



*Rosemary Robbins*



## Rosemary Robbins Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven



I can say it best paraphrasing the poet Ernest Lawrence Thayer.... The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine (or rather the Woodhaven twenty-nine that day). The score stood four to two, with the President-Elect, Vice President-Elect, and Secretary-Elect all resigning that day! Uncle Sam closed down the Woodhaven Kiwanis Foundation, and the Fifth/Third Bank was stamping their checks ISF. Fans were leaving the stands, as the mighty Rosemary Robbins picked up the bat. To many, it was looking bleak, as Rosemary stepped up to the plate. Many were talking of Mudville demise as the pitcher wound up. The mighty Rosemary connected with that ball, as it crossed the plate...the crack of the bat and ball were heard around the Michigan District as the ball sailed over the fence. The rest is history!

From that home run, the Woodhaven Kiwanis grew. Three years later, the Woodhaven twenty-nine is now the Woodhaven thirty-nine under the leadership of Coach Rosemary. Once again, Kiwanis is fun. Projects like both our membership and our financial reserves are growing. Rosemary's motto is "less time articulating Kiwanis in Meetings, more time demonstrating Kiwanis in the Community."

The scorebook shows many projects:

- The Kiwanis Little Library is serving the literacy needs of our Community at Woodhaven's Splash park, and another Little Library on the way!
- Pillows, all sort of pillows, for the community. Pillows for the veterans at Piquette Square and pillow cases for the pediatric patients at Northern McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.
- Our shower for the Child and Family Life Department at Mott Hospital has grown to 270 guests raising over \$8,400 for Child and Family Life.
- Our community bus program continues to reach new heights of service. TWO new buses have recently been delivered to the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven. In 2015-16, the Kiwanis buses traveled 20,440 miles carrying 17,689 riders.
- A revitalization of our Club's golf outing has seen it grow both in golfers and profits.
- Kids against Hunger involves 500 students and prepares over 30,000 meals.

And, Kiwanis is as It should be, FUN!