

**C. CONNIE DE LA GARZA
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

C. Connie de la Garza, of Harlingen, Texas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 82nd International Convention, held in San Diego, California, USA, June 28-July 2, 1999.

Past Director de la Garza is mayor of Harlingen, Texas, USA and a real estate broker.

A member of the Harlingen Lions Club since 1968, with 31 years perfect attendance, Past Director de la Garza has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, district governor and multiple district membership chair.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director de la Garza has received numerous awards including two Lion of the Year Awards, a Lion of the Decade Award, the Texas Lions Fellow Award, induction into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame, two Extension Awards, the District Governor's Excellence Award, the 100% District Governor Award, three International President's Leadership Awards and the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director de la Garza is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is on the board of regents for Texas State Technical College. He has also served as Harlingen City Commissioner, chairman of the Valley International Airport Board, chairman of the Harlingen Economic Development Board, past president of Bonham Elementary Parent Teacher Association and past vice chairman of the Harlingen Industrial Foundation, Inc.

Past Director de la Garza and his wife, Lisa, also a Lion, have two sons and two daughters.

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