

B.J. WARD
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

B.J. "Ben" Ward, of Erickson, Manitoba, Canada, 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 Ward is a retired schoolteacher and administrator.

A Lion since 1959 and a member of the Brandon Lions Club since 1969, Past Director Ward has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairman, region chairman, multiple district membership chair, multiple district convention chair and district governor. In addition, he has served as Lions leadership chairman, Lions-Quest chairman and director of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide School.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Ward has received numerous awards including a Brian Stevenson Fellowship, the 100% District Governor Award, an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, two Presidential Medals, three International Leadership Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Ward is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is chairman of the Ditch Lake Recreation Co-op and has also served as president of the Manitoba Principal's Association, the Erickson Chamber of Commerce and the Rolling River Teachers Association.

Past Director Ward and his wife, Janice, also a Lion, have six children and twelve grandchildren.