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Dedicated husband and father, creative craftsman, outdoorsman, hard-working entrepreneur, loyal Kiwanian, and distinguished Lt. Governor only partly describe Norman L. Johncock.

Although a native son born on a farm in Barry county, he has seen his share of the rest of the world. After graduating from Delton High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving on active duty for two years and reserve duty for seventeen more.

He worked on the construction of the interstate highway system, not only in Michigan, but as far away as Flagstaff, Arizona.

He has been married to wife Donna since 1950. They have three sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren.

Along the way, he purchased Countrymaid Bakery and served as chief baker and pastry chef, many times working all night, but still sleepily attending his noon Kiwanis meeting. He played a major role in organizing the Southwest Michigan Chapter of the American Chefs Association in 1971, became a charter member, and served as its president in 1980, treasurer in 1982, and was named Chef of the Year in 1981.

He is an active member and greeter at Prairie Edge Christian Reformed Church.

Hunting, fishing, bowling and golf are among his many interests. He originated the annual golf outing in 1983 to benefit the Kalamazoo Police Academy Scholarship Fund. He has a long record of community service both in and out of Kiwanis, but his dedication to Kiwanis is what distinguishes him the most.

He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Portage in 1968, and served as its president twice. He also was an active board member and regularly served on various club committees, including the annual Fourth of July celebration. He was a charter member of the Kalamazoo County Golden K Kiwanis Club and served as the club's charter president. He became a Distinguished Lt. Governor for his service to Division Thirteen in 1997-98. He has been a tireless worker on behalf of Kiwanis activities on the local, division, and district level.

Typical of his creative initiatives is the design and development of a distinctive bow string necktie, featuring a polished Petoskey stone etched with the Kiwanis emblem. All profits from the sale of these creations are donated to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation.

His energy and dedication to Kiwanis are qualities that truly make Norman L. Johncock a distinguished Kiwanian.