



Betty Smith

Neil Smith

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The Fort Hill Band Parent Association is as old as the school being started in 1937 by a small group of parents. Two of those parents, James and Marie Smith, were the parents of Neil Smith, the mother-in-law and father-in-law of Betty Smith and the grandparents of William "Bill" Smith.

Neil Smith, Fort Hill class of 1943, was a U.S Army Veteran, and an electrician with the B&O Railroad. He was President of the Band Parents for many years from then late 1960's through the mid 1970's. His main project was the enlargement of the visitor's side concession stand, which he put his personal residence up as collateral so the project could be completed in a timely manner. The stand was enlarged two times its original size. Neil also started the sale of cotton candy in the concession stands.

Betty Smith was a dedicated volunteer with the organization from 1957 thru 2012. Even though Betty never held an elected office in the organization she was responsible for ordering all product, coordinating all deliveries and making sure all equipment was repaired when necessary for more than 50 years. Betty made the Fort Hill Band Parents her social priority, and was instrumental in organizing the first Christmas Dinner for the volunteers, which was held at Holy Cross Church across from the stadium.

William "Bill" Smith, class of 1971, owner of Printers Inc. for 30 years, has been involved with the Fort Hill Band Parents for 60 years. His Mom (Betty) would take him to the stadium on Friday afternoons to help wash apples for the making of candy apples. Bill has been President of the Association since 1998, and prior to that he was Treasurer from the early 80's. Bill is responsible for starting the sale of funnel cakes over 10 years ago. He has taken over the job of ordering all product for the concession stand and making sure all equipment is up and running for each event. Bill is proud of the fact that this organization is able to fund the band program and give many students the opportunity to be part of a first-class organization.