

BUDDY OUZTS
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Buddy Ouzts, of Winder, Georgia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 84th International Convention, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, July 2-July 6, 2001.

Past Director Ouzts is mayor of Winder, Georgia, USA and is the owner and operator of an automobile dealership.

A charter member of the Winder Noon Lions Club since 1996 and a Lion for 25 years, Past Director Ouzts has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, council chair, vice district governor, district governor and Past District Governor Association president. He is also a member of the Winder Noon Lions Club board of directors. In addition, he served as board appointee from 1999 to 2000, director and trustee of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, SightFirst chair, LCIF chair, Youth Exchange chair and on numerous Lions committees.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Ouzts has received numerous awards including two Lion of the Year Awards, the 100% Zone Chairman Award, the 100% Region Chairman Award, a Lions Club Extension Award, a Leo Club Extension Award, the 100% District Youth Exchange Award, a District Governor Appreciation Award, four International President's Awards, an International Leadership Award, two International Certificates of Appreciation, the 100% International Club President Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a member from the association. He is also a Lions Club International Life Member, a Canine Companion Life Member and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Ouzts is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He serves as chair of the Barrow County Board of Health and of the Adult Learning Center, on the board of directors of the Winder-Barrow YMCA and the Winder-Barrow Boys & Girls Club, a member of the advisory board of the United Way and director of the Barrow County Chamber of Commerce. He is also the recipient of the National Award for one of the 10 Top Automobile Dealers in the United States by Time Magazine and the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award.

Past Director Ouzts and his wife, Carol, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and five grandchildren.

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