



Roger Dykhuis



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Golden K Kiwanis Club

of GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

ROGER F. DYKHUIS - DISTINGUISHED KIWANIAN - KIWANIS OF MI FOUNDATION

Never ask Roger Dykhuis to do something - unless - you are prepared to have your request back to you faster than you ever expected. And the task completed will include much more than asked for. Roger has demonstrated repeatedly that he not only gets the jobs completed but extends the scope of the assignment with much creativity.

His contribution to his home club, Golden K of Grand Rapids and the Michigan District, have been extensive since joining in 1981 as member #30, after the club had been chartered.

- 1985/86 President of Golden K earning "Distinguished".
- 1988/89 Lt. Governor of Divn. #14 earning "Distinguished".
- 1990/91 MI Dist. Chrmn. of Membership Growth & Retention.
- 1993/94 MI Dist. Chrmn. of Council of Past Lt. Governors.
- 1994 Awarded Hixon Fellowship #1808.
- 1995 Awarded Kiwanis of MI Foundation Distinguished Kiwanian.
- 1995/96 MI Dist. Chrmn. of Membership Retention.

He has also been a delegate to many MI District Conventions as well as some Kiwanis International Conventions.

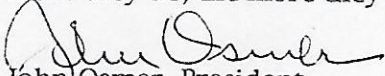
Roger's contributions to the Golden K Club of Grand Rapids have been enormous. The following are a few of the most noteworthy:

- * Preparation of a 28 page history of the club as "Historian".
- * Introduction of the use of "Stars & Circles" on membership badges to recognize services rendered by members.
- * Use of "Numbered Color Coded Table Designators" to assure members sit at different tables each week to eliminate cliques.
- * Over the years, serving as chairman of Club Programs, Education, Growth & Retention and as Historian.
- * Participation in club activities including: Immunization Program, Special Olympics, Roger's Dept. Store Fishing Derby & Christmas Shopping, Salvation Army Bell Ringing & delivering "Gifts of Cheer", publishing the Photo Directories of GK of GR, Adopt-A-Road Clean-up, being "Grandpa" to 3rd & 4th Grade Children with Learning Disabilities & other events.

Roger's dedication to the service of others is not limited to Kiwanis activities.

He has served the American Red Cross as a driver one day a week for the past 14 years. In 1987, he was awarded the ARC Nancy Evenson Award for "Voluntary Contributions in Community Service Programs". In 1991, the Grand Rapids branch of the Red Cross established the Roger F. Dykhuis Annual Award for Voluntary Services in the Transportation Dept. In 1995, he was presented the John P. Otte Award at the Red Cross honor banquet for Outstanding Voluntary Contribution in the Community.

His advice to all Kiwanis leaders is: "Keep members involved and your club will grow. At our club we call on members to contribute...whether it is to be working on a committee or project, invocator, song leader, or parking lot attendant...the more they do, the more they enjoy the Kiwanian experience."


John Osmer, President

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