

**JAY PATEL**  
**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Jay Patel, of North Charleston, South Carolina, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 81st International Convention, held in Birmingham, England, June 29-July 3, 1998.

Past Director Patel is a businessman.

A member of the North Charleston Lions Club since 1983, Past Director Patel has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, region chairman, zone chairman, cabinet secretary and treasurer and membership chairman.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Patel has received numerous awards, including the Lion of the Year Award, the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, the District Governor Excellence Award, three International President's Awards, the International President Leadership Award, an International President Certificate of Appreciation, Drug Awareness Chairman's Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association to its members. Past Director Patel is also in the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame. He has received the Queen's Badge from Her Majesty the Queen of England. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has had perfect attendance for 19 years.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Patel is a member of the chamber of commerce and vice president of the North Charleston Property Owners Association Citizen Advisory Council. He is president of a neighborhood council and a clerk of the election committee. Past Director Patel was the founder and president of the North Charleston Merchant Association and the Greater Charleston India Association.

Past Director Patel, and his wife, Kamini, also a Lion, have a son and three daughters.