

## Dr. Vrabc's Latest Mission: Celebrate ORBIS International's 25th Anniversary

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Michael P. Vrabc, MD, of Valley Eye Associates – West and a staff optometrist at ThedaCare hospitals, recently attended ORBIS International's 25th anniversary celebration on March 1 in New York City.

Dr. Vrabc has participated in 17 ORBIS missions on six continents over the last 17 years. ORBIS International is a nonprofit humanitarian organization dedicated to eliminating avoidable blindness, improving health care facilities around the world and fostering an awareness of eye health.

ORBIS restores the sight of millions of people through many venues, including its

famous DC-10 Flying Eye Hospital, a wide-body aircraft converted into an innovative teaching facility and ophthalmic surgical center. During the March 1 celebration, ORBIS team members and volunteers commemorated 25 years of success. The event included a reception at the United Nations for government and business leaders. More than 600 guests attended. Dignitaries at the function included Richard Branson, founder and CEO of Virgin Atlantic Airways, and Ethiopian President Girma Wolde-Giorgis.



*Michael Vrabc, MD, pictured at right, enjoys a conversation with Richard Branson, CEO of Virgin Records, during ORBIS International's 25th anniversary celebration.*