

Herman H. Meyer

Kiwanis Club of Petoskey



Petoskey, Michigan 49770

HERMAN H. MEYER 1917 - 1968

Herman H. Meyer joined the Kiwanis Club of Petoskey on January 4, 1949, following in the footsteps of his father who had been a Charter Member of the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix. Herman remained a Kiwanian until his death in July, 1968, and amassed a record of Nineteen Years of Perfect Attendance as well as a record of service to his club, his Division, and the Michigan District.

Herman served the Petoskey Club as Club Secretary from June of 1950 thru 1954, as an interim Secretary in 1960, and was again elected Secretary for 1968. He served as Club President in 1956 and was the Lt. Governor for the then Division 15 in 1959.

In addition to club activities, Herman was active as a Trustee of the Forney W. Clement Memorial Foundation for several years and served as the President of the Foundation in 1964. The Foundation's name has now been changed to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and one of it's projects - at Northern Michigan Hospitals, Inc. in Petoskey - has been named in his honor.

Herman also served his club for many years as the chairman of the Travel and Adventure Series and was active in many of the Committees which make up a Kiwanis Club. Whether it was building ball diamonds on the waterfront or at Washington St. park, manning a post at the annual Klondike Derby for Boy Scouts. or helping with the running of the club's White Elephant Sale, Herman was there to lend support to his Kiwanis Club.

One of Herm's never ending goals was the growth of Kiwanis and to this end, he constantly worked by assisting in the building of new Kiwanis clubs and encouraging other men in his community to join Kiwanis. Herman had a strong belief that "Service is the rent a man pays for occupying his place on earth", and that this service is best provided through Kiwanis.

Herman's affiliation with Kiwanis was not all work and no play. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club's bowling team for many years and assisted in the team's capture of the city bowling tournament in 1953.

As a family man, Herman and his wife, Marguerite, raised two sons and a daughter, instilling in them a sense of honesty, fairplay, and a respect for their fellowman. Herman's legacy to Kiwanis is in the form of his son, David, who follows in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.