

An interview with new Athletic Booster President, Sherry (Wurster) Gregor '89

We recently sat down with Sherry Gregor to learn more about her and find out what the Athletic Boosters are doing. Here is our interview with her.

How did you become the President?

I was asked by past President Jane Miller if I would be interested in joining the Booster Board. They were looking for a few new volunteers to take over some positions, one being President. I had volunteered to help with the Stag in years past and attended other Booster functions so I was familiar with their mission; I wasn't sure I was prepared to take on a leadership role. With the promise of lots of help and guidance from my friends, I agreed to lead the organization. Other new board members include Dan Acus, third VP and Kelli Lepof.

Returning board members are 1st VP Peggy Bepler, 2nd VP Sue Willenborg '84, Treasurer Don McGinnis '86 and Secretary Heather Abrams '87. I'm really glad I got involved. It's a fun group and we do great things for our student athletes and Oak Hills athletics!

What is the purpose of the Athletic Booster organization?

The main role of the Boosters is to support the student athletes and coaches. We use funds obtained through our membership drive and fundraisers to pay for things not covered by the Athletic Department's budget. Over the years, our non-profit organization has provided sport-specific equipment, helped fund the new weight room, installed the turf in our stadium, donated the sound system for the soccer field and tents for the cross country teams, and renovated the baseball and softball fields. And, that's not all! Already this year we have purchased new headsets needed by the football coaches, paid for new storage space for the Athletic Department and painted the football locker room.

We've seen some upgrades at the stadium, what's going on?

Our biggest project this year has been the renovation of the stadium concession stand and our new stadium spirit wear shop.

Our board members and volunteers spent hot summer afternoons repainting and upgrading the old space. These were both really fun projects, building community, improving the aesthetics of our stadium and making us proud to be Highlanders. Guests will notice our school spirit as soon as they pull in our parking lot. There are still a few finishing touches we're adding, including a new marquee and some additional signage. We're very excited to share the finished product.

We've heard something about a helicopter ride at homecoming. What's that about?

Yes! This year's fall fundraiser is a chance for two to win a helicopter tour over the city of Cincinnati, landing on the 50-yard line during the homecoming game on October 23 to deliver the game ball! Tickets are only \$5/chance and can be purchased through our website, oakhillssports.com. Second, third and fourth places winners will receive a cash prize.

What's on the horizon? Do you have any big events coming up?

Our next big event will be the Oak Hills Sports Stag. We will be forming a planning committee very soon. Volunteers are needed and much appreciated! If you're interested in helping, please contact me at sherry.gregor@ohathleticboosters.org. I'd love to talk to you. Stay tuned to find out who our 2016 speaker will be!

How can graduates get involved?

If you would like to help support Oak Hills sports and our 950 student athletes, please consider joining the Boosters. You can find membership information by visiting oakhillssports.com and clicking on the Boosters tab. We offer a variety of membership levels from \$1,000 to \$35 including Platinum, Silver, Black, Red and Basic. No matter your budget, there's a membership level appropriate for you. Additional membership benefits, depending on level, include window decals, concession dollars, reserved seats, parking passes, spirit wear and more! You can also follow our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/OakHillsAthleticBoosters>, for news and updates.

