

Officers and Directors of Lions International



Tris Coffin, of Rosemere, Quebec, Canada is the President of Lions International. He is a dispensing optician and has been a Lion since 1939 when he joined the Montreal (Central) club. He served as president of his club in 1952-53 and was a 100% District Governor of District A-8 in 1958-59. Lion Coffin served as an International Director in 1961-63 and was elected to the Third International Vice-Presidency in 1970 at the International Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. President Coffin has received two Extension Awards, nine International President's Awards, two International President's Appreciation Certificates, the Ambassador of Good Will Award and the Senior Master Key. He has recorded 26 years perfect attendance. He has also received the Centennial Medal, presented in 1967 during the one hundredth anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, for his "valuable service to the nation." President Coffin and his wife, Gil, are members of the Roman Catholic faith. He has two sons, Tris, Jr. and Paul.



George Friedrichs, of Annecy, France, is the Association's Immediate Past President. He has been a member of his Annecy Lions club since 1952, has held nearly all offices in that club and in his district and received the 100% District Governor Award. Lion Friedrichs served as an International Director in 1964-66 and is the recipient of seven International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. An electronics engineer, he is the founder of a world famous precision instruments company and is currently a director and advisor for several companies and a bank. Lion Friedrichs also serves as a member of various French and international scientific associations. He and his wife, Ninon, are the parents of three married daughters.



Johnny Balbo



Harry J. Aslan



Joao Fernando Sobral



Sidney J. (Sid) Bernard



Dr. Barry L. Cohen



R. W. "Denny" Dennis



Herbert B. Diggs

Johnny Balbo, of Oak Brook Illinois, is the First Vice-President. Lion Balbo has held virtually all offices in his LaGrange, Illinois club and was a 100% district governor. He served as International Director in 1965-67 and holds the Senior Master Key and ten International President's Awards. He serves on the Boards of the Hadley School for the Blind, Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Vice-President Balbo is a mobile home park executive. He and his wife, Ann, are of the Roman Catholic faith and the parents of five children.

Harry J. Aslan, of Kingsburg, California is the Second Vice-President. Lion Aslan joined the Kingsburg club in 1949 and has recorded 21-years perfect attendance. He has served as a zone chairman and as a 100% district governor. Currently, he is chairman of the California-Nevada Major Disaster Committee. He was an International Director during 1968-70. Lion Aslan is a Key Member and holds five Presidential Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. A fruit grower and shipper, he is the owner-operator of a fruit-packing and cold storage plant. Lion Aslan and his wife, Freeda, are Presbyterians and the parents of two children.

Joao Fernando Sobral, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, is the Third Vice-President. He joined the Sao Paulo-Belem Lions club in 1960, has compiled 13-years perfect attendance and was District L-4 Governor in 1964-65. Vice President Sobral served as an International Director in 1969-71. He is a Key Member and has received three Presidential Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. An economist and business administrator, Professor Sobral is the president of a home appliances manufacturing firm and is on leave as a university instructor. He and his wife, Elba, are of the Roman Catholic faith and the parents of four children.

Sidney J. (Sid) Bernard, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Director, has been a Lion for 32-years and is a past district governor and a former chairman of the District Governor's Council. He has received four Extension Awards and is a Key Member. Lion Bernard's occupation includes both the retail food and real estate businesses and he is past president of the New Mexico Food Dealers Association. He is also active with the American Red Cross. He and his wife, LaVerne, are the parents of two daughters and are Roman Catholics.

Dr. Barry L. Cohen, of Parow Cape, Republic of South Africa, Director, served as charter president of his club and as a district governor. He is a Key Member, holds four Extension Awards and has recorded 11-years perfect attendance. He has also served as Editor of the South African Lion Magazine. He is a dental surgeon and the director of a company. Lion Cohen is of the Jewish Reform faith and he and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of three children.

R. W. "Denny" Dennis, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Director, has served as a zone chairman and as a 100% district governor. He is a Key Member and has received the International President's Award and an Extension Award. He is associated with an insurance company and has received his Master's Degree from the University of Idaho. Lion Dennis is active as a lay leader in the Methodist Church. He and his wife, Hazel, have four children.

Herbert B. Diggs, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, a Director, has been a zone chairman, a district membership chairman and a 100% district governor. Lion Diggs has 21-years perfect attendance and has received a Master Key, an Extension Award and the International President's Award. He is the owner of an insurance agency and was a member of the Oak Ridge Board of Education for 12-years. Director Diggs is a Baptist and he and his wife, Verna, have three children.



