

GILLES MELANÇON
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Gilles Melançon, of Repentigny, Quebec, Canada, 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 Melançon is a retired assistant division manager for labor relations with the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

A member of the Repentigny (La Seigneurie) Lions Club, Past Director Melançon has been a Lion since 1964. He has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairman, district governor and council chairman. In addition, in 1979 he was the co-chairman and in 1996, the senior vice president for the International Conventions held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He was also the Quebec representative for the Lions Club Pan-Canadian Walkathon and a Guiding Lion for three new clubs.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Melançon has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, an International President's Leadership Award, five Extension Awards, an Advancement Key, a 30-Year Monarch Chevron, five International President's Certificates of Appreciation, four International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a member by the association. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Life Member, has had 35 years of perfect attendance and was named a Brian Stevenson Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Melançon has been a member of the Repentigny Chamber of Commerce and has served his church as warden and parish secretary. He was also the founding president of minor league baseball and the international midget tournament in Repentigny, and co-chairman of the Pioneers of Telephone welfare committee.

Past Director Melançon and his wife, Denise, have three children and five grandchildren. His wife is an affiliate member of the Montreal-Ahuntsic Lions Club.