

TWISTER TIMES

November, 2021

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Amy Pinkos

I would like to introduce myself, I'm Amy Pinkos and I'm part of the Resolution Committee. We are here to assist members in resolving problems efficiently and effectively. The key to resolution is to simply follow procedures. These procedures can be found at:

<https://www.wisconsintwistersfastpitch.com/coaches-corner>

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. I can be reached at (414)484-2874 or AMPinkos@gmail.com.



WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

DiAnna Johnson

Facebook Page

Great place for announcements, communication, pictures, tournament postings, Twister hub and news. This is a great place for announcements, news from team, whats going on in Twister Nation and highlighting our Twisters.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/247039558670146/>

Website

Team dugouts, coaches corner, paperwork, tryouts, tournaments, news, twister outings, camps/clinics, about the twisters, notices and updates. You will find all links on the home page to our Facebook Page, Twitter Account, Wisconsin Twister Amazon Smile Campaign, Instagram, Twister Pics Page and WFL League Play. The website is meant to be a main hub of news and information. While other means of media help with last minute notices, fun activities and more.

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Instagram

Post quick announcements, pictures, tourney news. We ask that if any team, at anytime...would like a picture posted, announcement made..please send our way. We will be happy to post for you.

<https://www.instagram.com/wisconsintwistersfastpitch/>

Twitter

Stay connected on Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/WITwistersFP?lang=en>

TWISTERS 2021-2022 CAUSE

MENTAL HEALTH

The Wisconsin Twisters continue to give back to a community/group every year and we **play for a cause to bring awareness and outreach in any way we can**. This year we bring awareness to Mental Health! No longer a stigma; no longer a feeling or need to be silent. We encourage voices to be heard, projects to be done, acceptance to come easily and desire to live better and be better. For ourselves and each other. We are but a small piece, but with you we can all make a difference in our community.

- ❖ Nearly 1 in 5 American adults will have a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year.

- ❖ 46 percent of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life, and half of those people will develop conditions by the age of 14.

- ❖ Living Mentally Healthy

> Stay Positive

- Write about a positive future.
- Search for the silver lining.

> Practice Gratitude

- Write a gratitude letter
- Keep a gratitude journal
- Remind yourself to savor
- Share your good news.

> Avoid Negative Thinking

- Avoid dwelling on downers.
- Change unhealthy self-talk.
- Ask yourself if your negative thought is really true.
- Remember any achievements that disprove your insecurity.
- Imagine what you'd tell a friend
- Beware of all-or-nothing thinking
- Consider alternative explanations.



> Incorporating Humor into Your Daily Life

- List three funny things that happened to you each day.
- Find a TV show or movie that tickles your funny bone.
- Watch stand-up comedy.
- Reach out to someone who gets your sense of humor.
- Get online.
- Have a game night.
- Try laughter yoga.
- Read a funny book.
- Spend time with an animal or a child.
- Incorporate funny things into your environment.

<https://www.mhanational.org/4mind4body-challenge>

Message from the President

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. I want to first welcome all of our new and returning players, parents, coaches, and fans to the Twister Times, our internal newsletter!

It was with great thanksgiving that this year we were able to safely and successfully gather together for our annual parent meeting, where lots of information was shared and good times were had by all.

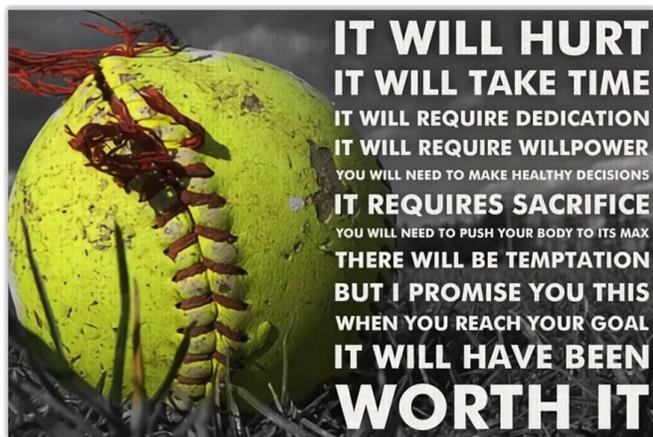
I am looking forward to the upcoming holiday season and the start of our indoor winter practices where we can gather together, have fun, and work on getting prepared for the high school and summer 2022 seasons!

