

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Mariemont Athletic Boosters Look to the Future**

Mariemont Athletic Boosters want and encourage any and all friends, fans, and families of student athletes to join. The association provides financial support and encouragement to Mariemont student athletes and coaches at the high school and junior high. Boosters promote school spirit, athletic excellence, and quality sportsmanship.

State and district budget cuts have made Booster organizations more important than ever. Mariemont City Schools initiated a participation fee last year for high school and junior high athletics. These funds go directly to the Board of Education to help offset transportation costs.

Booster President Greg Long's vision is not only to continue the association's course of funding, but also to help the athletic department with the loss of State funding so that Mariemont can maintain the outstanding athletic tradition that Mariemont Junior High and Mariemont High School have enjoyed for years.

Major contributions that the Mariemont Athletic Boosters funded last year were:

- purchased aluminum volleyball posts to replace old metal posts
- purchased a portable and shaded scorer's table to be shared amongst the Lacrosse, Track and Swim teams
- purchased matching athletic bags for the swim team
- purchased lacrosse frames, rage cages, nets and balls
- provided meals and related expenses to State Tournament bound athletes and coaches
- contributed to the stadium upgrades: new sand-based turf (no more hot rubber) and spacious press box
- awarded college scholarships to two graduating seniors
- paid for coach training and certification in national and state programs and clinics
- sponsored fall, winter and spring Sports Awards Night to honor athletes
- paid for special awards for league, district, regional and state championships
- paid the expenses for senior night recognitions
- designates \$10,000 each year for coaches' "wish lists" for items that fall outside the usual needs of a team, including training aids and extra training equipment
- contributes half of season pass sales directly to the athletic department for operational expenses

In the 2010-11 school year, the club raised \$85,000 through the following events:

- Booster membership drive, currently at 240 family and individual members
- Spring FAB gala - a combined effort with Mariemont Fine Arts and Mariemont Foundation
- Fall golf outing, which welcomes all levels of golfers. sports programs, sold at most sporting events
- one-day mattress sale held in the high school gym
- "Split the Pot" sold at football games
- community tailgate, held in the football end zone on the Hall of Fame induction night

For more information, visit [www.MariemontWarriors.org](http://www.MariemontWarriors.org) and click on Boosters.



*Photo: 2011-12 Mariemont Athletic Booster board members are: back row: Jo & Alan Henning, Julie & Scott Weston, Sally & Mike Gaburo, Holly & Tad Krafft; row 4: Vicky & Steve Quiambo, Julie & Tim Perry, Julie & Tim Stewart, Diana & Dave Leach; row 3: Beth & Bill Flynn, Susan & Greg Malone, Missy & Mike Bottom, Jelina & Randy Huber, John & Pat Wirthlin; row 2: Amy & Brandy Cowart, Shannon Gilmore, Dawn Harden, Donna & Ron Goheen; front row: Linda (Membership Chair) & Rob Bartlett, Jean Marie (Treasurer) & Tiger Nelson, Wendy & Greg (President) Long, Candace Fries (Secretary); Not Pictured: Aimee & Carter Kemper, Dana & John Rolander, Pam & Dave Moreton, Bren Fries, Graham Harden, Tom Gilmore*