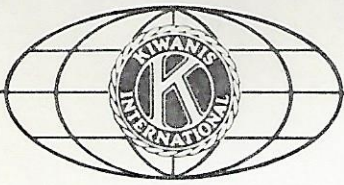




Frank M. Van Tassel



A TRIBUTE TO FRANK M. VAN TASSEL

Frank was a Charter Member of our Suburban Kalamazoo Kiwanis Club. He had served in every office of our club including the Presidency in 1955. He was a member of the Board of Directors and was General Chairman of our annual Anniversary Party.

Van was a champion of the needs of children, particularly the underprivileged and the afflicted. His special forte in Kiwanis service was carried out in our club through his membership on committees for Boys and Girls and Vocation Education.

He completed an extended term as President of the Forney Clement Foundation, an organization sponsored by Kiwanis, caring for the recreational needs of disabled children both at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor and the Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was a twenty year member of the Board at Lakeside Home for Boys and Girls and served as Vice-President.

Van had many admirable qualities which endeared him to those who had the privilege of knowing him. He was understanding, patient, compassionate and sympathetic. He could talk with a person whom he had not seen before and in a few moments would be regarded as an old friend. When the occasion required he could be direct, forceful, and inspire the confidence of others. Above all he was a kindly comprehending listener, giving advice and counsel whenever or wherever needed. He was extremely knowledgeable and gave freely of his talents and his time and his money, particularly for those less fortunate.

Van was a professional adjuster with national recognition in many fields. As Director of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Kalamazoo, his counsel, his knowledge of the Community and his wide acquaintanceship were of particular benefit to the Association.

The Suburban Kiwanis Club of Kalamazoo has perpetuated his memory with "Project Van", which provides wheelchairs and walkers for the handicapped. In addition to this tribute to the Forney Clement Foundation, the Club has honored Van with a Memorial Fellow in the Kiwanis International Foundation.

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Richard W. Prey, Secretary  
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