



Be An Optimist Star

### GOVERNOR, KENNETH K. HUMMEL

Kenneth K. Hummel served the Iowa District as Governor for the 2000/2001 Optimist year with his First Lady Peg by his side. When he passed on June 1, 2020 he had amassed over 42 years of service as an Optimist with the Optimist Club of Council Bluffs. He Served a President of the Council Bluffs Optimist Club in 1985/1986 and he was a Distinguished Lt. Governor in 1988/1989. He then served as a second time in 1994/1995 and was a Distinguished/Outstanding Lt. Governor in 1998/1999.

Ken believed that Optimism needed to grow for the Youth of the World. He felt that if only each/every Optimist, for this one year, could all give a little more each day, every week, every month, all year we, as Optimists, could make this World a better place for our youth. This was his goal for the year as reigning Governor of the Iowa District which was also a continuation of his goals he worked to reach while being employed with the Council Bluffs Police Department.

He honestly believed that if these goals were met, then the youth of today will become good Optimists and good officers for the Iowa District Optimist organization and too the Local Clubs.

Ken's year was not as successful as he had hoped. Membership growth was a loss of 292 Members throughout the year. The challenge of building new clubs within Iowa was successful in the chartering of the Marshalltown Evening Club with an organization date of February 7, 2001 but three established Clubs were lost during this same year preventing Ken from seeing a year of positive growth. Like many of the Iowa District Governors, Ken saw success and setbacks, but he always had a smile for everyone.

Ken had a clever Bumble Bee (Hum'r) as his mascot depicting his love for helping children. He particularly loved his own children; Kristy of Council Bluffs, Twins Janette and Lanette of Raytown, MO and Frisco, TX. This love included his Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren and the many Nieces and Nephews.

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