CAROLYN A. MESSIER PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Carolyn A. Messier, from Windsor Locks, Connecticut, 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 Messier is the executive director of the Lions Low Vision Center in Connecticut and a low vision therapist.

A member of the Windsor Locks Lions Club, and a Lion since 1990, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, cabinet secretary, zone chair, region chair, district membership chair, leadership development chair, vice district governor, district governor, council chair and council secretary/treasurer. She also served as a member of the Memphis USA/Canada Forum Committee, has presented at numerous DG/VDG schools and several district/state conventions, has presented or moderated at six USA/Canada Forums and has been actively involved for many years in the New England Lions Council.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the Club Lion of the Year, 100% Club President Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award, three International President's Medal, the International Directors Recognition Award and the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. She is W.P. Woods Fellow, an Ambassador of Sight, a Knight of the Blind, a Loyal Shepherd Fellow and has been honored by the Board of Education Services for the Blind for outstanding work with the visually impaired. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Messier is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Visually Impaired. She has previously served as a New England board member for the Fidelco Lions Advisory Board and the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation.

Past Director Messier and her husband, Normand, a past district governor and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons.