

**JEFFREY R. “JEFF” GANS  
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Jeffrey R. “Jeff” Gans, from Voorhees, New Jersey, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.

Director Gans has been an attorney since 1982 and is a frequent speaker for Continuing Legal Education.

He is a member of the Camden Lions Club—New Jersey’s first Lions club—and has had perfect attendance since his father sponsored him in 1984. Coming from a multi-generational family of Lions, Director Gans fondly remembers attending his first Lions Clubs International Convention in 1961 as a five-year-old. He has held many offices within the association, including district governor, council treasurer, council chairperson, state & district parliamentarian, state & district rules chair, and state & district legal chair.

In recognition for his service, he has received numerous awards, including a Life Membership Award, a Grand Master Membership Key Award, an International President’s Award, numerous International President’s Certificates of Appreciation, an LCIF Helping Hands Award, a Club President Excellence Award, a 100% District Governor's Award, Club and District Lion of the Year Awards, and a MD16 Harold P. Nutter Distinguished Service Award. Director Gans is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow Humanitarian Partner for having achieved the 100th Progressive Melvin Jones Level.

He has also been recognized as a Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation “Everyday Hero”, a PIP Donald E. Banker Fellow, a PIP James T. Coffey Fellow, a PID Gene Polgar Fellow, a PID Cindy Gregg Kidsight Fellow, a William A. Smith Fellow, a Marshall Klein Knights for Vision Fellow, an Elspeth Moore Sight Conservation Fellow, and as a Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Vanguard.

Director Gans is also a life member of the Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley, the Lions Eye Research Foundation of NJ, the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, the Diabetes Foundation, Inc (NJ), and the Lions International Stamp Club. He is also a longtime member of the Lions International Trading Pin Club.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Gans is active in numerous civic and professional organizations including Bestwork Industries for the Blind Inc., where he has continually served as an officer or board member since 1984. He has also served as vice president and board member for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Camden and Gloucester Counties.

Director Gans and his wife, Ellyn, who is also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have a daughter and a son who are also Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.