

RUSSELL SARVER
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Russell Sarver of Durand, Illinois, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 89th International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2006.

Past Director Sarver retired in January 2006 after 45 years in banking.

A charter member of the Durand Lions Club since 1973, Past Director Sarver has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, lieutenant governor, district governor and council chair. Additionally, he has served as district vision screening coordinator, treasurer, governor-trustee, vice president and president of the Lions of Illinois Foundation, as well as the vice chair and chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including three 100% Club President's Awards, 100% District Governor Award, three International President's Awards, the International President's Leadership Award, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members.

Past Director Sarver is a charter member of the Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellowship and he and his wife, Sue, are both Progressive Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellows. He is a Life Member in Lions Clubs International and holds the Key of State Award for sponsoring more than 75 new Lions and has 41 years of perfect attendance. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a W.P. Woods Fellow and a Helen Keller Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Sarver is active in his church and community. In the Boy Scouts of America, he is an Eagle Scout, a Life Member of the National Eagle Scout Association and a Vigil Honor Member in the Order of the Arrow.

Past Director Sarver and his wife, Sue, also a member of the Durand Lions Club and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and three grandchildren.