



Mayor Wayne Raisbeck received TCEDA's Community Collaborator of the Year Award. In making the presentation, Ron Smith, TCEDA board member and Jo Daviess County Board member, noted that Raisbeck has been voted Northern Illinois Mayors president every year for the past five years. He established a Tax Increment Finance District and Business Development for Warren and obtained several grants. In addition Raisbeck founded annual roundtable where the public is invited to attend an overview of what the village has accomplished over the past year and invites speakers of interest to present to citizens. He initiated roundtable meetings among neighboring villages for public works employees to share information about their infrastructure needs, tools, and resources. In addition he's passionate about his community's history and spends long hours painting, cleaning, shoveling snow, keeping the old boiler in working order and landscaping the community's historic building to entice visitors to stop in and tour the building which once was a stop along the Stagecoach Trail. He has also helped organize numerous other community events including business owner luncheons, mayor meetings, May Day Celebrations, leadership forums, music events and Festival of Trees and retiree luncheons. He created and organized Citizen Appreciation Day. Congratulations Wayne!