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We are excited to have the opportunity to pay tribute to a great Kiwanian and friend, Kelly Dougherty, one of the founding members of the Metro Detroit Young Professionals Kiwanis Club. She does fantastic work with Kiwanis, not only through direct volunteering but also by inspiring and encouraging others to get involved.

Kelly Dougherty first joined the Kiwanis Family 14 years ago as a Key Clubber at Lake Orion High School, where she served as Club Secretary her senior year. After graduating, she joined Circle K at the University of Michigan- Ann Arbor. She jumped in right away by becoming a member of the Children's committee while feeling out the club. Later, Kelly served as the club's Bulletin Editor and later Club Secretary, going above and beyond her responsibilities by completing a couple HUNDRED hours of service in her senior year alone.

After leaving university, Kelly stay involved with the Kiwanis family by joining the Kiwanis Club of Madison Heights. She served as the club's Vice President for two years before co-founding the Metro Detroit Young Professional Kiwanis Club in 2015, the first club of its kind in the Michigan District. This club focused on recruiting younger members who's schedules did not align with traditional clubs or those who wanted to focus on giving their time as opposed to monetary donations due to student loans and other personal funding issues. This allowed young professionals who were not previously a part of Kiwanis to find a club of like-minded people dedicated to serving their community, while networking and making lifelong friends in the process.

Not only is Kelly a founding member of the Metro Detroit Young Professionals Kiwanis, but she also took on various leadership roles in the club, starting out as Vice President, followed by Club President, and then Immediate Past President from 2015-2017. Her passion for Kiwanis would not be contained within our club, as she is also active in the district where she served as Michigan District Formula Vice Chair last year and is currently the Lieutenant Governor of District 7. Kelly is also a common participant in club recruiting blitzes and a mentor to the new Young Professionals clubs in Lansing and Dearborn.

Kelly has shared on numerous occasions that she would not be the person she is today without Kiwanis. It is safe to say that the members of the Metro Detroit Young Professionals Kiwanis would not be the same group without her either.

Thank you, Kelly, for your dedicated leadership and passionate service to our club.

**The Metro Detroit Young Professionals Kiwanis Club**

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