

About Me



I was born and raised in the Detroit, Michigan area. My Father was an immigrant from Germany where he and his family had survived the Holocaust. I learned a great deal from him about persistence, optimism and forgiveness. I grew to have a profound appreciation of America as the nation that had liberated him and provided a path of hope and promise through immigration and assimilation.

I earned my Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. I moved to Rockford and spent 40 years working at a large aerospace company in Rockford in a variety of technical and managerial roles. I earned a Master of Business Administration from Rockford College and through the course of my career I have had the opportunities to develop my Analytical Thinking and Problem Solving based on the number of technical, procedural and policy issues that I faced. I leaned on my listening capability and the ability to collaborate across different functional areas and perspectives to propose workable solutions.

I have appreciated the richness of the people and the activities available to our family as we have raised our family in the Rockford area. We have participated in many sport and recreational activities (American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) League Commissioner, etc.) that are available as we raised our children in the Rockford area. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to develop my leadership skills by serving as Chairperson and a number of other roles for the local Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) Rock River Valley Chapter. There have been opportunities to mentor young people volunteering in the Civil Air Patrol at Poplar Grove Airport and participating in US First Robotics competition.

I have been married for 40 years to Lynnette and we enjoy our three married children's families with 11 wonderful grandchildren. My life is a bit in the shadow of my oldest son who flew for the Air Force Thunderbird flight demonstration team (right slot). This further developed my appreciation for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces.

Why did I join WCRCC?

- The Decline of the state of Illinois in multiple areas
- Joining with other Republican candidates to drive voter turnout
- The potential and promise of this state and county
- If not now, when?