



*Linda I. Lawther*



Linda Ilene Lawther  
MA Leadership, BA, NHA, CALD

Linda joined the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti in 1998, sponsored by Christopher Janowiak. Linda quickly became active in the club, serving as chair of the Young Children Priority One Committee for several years. She served as Vice President, President-Elect, and then President 2006-2007. She started her presidency early following the untimely death of the clubs president, Jerry Jackson. She held the past-president's office for two years after her presidency. Following the example of those who mentored her, Linda has and continues to mentor members that strive to take leadership roles in her club.

Linda served as Distinguished Lt. Governor of Division 10 during 2009-2010. During this year Linda instituted a division wide One Day event and helped to develop the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aktion clubs with-in Washtenaw County – St. Louis Center Aktion club and Saline Young Adults Aktion Club after previously helping to develop the WISD Aktion Club in Ann Arbor. Linda made numerous friends during her year as Lt. Governor viewing this role as an opportunity to counsel and assist the clubs in Division 10.

Linda started her service at the Michigan District level as Assistant to the Action Club Chair & zone advisor in 2010-2011 and as Site Coordinator for Key Leader also in 2011. Linda became District Chair of Education and Club Leadership Development a bit early in 2011, continuing in that capacity as of this writing.

Linda has been the President/CEO of the Michigan Center for Assisted Living (a division of the Health Care Association of Michigan) since 2000 where she is an industry expert in Assisted Living. Linda received her Bachelor of Arts in Management of Health Services with Certification in Gerontology from Spring Arbor University and earned a Masters in Leadership degree from Bellevue University. Linda holds a Nursing Home Administrator (NHA) license and is a Certified Assisted Living Director (CALD).

Linda has a passion for leadership development in her career as well as in her volunteer endeavors, speaking locally and nationally on assisted living, leadership development, Biblical studies (for women's groups) and service.

Linda has a strong belief in appropriate prioritization - God, Family, Service. Linda has been married happily to Jeffrey Lawther for 31 years. Together they have raised a wonderful daughter, Melody and a great son, Joshua – both of whom are happily married. Linda is very proud to be grandmother ("Emma") to three grandsons and a granddaughter.