

Lion Austin D'Souza, Ph.D. II Vice District Governor District 1-A, 2010-2011

Lion Austin, a member in good standing, joined Lionism back in India in District 324-D4 in 1979 and continued to serve in Chicago since 1981. Currently he is the member of The Forest Kala Sampath Lions Club. He served his clubs in all capacities and became president of the club in 1990. He is a 8 Diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and 5th Lions of Illinois Progressive Fellow. In 2005 his club bestowed upon him Life Membership of Lions Clubs International.

Lion Austin has served upon the District as District Governor in 2004-2005, MD1 Vice Council Chairman in 2004-2005, MD1 MERLOW Coordinator in 2005-2007, International Convention Host Committee District Governors Elect School Chairman - 2007, Sightfirst II Sector Coordinator — 2005-2008, District Leadership Chairman 2002008-2009, District 1-A Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer in 2009-2010. He also served as Governors Newsletter Editor, MERLOW Chairman, Christmas Parade Chairman, etc.

Lion Austin received 5 International Presidents Leadership Medals, one International Presidents Medal, 3 International Presidents Appreciation Certificates, 75 Member Key of State Award, Governors 5 Extension Award, Knight of Support, Knight of Sight and Knight of Lionism Awards, District Lion of the Year Award, 3 Club Lion of the Year Awards, etc. During his governorship, he initiated 2 District Programs – Vision First and Lions Open University. He is a member of Lions Clubs International Faculty Development Institute since 2005. He also received numerous awards at the Club and District level from various governors.

Lion Austin currently working for Deltrol Fluid Products for their Hydraulic Valves. He is certified in Six Sigma Green Belt and Lean Manufacturing by Northern Illinois University, Naperville.

Lion Austin served as a Parish Council Member for St. Bernardine Church, Forest Park, St. Bernardine School Board Member, Forest Park Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, Chamber of Commerce, Archdiocese of Chicago Leadership Committee, 2 Term President of India Catholic Association of America, Founder President of Mangalorean Konkan Christian Association of America, Treasurer of Federation of Indo-American Christian Associations, Secretary of Federation of Indian Associations and received Millennium Leadership Award, Asian Chronical Humanitarian Family Award, Inducted to Asian Hall of Fame. He is also a writer, poet, actor, singer stage drama director where he received Best Drama Book Award, Best Educational Book Award, Best Poet Award, etc., etc.

Lion Austin is married to Lion Terry for 30 years and have 4 children – Lion Anita, Lion Anil, Lion Atina and Leo Angel.