



Dr. David E. Wagoner

KIWANIS CLUB OF OSCODA

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The Kiwanis Club of Oscoda, Board of Directors and the club members, are honored to nominate one of our outstanding Kiwanians and community leaders, Dr. Darwin E. Wagoner, for the Forney W. Clement "Distinguished Kiwanian Award."

Dr. Wagoner was President-Elect for 1976-77. He was an active member for over 18 years. His participation exemplified the highest objectives of Kiwanis. Despite the heavy work load of a general practitioner, Dr. Wagoner supported and helped guide many service projects for the poor and elderly.

Born on November 12, 1899, in Marshall, Michigan, he had a full and diversified career. In World War I, he served with the Marines in France and was wounded at the Battle of Soissons. Later he was with the Second Division and they were first in the race to reach the Rhine. He then spent nine months with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

After the war, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University and his Master of Arts degree from the University of Detroit.

On August 12, 1924, he married Bernice Raycraft. Their home was in Dearborn, where he taught high school science. They were blessed with a son, Alan, and two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Kutsche and Mrs. Carol Wagner.

After teaching in the Detroit area for 17 years, he entered Wayne University Medical School. Upon graduation, he served an internship at Highland Park General Hospital.

During World War II, he enlisted in the Air Force, took additional training at the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and qualified as a Flight Surgeon. He was stationed at Hamilton Field, California, Newark Army Air Field, New Jersey, and Bedford Army Air Field, Massachusetts. In 1947, Dr. Wagoner left active service, but remained on reserve status.

Wanting to serve where the need was critical, he settled in Lincoln, Michigan, which had no doctor. He joined the staff of Alpena General Hospital in Alpena, Michigan, and made a trip of 60 miles daily to see his patients. Office hours were afternoon and evening. In the tradition of the rural family doctor, Dr. Wagoner made home and emergency calls and refused no one.

In 1958, Dr. Wagoner joined his son-in-law, Dr. W. F. Blake Kutsche, in practice in Oscoda, Michigan. He became a member of the staff of Tawas St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City and served a year as Chief of Staff.

In 1972, Dr. Wagoner was made a Charter Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians at a ceremony held in New York City. This required 600 hours of post graduate study.

Dr. Wagoner's long and distinguished career ended suddenly with his death on September 1, 1976. He had made his hospital rounds that day, attended a Kiwanis Inter-club in Tawas the day before, and was in attendance at the Oscoda Kiwanis Club when he suffered the fatal attack.