



Robert F. McDermott

Kiwanis Club of Allen Park



DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

ROBERT F. McDERMOTT - DISTINGUISHED KIWANIAN

It is with the greatest deal of pleasure and pride that the Kiwanis Club of Allen Park wishes to recognize Past President Robert F. McDermott for his deeply devoted service and for his dedication to the ideals and Objectives of Kiwanis.

Past President Bob, a member of Kiwanis for 32 years, has served his club in every conceivable capacity including the presidency in 1962 when the Allen Park Club won the Blue Section Service award of the Michigan District. Past President Bob was not only recognized for outstanding leadership that year but the Allen Park Club won the Allen Park Community Council Best Service Award.

His most outstanding work has been as a committee chairman and a member of the Board of Directors. Here is where he really "shines" as a Kiwanian. It has often been said in our club that, "If it needs to be done, Bob gets it done." As an example, Past President Bob has developed a single club Christmas Party for handicapped children into a Christmas Party for the handicapped children in several Downriver Schools for the handicapped. He has gained the support of all the Fifth Division Clubs to finance this yearly gala event for these children. Past President Bob has also been very active with the Special Olympics. He not only brings many children from the Fifth Division to participate but has also become the quasi official video photographer of this worthy event. Because of his deep personal affection toward the handicapped child, Past President Bob has been selected to be District Chairman of the Special Olympics at the 71st Annual Convention of the Michigan District Kiwanis International.

The list of honors Past President Bob has received extends far beyond the limitation of space in this letter. But a few of his major accomplishments include: Wyandotte Recreation Hockey Association Presidential Award, Award of Merit by the Wyandotte Recreation Program, Certificate of Appreciation from the Detroit Area Council of Boy Scouts, Frank N. Palamara Award for youth recreation programs, Allen Park Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, Certification of Award for being an Allen Park High School Career Day Consultant, Wayne County Intermediate District Award for Excellence and the 1987 Citizen of the Year of Wyandotte, Michigan.

Past President Bob and his wife, Helen, were married in 1948. They are the parents of a daughter, Diane and a son, Michael.

Past President Bob is retired from the Security Bank and Trust where he was employed in 1950. He worked in many capacities of responsibility and in 1972 became Vice President and Region III Manager where he worked until his retirement in 1982.

Past President Bob is a graduate of Fordson High School and the Ford Aircraft School. He then attended the American Institute of Banking where he received a graduate certificate. He took advanced courses at the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business and courses with the American Management Association.

Our distinguished Kiwanian also found time to participate in associations related to his profession. He also served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946.

There is no one who is more dedicated to the Objectives of Kiwanis than this man. It is only fitting that he be named a Distinguished Kiwanian, the highest honor in the Michigan District.

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