

Honouring the memory of Dr Ellis Potter, OD, FAAO, FVI

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It is with great sadness that we learned about the passing of Dr Ellis Potter, OD, FAAO, FVI.

Dr Potter was an exemplary humanitarian and a great leader. As VOSH/International President (2011-2013), he promoted collaboration to strengthen optometric education worldwide, which continues to grow. He led the development of the VOSH Corps program and encouraged Dr David Stacy to lead the Technology Transfer Program.



He was an active VOSH-Kansas member, leading over 13 humanitarian clinics. For 45 years, he was a proud Rotarian in his native Kansas, where he served as District 6110 Governor. He was a member of the Rotary International Action Group for Avoidable Blindness.

In 2017, he was awarded the VOSH/International Dr. Harry I. Zelter Lifetime Achievement Award and the American Academy of Optometry's Brien Holden Humanitarian Award.

Dr Potter earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern College of Optometry. In 2018, he received a Doctor of Ocular Science Degree from his alma mater.



He led by example and inspired many. VOSH/International will always be grateful for his passion and substantial contribution to our development. Our sincere condolences to his wife Jane and family.

