When his friends and former classmates say Larry Pennington has a lot on the ball, they mean it in more ways than one.

First, of course, they are referring to the ability this year’s Great Graduate from the Class of 1963 exhibits in meeting the demands of his position with Allison & Associates Realtors. Then there is the other “ball,” the one symbolic of the Men’s Fast Pitch Softball League he helped found and the many kids who knew him as “coach” as he taught the fine points of the game in both little league baseball and girls fast-pitch softball.

Pennington is a 40-year plus veteran of the real estate industry, serving as a salesman, lender and builder-developer of his own properties in the Tulsa and Broken Arrow areas. As a reflection of his expertise in all these areas, he has been given oversight responsibility for a number of central downtown properties prompting friends and associates to bestow upon him the unofficial dual titles of “Mayor of Main Street” and “Mr. Rose District.”

For nearly three decades, he was a mainstay of the Broken Arrow Jaycees, taking leadership roles in that organization’s numerous fund-raising activities. On his list of accomplishments are numerous programs aimed at helping needy children and a campaign that enabled the Broken Arrow Fire Department to purchase its first portable defibrillation machine.

This Great Graduate served his country for six years as a member of the Oklahoma National Guard earning the rank of Staff Sergeant before being discharged in 1972. Today, he is president of the Broken Arrow Historical Society, and continues to assist the Class of 1963 Reunion Committee in planning and conducting class reunions every five years.

Pennington married the former Myrna Monroe (Class of 1964) and they had three children. After her death in 1987, he married Linda Muratet who brought two children of her own to the family. He enjoys spending as much time as possible with them as well as playing golf, fishing, league bowling and tinkering with his model trains.