

Lion Austin joined Lions Club in 1979 and he is a Life Member of Lions Clubs International.

#### **District 1A:**

- Zone Chair: 6 Months,
- Region Chair: 8.5 years,
- Environmental Chair: 2 Years
- Chicago Christmas Parade Chair: 3Yrs
- Leadership Chair: 3 years,
- GST Chair: 1 year, etc., etc.
- Started 6 New Clubs as Governor
- Started Lions Open University in 1-A
- Vision First program in 1A
- LCIF Coordinator of MD1 & 1A

#### **Recognitions & Awards:**

- District 1A Lion of the Year
- District 1A Citizen of the Year
- Several Awards from MD1 Lions, Lions of Illinois Foundation and District 1A.

**Official Photographer:** District 1A, MD1, LIF, USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum

#### **Lions of Illinois Foundation:**

Trustee from District 1A: 4 years

LIF Secretary: 4 years

Lions of Illinois Foundation 10th level

Progressive Fellow recognition.

#### **MD1 Lions of Illinois:**

- Sector Coordinator: Sightfirst-2 Campaign covering 5 Districts
- MD1 Leadership Chair

#### **MD1 Lions of Illinois: continued**

- MD1 GST Chair
- MD1 Membership Chair
- District 1A Governor 2004-05 and 2012-13, Vice Council Chair, for both Councils
- MD1 LCIF Coordinator 2024-2025

#### **Lions International:**

- 3 International President's Medals
- 3 International Leadership Medals
- 18 International President's Certificates of Appreciation
- Governor's Excellence Award,
- 83rd level Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- 100 New Members Key Award
- Faculty Development Instructor.
- Presenter at 4 USA-Canada Forums
- Attended 18 Intl. Conventions, and 20 forums in US and one in India

#### **Community:**

- Village of Forest Park Diversity Commissioner: 3 years
- India Catholic Association of America: President 2 terms
- Chicago Federation of Indian Associations: Secretary one term
- Member of the Chamber of Commerce,
- Archdiocese of Chicago Leadership Committee,
- Forest Park Police Academy,
- St. Bernardine Parish Council, etc.

#### **Community Recognition:**

- Award from Mother Teresa
- President of India Pratibha Patil, Award
- US Presidents Bush and Obama's Volunteer Service Awards
- Chicago Community Millenium Leadership Award
- Recognized by the Village of Forest Park in 2016 for his community work by naming an honorary street in his name



An author of 8 books, 8 stage and 10 radio plays, 35 songs, editor of several magazines including District 1A Governor's Newsletter and MD1 State e-magazine 2010-2024, teacher for online students in India for St. Aloysius University and Volunteer Junior Achievement America Educator in Lake County. Given guest lectures to MBA students at St. Joseph's Engineering College, St. Aloysius College, St. Agnes College, S.D.M. Law College, Shree Devi College, etc., in Mangalore, India.

#### **Family:**

PDG Austin is married to PDG Terry, they have 4 children: Anita (Randy), Anil (Dr. Janki), Atina (Ashish) and Angel (James). All are lions Members. They are blessed with 5 grandchildren Leo, Avery, Vera, Lilly, Asher



Receiving Youth Leadership Medal from Mother Teresa



Memento from India's President Pratibha Patil



Lecture to MBA Students, St Joseph's Engineering College



Cardinal Cupich at the Holy Name Cathedral



Receiving Award from Chicago Mayor Richard Daley



Honored at the USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum Twice

**Dr Austin D'Souza, PDG**  
**MD-1's Endorsed & Certified Candidate**  
**for International Director**

