



# Kiwaniis Ingersoll

“We Build.”

January 6, 2005

“When we build, let us think we build for ever.” John Ruskin 1819-1900



President Bill is seen presenting Doug German and his wife Eleanor with a memento recognizing Doug’s seventeen years of service to the Kiwanis community, local and international.

### December Christmas Meeting

The sixty-four Kiwanians and guests who attended our annual Christmas meeting enjoyed a lively meeting of good food, top-notch entertainment and information relative to the festive occasion. The “Empey Sisters” entertained us with their spirited renditions of many familiar Christmas carols and related tunes. Kiwanian Earle Wineberg explained, for our edification, the significance of the menorah in his religion as it relates to *Chanukah*, the eight day celebration usually held in December. The celebration recalls the Maccabean uprising against Antiochus IV who planned to convert the Jews by force to Greek polytheism. After the successful uprising in 165 B.C., the Jews returned to Jerusalem to find a sacked, burned Temple. On the twenty-fifth day of the Hebrew month, Kislev, Judah the Maccabee solemnly rededicated Zion’s Temple—lighting the lamps of a great menorah—and celebrated the beginning of a week-long festival. To this day, each *Chanukah*, Jews light candles for eight days—one the first evening, adding one light each night on the nine-branched menorah. A special ninth candle, called the *shammes* (servant), stands taller than the rest in the menorah and is used to light the others. This is interpreted to show that one can give love and light to others without losing any part of one’s own radiance. Chanukah is the only Jewish festival connected with a warring event, and it is a secular, not a religious celebration. A thank you goes out to Earle for bringing us to a new level of awareness.

### Special Events

#### Meeting Schedule

January 6, Lt. Governor’s Presentation  
January 13, Committees & Directors  
January 20, Elmhurst Dinner usual meeting time

**Birthdays**  
**None this week or next**

**Anniversaries**  
January 7, George & June Hammond

**Member Anniversary Inductions**  
Ernie Underwood 31 years 12/01/74

#### Special Notes

Poinsettias were presented to those honorary Kiwanians and several special guests who were with us at the Christmas meeting. Several other poinsettias were delivered to those Kiwanian widows who could not attend our Christmas gathering. An extra thank you goes to honorary **Kiwanian Harold Fryer** who gave us a donation to help with our community service projects. Harold was President of our club in 1964. A special poinsettia was presented to **Jean Hillis** who has supplied piano accompaniment to our meetings in the absence of Past President Kristy Van Kooten. Thank you Jean.

