

# Information

## Edgar M. Elbert

Past International President Edgar M. Elbert, of Maywood, Illinois, passed away January 21. He was elected President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 35th annual convention held in



Mexico City, Mexico, in 1952. He became a Lion in 1934 when he joined the Maywood Lions Club, and served in many official capacities before his election as president of the world's largest service club organization.

During his term as president, Lions clubs were established in several new nations, among them Australia, Japan, Taiwan and in Africa.

In addition to his Lions service work, Past President Elbert was involved in other aspects of his community. He served two terms as Mayor of Maywood, was a director of Riveredge Hospital, president of the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the board of governors of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. He also served as a past president of Lutheran World Relief, and was on the boards of the Hadley School for the Blind and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Past President Elbert was born on April 19, 1902 in Villard, Minnesota. He was the president and founder of two banks and owner of the E. M. Elbert Real Estate and Insurance Company.

## For the Record

As of November 30, 1998, Lions Clubs International had 1,417,406 members in 44,227 clubs in 740 districts in 185 countries and geographical locations.

## 1999 San Diego Convention

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## Convention Countdown

- 1999 San Diego, CA  
June 28-July 2
- 2000 Honolulu, HI  
June 19-23
- 2001 Indianapolis, IN  
July 2-6
- 2002 Osaka, Japan  
July 8-12
- 2003 Denver, CO  
June 30-July 4
- 2004 Detroit, MI/Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
July 5-9
- 2005 Hong Kong, China  
June 27-July 1



**First International Vice President James E. "Jim" Ervin receives the prestigious Virginia Boyce Award on behalf of the association from Prevent Blindness America. Presenting the award is the woman for whom the award was named, Virginia Boyce, a world leader for decades in the cause of sight conservation. The occasion was the 90th Anniversary of Prevent Blindness America and the award recognized the accomplishments of Lions Clubs International in the crusade to prevent blindness.**