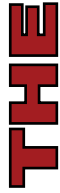


*Marge Ballheim*

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# Fantastic FIFTH

Michigan District of Kiwanis International

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Kiwanis Clubs of the Fifth Division of the Michigan District of Kiwanis International wish to nominate MARJORIE ANN (POLLARD) BALLHEIM for the Frank O. Staiger Distinguished Kiwanian Award. We believe that Marge Ballheim not only has demonstrated by her life the examples of a Distinguished Kiwanian but has lived the Kiwanis goals of leadership and service to others.

Following graduation from Germantown High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she joined the Philadelphia Girls Rowing Club where in her role as coxswain of the women's eight team she led her crew to regional and national distinguished race performances. In 1967, they were invited as the first United States woman's team to participate in the Women's European Rowing Championships at Vichy, France where they again distinguished themselves by receiving gold medals for their first-place wins in their race category.

In the mid 1970's, she met and married Clifford E. Ballheim and relocated to Ecorse, Michigan where she supported her husband and brother-in-law in the management of the Ballheim Funeral Home. Margorie Ballheim joined the Wyandotte branch of the women Soroptimist International Service Club. Marge also worked on Wyandotte Kiwanis 1000 Service projects in support of her husband in the mid-1980's. She became a member of the Kiwanis Club of Wyandotte in 1989 when this organization voted to admit women as full members.

Marge Ballheim established the Fantasy Travel Agency in Wyandotte in 1980 and began a multi-decade's career of helping local citizens to have an enjoyable and hassle-free vacation or journey. With her broad travel experience, she slowly became involved with traveling Kiwanians and assumed the role of "On To" Chairperson for the Michigan District of Kiwanis organizing travel to national, State, and later international meetings. She held this position for more than 22 years. She was Lt. Governor for the year 2010-2011 for Division 5 of the Michigan District of Kiwanis and has held numerous positions in her local Kiwanis #1000 Club including current Vice President and is the liaison to the Wyandotte High School Key Club.

We the undersigned believe that Marjorie A. Ballheim deserves the recognition of being a Distinguished Kiwanian from the Foundation of the Michigan District of Kiwanis International.

Sincerely,

Paul Elsey  
Past President, Kiwanis Michigan Foundation

Don Garvin  
Past President, Kiwanis Michigan Foundation