## ROSS L. THORFINNSON JR. PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Ross L. Thorfinnson Jr., of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, USA, was elected to serve a twoyear term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 84<sup>th</sup> International Convention, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, July 2-July 6, 2001.

Past Director Thorfinnson is a financial planner and business consultant.

A member of the Eden Prairie West Lions Club since 1987, Past Director Thorfinnson has held many offices within the association, including club president, vice district governor, zone chair, council chair and district governor. He has also lead sessions on strategic planning and leadership and served as chair on numerous Lion committees within his district and multiple district.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Thorfinnson has received numerous awards including the Lion of the Year Award, a District Governor's Excellence Award, three International President's Awards, an International President's Leadership Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Thorfinnson is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is an honorary board member of A Better Chance Foundation, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, USA and a member of the Financial Planning Association. He has also served as a member of the Eden Prairie City Council, chairperson of the Eden Prairie Human Rights and Services Commission, troop committee chair of Boy Scout Troop 479, an American Red Cross disaster assistance team volunteer and a softball coach for the Eden Prairie Girl's Athletic Association.

Past Director Thorfinnson's wife, Lynda, is also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

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