



Gil Zitzelsberger



GILBERT H. (GIL) ZITZELSBERGER, GOVERNOR 1979-80
NOMINATED BY THE CLUBS OF DIVISION 5

Gil was born in Buffalo, New York, December 14, 1929. He was raised in Cheektowaga, New York, and graduated from the Pine Hill High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Buffalo; a Master of Education from the former Wayne University; and a Juris Doctor from Detroit College of Law.

He served six years a Chairman of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Southgate; eight years on the Board of Directors of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod; and four years on its Commission of Adjudication. He served as parliamentarian for the Church's national convention in New Orleans, 1972. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Children's Friend Society of Michigan; the Board of Management of the Downriver YMCA; the Advisory Board of Directors of the Detroit Area Council, B.S.A. He is a former Scoutmaster and is himself an Eagle Scout.

Gil is a former practicing attorney and for nineteen years was a part-time municipal judge for the City of Riverview. Since 1977 he has been a district judge for the 27th Judicial District of Michigan. He served as president of the Wayne County Judges Association 1979 and the Michigan Association of Municipal Judges 1975-76.

Gil joined the Kiwanis Club of Trenton in 1959. He became a charter member of the Riverview club in 1967. He served as its president for 1971-72. He earned the Distinguished Lieutenant Governor designation in Division 5 for 1976-77. He served the Michigan District of Kiwanis as District Chairman for Major Emphasis Program 1977-78; Governor-Elect for 1978-79; and Governor for 1979-80. He is a Life Fellow of the Kiwanis International Foundation. He has eighteen years perfect attendance.

He married Evelyn A. Rofot on April 6, 1951, at Cheyenne, Wyoming. They have five children: Paul, who is a teacher in Tigard, Oregon; Mark, who has an insurance business in Mount Pleasant; Ruth, who is a secretary; Joan, who is a bank teller; and Gail, who is in the 9th grade.

Presented: August 16, 1980