

Ronald G. Austin (Ron)

Born-Westbranch, Michigan
January 5, 1949

Marital Status

Married to wife “Donna” in 1968. We have one daughter Toni, Son-in-law Rodney and granddaughter Aubree who also live in Delta. Our grandson Ryan in the U.S. Navy and granddaughter Kalie and great grandson Kaiden live in the San Diego area.

Education

Owosso High School, Owosso Michigan – Graduated-1967
US Navy, Aviation Ordnance, School-Jacksonville, Florida, NAS Miramar-San Diego, USS Enterprise, Aviation Squadron-1968-1971
San Diego County Sheriff’s Academy, Miramar College – Graduated 1973
Numerous college courses and classes related to; Basic, Advanced & Specialized Investigations. Juvenile Officer (interventions, counseling, treatment, etc.) 1973 through 2000
Business owner
City Councilman-Mayor Pro-Tem-2016 and Mayor 2018

Work History

Elected Mayor, City of Delta-April 2018 to present
Elected City Council Member April 2016 and Elected Mayor Pro-Tem , April 2016-April 2018
Business Owner (partnership) R&B Classic Creations -Custom Seats 2012-2017
Business Owner R&D Classic Creations- Manufacturer (Mini Corvette’s)1999-2002
Deputy Sheriff San Diego County 1973-1979 1981-Nov2000 (Retired)
Business Owner (partnership) Automotive Business 1979 - 1981
Manager Multi-Store Furniture Co. 1971 - 1973
U. S. Navy Honorable Discharge 1968 - 1971
Chevrolet Assembly Plant (Flint, Mich.) 1967- 1968

Hobbies

I am an avid Corvette enthusiast and owner. I currently own a 1963 Corvette Roadster, which I built over a period of 3 1/2 years. The car features the complete power train, interior and all electronics from a 1996 Corvette Grand Sport #300 and was the Cover car of the January 2001 issue of “VETTE” Magazine. My wife had a modified 1963 Roadster, which I built in 1983. That car was featured in Car Craft Performance Series, volume 3, number 4 (all Corvette Annual) in 1985. I have owned 9 Corvettes since 1967.

I was an active member of the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego, from1981-2005, which is the oldest continuous Corvette Club in existence. I served 4 terms as President of the Club and held nearly every office within the Club. My wife Donna and I are “Lifetime Members” of COCSD. My social interests revolve around promoting the Corvette as a hobby as well as a lifestyle.

Experience

I was elected to the Delta City Council in April 2016 and elected as Mayor Pro-Tem. In April 2018, I was elected Mayor, City of Delta. As a Councilmember, I also serve on Delta County Economic Development Board, Delta County Airport Authority Board, Delta Urban Renewal Authority Board.

I am currently the Vice-President of the Delta Montrose Community Concert Association and have served in that capacity for the past 10+ years. I am also very active in St. Luke's Episcopal Church and have served as the Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden and Vestry member for the past 12+ years. During that time, I have also designed and completed numerous re-model projects at St. Luke's.

In 2012, I created a unique Love Seat called the "Phaeton Seat". It was created and styled from the rear seat body tub of a late teens early 20's vintage car. The business was opened in 2012 and closed down in 2017 due to the poor economy. The business was R&B Classic Creations and was a partnership with Bob Johnson of Eckert, CO.

10 years of my career as a Deputy Sheriff involved working with youth. It was also the most rewarding. During that time, my responsibilities included working directly with school districts, school site personnel, city governments, community leaders and I acted as a liaison between the Sheriffs' Department and these various entities. These relationships involved the planning and implementation of numerous programs affecting the youth and families in the North San Diego County area.

I was instrumental in developing and constructing a high-level ropes course as part of the Sheriffs' Youth Challenge Camps. This program has proven to be a very effective tool in dealing with at-risk youth and has been in operation for over 30 years. Other programs involved creating partnerships between law enforcement, schools and community programs. During that time period, I received many awards for my accomplishments but the most rewarding is that many of those programs are still in operation today.

I was also assigned to the Regional Auto Theft Task Force until I sustained an on the job injury. I was then assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Unit where I was responsible for designing, developing and maintaining all of the surveillance equipment for the San Diego County Sheriff's Department until my subsequent retirement.

My business experience involves owning (partnership) an automotive business. It was a general service business that primarily dealt with businesses and fleet vehicles. At the peak of the business, we employed 10 mechanics; two support personnel and ran a 24hr. operation. During the two years that we had the business, I performed all aspects from start-up, marketing and day to day operations.

Prior to joining the Sheriff's Dept, I managed a multi-store furniture co. My duties involved overseeing the day-to-day operations as well sales, purchasing, billing, accounts receivable and payable, marketing and personnel.

I started a business designing and manufacturing ½ scale Mini Corvette's. I sculpted and created all of the molds for the cars, which were produced in fiberglass. They were exact replicas of the 1984 through 2003 model years. All of the products were fully licensed by GM. Unfortunately,

we had to close the business down due to the poor economy after the attack of our Country on Sept.11th, 2001.

Personal Goals

After relocating to Delta in 2005, I began following the local progress of City and County affairs. In 2016, I was elected to the Delta City Council and also elected as Mayor Pro-Tem. Since that time, I have been involved in various Board positions and as a Councilmember I have demonstrated my leadership skills in the presentation of my visions and plans for economic opportunities for our community. It is my belief that “if we are not moving forward, we are going backwards”.

In April of 2018, I was elected Mayor and I am committed to bringing new vitality to Delta through my vision and plans. My responsibility, leadership and commitment as a Councilmember is to the Citizens and fellow Councilmembers. My focus is to ensure the efficient operation of City Government and provide a smooth process for business and individuals fulfilling their dreams for Delta. I am also committed to maintaining a healthy and positive working relationship with the various Government entities in and around Delta County.

The vitality of Delta is dependent upon the support of business owners and the people who make Delta a true gem on the Western Slope. In the words of President Lincoln, “The best way to predict the future is to create it”.