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Joseph Preston Arizona Business Leader Elected Lions Clubs International President

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, July 8, 2014 – Joseph “Joe” Preston of Dewey, Arizona, USA, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4-8, 2014. President Preston is temporarily retired from the automotive industry and is active in many government and community organizations.

As international president, Preston will lead the 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs serving communities in over 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. He will also support the humanitarian work of Lions Clubs International Foundation, the charitable arm of the Lions association.

A member of the Bradshaw Mountain of Dewey-Humboldt Lions Club since 1974, President Preston has held many offices within the association, including chairperson of district leadership development, Lions Quest and MERL for the state of Arizona. He was host chairperson of the 1994 International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, chairperson of the 2003 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and a national/multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, where he exceeded his goals.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received many awards, including Life Membership in the association, nine International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

President Preston was recognized by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency for his work as a Lion to prevent drug use and abuse among youth.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Our 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.

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