

Kiwanis International Legion of Honor

The success of both Kiwanis International and the New York District of Kiwanis is largely due to the strong, effective, and active service of thousands of Kiwanians. Many of these dedicated individuals have achieved more than 25 years of service to Kiwanis, and they deserve recognition for helping make Kiwanis the great organization it is today.

The Legion of Honor Award of Kiwanis International has been created to assist in extending a token of appreciation to these Kiwanians, recognizing members with 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, and 75 years of service. Appropriate certificates and attractive lapel pins are available for presentation to those Kiwanians eligible, and may be purchased at a nominal cost. (See the official Supplies Catalog.)

The lapel pins are rhodium plated (with the exception of the 50-year pin, which is gold plated), and are of special design to denote the highest office held by the recipient (member, past president, past secretary, past lieutenant governor, past governor, past international officer), with the exception of the 60-year pin which is available with the designation of member, past president, or past secretary; the 65, 70 and 75-year pins are available with the designation of member only. Accompanying the lapel pin is a personalized certificate for the appropriate number of years, signed by the President and the Executive Director of Kiwanis International with provisions for the signatures of the recipients club president and secretary. There is a charge for this certificate when ordered separately.

Every Kiwanis Club should consider it a privilege to recognize its eligible members with the Legion of Honor award. Eligibility is based upon a Kiwanian having at least 25 years of membership, not necessarily consecutive, in one or more clubs. Having been recognized for 25 years of service, a member is again eligible to receive the Legion of Honor award when the individual achieves 30 years of membership, again at 35 years, and so on. A member is considered eligible if he or she is within six months of the required number of years.

Presentation of both the *Legion of Merit* and *Legion of Honor* awards is especially appropriate upon any one of the following occasions:

- ? The first meeting at which the member has achieved 5, 10, 15 or 20 years in eligibility for the Legion of Merit; or 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 or 75 years of eligibility for the Legion of Honor.
- ? On the anniversary of the recipients club.
- ? During the anniversary week of Kiwanis International.
- ? At the last meeting of the club administrative year.
- ? Special spouse nights.
- ? At the Governors Official visit.
- ? At the mid-winter and district conventions.
- ? At a division meeting.