

Legislative Service:

Illinois State Representative December 2001- 2003

Committee service:

Energy and Environment, Labor, Telecommunications Rewrite, Public Utilities, and House Republican Committee on Death Penalty Reform.

Labor Committee:

A program to reimburse companies for training workers. Includes statewide public hearings on workforce development programs for the private sector.

Energy and Environment:

Participant in environmental hearings regarding discharge of pollutants into public waterways. Participation in legislative hearings of electric companies and deregulation pertaining to coal-fired electric plants. Proponent for ethanol manufacturing in Illinois, encourages research and development of other cornbased products.

Public Utilities:

Involved in gas and electric distribution regulation throughout the State of Illinois.

Professional:

Warren Township Supervisor

1997-Present

- Manages 21 million dollar budget, 102 member staff, and 82 acre campus.
- Utilized business and community experience to receive financing for new town hall without tax increase. Oversaw construction of Town Hall and Senior Complex. Constructed first skate trail system in Illinois.
- Instrumental in obtaining a one million dollar park improvement grants.
- Created Two Teen Centers for Township youth; includes library, computers and educational activities.
- Responsible for overseeing 700+ volunteers for youth activities and sports.
- Implemented Attention Deficit Disorder Classes and Anger Management classes for families.

Chairman of the Board Delta Star Inc. 2005

Director 2003-2007

Maker of power transformers, plants in Lynchburg, VA. And San Carlos, California

Business owner:

Behnings Automotive Parts Simpson Equipment, Inc. 1982-1998

Local Government:

Lake County Regional Planning Commission 1990-1997 Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals 1992-1997 Solid Waste Agency of Lake County 1995-1997

Homeowners Association 1988 - 1996: President, Arbor Vista Homeowners Association Personally negotiated a 1.75 million dollar settlement to the homeowners, permitting extension of sewer service to the individual homes at no cost to the taxpayers or homeowners.

Organizations:

Sierra Club 1983-2006 American Business Women's Association 1996-1999 "Business Woman of the Year 2001" Township Officials of Illinois Lifetime Member Lake County Farm Bureau Legislative Committee Member 1995-1997

Warren Special Recreation Association, Treasurer, Vice President 1997-Present Which oversees day camps and recreational activities for the mentally and physically handicapped.

Executive Committee: Healthy Community/Healthy Youth Organization and co-founder 1998-2005

Organization dedicated to making the area a better place for children and youth using the 40 developmental assets from the Search Institute.

Awards:

Warren Township High School: Recognition for Commitment to Youth; Lake County Forest Preserve; Community Service Award; Lion's Community Support Award; Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals Citizen's Award; Illinois Township Officials Award;2001 and 2004 for best communication of township issues with residents.

"Business Woman of the Year 2001"

Presented "Key to the City" from Park City, IL 2005

Illinois Park and Recreation Association Community Service Award 2002

Personal

Married 42 years to Kent, 2 daughters – Janet & Michelle