

JOHN F. PEARCE
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

John F. Pearce, of Gainesville, Georgia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 66th annual convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 22-25, 1983.

Past Director Pearce is a Fuller E. Callaway professor of economics emeritus at North Georgia College and State University.

A Lion and member of the Dahlonega Lions Club since 1970, Past Director Pearce has held numerous offices in the association including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and multiple district council chairperson. Past Director Pearce served as a division chairperson of the 1982 international convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, and is a past vice president of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Past Director Pearce was General Chairperson for the 1998 USA/Canada and Lions Leadership Forum in Lexington, Kentucky. He has presented Lions-Quest and Leadership development seminars in several states and has served as a group leader on the staff of the District Governor-Elect School for many years.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Pearce has received numerous awards including the 100% District Governor Award, the International President's Commendation Award, the Membership Key Award, many International President's Awards, the Ambassador of Goodwill Award and 15 years Perfect Attendance Award. Past Director Pearce is also the recipient of appreciation awards from Emory Eye Center, the Peach Bowl and the Georgia Lions Eye Bank.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Pearce is active in numerous professional and community organizations. In 1974, he was named Distinguished Alumni Professor at North Georgia College and State University. Past Director Pearce is also a member of both the Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies. In addition, he is a former president and committee chairperson of the Dahlonega-Lumpkin County Chamber of Commerce and is a deacon in his church. He has also served as President of the Lumpkin County Retired Educators Association and the Georgia Retired Educators Association.

Past Director Pearce married Ina Mae in December 2005. He has two children and four grandchildren and Ina Mae has one child and one grandchild.

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