!

Band parents not only cook up the burgers and hot dogs but they maintain the building, Mike Breedlove and several other parents, plus student helpers, spent countless hours this summer repairing and improving the concession stands... sometimes in the wee hours of the morning even before sunrise!!

Working in the Pit

The "Pit"- the marimbas and auxiliary percussionists - travel to the field on large carts pulled by ATV's. **Jackie Sawyers and Ed Greer** faithfully and proudly pull the pit carts to every single performance and oftentimes during the day for rehearsals held on the football field.

When the band travels to "away" games and competitions they travel in school buses. "Brave" parent volunteers take their task seriously when stepping up as a parent chaperone on these trips. Since the band

students are so well behaved, the chaperones are able to enjoy those days with few stresses.

The band's equipment is loaded into large cargo vans pulled by the vehicles of **Ed Greer and Mike Breedlove**. The band's performance is enhanced with the required "visuals" or set decorations that must be transported. Even these elaborate sets are crafted by parent volunteers and coordinated by Mike and Ed.

A Uniform Look

Uniforms are kept in top notch order by **Edythe Carroll, Lauran Mason and Maureen Wychoff**. Just imagine coordinating a wardrobe for over a hundred musicians! Hats, shoes, jackets, pants- all cleaned and pressed and show-ready. And a special hats-off this year to drum line parent **Randy Scheuer** who somehow managed to deliver EVERY single band uniform from the dry cleaners back to the band room in a single vehicle and in one trip! Randy has also become known as our official HHS Band of Blue photographer!! Keep 'em lookin' good, Randy!

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It's hard to keep up with the comings and goings of the HHS Band of Blue - but band parent **Dawn Spiegl and her son Theron** keep us updated on the HHS Band of Blue website. Check it out anytime to find out where the band will show up next!

Money Matters

The Money! **Anita Van Melle** diligently keeps track of the band's financials. Anita serves as the HHS Band Booster Treasurer, accounting for every penny and does so with great efficiency.

The remaining 2006-07 band officers, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the fund-raising wheels turning include: Pam Case, President; Kim Trotter and Val Breedlove, Vice Presidents; Kim Murphy, Secretary; Sandy Sullivan and Kimberly Scheuer, Publicity; Ed Greer, Drum line Representative and Danita Eldridge, Color Guard Representative.

This is just a short list of some of the "muscle behind the music." We sure apologize if we left someone out this time, but we appreciate your support! The HHS Band of Blue would like to thank our countless parent volunteers who truly make the music happen. By motivating, supporting, working, donating and caring; the band is able to play on!

Did you know if you have a student in the band you are automatically a member of the HHS Band Booster Club? Join the HHSBBC regular meetings the 1st Tuesday of each month at the HHS Band room at 7pm. Coming Oct. 3 at 7pm, planning for the 4th Annual Cabin Fever set for January 2007 - look for something all new at our next Cabin Fever !!