



Hello! My name is Lynn Hockenberger and I humbly ask for your vote for Secretary of Thunder Band Boosters. This upcoming fall will mark my 6th year with this wonderful program and I, along with my children, have enjoyed being a part of this fine group of students and volunteers. My daughter, Laura, graduated from the band program last year, in 2013, after spending each of her four high school years as a member of the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Bands, Regional Honor Bands, Ahwatukee Youth Bands and Steel Drum Band. My son, Jake, is currently a sophomore and continues to completely enjoy being a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Jazz Bands. Their participation in these various groups has allowed me many opportunities to volunteer for these incredible students and staff.

I have served as Secretary of the boosters for the past two years and have helped in the updating and revision of the band's bylaws. Creating a set of bylaws that concurs with Thunder Board's bylaws was most important to last year's board and I was pleased to help with that process. I have also, as Secretary, most recently served as a member of the Policies and Procedures Committee, as a contributor and liaison to the board. It was important to me to serve on this committee to help create a set of policies that maintains the goals and integrity of this program, so future committees can continue to successfully serve these wonderful students and provide support to the staff. As this organization grows, changes and updates are natural, and I wish to continue working on this process so the band program can thrive. As Secretary, I have also taken minutes at all meetings and am pleased that the minutes from general membership meetings are now posted on the band's website. As Secretary I have also assisted at the beginning of marching season by helping the Registration committee with the collection of paperwork and mailings.

You may often see me at football games and competitions as I have enjoyed being a part of the Water Crew (or "Team Hydrate" as we like to say☺) for the last several years. Or you may have seen me at each year's ABODA festivals as I have enjoyed serving as the Hospitality Chair, in charge of feeding the judges. This year I was also in charge of feeding the judges at the Regional Festival held here at Desert Vista. I have volunteered at Regionals in other capacities too, including registration and check in of students who are auditioning. This year I traveled to California to help the marching band students at that fantastic competition. Over these last several years I have really enjoyed helping with the Recruitment Committee, including attending middle school concerts to help promote the band program, coordinating the t-shirts and students at the AYB concerts and Middle School Nights at the football games, and simply serving pizza or Joe's Real BBQ to our DV students and recruits at various venues. Last year I helped plan and coordinate the special night out that the senior students enjoy with Mr. Thye each year. I also help coordinate the Band Banquet and have enjoyed working with the cafeteria staff and the many parent volunteers who make that night special. This year I have been helping with the recordkeeping for the various student awards that are given out at the band banquet. Several years ago I worked a bit on the Mentoring Committee, helping to match a freshman student and family with an upperclassman family. I have also helped thank the many sponsors that the fundraising committee gained, by assembling thank you packets and delivering them to several area businesses and individual sponsors. You may have even seen me at last year's final concert as a member of the Adult Steel Drum Band. God bless Mr. Morales!

I wish to run for Secretary to first and foremost serve the students and the staff. I share their passion and belief in this program and it is my goal to serve them humbly, happily and well. Secondly, I wish to share my mad note taking skills and my love of language by lending my time as Secretary to the recordkeeping of this organization and to the completion of the bylaws and policies and procedures, important documents that I believe will only aid in the future success of the program. I helped draft similar documents as director of Children of Hope Preschool, Secretary of my church council and Secretary of another preschool board, and I ask for the opportunity to finish the tasks I have started. Lastly, serving this organization allows me opportunities to remain connected with my son, Jake, as he finishes out his years at Desert Vista. I was actively involved for my daughter, Laura, and the benefits of serving this organization were too numerous to count for both of us.

I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you!