Continue to connect with your parent rep for updates on upcoming events, and remember that board members are here to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

My wish for each of you is to stay healthy this holiday season, give back to our community, participate in team bonding and reach out to local businesses for their sponsorship to help grow our organization. I will see you all at the Holiday Party on January 23rd!

Sincerely,

Todd Olle
President



WI TWISTERS BRAINSTORM



As we continue to look toward the future and the growth of our organization, the Wisconsin Twisters would like to start exploring options for long-term indoor facilities for the organization. We are trying to explore as many options as possible during this process, including:

1. Lease/Purchase a building to replace the hitting facility
2. Lease/Purchase a larger building that could allow multiple teams to practice simultaneous
3. Build a facility

for a future winter home. We are in need of some assistance.

At this time, we are not stuck on any particular option, as we believe that we should explore all options available. How can you help? We are looking for members of our organization that may have expertise or connections in real estate, any of the construction trades (building, concrete, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, etc.), or sponsorships.

If you have any ideas or information, please contact Jim Peltier (262) 391-5242 or E-mail: jimmypeltier@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER

We are a volunteer organization that offsets fees with volunteer hours to keep player fees down. Each player is **required** to volunteer **10 hours** to defer this cost.

This year a check pre-dated to July 31, 2022 in the amount of \$100 will be collected and Rosie will hold on to those until July 31, 2022. If the player's volunteer hours have been completed the player will receive their check returned to them unless they make other arrangements with Rosie (i.e. to shred the check). If the player's hours **are not COMPLETED** by the last Twister organized event (usually 4th of July clean up on the 5th of July) the volunteer check will be cashed on or about July 31, 2022.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Each team should be doing some kind of volunteer opportunity or giving back as a TEAM. We try to encourage that it has something to do with what our yearly cause is. Some ideas from the past are making tie blankets, making signs and cards and attending an Honor Flight, helping to do parking at a charity event, attending bingo at a nursing home, making mats for the homeless out of grocery bags, donating to Shop for a Cop, donating books for the Racine Police Department--you name it, you can do it.



Another event that we do at our Spring Fling is to sponsor a raffle basket. We ask each team to sign up for a theme, when the list becomes available. The team representative (either parent rep or parent) will ask for a donation (either monetary or item), for their team's themed basket chosen by your Parent Rep, so if you have ideas for this, please let your Parent Rep know—all profits from the baskets go toward the Leo T. Jackson Scholarship Fund.

SPONSORSHIP

PLEASE SEE THE LINK BELOW FOR INFORMATION ON OUR SPONSORSHIP. SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR TEAM EARN MONEY!

<https://www.wisconsin-twisters-fastpitch.com/copy-of-our-sponsors>

WE HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND



Dugout address: 720 Main Street, Union Grove
Between Bob's Mobil and the Firestation

2021-2022 WI TWISTERS

COACHES AND STAFF

18U '04 Staff: Head Coaches: Brian Johnson, Steve Baumgartner
Assistant Coaches: Damasio Martinez and Matt Rick
Parent Rep.: Lori Rick

16u '05 Staff: Head Coach: Jim Peltier
Assistant Coaches: Josh Charleson and Angela Gunderson
Parent Rep.: Laura Talavera

16u '06 Staff: Head Coach: Todd Olle
Assistant Coaches: Jeremy Runte, Ed O'Dwyer and Jess Olle
Parent Rep.: Jessica Runte

16u Staff: Head Coach: Karl Oleszak
Assistant Coaches: Jim Gorn and Jennifer Dermeyer
College Coaches: Jordan Caby & McKayla Boyle (high school senior)
Parent Rep.: Kristie Cushman

14u '08 Staff: Head Coach: Justin Muñoz
Assistant Coaches: Eric Demko and Monica Muñoz
Parent Rep.: Jennifer Johnson

12u Staff: Head Coach: Nadia Oleszak
Assistant Coach: Megan Mulligan
College Coaches: Gwen Kosirog and Eliza Roman
Parent Rep.: Jennie Schwartz

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

FALL SPIRITWEAR

Thank you to everyone that placed an order.

