

Richard N. DeShon

Biography

Richard (Dick) DeShon is a lifelong resident of St. Joseph and dedicated to the area, its growth, and improvement. He attended the University of Missouri in 1957 where he earned a B.A. in American History. Mr. DeShon then returned to the area he so loves to work at Artesian Ice & Cold Storage Company from which he recently retired. He also owned and managed Viscosity Oil. Mr. DeShon was president of the Robidoux Riverboat Company and served as a director of Commerce Bank.

The list of civic activities Mr. DeShon has been involved in is a testament to his dedication to the area. Some of these include:

RECENT VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Chairman of the Board -Heartland Regional Medical Center 2003-2005
President-Board of Trustees -Pony Express National Memorial 1993-present
Vice-President-St. Joseph Riverfront Development Corporation 1988-present
Co-Chair -Capital Campaign Wyatt Park Baptist Church 2003
Chairman -St. Joseph Regional Port Authority 1988-present

OTHER:

Chairman -First Governor's Conference Children & Youth 1971
President -Board -Family Guidance Mental Health Center 1977-1981
Delegate -White House Conference Children & Youth 1960 & 1970
Missouri Western State University -President -Alumni Association 1971-1973
President and Board Member -College Foundation 1972-1988

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH:

Citizens Advisory 1966-1967
Parks and Recreation 1970-1975
CIP -Review committee 1996,2001, 2006
MPO -Long Range Plan 1998-1999, 2003-2004, 2008-2009

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce -Economic Development Leadership Award 2003
Ingram's "Legend" award 2004
Commerce Bank Exceptional Service award 2004