



MARK ARTHUR, Jr.

Mark Arthur, Jr. has been a very active member of Kiwanis International.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Russell, where he served as club president in 1969-70 and Division Lt. Governor in 1971-72.

Mark was active in the Kiwanis District serving as the Administrative Coordinator and District Chairman of Programs and Music as well as Kiwanis Kansas District Foundation Representative. Mark has been known for his outstanding record in the Kansas District for new club building. He was instrumental in building Kiwanis clubs within and outside of his Division (Quinter, Ellsworth, Lincoln, Ellis, and Phillipsburg). At the time only one of these clubs was built within his own Division'. The others were started in adjoining divisions.

Mark was elected Kiwanis District Governor in 1976-77. His outstanding accomplishments during the year were rewarded by receiving the Kiwanis International Distinguished Governor award. He was one of 12 International District Governors to receive this prestigious award that year.

In 1980, at the Kiwanis International convention Mark was elected to the Kiwanis International Board of Trustee and served two three year terms.

He was chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee helping to solve financial problems which Kiwanis had that year. During this time Mark was Counselor to many of the International Districts. He was assigned to Nebraska; Iowa; Louisiana- Mississippi; West Tennessee; Wisconsin-Upper Michigan; Utah-Idaho; Kansas; Rocky Mountain; Capital; Texas-Oklahoma; Andean-Central America; Florida; Pacific Northwest; and California –Nevada- Hawaii.

In 1983-84, at the International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona Mark Arthur was elected Kiwanis International Vice President. He was appointed to the Board Committee on Laws, Policies and Structure, and the Committee on Communications. Also, he was the Counselor to, Kiwanis sponsored Key Club International. He had a special assignment to study the operations of Rotary International and the special financed hearing on the research laboratory at Northwestern University.

In 1985, the Kansas District was proud and honored to present Mark Arthur, Jr. for the Office of Kiwanis International President at the 70th Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada. Mark was defeated by his good friend Anton J. “Tony” Kaiser of the New York District. The vote was very close. Mark represented the Kansas District well and has gone further than any other Kansan at the International level. He was involved with the move of the International Office from Chicago to Indianapolis, the financial problems which shook the organization at the Minneapolis Convention, the historic Reykjavik agreement between Kiwanis International and Kiwanis International-Europe.

Mark was involved in starting the first International Convention outside of North America which was in Vienna, the creation of a women’s organization sponsored by Kiwanis International, the adoption of a leadership training program for club and District officers, and including women in the restructure of the International Board.

His accomplishments at the Kiwanis International level were many.

Mark and his wife Judith have two children, Danica Lynn, and Mark David. Mark received a B.A. degree from Southwestern College, Winfield Kansas in 1962, and a Law Degree from Washburn University, Topeka, KS in 1965.

Mark is a partner in the law firm of [Thompson, Arthur & Davidson](#)

Mark has had active community participation as Municipal Judge for the city of Russell and worked with numerous community Youth programs. He served on group study exchange programs to Japan, was active in his church, professional organizations and the historical society.