RON KELLER INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Ron Keller from Millersport, Ohio, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022.

Director Keller has more than 35 experience as a government administrator and event coordinator. He is currently retired. He last served as Cultural Arts and Events Manager for the City of Columbus where he managed city staff, drafted city legislation, oversaw purchasing of equipment and supplies for events, and served as a liaison to civic and community leaders in Columbus' urban neighborhoods. One of his most notable projects was redesigning a public subsidy mechanism to make it easier for minority nonprofits to apply and receive city services within their neighborhoods.

He joined the Millersport Lions Club in 1979 with a desire to help better this small, rural community. Since then he has held a number of offices within the association including GST coordinator, multiple district council chairperson, US/Canada Lions Leadership Forum host chairperson and Lions centennial celebration coordinator. He was a member of the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank Operating Board and since 1990, he has served as general chairman for the Millersport Lions' Sweet Corn Festival.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Awards, International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Keller is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is a past president of the Walnut Township Board of Education and Millersport Board of Public Affairs. Additionally, He has been a board member of the Ohio Festivals & Events Association and the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Amusement Ride Safety Board.

Director Keller and his spouse, Kitty Lea Keller, who is also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and seven grandchildren.