

Past International President Roderick Beddow Dies



Past International President Roderick Beddow is dead at the age of 89.

A resident of Birmingham, Alabama, Lion Beddow joined the Birmingham, Lions Club in 1925. He served as President of the International Association of Lions Clubs in 1933-34.

In 1928, Lion Beddow was elected to the Board of Directors. He served a two-year term and was immediately elected Third Vice-President. He served as Second and First Vice President successively, and at the 1933 International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, was elected President of the Association.

Upon his retirement from office the following year at the Grand Rapids, Michigan, International Convention, Lion Beddow assumed the post of chairman of the 1935 Convention Committee. The convention, held in Mexico City, was an unqualified success due to Past President Beddow's efforts.

Lion Beddow was a partner in the law firm of Fort, Beddow and Ray in Birmingham; served as chairman of the board and general counselor of the United States Bond and Mortgage Company; was a member of the board of Todd-Witte Dry Goods Company; a director of the Bankers Reserve Life Insurance Company and a director of the Umphreys Oil Company.

During his years at law school, Past President Beddow was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. Later, he joined a number of other fraternal organizations; devoting, however, the majority of his time to Lionism.

The International Association of Lions Clubs was represented at Lion Beddow's funeral services by Second International Vice-President William C. Chandler, of Montgomery, Alabama.

Past President Beddow is survived by a son, Roderick Beddow, Jr., and daughters, Mrs. Nancy Hatch, of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Peggy Cook, of Birmingham.
