

Bio: Born and raised in Plano, My mom still lives in the home that I grew up in on Steward St. I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters. I attended elementary, junior high and high school in the Plano District 88 School District; I graduated from Plano High, Class of 1969. I have 7 children, 5 sons and 2 daughters, I have 16 grandchildren. I am retired from Caterpillar Inc. after 36 years of service. I am a professional walleye fisherman, competing locally in the Illinois Walleye Trail Circuit and nationally in Master Walleye Circuit. In 2009, I and my tournament fishing partner won the Cabelas' National Team Championship at Devils Lake, ND.

Leadership Positions: Current 2nd Term Mayor of the City of Plano, Current Chairman of Plano Economic Development Corporation, Current President of the Plano Past Historical Group, Voting Delegate at Illinois Municipal League Conference since 2009, Member of the International Conference of Shopping Center Government Relations Committee and Previous Ward 4 Alderman.

Training: Attended many training sessions at the Illinois Municipal League Conferences since 2007, Graduate from Southern Illinois University Basic Economic Development Course, Federal Emergency Management Institute Nims Training, Office of the Attorney General Freedom of Information Act Training.

Volunteer: Past Plano Youth Athletic Association Baseball Coach, Past Plano Youth Football Assistant Coach, American Cancer Society, Participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Lock Up, Mayor's Day of Serving and many other Community Activities.

Accomplishments: Introduced the Safe Route to School Grant Program to the City, Chairman of the Original Safe Routes to School Grant Committee, Initiated the City's membership in the International Council of Shopping Centers, Worked with the folks at the Oswego Senior Center to establish the Senior Dine Out Program in the City, Thought of the Idea to have a festival commemorating the filming of "Superman, Man of Steel" in the City in 2011 and Organized the Smallville SuperFest Committee and many other accomplishments working with past and present City Councils.