NILSON MARTINEZ PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Nilson Martinez, of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, was elected to serve a two-year term as 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 Martinez is a civil engineer.

A member of the Santo Domingo "Naco" Inc. Lions Club since 1972, Past Director Martinez has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and council chairman. He has served as the chairman of the Association of Past District Governors. He is a charter member and was the first director of his district's Lions Leadership Training. Past Director Martinez also was the executive chairman of two national conventions.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Martinez has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, a Master Key Award, six Certificates of Appreciation, three Presidential Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. Past Director Martinez has had perfect attendance for 24 years and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past Director Martinez and his wife, Hilda, have two sons, a daughter, and two grandchildren.