JOHN E. RABIDEAU PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

John E. Rabideau, of Churchville, New York, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 85th International Convention, held in Osaka, Japan, July 8-12, 2002.

Past Director Rabideau is an independent insurance agent and a veteran of the United States Navy.

A member of the Churchville Lions Club since 1974, Past Director Rabideau has held many offices within the association, including club secretary, club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, district governor and council chairperson. He also served on the multiple district Policy Manual Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee as chairperson, the Nomination Committee and the Election Committee. In addition, he has served as chairperson of the International Campaign Committee, chairperson of the Finance Committee, trustee and president for two years of the NYS & Bermuda Lions Foundation and in different capacities at training seminars and USA/Canada Lions Leadership forums.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Rabideau has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club Secretary Award, the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, the International Extension Award, the International Membership Key Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the International President's Leadership Award, three International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Rabideau is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is a member of the New York State Independent Insurance Agents Association and a member, director and past president of the Churchville Chamber of Commerce. Previously, Past Director Rabideau served as a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Planned Giving Committee and as a chairperson of the Churchville-Chili Central School District Redistricting Committee.

Past Director Rabideau and his wife, Bernadette, also a Lion, have two children and two grandchildren.