Gustavo Eguren



Octavio Gil Mujica



Dr. Giuseppe Grimaldi



Everrett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff



Merle W. Hartle



Enrique Lim



Adolfo Martinez Baeza



Paul E. McCrary

Gustavo Eguren, of Lima, Peru, a Director, has held all major offices at the club and district levels including district governor. He has received the Membership Key and the International President's Award. He is a merchant and the president of the Lima Chamber of Commerce as well as the president of a professional organization. He is of the Roman Catholic faith and he and his wife, Clara, are the parents of five children.

Octavio Gil Mujica, of Temuco, Chile, Director, has served as president of his club and as a zone chairman and 100% district governor. He has also been his district's membership development and retention director. Lion Gil holds the Key Award and other honors. He is an executive and is active in a number of civic groups. He and his wife, Adriana, are the parents of six children and are members of the Roman Catholic faith.

Dr. Giuseppe Grimaldi, of Enna, Italy, a Director, has been a zone chairman, a 100% district governor and the chairman of various district committees. He is a physician and a Chief Neuro-Psychiatrist. Professor Grimaldi is chairman of Governmental Welfare Services in Sicily, a member of the Italian Red Cross and is associated with various academies. He is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Christiane, are the parents of three children.

Everrett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff, of Ballinger, Texas, a Director, is a past district governor and has served as president of the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children. He is a Key Member and holds two International President's Awards. Director Grindstaff is an attorney and is active in a number of professional and community groups including the Boy Scouts, Jaycees and the State Bar of Texas. He is a Baptist and he and his wife, Jeannette, have two children.

Merle W. Hartle, of Piketon, Ohio, Director, has held all major offices in his club and served as zone chairman, cabinet secretary and 100% district governor. He is the recipient of Membership and Advancement Keys, Extension Awards and the International President's Award. Director Hartle is superintendent of electrical and instrument maintenance for a corporation and is a trustee of the Mid-Ohio Health Planning Federation. He is a member of the Methodist Church and his wife's name is Ruth.

Enrique Lim, of Manila, Republic of the Philippines, Director, has held all major club offices and was a cabinet treasurer and a 100% district governor. He is a Key Member and has received Extension Awards. Lion Lim is a chemist and an industrialist and serves as a part-time lecturer and industrial consultant. Active in his community, he has received service awards from the Red Cross. He and his wife, Victoria, are Roman Catholics and the parents of four children.

Adolfo Martinez Baeza, of San Luis Potosi, S.L.P., Mexico, a Director, has held all major offices in his club and district including that of district governor. He also served as Chairman of the National Council of Governors of Multiple District B (Mexico). Among his many honors is the International President's Award. Director Martinez is a merchant, farmer and dealer in animal feed and the owner of a firm which distributes animal feed. He is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Elvira, are the parents of eight children.

Paul E. McCrary, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Director, has been a 100% district governor and chairman of the council of governors. He holds three Extension Awards, two International President's Awards and is a Key Member. He is the director of photo services and ROTC Military Coordinator at Cklahoma State University. A retired major, his World War II decorations include four battle stars, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star. Lion McCrary is a Presbyterian and he and his wife, lnes, have two children.



Joseph W. Rabbitt



Colin C. Ringer



William C. Chandler



Nis Dall



John N. Eldredge



Carter Everage



Enrique Fadul



Paul Fernandez

Joseph W. Rabbitt, of Hyattsville, Maryland, a Director, has been a zone chairman and a 100% district governor. He is a Key Member and served two years as president of the District 22-C Eye Bank and Research Foundation. Director Rabbitt is the treasurer of a corporation and holds a Master's Degree in Commerical Science. He served in the Navy During World War II. He and his wife, Thelma, have two children and are of the Roman Catholic faith.

Colin C. Ringer, of Adelaide, Australia, a Director, is a past zone chairman, cabinet secretary-treasurer, and 100% district governor and is now serving on the District 201-J Save Sight Foundation investigating committee. Director Ringer has received the International President's Award, an Extension Award, the Membership Award and he is a Key Member. He is a Senior Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants and manages a brewing and malting company. He is of the Anglican faith and he and his wife, Lorene, have two children.

William C. Chandler, of Montgomery, Alabama, Director, has been a district governor, a director of the Montgomery Lions International Youth Camp, chairman of the Alabama Lions Helen Keller Memorial and a member of the Advisory Board of Leader Dogs for the Blind. He has received two International President's Awards. He is the owner of a limestone sales company and a member of both the YMCA National Council and the YMCA International Committee. He is a Baptist and he and his wife, Martha, have three children.

