

ELIOT H. POTTER

Eliot H. Potter has the distinction of being the second person to serve as Kansas Kiwanis District Governor (1987-88), President of the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation (1983-84) and Chairman of the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation Board (1985-86). He has been an outstanding dedicated Kiwanian that helped build the Kansas District into what it is today.

Eliot retired from the United States Air Force Reserve on September 30, 1964 in Topeka. He then continued flying charter, corporate and commuter flights from Topeka until he retired again in 1997. During that time he was Chief of Staff for the Kansas Secretary of State.

Eliot belongs to the Kiwanis Club of Topeka being President in 1968. He served as Lt. Governor for Division 11 in 1983-1984 and elected as District Governor in 1987-88. Eliot is well known at the International level and served on several International Committees. He was asked to serve on the International Steering Committee for the first World Wide Service Project Iodine Deficiencies Disorders. He also served as an Kiwanis International Foundation Trustee from 1996-1999.

At the District level, Eliot served as Secretary and Field Representative for the Kansas Foundation in 1980 and 1981. He continued up the line as First Vice President in 1983 and Foundation President in 1984. In 1984 he served on the Return of Gifts Commission with Don Mc Neal from Council Grove. Eliot continued on the Board and in 1985-86 became the Foundation Chairman of the Board in 1985-86.

Eliot was also active on various District Chairmanships such as Public Relations, Past District Governors Chair, along with History committee chair for two years from 2008 to 2010. Eliot focused on his perfect club attendance for many years and assisted in establishing the Kiwanis Topeka Foundation. Eliot is very proud of attending 30 International Conventions and most District Conventions.

Military and Civic Committees is something Eliot shines in. He is a Combat Air Museum Charter member and member of the first Board of Directors. He was

an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (Area 7 Chair, Webmaster), Washburn Alumni Association, Military Officers Association of America, MOAS Life Member, Military Relations Committee Member, Kaw Valley Chapter of MOAA, President 2002-2003 (Life Member), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Air Force Association Life Member.

When Eliot was President of the Kiwanis Club of Topeka he declared that the Club was 'to darn big' and created a committee to reduce the size of the club by a QUARTER OF A TON. Volunteers obtained this goal by pledging and reducing their weight. Perdue Graves reduced the most (35 lbs).