## WILLIAM C. HANSEN PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

William C. Hansen of Rochester Hills, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 89<sup>th</sup> International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, June 30-July 4, 2006.

Past Director Hansen retired after 19 years as president and CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind, a position he assumed upon completing a 27-year United States Air Force career where he retired as a full Colonel in 1988.

A member of the Rochester Lions Club since 1988, Past Director Hansen has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and council chairperson. He also has chaired and served on a number of district and multiple district committees, including Strategic Planning, Membership, Leadership and LCIF.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including the association's highest award, the Ambassador of Good Will. He also has received two International President's Awards and seven International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Life Member.

Past Director Hansen is the recipient of the Multiple District 11 S. A. Dodge Award, Multiple District 49 Anne Sullivan Award for Humanitarian Service, the Lions of Colorado Anne Sullivan Award, the Lions of Colorado Humanitarian Service Award, Lions of Virginia Humanitarian Service Award and District 11-A2 H. L. Pocklington Award. He is a Life Member of the North Carolina Lions Foundation and is a WP Woods Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Hansen is active in numerous professional and community organizations. Past Director Hansen's wife, Carole, is a Lion, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a recipient of three International President's Certificates of Appreciation. She has more than 30,000 volunteer hours associated with Leader Dog and other Lions activities. The two have been married for 48 years and have one daughter.