

I was born and raised in Sedalia, MO and reside there currently with my husband and our 8 year old twin daughters, we have 4 grown boys as well. I am the Athletic and Transportation Director at Sacred Heart School where I facilitate all aspects of 22 programs.

My passion and career in athletics started with soccer and soccer continues to be a huge part of everything I do and love. In 2005 I became the president of Paul Klover Soccer Association where I served until July of 2024.

Sedalia is a small town in central Missouri that I consider a micropolitan as we serve many surrounding small communities including Whiteman Air Force base. Paul Klover was established in 1963 and has many career coaches and players that have emerged from our community. The tradition of soccer in our community is rich, same as it is in many Missouri communities. We have a diverse population that includes a larger percentage of low income families with the middle and upper class being a minority. I took the challenge to serve our community very seriously and to work hard to provide opportunities for youth regardless of ability to pay and to also continue the great tradition of competitive level players. When I started with the organization I managed a board of 25 folks and we offered fall recreational soccer, indoor soccer and a soccer camp, the spring season was reserved for focus on the competitive teams. I worked to keep registration fees at a minimum and offered a scholarship program for anyone not able to pay, in addition to the registration fee we would purchase cleats, shin guards, socks and shorts. We partnered with our local foster care families and offered free registration for any child in foster care.

Each year we continued to grow averaging anywhere from 400-600 youth in the fall recreational program and with our indoor league we offered youth, high school and adult leagues serving around 600 folks a season. Through the years I worked with an amazing board, and together we developed many programs over this time.

- 1) Discover Soccer-through US Youth soccer and MYSA- we took high school and collegiate level players and our board and competitive coaches and facilitated free camps for our local boys and girls summer programs.
- 2) Transitioned our indoor program to a futsal league currently still operating today.
- 3) Started Top Soccer in 2015 and it is currently still operating.
- 4) Developed a yearly free goalkeeper clinic with high school and club coaches volunteering their time.
- 5) Developed a youth officials, game coordinator program(what we called the level before they certify to be an official) . We offered 4 nights of training for youth and started them in U6 and U8 recreational games to help them gain confidence and knowledge. It also added great structure to the games and developed some really great officials.
- 6) Facilitated Kohls cup tournaments.

In addition to programs We partnered with many in our community to make positive impacts through soccer.

- 1) School assembly tours with Denny Vaninger
- 2) Partnering with open door summer meal program- we took groups of soccer coaches and high school players to impoverished areas where a free lunch was served daily. We helped break down barriers for youth to accept the meals and we all got to play some great soccer.

- 3) Partnered with local high school teams to assist with all field set up and tear down for service hours.

During my time with PKSA I developed and managed the website, facilitated all registration programs, marketing, sponsorship, registrar, field set up, referee assigning, tournament management, all scheduling and served as a spokesman in the community speaking to many other organizations about soccer and the impact of youth athletics on communities.

After 20 year I retired from PKSA last year- I wanted to focus on a new project, reviving a competitive group, Sedalia Select, that existed in Sedalia 40 years ago and taking it back to those same roots where the pay to play did not exist- we have volunteer career coaches that are all career coaches as well and have created opportunities for kids deserving to play at the next level without the cost.

I have served on the MYSA board since since 2014 when I became the central district alternate commissioner then in 2016 the commissioner serving the central district. I have been around for many years and quite possibly during the biggest transitions youth sports have experienced since the explosion of club sports and the explosion of community outreach programs. In my time with MYSA I have been part of many great things.

- 1) The development of the ODP program back to its glory.
- 2) The development of the MYSA philanthropy committee
- 3) Been through 4 painfull software changes
- 4) By law reviews and changes including recruitment policies, transfers, risk management.
- 5) The transition of coaching education from in person clinics

Nearest and dearest to my heart though is TOP Soccer, with the assistance of Denny Vaniger we started TOP Soccer in Sedalia 10 years ago. At the time we had no adaptive programs available. Through a specific instance we identified a need in our community and we met it. In addition to that we partnered with highschool kids to serve as buddies and this impact has been 2 fold and amazing. Since starting this we now also offer adaptive basketball and baseball.

My adult life has been spent serving in athletics for youth, I believe in what it does for children. It builds future leaders, life long friendships, it teaches kids how to be coachable, humble in victory and defeat, lifelong healthy habits and every positive virtue you would want your child to have.

I have always been blessed with leadership opportunities, I really have never understood how but it seems to work out that way and I believe its because of the value I see in "team" I don't serve above others, I serve with others and that has led to great results. I am fair and diplomatic and serve with heart. If you do the right thing, success will follow.

I would be honored to serve as the Missouri Youth Soccer Association President and continue the great tradition of serving Missouri through youth soccer!