

Jon Kelley - Bio

Jon was born in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania in 1957 and is an identical twin. He grew up in Easton, Pennsylvania, where he started to bowl, and spent his final three years of high school at John Carroll High School in Fort Pierce, Florida. After attending DeVry Institute of Technology in Atlanta and Missouri Institute of Technology (the other MIT) in Kansas City, he was hired at what was then Delco Electronics in Kokomo. He has a Bachelors Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology.

Jon is married and has a 13 year-old son, Matthew. His wife Nici works as a substitute teacher and loves to quilt, sew and read.

Jon has been at Delphi for almost 29 years. Much of that time was spent as a Systems Engineer in Powertrain (engine controls for cars) and Engineering Manager in both Powertrain and the Inflatable Restraints (airbag) organizations. Jon is trained and experienced in structured problem solving. Delco Electronics is now called Delphi Electronics and Safety. Jon current title is Engineering Excellence Manager for Powertrain Electronics. You may have heard the term "lean" applied to manufacturing, but Jon is working on applying lean to product development and engineering.

They say that if you want something done – give it to a busy person. Jon certainly fits that mold. He is chair of his church Planning Council, Financial Partner for the City of Firsts Investment Club and has run the Howard County Golf Tournament for over 15 years. In the spring, Jon coaches a middle school golf team. From May through September, he also writes a bi-weekly golf column for the Kokomo Tribune.

He researched and then wrote a series of articles on Kokomo's bowling history that appeared in the Kokomo Tribune from 1995 to 2000. Jon was elected as a Director of the Kokomo Bowling Association in 1989 and also served as president for the 1993-94 season. He also just completed a two-year term as the inaugural City of Firsts USBC Association president after leading the merging and transition processes. A number of years ago, Jon also served a two-year term as president of the GM of Indiana Bowling Association. He was voted a Life Member of the Kokomo Bowling Association and was elected to the City of Firsts USBC Association Hall of Fame in 1999. In total, Jon served 19 active years on the local board.

Jon's hobbies are bowling, golf and genealogy. Jon is a past Howard County golf champion, five-time state left-handed champion and two-time national runner-up. Jon currently bowls only one league a week and averaged a city-record 230 last year. He also has four 300 games and five 800 series to his credit, one of those in the IS USBC BA Open Championship.

Jon is a member of the United States Golf Association, a lifetime member of the USBC and United States Tennis Association and a member of Serra International (promotes religious vocations).

Jon is looking forward to serving the bowlers in Indiana as the IS USBC BA president for the 2008-2009 season.