

**WALTER R. "BUD" WAHL
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Walter R. "Bud" Wahl, of Streator, Illinois, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 86th International Convention, held in Denver, Colorado, USA, June 30 - July 4, 2003.

Past Director Wahl, who has worked in the healthcare field as a risk manager and a foundation coordinator, is semi-retired.

A charter member of the Streator Hardscrabble Lions Club and a Lion since 1981, Past Director Wahl has held many offices within the association, including club membership chair, club president, zone chair, district LCIF and Extension chairs, district cabinet secretary-treasurer, district governor, Lions of Illinois Foundation board member, parliamentarian to the Council of Governors, multiple district Strategic Planning Committee member and council chair. Additionally he has served as a presenter at numerous club, district, state and international seminars, and has been appointed a national coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including the club Award of Merit, two club Lion of the Year Awards, the 100% District Governor Award, the Lions of Illinois Foundation Key Ambassador Award, two International President's Awards, the International President's Leadership Award, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Membership Advancement Key, the International Extension Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association grants its members. He also has 25 years perfect attendance and is a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Wahl is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including serving as president of the Community Players of Streator board of directors and as a United Way volunteer since 1977. In the past, he served on the boards of Fine Arts for Fine Causes, Streator Community Credit Union, Streator Unlimited, and as a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Past Director Wahl and his wife, Jama, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have one daughter.