

Joan Van Arsdalen

Frank O. Staiger Distinguished Kiwanian Award
Presented by the 2010 Class of Lt. Governors To Governor Joan VanArsdalen

Joan VanArsdalen has been a member of the Hillsdale Kiwanis Club since 1999. She was recruited by then club president, husband Bill VanArsdalen.

After a term on the board of directors she entered the leadership path to become Club President and did so in both 2002 and 2003, earning Distinguished status.

In 2005 Joan was Lt. Governor of Division 11, serving under then Governor Chuck Kincaid. She again earned Distinguished status. From 2005-2008 She was a constant companion and support to husband Bill during his time in the Governor stream, and if there was a distinguished honor for First Lady, we're certain she would have received it.

Joan has been awarded Kiwanian of the year twice by her club, she is a Diamond level 3 Hixson fellow, Michigan Foundation Tablet of Honor recipient, and has over 11 years of perfect attendance. She is also the Kiwanis Advisor to the Davis Middle School Builder's Club, the Hillsdale HS Key Club, and the Aktion Club of Hillsdale County.

Joan was determined to continue helping to move Kiwanis forward and was elected to the office of Governor Elect for the 2008-2009 year, and Governor for 2009-2010.

Joan has been an outstanding servant leader throughout her carrier and her life as a Kiwanian. It is this continuous dedication and commitment to the Kiwanis mission, her guidance and support for the leadership teams, and her endearing friendship that leads the 2010 class of Lt. Governors to make this gift in honor of Governor Joan VanArsdalen.