

**MICHAEL D. “MIKE” BANKS
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Michael D. “Mike” Banks from Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA, was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Director Banks has more than 45 years of experience in accounting and real estate. He is a 1975 graduate of Oklahoma State University and began his career with a national public accounting firm in Oklahoma City. He is semi-retired and the owner of a local accounting firm. He is also the owner of many residential and commercial rental properties.

In 1989, he returned to Stillwater as a single parent to raise his three children. He joined the Stillwater Noon Lions Club in 1990 serving as tail twister, director, vice-president president and membership chair. He served as district governor (2007-2008) and as treasurer for several terms at the district and multiple-district levels.

In recognition of his service, he has received many recognitions including several International President’s Awards, International President’s Certificates of Appreciation and District Lion of the Year. Director Banks is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, W. P. Woods Fellow and Finis E. Davis Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, he has served his community as a member of the Payne County Sales Tax Oversight Board; treasurer of the Will Rogers Elementary School PTA; treasurer of the Community Aids Network; and member of the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce. He has been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow and Duke of Paducah. He loves archery hunting and tinkering with his Ford Model As.

Director Banks and his wife, Lion Anne Matoy-Banks, who is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married since 1992. Lion Anne loves family genealogy and quilting and regularly donates quilts to Quilts of Valor. She is the editor for the Payne County Historical Society Review. They have a blended family of seven children and love spending time with their 11 grandchildren.