

JOE AL PICONE
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Joe Al Picone, from Brenham, Texas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 94th International Convention held in Seattle, Washington, USA, July 4-8, 2011.

Past Director Picone is retired and most recently served as president of the Blinn College Foundation.

A member of the Brenham Evening Lions Club, and a Lion since 1966, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, council chair, state membership chair and state Campus club chair. He also served as a member of the host committee for the Ft. Worth, Texas Forum, chair of the Texas Lions Long-Range Planning Committee, chair of the Texas Lions Camp By-Laws Committee and president of the Past District Governors Association.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the 100% District Governor Award, Harry Reasonover Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, ten International President's Medals, an International President's Leadership Award and the Supreme Extension Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He also holds the Emissary Key for sponsoring more than 360 new members—the highest key of any Lion in CA I. Past Director Picone was also inducted into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Picone is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including serving as chair of the city Planning and Zoning Commission. He has also served as president of the Board of City Development, and the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. He was inducted into the Brenham High School Hall of Fame and the Blinn College Hall of Fame. He has received numerous honors, including the Washington County Man of the Year Award and being named to the Phi Theta Kappa International Hall of Honor and the Brenham Maifest Hall of Fame.

Past Director Picone and his wife, Merle, also a Lion, have two sons and one granddaughter.