

Lee Cooper

Bio for CYA Board of Directors At-Large Position

Lee Cooper has been a member of the Chantilly community since 1980 when he assigned to the Pentagon. After completing his 20 years of service in the Air Force in 1986, he spent the next 25 years in the aerospace, defense and information technology industry as a sales, marketing and business development executive. When he retired from Raytheon in 2011, he formed and continues to operate a highly successful strategy and business development consulting business in the Oak Hill community.

Lee Cooper has been playing or coaching basketball practically all his life. After his playing days in high school and more than 16 years of playing in the Air Force, he started coaching youth basketball in Chantilly Youth Association (CYA). Lee started as a coach of his daughter's basketball team and assisted his wife (Susan) in coaching the daughter's soccer team. His basketball teams recorded 55 wins, 24 losses and two league championships in seven years. During that time, he also served as a CYA league administrator, referee, girls basketball commissioner, and representative to the Fairfax County Travel Basketball League. In 1998, Lee was selected to be a member of the CYA Basketball Board of Directors. During the past 20 years, he has served in many roles including Girls Commissioner, High School Liaison, Rules Committee member and Sportsmanship Committee member.

When Westfield High School was opened in 2000, Coach Cooper was selected by the Director of Student Activities and the varsity head coach to join the girls' basketball program as the freshman head coach. After two years, he was elevated to the JV head coach position where he is in his 19th year of coaching. His teams' have recorded a record of 229 wins, 59 losses, 8 district championships and 5 second place finishes in the Concorde District. During this period, Coach Cooper has also coached several successful AAU girls' basketball teams.

Three years ago, Lee was encouraged by the CYA President to run for an At-Large position on the CYA Board of Directors. After being elected, he and the CYA Executive Director led the effort to define and justify the need for additional basketball facilities in the western part of Fairfax County by testifying in front of the Fairfax County Planning Board and the Sully District Supervisor. As a result, the new community center that the county is scheduled to build in Sully Highlands will have two basketball courts that will be available to CYA. Lee and CYA Executive Director also conceived, created, and implemented the CYA partnership with the local youth sports program directors in Fentress County, Tennessee as part of the United for CYA! Community outreach program which provides lightly used sports equipment and clothing to the less fortunate youth in this Southern Appalachian community.

In addition, Lee was a major participant in the strategy development, planning, and negotiations that led to the recent acquisition and transition of the NOVA Fieldhouse by CYA. More specifically, his financial analysis, business plan development, general manager candidate interviews, brand development, and marketing efforts have contributed significantly to the phenomenal success of this effort.

In summary, Coach Cooper and his wife (Susan) have been tireless workers in operating and improving CYA since 1993. He would like to continue supporting CYA's mission and achievement of the vision for the CYA Fieldhouse.

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