

DONAL W. KNIPP
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Donal W. Knipp, from Auxvasse, Missouri, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 95th International Convention, held in Busan, Korea, June 22 through 26, 2012.

Past Director Knipp is a retired manager in the refractory industry and owner/manager of a retail grocery store.

A member of the Auxvasse Lions Club since 1968, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone and region chairperson and district governor. He is a Certified Guiding Lion and has also served on the Missouri Lions Research Foundation and as chairperson of the MD 26 State and International Convention.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including five District Governor Certificates of Appreciation, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Medal, two International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Knipp is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including honorary board member of Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, deacon and treasurer of the Grand Prairie Baptist Church and member of Gideons International. In the past, he served as Auxvasse mayor and councilman, and president of the Auxvasse Community Center. He is also a recipient of the Auxvasse Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award.

Past Director Knipp and his wife, Betty, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have a son and a daughter.