

DOROTHEA (DOT) M. LEAKEY

KANSAS DISTRICT OF KIWANIS HALL OF FAME - 2015

Dorothea was born on March 15, 1945 in Berwyn, Illinois. Her family moved to Louisburg, Kansas where Dot graduated from high school. She attended Wea Catholic Church.

Dot received a Bachelor Degree in Social Work and Sociology from Washburn University. She then went on to receive a Masters Degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Kansas. Her career was with the state of Kansas where she served in several positions – retiring as Director of Customer Relations.

Dot's exemplary service to Kiwanis has been exhibited for over twenty years in all levels of the organization – local, division, district, and International. She has served her local club of Berryton in many, varied offices to include President and Board of Directors. Her club has counted on and appreciated her leadership since becoming a Kiwanian in 1993.

Dot correspondingly has served Division 11 in various positions and has been selected as Division Kiwanian of the Year. Her dedication and commitment to Kansas Kiwanis has been evident for years. She was a distinguished Lt. Governor before serving as Governor in 2002-03. While Kansas Kiwanian Editor, she also completed the enormous task of compiling the District's 50th Year History Book.

Dot has held numerous other District positions to include District Secretary for five years. She served on the Golden Anniversary Committee and Foundation Achievement Awards Committee. Often, Dot has been a Work Shop Presenter at the District Conventions. She regularly attends District and International Conventions. Currently she is District Eliminate Coordinator, leading Kansas clubs in the International Program.

Likewise, Dot has served the Berryton, Kansas community in various ways: school board official (and President), Special Olympics coach, scout leader, CYO leader, etc. She continues to be actively involved in St. Matthew's Catholic Church. And, she was named Shawnee County Volunteer of the Year in 2014.

Dot has been recognized for her efforts in many ways by her community and by Kiwanis. She holds many awards to include the Hixson, Zeller and Centennial awards.

Dot and her husband, Don, have been married over 50 years. They are parents of four children and grandparents of 10 grandchildren.