

DR. GARY ANDERSON
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Gary Anderson, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as director of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.

Director Anderson is a Doctor of Optometry and the owner of Anderson Eye Care.

A member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and council chair. He also served as CSFII district coordinator, chair of the 2007 USA/ Canada Forum Grand Rapids Host Committee, twice a member of the USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee and has participated in 22 Lions vision missions to Central and South America, and India.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Henry Voet Grand Rapids Lifetime Achievement Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Humanitarian Award, the Grandville and Betty Cutler Leadership Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Ken Lautzenheiser Fellow Award, the S.A. Dodge MD-11 Distinguished Service Award, 10 International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and three International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Anderson is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Optometric Association and the Michigan Optometric Association.

Director Anderson and his wife, Cheryl, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son and two daughters, all of whom are Lions and whose spouses are Lions. They have one grandson. Director Anderson's brother and father are also Lions.