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David Laird was introduced to Kiwanis in Dexter, Michigan in 1999. His sponsor was Joe Medrano, a Kiwanian who found the qualities of a new and valuable member.

David was in the club only a year before he became a part of the Board of Directors as a Secretary for two years and then continued up the chairs to become a strong president with a knack of getting people to volunteer for projects. He was twice president, once in '02-'03 and again in '07-'08 following that with becoming the treasurer from then until the club eventually disbanded.

At the time of his joining, the size of the Dexter Kiwanis Club was more intimate than it had been in past years, having suffered the downturn of economics and the consequential loss of membership that results from such financial hardships. However, the Dexter Club maintained a good solid relationship in the community with hopes of membership increase. He did his share of seeking new and younger members, right along with any of the other members of the club. David continued on the Board in succeeding years by becoming treasurer, and became the first treasurer to bring the club's accounting into the computer age, and also established the continuity of the club's website page.

As years continued, under the administration of several presidents, David continued as treasurer as well as being willing to assist in every project of the club and still perform his duties reliably. He also could be relied upon for interclubs whenever someone was needed.

The Dexter Club had acquired a trailer for food service, and besides serving in the wagon at every event, he also became responsible for all of the repairs and maintenance whenever and wherever the need arose.

David had retired from his software engineering employment and continued to be a hard worker for the Dexter Club even though he created his own business of home and business repairs. In the meantime, as the club became smaller through attrition, and fewer members could take on the positions, David also assumed a second office, that of Secretary, the most difficult two jobs of a club and brought that office also into computer processing. He chaired several committees including years for the annual Halloween party, golf outing fundraiser for the Michigan Foundation, and several additional years as Dictionary project Chairman. "Warm The Children" project always found him willing to assist several family shopping occasions.

He was also instrumental in the administrative budget improvement by helping to secure members to drive golf carts for the handicapped at the Michigan International Speedway. This made the administrative account more solvent.

Eventually, in 2012, the club approached its final days of existence, but it might be very easy to prove that if it were not for the diligence, leadership, and reliability of David Laird, the club would have met its demise three or four years earlier. His efforts and encouragement kept it alive longer.

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