“He was a knowledgeable connoisseur of arts and letters and a student of current literature and life, he was a stimulating conversationalist, not unexpectedly a formidable opponent at "Scrabble," and withal a dedicated, affectionate, perceptive and successful teacher of singers.”
– Burton Garlinghouse, American Academy of Teachers of Singing and one of Professor Trump’s teachers.

Karl Trump served as President of NATS from 1970 to 1972. During his tenure, he transformed the tone of NATS from exclusive to inclusive, emphasizing the public benefits of the organization. He also served as secretary-treasurer of the North Central Ohio Chapter of which he was a charter member, lieutenant-governor for Ohio from 1964 to 1966, and national vice-president in charge of field activities from 1966 to 1970. He acted as co-chairman of the program committee for the silver anniversary convention in Cleveland.

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He began teaching singing at the College of Wooster (Ohio) in 1949 and continued there until his death in 1976. A scholarship fund in his name was established at the college. His career as a singer included appearances in summer theater, on CBS network radio, and in several church and temple solo positions in the New York area while he was student there. In his northern Ohio years, he was heard in oratorio and recitals at his college and elsewhere in the area.

In addition to voice teaching and choral conducting he talk a “Great Books” course and was the director of the Liberal Studies program at the college.
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