



Welcome all current and outgoing Band Booster members, my name is **Walt Kemmer** and I am running for the office of **Vice President**. I have been pleasantly surprised at the evolution of the Booster organization and the year-over year comprehensive changes that have been made during the seven (7) years that I have been involved. The Band program would not be the same if it weren't for committed loving parents who are willing to be selfless and giving of their time for the betterment of the program. As an Executive Board member I would embrace the new membership and help to foster a more cohesive experience. The Booster's, should make every effort to minimize the apprehension each parent and student feels instead fostering a welcoming environment. I look at each new volunteer as a possible long lasting friendship as I have developed so many already.

#### **FAMILY:**

I have been married to my wonderful wife Debbie for 24 years and have had the pleasure of having all three of my daughters participated in this wonderful program. My daughters are Lauren a past DV graduate and a U of A Marching Band Alumnus (Trumpet), Julia Senior (Bari-Sax), and Diana Junior DV (Trumpet) have all participated in different opportunities the band program has to offer: Marching Band, Jazz Band, Ahwatukee Youth Band and Steel Drum Band to name a few .

#### **BAND EXPERIENCE:**

In the seven (7) years that I have been involved, I have volunteered in many areas of the organization:

- Two years Co-Chair for the Water Committee and ABODA
- One year ASU ushering and ushering at ABODA
- Co-chaired the band banquet one year with my wife
- Volunteer at Fiesta Bowl, Regional Competitions, and travel each year to California to assist in any way necessary to provide all your children with a comfortable stress free environment.
- Last year Chairperson of the Nomination Committee
- This year Policies and Procedures Committee

My wife Debbie has been a Band Camp chaperone and First Aider manages the bus chaperones for band events, chaired Admissions and Concessions for ABODA and Regional competitions and does the awards at each year's band banquet trying her hardest to make sure every student gets the proper recognition for all their accomplishments.

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

I have over 30 years of management experience with over 15 of those years in high level executive positions where I have managed as few as two (2) and as many as one hundred and fifty (150) employees. My last corporate role prior to owning my own businesses was as the President of Westland Industries, a profitable manufacturing company with annual revenues of \$10M dollars. Previous to that job, I was the Program Manager of a \$12M engineering and manufacturing project which was launched early and within budget.

#### **WHY I WANT TO RUN:**

The band program is a strong institution, which promotes leadership, personal responsibility and team building. By the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year in this program most of the students I have personally witnessed have grown from a person who is unsure of themselves into a person who is confident and ready to make their mark in the world. I would like to think that the Band Boosters play a part in that transformation by being outstanding stewards and role models. So if elected, I promise that each board decision I make, will be based on one important decision: "IS IT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE BAND PROGRAM AND ITS STUDENTS?"

Being a band parent for so many years has offered me the opportunity to review the ways in which the band has handled its business in the past and the oversight required for the future. As a 501(c) 3 organization there are certain requirements that we need to abide by and I will do everything in my power to create the oversight and put into place the controls necessary to improve what is already an outstanding program with exemplary results. **Please show your confidence by casting your vote for me!**