

Jim started bowling at the age of 13 and shortly after, started working behind the counter at Holland Bowling Center. In 1972 at the age of 18, he had the opportunity to manage Holland Bowling Center for Art Quist and worked in that position for 3 years .

Jim served as league secretary of the Century Fellowship League from 1973 to 1982. In 1976, Jim was elected to the Board of Directors of the Greater Holland Bowling Association and was also appointed as Manager of the Holland Association City Tournament that had a total of 36 teams entered. Jim worked very hard promoting the event and brought the tournament to an all time high of 166 teams in 1995.

In 1980 he was elected Association Secretary of the GHBA( now the Greater Holland USBC) and still holds that position today.

In 1984 Jim started the Tulip City Mixed Doubles Tournament which had a run of more than 20 years.

He also hosted “Bowling Highlights” radio program on WHTC 1450 each Monday morning at 7:45 **AM** promoting the sport of bowling. Recently it was changed to a pod cast, which you can listen to on our website.

In 1984 Jim was elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan State BA as Zone 5 Director. He was President of the MSBA during the 1997-98 season and was elected as a Life Member of the MSBA. He has been an active Squad Coordinator for the MSBA bringing 25-30 teams from the Holland area each year. Jim has received several MSBA awards; Director of the Year-1988, Yearbook Dedication-2000 and Meritorious Service Award-2001.

When the BA and WBA merged, Jim was elected to serve on the new board. A position he still holds today. He also has a “ part time job, working for the State office in Grand Rapids. As part of his duties...he makes sure the “paperwork” is brought to each center during the State Tournaments, which involves traveling many miles.

Jim was very involved in his community. He was employed by Elhart Pontiac GMC Jeep as General Sales Manager for 44 years, member of the Holland Township Fire Department for 55 years, involved for 42 years with the Holland Tulip Festival being President from 1989-1991 and Grand Marshall of the Parade of Bands in 1995. Jim also served as a Trustee on the Park Township Board and has been a voting precinct chairman for man years.

Jim, We cannot say enough about how special you are to Holland Bowlers, you have always gone above and beyond for them. This tournament dedication is a SMALL way to say thank you for all you have done.