

DR. JERIMIAH “DOC” MYERS
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Jeremiah Myers, from Kodiak, Alaska, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association’s 91st International Convention, held in Bangkok, Thailand, June 23-27, 2008.

Past Director Myers is an optometrist who began his career as a traveling eye doctor treating patients throughout a 1600-mile round trip care route between Dutch Harbor and his home in Kodiak.

As a child he spent nearly three years of his young life in the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital afflicted by tuberculosis in the cartilage in the legs. Overcoming this only strengthened his resolve to live every day to its fullest—even with four artificial joints. Determined to find a way to give back for the incredible medical treatment he had received, he took on Hellen Keller’s challenge to Lions to become “Knights of the blind” and joined the Kodiak Lions Club in 1982.

Past Director Myers has held many offices within the association, including multiple district convention chairperson and council chairperson. For seven US/Canada Forums, he produced and starred in the “Dr. Love Traveling Sponsorship Show,” which featured a cast of 40, including past presidents, their wives and a Lions choir of anyone who loved to sing. He was also featured as a special musical guest at several performance festivals during international conventions. He is a respected inspirational speaker who has been invited to more than 50 conventions across North America.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Myers has received numerous awards including several project chairperson of the year and volunteer of the year awards. In 2004, he was given Lions humanitarian recognition for 20 years of Alaskan service in vision care. Later in 2021, he was recognized for his service to the state by the Alaska Legislature. He is a recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association grants its members. Past Director Myers is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Myers has been active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has been a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks for more than 30 years as well as vice president of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as president of both the Kodiak Parent Teachers Association and the Kodiak Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Past Director Myers and his wife Kris, a retired 2nd grade teacher, have seven children and 11 grandchildren. Wherever he visits, he is accompanied by his guitar, a wealth of rich music and countless inspirational stories.