



Saturday Banquet Featured Speaker

PIP Sid L. Scruggs III, of Vass, North Carolina

Sid L. Scruggs III, of Vass, North Carolina, USA, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28-July 2, 2010. Past President Scruggs is a retired military and commercial airline pilot and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Using as his presidential theme A Beacon of Hope, Past President Scruggs made service to others – the core principle of Lions clubs around the world – the focal point of his presidency.

A member of the Vass Lions Club, he has held many offices in the association. In addition, he has presented at the USA/Canada and Europa Leadership forums and served as an instructor for the Lions Clubs International Leadership Institute and the District Governors-elect School.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past President Scruggs served many years as chairperson of the board of directors of the North Carolina Governor Morehead School for the Blind. He is also a life member of the American Airlines Grey Eagles Association and the Naval Academy Alumni Association.

He has been presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest award given by the State of North Carolina, by the Governor of North Carolina. He is a member of the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame and in 2010 he was elected to the United States Blind Golf Association Hall of Fame. He has received an honorary doctorate of humanities from World University.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Scruggs has received numerous awards including the Key of Nations Award for sponsoring more than 100 Lions members, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past President Scruggs and his wife, Judy, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have four children and 16 grandchildren.