



Jorge Bird **International President 1967-68**

JORGE BIRD, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, who served as president of Lions Clubs International in 1967-68, died November 15, 1993. Death was attributed to heart failure. Funeral services were held November 17 in San Juan with the association represented by International Director Dr. Carlos E. Justiniano.

He was a member of the Rio Piedras Lions Club since 1938, served as club president and district governor and as an international director in 1957-59. He was a key member, a recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award and earned Extension awards for founding Lions clubs in the Dominican Republic, Spain and Jamaica. The Leo Club Program also began during his term as international president.

Past President Bird was president of a company involved in the food, travel, dairy, gasoline and real estate industries. His civic responsibilities in Puerto Rico were extensive. He was elected to the Puerto Rican legislature and served on the board of Vocational Education, on the President's Council of the Inter-American University and as a trustee of the World University of Puerto Rico. He was also a director of the Inter-American Chamber of Commerce, president of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce and founder of the Puerto Rico Convention Bureau.

In recognition of his extensive service to Puerto Rico, Past President Bird received the Eugenio Maria de Hostos Award, Puerto Rico's highest honor. He was also awarded the Cross of the Gentlemen of the Equator from the president of the Republic of Gabon for his interest in the Albert Schweitzer Hospital and Chile's highest honor for a non-citizen, the Bernardo O'Higgins Award. He also received the Christopher Columbus Award from the Dominican Republic along with the highest civilian citation from the president of Lebanon.

Past International President Bird is survived by his wife, Victoria, five children and several grandchildren.