DON A. BUCKALEW PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Don A. Buckalew, of Conroe, Texas, USA, served a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs following his election at the association's 57th International Convention, held in San Francisco, California, USA, July 3-6, 1974.

Past Director Buckalew is the owner of a car dealership.

Past Director Buckalew has held many offices within the association, including club president and district governor. He has worked in a leadership capacity at many District Governor-elect seminars and has been a participant in the presentation of other seminars at International Convention. He has been a part of many USA/Canada Lions Forums Planning Committees and served as chairman for the forums held in Denver, Colorado, USA, in 1981, and in Louisville, Kentucky, USA, in 1982.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Buckalew has received numerous honors, including many International President's Awards, the "Lion of the Year Award" from the Conroe Noon Lions Club and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a member by the association.

Past Director Buckalew has held many positions of responsibility within his community and the automotive industry over the years and continues to be active in a number of organizations. Currently, as a lifetime vice-president of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, he is a member of the show's Board of Directors and serves on the Executive Committee. Additionally, he is chairman of the Greater Conroe Economic Development Council.

He is a past president of the Board of Trustees of the Conroe Independent School District, the Montgomery County Fair Association, the Conroe/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, the Montgomery County Hospital Board of Managers and past director of the Houston Automobile Dealers Association. He is a past chairman of the board for the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

The Conroe Independent School District honored Past Director Buckalew for his past school district and community service on November 22, 1998 with the formal dedication of the Don A. Buckalew Elementary School. He has received the Man of the Year Award for Conroe/Montgomery County, Texas, USA, and the Time Quality Dealer Award, presented by Time Magazine and the National Automobile Dealers Association in 1987.

He and his wife, Elaine, have seven children and eight grandchildren.