District 4-L6 Governor, Justice Don R. Work

District 4-L6 Governor, Justice Don R. Work has been a member of Lions for 35 years, serving as President of both the El Centro and Lakeside Lions Clubs. He is a Charter and life member of the Lakeside Lions and has served as District 4-L6 Parliamentarian, Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws, Convention and International Relations Committees, Zone Chair and Vice Governor. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow, and recipient of the Key Member/Advancement Key.

Governor Don served four years in the US Navy Reserve and four years in the US Air Force. He attended Ohio State University where he received his BA and also his JD. He later received a Masters of Laws from the University of Virginia.

Governor Don began his legal career as a Deputy District Attorney in Imperial County in 1960, where he continued in private law practice and was appointed to the Superior Court in 1976. He was appointed an Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal in 1980. He has served as a pro-tern member of the California Supreme Court and in 1982 was recognized by the California Trial Lawyers as the Appellate Justice of the year. He served on the California State Bar Commission on Criminal Law & Procedures, as a member of the Senate Advisory Coalition on California State Court Reform and California Supreme Court Advisory committee to implement Proposition 32, the constitutional amendment restructuring Supreme Court procedures.

In addition to his Lions activities, Governor Don is active in community affairs. He was a Charter Director of 'Woman-Haven", Imperial County's shelter for abused spouses. He served on the California Water Quality Control Board and the Selective Service Board. In 1973 he was elected to the Imperial Unified School board and served two terms as president.

Since 1980 he has served on the Board of Directors for he San Diego County Human Development Services, a YMCA assisted program. He is a past chair of the 50 member board and was awarded YMCA's highest honor, the National 'Golden Triangle Award for Distinguished Service'

While in Imperial County, Governor Don met and married Gloria. Their 27 year marriage has been shared by four sons, David, Sonny, Alan (deceased 1977), and Robert; three daughters, Kathy, Claudia and Deborah; three daughters-in-law, a son-in-law and three grandsons