



## **TONY AUSTIN**

Tony was born in London at the end of World War II but left England with his family at the age of 7 to live in Zambia, Central Africa. After completing High School he began a career as an accountant followed by a move to the early use of computers for business systems. After a move to South Africa in 1973 he used his accounting and business knowledge to pursue a career selling and supporting computerized business systems for small and mid-sized business. In 1994 he joined a Houston-based company specializing in training and support for the users of complex enterprise systems, and in 1998 accepted the opportunity to move to their Head Office. He settled in Kingwood where he has lived since. Tony is married with two children and 4 grandchildren and is semi-retired with a job looking after the infrastructure and facilities of their community park as well as running 5 major annual community events. He serves on the board of several community associations.

Tony joined the Cape Recife Lions Club, Port Elizabeth, South Africa in 1975 and in 1977 computerized the registration for the Multiple District annual convention – a 5-day event for over 1,000 delegates. In 1980 he moved to Durban, South Africa and joined the North Durban club where he served in many offices including President. In 1984 he became Zone Chairman followed by a year as Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. That was followed by a year as Multiple District Council Secretary and 4 years as Multiple District Council Treasurer. He continued to serve on several Council committees including a pivotal role during the introduction of Lions Quest into South Africa, and a period on the initial Campaign SightFirst committee. In 1998 with his move to Houston, Tony joined the Humble Noon Lions Club where he has served 9 years as Treasurer and 4 years as President. He has served as 2-S2 Chair for Lions-Quest and also two 2-year terms with The Lighthouse. In 1993 and 1996 he received International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation and is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Jack Wiech fellow.