

Finis E. Davis

Past International President Finis E. Davis, of Louisville, Kentucky, has passed away. He was elected President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 43rd annual convention in Chicago, Illinois, in July 1960.

Always active in work for the blind, Past President Davis served as superintendent of the



Arkansas School for the Blind and the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville. He was also president of the American Association of

Instructors for the Blind, a member of the board of directors and life member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, a member of the board of directors of the American Foundation for the Blind and a member of the advisory committee for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

In recognition of his service to the visually impaired, Past President Davis received the Robert B. Erwin Award for outstanding service in education and work for the blind and the Miguel Medal from the American Foundation for the Blind. Several areas and buildings throughout the world have been named in his honor.

For his many contributions to the association, Lion Davis received the Key Member Award, Extension Award, the 100% District Governor Award, the Humanitarian Award, the Ambassador of Good Will Award and was named a Melvin Jones Fellow. Additionally, he was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the government of Peru and the Distinguished Merit Award from the government of Ecuador.

He is survived by his wife, Ethlyn, and three daughters.

Please Note:

Lions Clubs International does not provide medical insurance coverage to its members for travel to and from or during the international convention. Please carefully examine your own situation, and that of family members, to be sure you have sufficient medical insurance coverage.

Announce Top 10 Winners

At the October 1998, meeting of the International Board of Directors, the following Lions were selected to receive the Top Ten International Understanding and Cooperation Award for 1997-98.

- Lion Dr. Dennis Cobler, Multiple District 11, Michigan
- Lion Robert "Bob" Miller, Multiple District 17, Kansas
- Lion Charles L. Saunders, Multiple District 19, Canada
- Lion Willard Davidson, Multiple District 27, Wisconsin
- Lion John T. Huggard III, Multiple District 31, North Carolina
- Lion Margie Carney, Multiple District 3, Massachusetts
- Lion Christer Falt, Multiple District 101, Sweden
- Lion Ajeet Singh Gill, Multiple District 105, England
- Lion Yoshimi Tsuchiya, Multiple District 334, Japan
- Lion Muntazir Yusufali Bharwani, Multiple District 411, Tanzania

For the Record

As of October 31, 1998, Lions Clubs International had 1,412,184 members in 44,141 clubs in 740 districts and 185 countries and geographical areas.

Lions Worldwide Induction Day

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As we celebrate Lions Worldwide Induction Day next month, help your new members get off to a good start with these new member retention ideas.

Step One: A Sincere Welcome

Greet new members in a way that makes them feel welcome, helps them understand the importance of their participation and accepts them warmly into your club.

What to say to a new member:

- You are important to us.
- Your effort can truly make a difference in the lives of people we help.
- We are glad you chose the Lions!
- What can we do to make your membership meaningful?

Step Two: Deliver What They Want

Retention begins the day the new member is inducted. Apply the ideas below to make membership meaningful and rewarding.

New members want:

- To be involved immediately in a project or committee.
- To meet new friends.
- To be accepted into the group as a fellow Lion.
- To serve their community and offer assistance to those in need.
- To know that they are making a difference.
- To be heard — listen to their new ideas and opinions.

For more information about successful retention practices, and an outline for new member orientation, refer to the Club Membership Chairman's Manual (ME-12).

Convention Countdown

- 1999 San Diego, CA
June 28-July 2
- 2000 Honolulu, HI
June 19-23
- 2001 Indianapolis, IN
July 2-6
- 2002 Osaka, Japan
July 8-12
- 2003 Denver, CO
June 30-July 4
- 2004 Detroit, MI/Windsor,
Ontario, Canada
July 5-9
- 2005 Hong Kong, China
June 27-July 1

New Clubs on the Rise

During the month of November 1998, 90 new Lions clubs were organized worldwide. A total of 32 past district governors assisted with their organization.

