



### **Bob Ziegler- Chair**

In 1988 Bob was asked to become Treasurer of SLAYA because of his accounting skills. He realized the value of helping youth because they are our future. He has served as Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, worked on numerous committees and projects for SLAYA through the years. Currently, Bob is serving as the Chair. He was also on the Executive committee for the Oakland County Youth Assistance Coordinating Council for 10 years, having served as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.



### **Thad Bogert – Vice Chair**

Based upon his experience of dropping out of high school, Thad Bogert believes that it is important to engage youth in order to foster well-being. Thad first began with Youth Assistance as a mentor in the Mentors Plus program in 2013. He then grew into the role as a SLAYA board member and a co-chair of the local Mentors Plus program the same year. Thad also teaches adaptive yoga to youth with special needs in South Lyon Schools.



### **Susan Toth- Secretary**

Sue began her teaching career in South Lyon Community Schools in the fall of 1992 as a classroom teacher for the emotionally impaired program where she was first introduced to South Lyon Area Youth Assistance. She recognizes the power in serving others and has dedicated her career to assisting those who face challenges. Sue has chosen to become actively involved with South Lyon Area Youth Assistance (SLAYA) to strengthen our community by empowering others through the many programs of SLAYA.



### **Kim Taggart- Treasurer**

My husband, myself and 2 daughters moved to South Lyon 15 years ago. I am a controller for a small business in Milford. My oldest daughter just graduated from WSU and youngest is a senior at SLHS. I've been involved with many local organizations over the past 15 years and enjoy helping the community any way I can.

## **Joan Brees- Board Member**

Joan, her husband Tom, and daughter Clare moved to Lyon Township in 2015. Joan was introduced to SLAYA by Thad in 2019 and joined the Board in the fall of 2019. She is a retired Detroit Public Schools educator with 30 years of experience at the elementary school level.

Joan has also been a direct care worker and home manager with the developmentally disabled and closed head injured in group home settings. As a member of SLAYA, she has volunteered at Shop With a Hero and Kensington Place summer lunch program and has also assisted with delivering coats to needy children. In her free time, Joan enjoys taking walks at Kensington, attending Italian language classes, singing with the Livingston County Chorale and learning to play the piano.

## **Carrie Cavanaugh- Board Member**

Carrie has been an area resident since 1998. Over the years you might have met her with her two children- Cate (2017 SLHS grad) or Tom (SLHS Class of 2022). Or perhaps you've seen her supervising or teaching swimming lessons at one of our South Lyon pools; helping with South Lyon Area Girl Scouts; lending a helping hand at St. Joe's; or maybe even working concessions at SL High. Monday through Friday you're guaranteed to find her at South Lyon Center for Active Adults. Make sure to say hi.



## **Jenny Cort- Board Member**

Youth Assistance has been part of my life for almost 30 years. My mom worked with YA as a volunteer, program leader, board member and case worker. Because of that involvement, Youth Assistance had a great impact on my choice to become a teacher and now, a Restorative Practices Facilitator. I love working with kids (of all ages) and helping them see that they have a chance to do something great in the world. I'm able to do this by being a board member and a volunteer. I also have the pleasure of being program coordinator for the Summer Enrichment Program; which I've been involved with for the last 30 years. I have enjoyed seeing the benefits of the Youth Assistance programs and people and plan on being part of that for years to come.



### **Al Credit II – Board Member**

Al is one of our newest Board Members who is currently co-chairing Fundraising and the Youth Recognition programs. Al was born and raised in the inner City of Flint, MI and currently resides in New Hudson. He believes every child's future is bright when they are exposed to positive role models and supportive programs that address all facets of life. Al truly believes Youth Assistance is an opportunity for him to mentor and support the next generation for many years to come, and to let the kids know their future is what they want to make of it.



### **Mark Hiller- Board Member**

Mark Hiller resides in South Lyon and is married to Tonya. They have three adult children. Mark is the Fundraising Chair, as well as the Co-Chairman for the Youth Recognition Program. Mark is also a Senior Vice President for the Motor Vehicle Television Network. In addition to being a Board member for Youth Assistance, Mark is a member of the Lyon Area Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus through St Joseph Catholic Church, and is also a volunteer for Livingston County United Way. Mark serves on the Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council for St. Joseph catholic Church. Throughout the years, Mark has served on several State of Michigan and Federal oversight committees, including the FCC (Federal Communications Commission). Mark is a huge sports fan and enjoys reading, public speaking, boating, following the financial markets, playing chess, family time and pursuing his Catholic faith.



**Kevin Trealout-** Board Member

As a recent addition to the team at SLAYA, Kevin heads the Skill Building efforts.

Skill Building provides scholarship assistance for deserving young people to participate in healthy activities. Kevin is also a mentor with the Mentors Plus Program, we welcome his enthusiasm.



**Radha Vichare Kshirsagar-** Board Member

Radha has been active with Youth Assistance since 2006, serving initially as the Board Secretary and Chairs for Youth Recognition and Skill Building. Her current role as Board Chair has allowed her to build partnerships while increasing awareness of Youth Assistance in the area. One of Radha's goals is to create a network of volunteers to participate in various events so Youth Assistance can continue to support an amazing community.



**Troy Weidman** – Board Member

Troy serves the youth of South Lyon through his involvement as a SLHS Basketball Coach, Instructor for the SLHS's Reaching Higher Leadership program while also serving on as the Carls YMCA Board President. SLAYA has actively partnered with the schools and organizations to serve the youth of the community. Troy was also previously the founding President of the REPS Youth & Community Center and Big Cat Basketball League.