



**Past International President
Eberhard J. Wirfs**

Eberhard J. Wirfs, of Kelkheim am Taunus, Hessen, Germany, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization and the global leader in humanitarian and community service.

Past International President Wirfs, an entrepreneur and retired CEO of his own company, is a pioneer in the marketing of frozen food specialties across Europe.

Past International President Wirfs is an experienced and effective leader with particular strength in membership development and extension and leadership training, and in combining service and fellowship.

A member of the Hofheim am Taunus Lions Club since 1985, Past International President Wirfs has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, council chairperson, faculty group leader for the District Governors-elect Seminar, which trains incoming governors, and international director. He served as CEO of the German Lions Foundation, Deutsches Hilfswerk. In addition, he systematically implemented Lions Quest, a mentoring program for young people, in Germany. He is an honorary member of the Kelkheim am Taunus Lions Club.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past International President Wirfs has received numerous awards, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. At the 2010 Lions Clubs International Convention in Sydney, Australia, Past International President Wirfs was presented with the Verdienstorden der Bundesrepublik Deutschland.

Past International President Wirfs and his wife, Margit, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons. Oliver and daughter-in-law, Sandra, have one daughter, Hannah-Carlotta. Marcus and daughter-in-law, Pauline, have one son, Anton.

Lions Elect Leaders in Minneapolis

Delegates to the 92nd international convention in Minneapolis in July elected the Lions leaders for 2009-10. Eberhard Wirfs of Germany was elected international president. Sid L. Scruggs III of North Carolina was elected international first vice president. Dr. Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong, China, was elected international second vice president. Immediate Past President Al Brandel of New York became chairperson of LCIF. (Full convention coverage will be in the October issue.)

Delegates also elected 17 international directors—two from the India/South Asia/Africa/Middle East constitutional area,

one from Canada, three from Europe, three from Orient/South-east Asia, one from South America/Central America/Mexico/ Islands of the Caribbean Sea and seven from the United States/U.S. affiliates/Bermuda/Bahamas. The directors serve for two years. (The names of the second year directors are on page 2.)

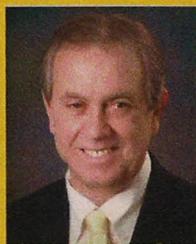
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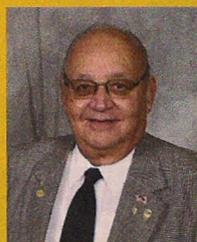
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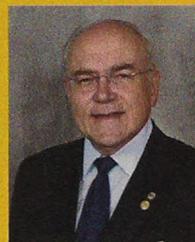
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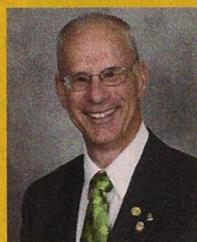
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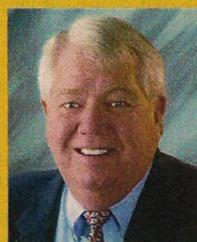
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