

Division 41
CAL-NEV-HA DISTRICT
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

GOVERNER
REID ALLEN, JR'S Official Visit
Saddleback Kiwanis, Laguna Hills, Ca.

March 1, 1998

Award to
GEORGE E. WALN

GEORGE WALN IS HONORED WITH THE HIXSON FELLOWSHIP FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE. FOLLOWING A DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF THE FAMED DEPARTMENT OF WOODWINDS AT OBERLIN COLLEGE FOR 40 YEARS, AND A PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS AT USC AND CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY, HE JOINED SADDLEBACK KIWANIS IN 1974. FOR 11 YEARS HE WAS ADVISOR AND CHAIR OF THE EL TORO HIGH SCHOOL KEYWANETTES (NOW KIWIN'S), WHICH ATTRACTED 100 OR MORE GIRLS ANNUALLY AND WON NUMEROUS DISTRICT AWARDS. SINCE 1987 HE HAS BEEN A LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH, DIRECTOR AND TWICE PRESIDENT OF THE SADDLEBACK KIWANIS FOUNDATION, AND CHAIR FOR YEARS OF ITS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, AWARDING HUNDREDS OF SCHOLARSHIPS. WHEN GEORGE RETIRED FROM HIS KIWIN'S ROLE, THE EL TORO HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES, THANKED GEORGE BEFORE PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENT, FOR HIS PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HE HAD TOUCHED. THE SADDLEBACK CLUB HONORS GEORGE FOR HIS UNCOMPROMISING STANDARDS, HIS ABILITY TO MOTIVATE YOUTH, AND FOR HIS HABITUAL GENTLENESS AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS.

NOTE: The GEORGE F. HIXSON AWARD is the highest award given by the INTERNATIONAL KIWANIS FOUNDATION.

- Norman J. Newcomb, Lt. Gov.