If you missed out on this one, don't worry we will be having another sale in mid-January.

Remember if you are planning to order a **helmet January** is your last chance to get one before the season starts.

WINDOW CLINGS: Watch the FB page in the coming weeks to order your



Player and Volunteer Fee Reminder:

Initial deposit and first installment payments are due **NOW**. If you have not made these payments please send them ASAP via mail (7408 Paul Bunyon Rd, Racine, WI 53402), Venmo (Rosie Olle@WITwisters) or call me to pay with a credit card (262-994-0320).

Final payment is due by the holiday party (January 23, 2022).



Help make a difference, shop AmazonSmile to support our mission, at:

smile.amazon.com/gp/ch/list/27-4456309*



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Fall Harvest with the Union Grove Kiwanis	Usually the 2 nd weekend in September We work the Kiwanis booth at the Racine County Fair Grounds—we have grillers, money handlers, food preps and runners—this is a great opportunity for you to work with your daughter.
Fall Brawl WI Twisters	End of September/Beginning of October
Mostaccioli Dinner OTAC	End of February Held at Infusino’s in Racine—this is an event that the girls WORK and the parents sit and relax have a cocktail, eat and buy raffle tickets if you wish too. The girls clear and set tables and help sell raffle tickets and the older girls help serve food— AGAIN, THIS IS AN EVENT FOR THE GIRLS TO WORK!
Spring Fling WI Twisters	First weekend in June
4 th of July Clean up RCBO	5 th of July Girls and parents bring garden gloves and pick up garbage. RCBO supplies bags, we leave the bags and they will pick them up.

There are additional events that pop up from time to time especially from the Kiwanis and OTAC and we would ask that you please sign up if you are available.

HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN: January 23, 2022

TIME: Arrive--4:30 Eat--5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Infusino's Banquet Hall
3225 Rapids Drive
Racine, Wisconsin



VOLUNTEER DEPOSIT REMINDER



2022 SPRING FLING

Participation Levels: 10U, 12U, 14U
4 Game Guarantee/18-24 Team Limit.

Date : June 10-12, 2022 (Will use Friday Only if Needed)
Location: Raymond Elementary School
2659-76th Street (HWY U)
Franksville, WI

<https://www.wisconsinsoftballfastpitch.com/annual-spring-fling>

SOFTBALL

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| glove | helmat | home | infield |
| leftfield | outfield | pitcher | rightfield |
| secondbase | shortstop | slide | softball |
| thirdbase | yeti | | |

SOFTBALL GIRL

She puts on a helmet....picks up a bat
AND walks to the plate, "Gotta get a hit..and that's that!
The crowd starts to cheer, the game's on the line
Last inning...two outs...and the score's 9 to 9.

Dad yells "Go get it!" ...Mom's clenching her hands.
Coach says "Hit the ball" ...but alone there she stands.

Heroes are made at times such as this,
But she's just a little girl, what if she should miss?

Years after the game's end and she's little no more.
Will she remember this day, the outcome, the score?
One day she'll have forgotten if she was out, hit or run,
She will only look back on all her friends and the fun.

So remember...sheer this girl on, alone with her fate,
Help her remember with fondness this stand at the plate.

Spend your time wisely and help in her quest,
To be a hitter with confidence...always her best.
And when the game's over, this girl can stand tall.
For you've helped her prepare to give it her all!



The Wisconsin Twisters would like to congratulate and acknowledge our newest board members and those board members who have taken on some new roles for our organization.

Wisconsin Twister 2021-2022 Board

Executive Director:DiAnna Johnson

President:Todd Olle

Vice-President:Amy Pinkos

Secretary:.....Deb Mikolajczyk

Treasurer:Rosie Olle

Communication Director:Kristy Boyle

Parent Rep. Coordinator:Janet Mulligan

Sponsorship Coordinator:Jim Peltier

Marketing:Kerry Greil

Positive Resolution Coordinator:TJ Pinkos

Scholarship Coordinator:.....Christine Aponte

Concession Coordinator:Evie Aponte