

G. Ivan Holden

Ivan is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Suburban Kalamazoo, chartered October 15, 1953.

In his years of continuous service Ivan has established a record any Kiwanian would cherish. He has filled all of the club offices including Club President in 1963. Ivan has been honored by his club by making him a Life Fellow in 1973 and the "Kiwanian of the Year" in 1966, 1983 and 1986. He received the Hixon Award in 1987.

Ivan served the Michigan District of Kiwanis as Lt Governor in 1965 and as New Club Building Chairman in 1983. Ivan was twice nominated for District Governor. Ivan has served many times as KIAR and was instrumental in starting the Grand Rapids Golden K and the Kalamazoo County Golden K clubs. Ivan has attended 30 state and 23 international conventions. He is a 39 year Legion of Honor member and participates in many parades as KiKi the Kiwanis Clown!

Ivan takes a leadership role in the community with service as a member of the City of Portage Planning Committee and Chairman of the City of Portage Industrial Development Committee. He helped start the first Little League in Portage and has been an active member of the Milwood United Methodist Church.

Ivan operated restaurants in St. Joseph, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo. He now owns a floor covering business and is very active in the Home Builders Association. He has been recognized as Associate of the Year for his work in organizing the annual Home Show.

Ivan and his wife Betty, also a Kiwanian, have two children and seven grandchildren.



