

**JOSEPH PRESTON
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Joseph "Joe" Preston, of Dewey, Arizona, USA, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014.

President Preston is temporarily retired from the automotive industry. He has over 30 years of experience as a fleet sales manager, and was consistently recognized by Ford Motor Company for excellence in customer satisfaction, sales and product knowledge.

A member of the Bradshaw Mountain of Dewey-Humboldt Lions Club, President Preston has been a Lion since 1974. He has held many offices in the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor, council chairperson and chairperson of district leadership development, Lions Quest and MERL for the state of Arizona. He was host chairperson of the 1994 International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, chairperson of the 2003 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and a national/multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Preston has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, the Senior Builder Key Award, Life Membership in the association, nine International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

President Preston was recognized by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency for his work as a Lion to prevent drug use and abuse among youth.

President Preston and his wife, Joni, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, one daughter and seven grandsons.