

**CHARLES E. KOSTRO**  
**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Charles E. Kostro, of Acton, Massachusetts, 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.

Past Director Kostro is a retired engineering program manager.

A member of the Acton Lions Club since 1970, Past Director Kostro has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair and district governor. He served as director, secretary, vice president and president of the Massachusetts Lion Eye Research Fund Inc. and, in 1990, initiated a District Youth Speech Program and set a district record for eye research donations. He has also served as a District Governor Elect Seminar group leader, an International Convention Election Committee chairman, a Lions Leadership Institute faculty member, a LCIF September 11 Central Steering Committee member, USA/Canada Planning Committee member and Key Leader for the North American Healthy Club Initiative. He is currently serving as a member of the Women's Eye Health Task Force Advisory Board based at The Schepens Eye Research Institute. He also served as Host Chairperson for the Lions Club International Convention in Boston in 2006 and as General Chairperson for 2009 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis, Tennessee, USA. He is currently serving as the LCIF Coordinator for MD 33.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, a Key Member Award, the Top Ten International Understanding and Cooperation Award, numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, eight International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has received the Dr. Charles L. Schepens Lifetime Award for Dedication to Eye Research.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Kostro is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has received a Managerial Instructor Award from Honeywell Worldwide Information Systems, Inc., an Excellence Award for Engineering Program Management from Bull Worldwide Systems, Inc. and numerous Engineering Management Certificates of Recognition. He is a co-founder of the Acton Summer Baseball Program and a past president of the Acton/Boxboro Regional High Football Boosters. He has been a youth hockey coach, baseball manager and a semi-pro baseball coach.

Past Director Kostro and his wife, Claire, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have three sons and three granddaughters.