

**EDWARD R. GEAR**  
**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Edward R. "Ed" Gear, of Eugene, Oregon, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 80th International Convention, held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, June 30-July 5, 1997. He served on the Membership Committee his first year and as chairperson of the Service Activities Committee his second year.

Past Director Gear joined the Eugene River Road, Oregon, Lions Club in 1971. He has also been a member of the Hinesville, Georgia, Lions Club and the South Salem, Oregon, Lions Club, where he served as district governor. He is currently a member of the Eugene Downtown, Oregon, Lions Club. Past Director Gear served as Campaign SightFirst district chairperson, multiple district council chairperson, multiple district leadership chairperson and multiple district Train the Trainer. He also served as a trustee of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the 100% District Governor's Award, an Extension Award, an International President's Leadership Award, six International President's Certificates of Appreciation, three International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association to its members. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and received the Helen Keller Benefactor Award from the Lions of Oregon. The Lions of California presented him with a Helen Keller Fellow Award and the Lions of Texas made him a lifetime member of the Texas Lions Camp. He has also received many professional awards, including the Legion of Merit from the United States Army and the Distinguished Service Award from the Governor of Oregon.

Past Director Gear is a graduate of Texas A & M University and the University of Oregon. He and his wife, Elaine, have been married for 50 years and have three daughters, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is retired from the United States Army and the real estate business.

Past Director Gear continues to serve Lions Clubs International as a member of the faculty of the Lions Leadership Institutes (nine institutes), general chairperson of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno, Nevada, on the faculty of the Lions Clubs International District Governor-elect School (five years) and is currently a Campaign SightFirst II national coordinator.

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