



Jim Matthews



KIWANIS CLUB OF SAGINAW NORTHWEST

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

The members of the Saginaw Northwest Kiwanis are proud to donate \$1,000 to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and provide Jim Matthews the honor of being a "Distinguished Kiwanian". Jim has served his club with distinction since becoming a member on November 1, 1975.

Jim has served in a leadership position for twenty and one-half years out of his twenty-five years as a member of Saginaw Northwest. He moved through the chairs quickly and became President for the 1979-1980 administrative year. Following Jim's term as President, he not only provided leadership to the club as Past President during 1980-1981 but also became the club Secretary/Treasurer. He served in this position through 1982-1983. In 1983-1984 he did not serve as Secretary/Treasurer but remained on the Board of Directors. Jim returned to the Secretary/Treasurer position during 1984-1985 and served with dedication until April 2000.

Jim's administrative and leadership skills were outstanding, and he provided wise counsel to twenty club presidents. Jim was diligent in maintaining thorough financial records for Saginaw Northwest. He also took great pride in noting the community service record of our club and submitting the monthly reports in a timely manner. Jim made sure that his club developed and maintained a balanced record of service in all four categories promoted by Kiwanis International.

Jim has always rolled up his sleeves and participated in Saginaw Northwest's fundraisers and service projects. Whether it was selling raffle tickets for our annual fundraiser, working on the Academic Olympics, delivering food baskets, or ringing bells at Christmas time; Jim was there to serve. His commitment to service was exemplified by his work last year on a major club project. Jim and his wife, Jean, helped direct traffic at a local soccer tournament on the same day they were moving into a new home!

The theme for this year in the Michigan District under Governor Ben Probert's leadership is "Service with Heart". Jim Matthews has put his heart into twenty-five years of service as a member of Saginaw Northwest Kiwanis and is deserving of the designation as "Distinguished Kiwanian".