

District Governor Roy U. Perry
El Centro Lions
(Lion Betty)

Lion Roy was born in St Clere, Kansas in 1925. At the age of 12 he moved to Redlands, California where he resided until 1952. In 1948 he met and married the former Betty Hooks. They are the parents of five children, grandparents of eighteen and great grand parents of ni1Je. During his stay in Redlands Roy joined the Mentone Lions Club where he held membership for two years.

Roy and Betty moved to El Centro, California in 1953 where the McMahan's Furniture Company employed Roy as a warehouseman. Roy continued with McMahan's working his way up to supervisor of six stores in the desert southwest prior to his retirement in 1993. Roy rejoined Lionism in October of 1964 when he joined the El Centro Host Lions Club. He served in all offices of that Club culminating with his presidency in 1969-70. Lion Roy is a Master Key member sponsoring 24 members and has been honored as his Club's Lion of the Year on four different occasions. He is Life member of the El Centro Host Lions, a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Dwight Stanford Fellow and a Life member of the Southern California Lions Eye Institute where he is currently serving his fourth year as a Trustee. Lion Roy's partner in service, Betty, was a charter member of the El Centro Pride of Lioness Club, and later was one of the first two women admitted into the El Centro Host Lions Club.

Governor Roy has served District 4-L6 as a Zone Chairman and twice as a Deputy District Governor and was Vice District Governor during 1996-97. Included among his many committee assignments for District 4-L6 were: Long Range Planning for eight years, two as chairman; Youth Exchange for eight years, chairman in 1987-88, (he and Lion Betty have hosted fifteen exchange students); Convention Host for seven years, chairman twice; Convention Management for eight years, chairman twice, and the District Pins and Banners chairman for twelve years.

Lion Roy served four years as member of the El Centro City Council and was Mayor of El Centro during 1979-80. He is also a life member of the Los Vigilantes, a Chamber of Commerce organization, which is also devoted to public service. He served as its "Ramrod" (President) in 1964. Lion Roy is also a life member of the El Centro Navy League.