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Through the support of Kiwanis Clubs of the Michigan District, the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, Susan A. "Sue" Petrisin presented at the Michigan District Convention of Kiwanis International in August, 2015, in Detroit, Michigan, the Frank O Staiger, Distinguished Kiwanian Award. This award was presented in recognition and celebration of Sue's, election as president of Kiwanis International in June 2015 at the 100th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Sue is the first woman in Kiwanis International's history to serve in this role.

Sue brings to the presidency 28-years of service through her membership in the Kiwanis Club of East Lansing, Michigan, where she served as Circle K International and Key Club International advisor and sponsored youth committee chairman. In addition, she earned honors as distinguished president of the East Lansing Club in 1995-96. Sue has given leadership for many areas of the International Board's activities, including the global campaign for children, The Eliminate Project, during its initial year, and overseeing the Service Leadership programs. While on the international board, Sue served as board counselor to Key Club and member of the Education, Governance, Programs and Partnerships Committee, Executive, and Audit and Finance Committees as well as board counselor to nine different districts. At the district level, she served as governor in 2001-02, chairwoman of the strategic planning committee, CKI and Key Club administrator. Sue's Kiwanis family life began as a teen-ager in Alpena, Michigan, becoming Key Club governor in 1979-80 and Key Club district secretary/treasurer in 1978-79. Upon arriving at Michigan State University, she joined Circle K which lead her to being Michigan Circle K distinguished governor in 1984 and CKI Vice President in 1985-86. She is the first person in Kiwanis International's history to serve as Key Club Governor, Circle K Governor and Kiwanis Governor and now adding to that Kiwanis International President.

A life member with 28 years of perfect attendance, Sue has received high level honors from Kiwanis International Foundation as a George F. Hixson Fellow, a charter Walter Zeller Fellow as well as a recipient of the foundation's Tablet of Honor and a member of Kiwanis International Foundation's Heritage Society. She also served as foundation trustee from 2006-09. She was a member of the Key Leader Advisory Council and a Key Leader lead facilitator. Before her election as trustee, she served on the international committee on leadership education. Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation is honored to add the Frank O. Staiger Distinguished Kiwanian Award to these honors.

Sue holds a master's degree in human resources and labor relations and bachelor's degrees in food science and dietetics from Michigan State University, East Lansing and is currently Director of Programming for Alumni Association at MSU.