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Mr. Richard S. DeCoursey was born in London, Ontario at the turn of the century. He spent his early years in and around London and graduated from high school in the small Ontario town of Lucan. Shortly thereafter he migrated to the Detroit area where he obtained his higher education, graduating from the College of the City of Detroit in 1923 and from the Detroit College of Law in 1928 with a degree of Bachelor of Law. He subsequently obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence.

The Law and Kiwanis have been a big part of his life most of the years since. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and qualified to practice before the Federal Courts in 1929. From 1937 to 1945 he was an Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor and thereafter in private practice. Although presently semi-retired he acts as counsel to the Dearborn law firm of Smith, Poplar, Kalis & Pepper. He is a lifetime member of the State Bar of Michigan.

He married Helen Atkinson of Atlanta, Georgia in 1929 and began raising his family, consisting of a son and daughter. With his young and growing family and his law practice to keep him busy he took on the added responsibilities of a Kiwanian by joining the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn in July of 1934. For 46 years he has labored in the cause of Kiwanis. His active Kiwanian career has seen him elected to the Club's Board of Directors, 2nd and 1st Vice-Presidencies and eventually to the top post of President in 1943. For more years than most of us in Dearborn Kiwanis can remember he has been Chairman of our By-Laws & Rules Committee acting as the Club's parliamentarian at all elections.

In the past he has also been active in Kiwanis beyond the Club level. He was a member of the International Laws & Regulations Committee in 1942 and Chairman of the District Laws & Regulations Committee in 1943.

Richard S. DeCoursey is a gentleman in the true sense of the word whose lifestyle reflects the idealism of the Objects of Kiwanis. The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn is proud to designate this worthy representative as a Distinguished Kiwanian.