

TED KERN

Distinguished Service

The oldest of Ted's seven children began attending SHS in the late 1980's and it was at this time that Ted began to get involved in the SHS athletic activities. After talking with several coaches and other parents, Ted approached the high school administration and asked permission to form a booster club. Permission granted, he founded the People Behind the Owls (PBO) and for the next ten years guided the club in raising funds and providing services to help improve the SHS athletic programs.

Initial PBO dues were \$5.00 per family which raised enough money to print schedules for major athletic events. Eventually these turned into annual PBO programs, which included team pictures, highlights, and schedules for the full school year.

Up until the early 1990's the SHS varsity football team played their home games on Friday afternoons at 4:00 pm. Ted saw the need to put lights on the field so more parents and community members could attend the games. After two years of fund raising, enough money was available to have the lights installed and to build a new concession stand.

Ted's favorite sport was football, and he was an avid supporter of the SHS Athletic Scholarship Fund. It was through a fund raiser that he was able to participate as "honorary coach of the day" when his youngest sons team won the WIAA Division 3 Football Championship at Camp Randall in 1998. Throughout the wonderful times spent at SHS, this will always remain his fondest memory!