



Richard J. Penberthy



# Kiwanis Club of Allen Park



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DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

## RICHARD J. "DICK" PENBERTHY - DISTINGUISHED KIWANIAN

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the members of the Kiwanis Club of Allen Park wish to bestow the honor of "Distinguished Kiwanian" upon Past Governor Richard J. "Dick" Penberthy. Past Governor Dick has been deeply devoted to Kiwanis service for 49 years. He is an administrator of unusually broad experience, personally and professionally, dedicated to community service with the high traditions of Kiwanis.

Past Governor Dick joined Kiwanis in 1936 with 48 years of perfect attendance. He served the Kiwanis Club of Allen Park as a member of every committee, as a Director, as 1st. and 2nd. Vice President, and as their Club President for 1959. The Fourth Division elected him Lieutenant Governor for 1961. He served the Michigan District as District Committee Chairman for New Club Building in 1962, for Attendance & Membership in 1964, for Membership Development in 1965, and for Boys' & Girls' in 1966. Each of the years as a District Chairman, he attended all 15 Spring Divisional Meetings. In addition to his activities as District Chairman, Past Governor Dick was appointed Trustee of the Forney W. Clement Foundation for 1962 and was elected to this important post for 1963, and continued in this position until announcing his candidacy for District Governor for 1967. He was elected Governor of the Michigan District for 1967 and he served as Immediate Past Governor in 1968. In 1969 he was Chairman of the Council of Past Governors of the Michigan District as well as Chairman of the Kiwanis International Committee on Interclub Relations. He is still very active in the Kiwanis Club of Allen Park mostly helping the Mentally and Physically Handicapped Children and Senior Citizens.

Past Governor Dick was born in Pennsylvania of English parents. There were four children in the Penberthy family and they moved to Detroit in the early 20's where Dick attended Western High School. He also attended Michigan State University and Walsh Institute. Past Governor Dick was associated with the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company for several years and then went into business for himself. He operated a Pure Oil Station in Allen Park for 20 years and retired in 1975.

Past Governor Dick and his wife, June, have been married 49 years and have lived in Allen Park 47 years. They have two children; Richard, Jr. and Mrs. Diane Swindle. They also have the pleasure of five grandchildren. Both are active in the Allen Park United Presbyterian Church where Past Governor Dick has been a Church Elder for 25 years. He is a charter member of the Allen Park Masonic Lodge No. 580 F. & A.M. Past Governor Dick is a Past President of the Pure Oil Dealers Association of the State of Michigan and was a member of the 15 man Regional Advisory Board of the Pure Oil Company (7 states). Past Governor Dick is still an active golfer and weather permitting, you will see him on the golf course.

It is very fitting that Past Governor Richard "Dick" J. Penberthy be named a "Distinguished Kiwanian". The purpose of a Photographic Distinguished Kiwanian Book was presented by him to the Trustees of the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation on May 6, 1973, and was authorized by the Foundation Board on August 23, 1973.