

**GASPAR E. ORTIZ TAPIA**  
**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Gaspar E. Ortiz Tapia, of the Republic of Panama, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 62nd International Convention, held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in June 1979.

Past Director Ortiz Tapia is manager and president of his own civil engineering firm.

A Life Member of the David Lions Club, Past Director Ortiz Tapia has held several club offices, as well as serving as zone chairman, region chairman, district governor, district chairman and chairman of the council of governors. He has also served as National/Multi-National Coordinator of Campaign SightFirst.

For his efforts on behalf of the association, he has received his 40-year Monarch Chevron, six International President's Awards, 20 President's Appreciation Awards, 15 Governor's Appreciation Awards, two International Leadership Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members. He has also recorded 40 years of perfect attendance. Past Director Ortiz Tapia is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Besides his Lion activities, he is serving as a volunteer deputy chief of the Firefighters of Chiriqui and is a veteran member of the Panamanian Engineer and Architects Society, Chiriqui Chapter.

He and his wife, Raquel, have six children and 14 grandchildren.