

**L. BLAINE RUSH**  
**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

L. Blaine Rush, of Smith Center, Kansas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 61st International Convention, held in Tokyo, Japan, June 1978.

Past Director Rush is retired bank officer.

A Lion for over 43 years, Past Director Rush has served as district governor, state council chairman, and has chaired numerous other committees. He was a board appointee in 1980-81, 1992-93 and 1995-96. Past Director Rush also served as a national/multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst and was chairman of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in 1994. He has recorded 36 years of perfect attendance.

For his service to Lions, Past Director Rush is a Life Member and the recipient of the 100% District Governor Award, two leadership awards, 12 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a member by the association. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

His civic duties have included serving as chairman of the Smith Center Airport Authority and member of the board of Kansas Children's Service League, the Rathert Charitable Foundation and the district Boy Scouts. He also served on the investment committee of the Kansas Masonic Home.

Past Director Rush and his wife, Vi, also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and 10 grandchildren.