

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 in private practice for 40 years 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 as well as serving as a member of the USA/Canada Forum planning committee for eight years, culminating in his role as General Chairperson for the 2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha. Past Director Anderson was a DGE Seminar leader at the International Convention in Hamburg and has led or participated in 39 Lions vision missions to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

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 S.A. Dodge MD-11 Distinguished Service Award, the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame, an International President's Leadership Award, eight 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. He has also served as a member of the Michigan Eye Bank board and as Board President of the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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 also Lions. They have three grandsons and four granddaughters.