

Mike Starovich



Occupation: President, C&M Auto Service of Vernon Hills, Inc.

Past/Present Affiliations with District 128:

A 1980 graduate of Libertyville High School, I was a student in the district from kindergarten through grade 12, and I participated in the vocational program as a junior and senior. Today, my 10-year-old daughter is a fourth-grader at Copeland Elementary School, and my 15-year-old son is active in the district's award-winning music program. He will enter Libertyville High School as a freshman in the fall. During their time at Copeland, I was a three-time presenter of "Ladies & Gents, Start Your Engines!" for the school's Exploration Day.

Community Service, Professional Activities, Awards and Leadership Positions:

Alongside the active volunteers at C&M Auto Service, my community service activities include the following:

- Sponsoring the annual Woof & Wheels Wash and (this year, Woof-A-Thon 2007) to raise funds for Canine Companions for Independence, a national non-profit organization that raises and trains highly skilled assistance dogs for individuals with disabilities.
- Refurbishing donated, pre-owned vehicles for survivors of domestic abuse and Hurricane Katrina. This is part of a nationwide effort organized by the Automotive Parts Alliance and 1-800-Charity-Cars.
- Hosting and leading multiple Automotive Boot Camps to educate the motorists in our community, as well as to help Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in their quests for automotive merit badges.
- Sponsoring a Libertyville Little League team.

I am an active member of the G.L.M.V. Chamber of Commerce and the World Entrepreneurs Organization. Recent honors from these and other organizations include:

- "Top Shop 2006" from *Motor Age* Magazine.
- President Emeritus Award from the GLMV Chamber of Commerce (2005).
- Communicator of the Year from the Automotive Service Association (2004).

Reasons for Serving on the Board of Trustees:

I would like to see the foundation enhance the experiences of our students by providing additional—as well as new—learning opportunities.