Our New President, Clarence H. Decker

Elected president of the Foundation for the term August 1976 - August 1977, Clarence H. Decker will serve as the Foundation's eighth president.

President Decker is a native of Chester, Illinois, and a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. He owns and operates the Lewis & Clark Motor Lodge; Lewis & Clark Restaurant; Lewis & Clark Cinemas; and the Lewis & Clark Realty Co., in East Alton, Illinois. Prior to this he taught School in Chester, Illinois, and this was followed by service in the auditing department, International Shoe Co., St. Louis; Administrative Assistant at the International Shoe Company Tanneries, Wood River, Illinois; Vice President, E. H. Goulding's Sons Co., Alton Illinois; and Controller, The Commercial Co., also of Alton.

This busy man is deeply immersed in community responsibilities, and is a recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award of the Wood River (Illinois) Township Chamber of Commerce.

Clarence’s important past contributions have been: Member, Board of Directors, Alton-Wood River Community Chest; President, Wood River Planning Council; President, Wood River Lions Club; District Governor, Lions of Illinois; member, Lions Blind Activities Committee; Chairman, Lions of Illinois CARE Program; and an International Director, Lions International. He is a Trustee of the National Committee for Higher Education, and serves on the National Advisory Board, Valparaiso University. Decker has been a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank, Wood River, Illinois, and served as Chairman of the Board, Wood River Township Hospital.

Presently, in addition to serving as president and treasurer of our Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., he is serving as Treasurer, Executive Committee, Illinois T. B. and R. D. Association; member-, Wood River Lions Club; member, East Alton Rotary Club; President, Wood River Chamber of Commerce; Executive Committee, Piasa Council, Boy Scouts of America; and is a member of the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of Wood River, Illinois.
President Decker is married and has one son, Robert C. Decker of Wood River.

The Foundation is proud to have this active and outstanding citizen as our new president.

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