Nis Dall, of Hojbjerg, Denmark, Director, is a charter member of his Hojbjerg club, organized in 1962, and has since completed 11 years perfect attendance. He has been a district governor and chairman of the council of governors. Director Dall is the manager of an advertising agency and is chairman of the board of directors for the Danish Association of Advertising Agencies. He and his wife, Rita, have two children and are Protestants.

John N. Eldredge, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Director, has been a member of his Salt Lake City club for 26 years and served as a district governor in 1965-66. He is a Key Member and the recipient of the Extension Award. Lion Eldredge is the vice-president of a school supply company and a member of the Advisory Council of a diabetes center. He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of three children and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Carter Everage, of Milan, Indiana, Director, has been a 100% district governor, has recorded 15 years perfect attendance and has received nume ous Key Member Awards. Lion Everage is a member of the professional staff at Purdue University and has received the Meritorious Service Award from the Purdue Alumni Association. He is a farmer and a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America. Director Everage is a Baptist and he and his wife, Grace, are the parents of four children.

Enrique Fadul, of Bogota, Colombia, a Director, is a charter member of his Bogota (Norte) club. Currently, he is a director of a rehabilitation center, sponsored by his club, for deaf-mute children. He has been a 100% district governor and has received two Extension Awards and the International President's Award. Lion Fadul is the general manager of Colombia's largest manufacturer of surgical supplies. He and his wife, Aurora, have three children and are Roman Catholics.

Paul Fernandez, of Honolulu, Hawaii, a Director, has served as a 100% district governor and is a Key Member and the recipient of the International President's Award. Lion Fernandez is the owner of an office machine sales and service-parking business and is a member of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. He has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Blood Bank of Hawaii. He and his wife, Angie, are the parents of seven children and are Roman Catholics.



Chester L. Francis



George K. Kenien



Ernest W. Smith



William E. Steinbrueck



Burton A. Tompkins



Robert Alexis van Wingerden



Tsunetaka Ueda

Chester L. Francis, of Clearwater, Kansas, Director, has served as a district governor and as chairman of Public Relations and Band for his state committee. He is a Key Member and holds an Extension Award. Lion Francis also organized the first Leo club in his district. He is a retired university instructor and is active in three national music organizations. His wife's name is Velma and he is a member of the Methodist Church.

George K. Kenien, of Babylon, New York, Director, has been a 100% district governor, has recorded 22 years perfect attendance and holds the Master Key and Extension Awards. Director Kenien is the president and owner of a lumber and building materials company and his extensive community work includes the vice-presidency of the Suffolk Speech and Hearing Center. He is also a strong supporter of youth activities. Lion Kenien is a Methodist and he and his wife, Gladys, have two children.

Ernest W. Smith, of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, Director, has served as a district governor and is currently a director of the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Corp. He has received three Extension Awards and is a Key Member. Lion Smith is a manufacturer of yacht sails and is a member of a brokerage firm for yachts. He is active with the YMCA and the Boy Scouts and has participated in Heart Fund Drives. He and his wife, Frances, are the parents of three children and are Protestants.

William E. Steinbrueck, of Chesterfield, Missouri, Director, has been a 100% district governor and chairman of the Mult. Dist. 26 Council of Governors. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, four Extension Awards and the Membership Key. He is the owner of an egg production and marketing company. Lion Steinbrueck has also served as vice-president of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. He is of the Lutheran faith and he and his wife, Evelyn, are the parents of five children.

Burton A. Tompkins, of Presque Isle, Maine, a Director, has twice been a 100% district governor and has served as director of the Lions' Maine Sight, Inc. He has received five Extension Awards and is a Key Member. Lion Tompkins is the manager and director of a railroad company. In his community, Lion Tompkins has been chairman of the United Fund and a member of his city council for six years. He is an Episcopalian and he and his wife, Louise, have one son.

Robert Alexis van Wingerden, of Gouda, The Netherlands, a Director, is a charter member of his club. He has been a 100% district governor and is the recipient of five Extension Awards. Lion van Wingerden is a dental surgeon and a former president of the Heart Foundation of Holland. He has also been president of both the Foundation for the promotion of Gouda and Gouda Cheese and the Tourist Development Association of Gouda. He and his wife, Henny, are the parents of two children.

Tsunetaka Ueda, of Tokyo, Japan, Director, has served as a district governor and as chairman of his multiple district council of governors. He joined the Osaka Lions club in 1954, transferred to the Tokyo Lions club in 1961 and has received his Old Monarch Chevron. Director Ueda is Senior Advisor to the Mainichi Newspapers. He is also chairman of the board of directors of the Japan Leprosy Mission for Asia. Lion Ueda is a Buddhist and he and his wife, Fumi, have five children.