

DR. GARY ANDERSON
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Gary Anderson, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 through July 2, 2010.

Past Director Anderson is a doctor of optometry and 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 chairperson. He also served as CSFII district coordinator, host committee chairman of the 2007 USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, he has been a member of the USA/Canada Forum planning committee five times, GMT Area 1C Area Leader, DGE Seminar leader at the International Convention and has led or participated in 26 Lions vision missions to Central and South America and India. He is currently the general chairperson for the 2016 USA/Canada Forum.

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, one International President's Leadership Award, five International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

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

Past 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 two grandsons and three granddaughters. Past Director Anderson's brother is also Lion.