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Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation Frank O. Staiger - Distinguished Kiwanian

We are excited to pay tribute to our Kiwanis friend Woodhaven City Councilman Darrel Penix. Today, Darrel completes his commitment to serve as President of the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven.

Darrel trained hard for the position of Club President. As President-Elect, he often called our meetings to order and sometimes adjourned. Our President, Madam X was transitioning to a new job Downtown and racing to get to our weekly meeting on a closed south bound I-75.

During President Darrel's term as President ... he thought outside the box and made things happen. As our annual shower for Child and Family Life at C. S. Mott Hospital, out grew its current and third venue with 350 guests, it was Darrel who came up with a location for 500 guests next year.

When the opportunity to support our Club's activities through additional Texas Hold'em dates, President Darrel lined up the workers. And few say No to Darrel. He made the week end after the 4th of July and the week end after Thanksgiving work. When President Darrel postponed his annual trek to Florida by three days...no one cannot give up a couple of hours!

Managing 45 members ranging in age from 18 to 88, multiple signature projects, serving the youngsters of four area School Districts, and two Kiwanis buses is a challenge.

This year, under Darrel's Leadership:

- We established the Chris Cassette Memorial Golf Outing raising over \$13,500^{oo} for our community.
- The Kiwanis buses traveled 17,448 miles, took 334 trips, and served 3,884 passengers.
- Under Nicole Garland's leadership, we participated in the Cereal Drive for Children's Hospital.
- We included Southgate Schools in our Kids Against Hunger Program packing 34,500 meals
- Both Trenton Schools and Southgate Schools participated in our 4th Grade Essay Contest along with Woodhaven-Brownstown and Gibraltar Students.
- When a member of our Club had her fifth hip replacement, Darrel "found" a motorized scooter for her.

President Darrel....Thank you for your valued leadership and friendship.

Paul & Louisa Elsey Wednesday, September 26, 2018