

HERBERT S. WATANABE
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Herbert S. Watanabe, of Hilo, Hawaii, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 76th International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-9, 1993.

Past Director Watanabe is a retired District Educational Administrator of Business and Facilities.

A Lion since 1957, Past Director Watanabe is a life member of the Hilo Waiakea Lions Club. He has 41 years of perfect attendance and is a Key Member. He has held many positions within the association, including club president, zone chairman, deputy district governor and district governor. He served as a SightFirst zone coordinator; trustee of the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank; district instructor in parliamentary procedures and district leadership training instructor; district chairman of the Policy, Constitution and By-Laws and Resolutions committees and District Protocol Officer.

Past Director Watanabe has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including the 100% District Governor Award, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, four International President's Awards, International Extension Award, Leo Club Extension Award, five 100% Club Secretary Awards, District's Best Secretary Award, five Club Lion of the Year Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest award the association grants its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past Director Watanabe is involved in various community organizations, including 55 years with the Boy Scouts of America. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. He is chairman of his Boy Scout district. He served as director of his local YMCA and president of his community's Little League for 16 years. For his achievements, he has received from the Hawaii State Legislature two Hawaii State Senate Certificates for Distinguished Community Service and a State House of Representatives commendation. He also received the State of Hawaii Department of Education Sustained Superior Performance Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Director Watanabe is an elected member of the Hawaii State Board of Education. He is the first recipient of the Grand Ambassador Award presented by the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Past Director Watanabe and his wife, Ellen, have four sons and four grandchildren.