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DISTINGUISHED KIWANIAN LESLIE D. TURNER

Leslie D. Turner was born June 5, 1925 in the town of Williamston. His youth was spent on the farm until he graduated high school in 1943. Soon after his graduation, he was called into the service, joining the United States Airforce.

Les saw service in North Africa and in Italy and returned home in 1946. He re enlisted in 1946 for a three year hitch and it was during this time, 1947 that he met and married Margaret, the girl from the next town. When his time was up, Les returned to the Lansing area to work for General Motors. Since he had maintained status in the Airforce reserves, he was an easy call to service in 51-52 and among several places in the U.S., he and Margaret spent time in Panama. After about 9 years of service, Les turned his effort to the car industry where he completed 15 years of work.

In 1964 he decided to go into business for himself as an interior decorator and he is presently, semi-retired, still caring for some of his long time customers.

Les joined the Kiwanis Club of Holt in 1964 and now has 29 years of membership. He served faithfully as club president in 1972-73 and later served the division as a "Distinguished Lt. Governor" in 1986-87. It was Governor Andy Bryan who first asked Les to serve at the District level as Chm. of Community Services and Les continued to serve several chairmanships since that time.

He was elected as division representative to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation in 1979 and continued on the foundation until 1988-89. During that tenure, he served as president in 1984-85.

In 1989, Les responded to the call to become the District's chairman to the Kiwanis International Foundation, and still serves in that capacity. His drive for excellence has seen Michigan continue to be outstanding in the support given to the K.I.F. Les never fails to remind Kiwanians that we have a need to support both the Michigan and International Foundations.

Les and Margaret have two married daughters and three grandchildren.

For his many years of good and faithful service to Kiwanis, at all levels, his many friends in the Michigan District have completed the necessary items to name LESLIE D. TURNER as a **"DISTINGUISHED KIWANIAN - KIWANIS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION"** the highest honor awarded within the Michigan District. and have placed his name in the Frank O. Staiger - Distinguished Kiwanian Books that are on display in the Michigan District offices.

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