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Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation
Frank O. Staiger - Distinguished Kiwanian

The 2020-2021 Class of Lt. Governors is please to present Governor Fran Babbage with the Frank O. Staiger Distinguished Kiwanian Award.

Governor Fran stepped into the top leadership role of the Michigan District of Kiwanis, as we were attempting to return to normal, however, the Covid Pandemic was not finished with us.

Among the many challenges on her "TO DO" list was finding appropriate uses for the books Kiwanians across the District had collected for the District Convention in an attempt to earn a spot in the Genius Book of World Records. Unfortunately, neither the convention nor the world record materialized.

Next on the long list was reuniting and reactivating Kiwanians around the Michigan District. Fran became a Zoom enthusiast. Dawning her head gear (earphone and microphone) she looked like a pilot as she visited and re-invigorated Kiwanis Clubs around the Michigan District.

Sometimes, Fran and Dave, ventured out in person. They visited one out-of-touch Club that was very angry with the "Governor" for her Covid regulations. Fran had to explain she was Governor Fran from the Michigan District of KIWANIS and not Governor Gretchen Whitmer from the State of Michigan.

Governor Fran re-energized the Michigan District with her Governor's Project "Children are our Future." She challenged us to do something new to improve the quality of life for youngsters in our local communities. Over 75 Club stepped up to meet the Governor's Challenge.

Fran and her team were able to return to an in person convention in August to complete her successful term as Governor

Her class of Lt. Governors thanks Governor Fran for her distinguished leadership during these very trying times. She was the glue that held Kiwanis together. Unquestionable, Governor Fran Babbage served one of the most challenging years in the history of the Michigan District of Kiwanis. Thank you!