

Harold F. Pletz

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## CHARLEVOIX KIWANIS YOUTH FOUNDATION



THE SWEETEST CLUB IN THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

PRODUCERS OF THE FAMOUS KIWANIS MAPLE SYRUP

The officers and board of directors of the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix nominate Harold F. Pletz as a Distinguished Kiwanian. During his 51 years of perfect attendance, he has excelled at demonstrating Kiwanis leadership and service in the communities where he lived, E. Lansing and Charlevoix, in the Michigan District and for Kiwanis International.

His Kiwanis' service started when he became a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of E. Lansing in November, 1949. Subsequently he was that club's president and in 1958, Lt. Governor for that district. Harold was then elected Governor for the Michigan District in 1961. The following year, he was appointed to the International Committee on Youth Services. In August, 1963, the E. Lansing club presented Harold with the Distinguished Service Award.

Harold joined the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix in 1983 and has served it very well since then. He was a Distinguished President in 1996/1997 and Distinguished Secretary in 1999/2000. Other recent Kiwanis awards that Harold has received are his Hixson Fellow award and the Legion of Honor for 50 years of membership!

Throughout Harold's membership in Kiwanis, when he perceived there was a challenge that needed to be met, he would volunteer his services. More recently that occurred when we had a vacancy for club president in the Charlevoix club and subsequently for club secretary, and he volunteered himself and served well in both capacities.

On a personal note, Harold, and his wife, Fran, have been married for 60 years. They have five children, 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Professionally, Harold owned and managed an automobile service and body repair business in E. Lansing. He was also active in the political community, including serving as mayor of E. Lansing. With all his Kiwanis, family and other interests, Harold has devoted time for his spiritual beliefs with his membership and service to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

In closing, as Harold reflects over all on his experience as a Kiwanian, he considers it a distinct privilege to have known the founder of Kiwanis International, Harry Young. In fact, he and Fran had entertained him several times in their home.

For all the above reasons and more, we, the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix, nominate Harold F. Pletz, as a Distinguished Kiwanian.

Most Sineerely,

William W. Lovett

President

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