Officers and Directors Lions Clubs International 1991-1992



Donald E. Banker, of Rolling Hills, California, is the president of Lions Clubs International. He has served the association as an international director in 1981-83 and as a 100% district governor. He is a past president and current member of the board of directors of the Southern California Lions Eye Institute and is a founding member of the board of directors of the California-Nevada Lions Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children. President Banker is a Key member and has received 10 International President's awards, the Ambassador of Good Will Award and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is an insurance broker and the president of an independent insurance agency. Active in his community, International President Banker has twice been honored for his service and involvement with Resolutions of Commendation from the combined legislatures of the California State Senate and Assembly. He and his wife, Diane, have raised three sons.



Rohit C. Mehta



James T. Coffey

immediate past president of Lions Clubs International and, this year, chairman of the LCIF Board of Trustees. He served as an international director in 1983-85 and as a board appointee in 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1988-89. He has been a 100% district governor and council chairman, as well as vice chairman and chairman of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Immediate Past President Biggs twice served as chairman of the District Governors-Elect School. In recogniton of his service to the association, he has received an Extension Award, the Key award, Life membership, nine International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also an 11-Diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Immediate Past President Biggs is an attorney and active in professional organizations. He is also affiliated with numerous community groups, including the YMCA and Immanuel Medical Center where he is vice chairman of the board. He and his wife, Dr. Bette, have five children and two grandchildren.

William L. "Bill" Biggs, of Omaha, Nebraska, is the



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Prof. Dr. Giuseppe "Pino" Grimaldi

Rohit C. Mehta, of Ahmedabad, India, first vice president, served as an international director in 1970-72 and was twice appointed to a board committee. He also served as treasurer of LCIF in 1978-79 and as an LCIF trustee in 1979-80. In 1988-89 he was a member of the LCIF Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning. First Vice President Mehta has been a district governor and is the recipient of five Extension awards, the Master Key, membership development awards, 15 International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. A law graduate, he is chairman and managing director of a textile manufacturing and engineering products company. First Vice President Mehta is active in numerous charitable, civic and athletic associations. He and his wife, Asha, have two sons.

James T. Coffey, of Toronto, Ohio, is the second vice president. He served as an international director in 1980-82 and as a 100% district governor. He has recorded 31 years of perfect attendance and has received the District Governor's Extension Award, seven International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Vice President Coffey is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. He served on the USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee and as a moderator and presenter at several forums. He is employed by the Quaker State Corporation and is an officer and director of a real estate company. Vice President Coffey is active in numerous community organizations and is an ordained deacon and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Toronto. He and his wife, Betty, have a son and a grandson.

Prof. Dr. Giuseppe "Pino" Grimaldi, of Enna, Italy, is the third vice president. He served as an international director in 1972-74 and as a 100% district governor. Vice President Grimaldi has received the 25-year Monarch Chevron, 16 International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a key member and a Melvin Jones Fellow. Vice President Grimaldi is a neuro-psychiatrist, professor of neurology, head of the Department of Neurology at Enna General Hospital and judge of the Medical Court of Justice. The author of several scientific, social and Lions publications, he is the director of the Italian Medico-Chirurgigal Order and a member of the Italian Red Cross and numerous academies. Vice President Grimaldi and his wife, Ariane, have four sons.



International Directors

Sushiel Agrawal, of Saharanpur, India, served as a 100% district governor, council chairman and in numerous capacities at the district and multiple district levels. He was also his multiple district's trainer for the

Train-the-Trainer program in 1987-90. Director Agrawal is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has received three Extension awards, the Master Key, the International Twinning Award, the Guiding Lion Award and five International President's awards. He is involved in the manufacture and marketing of herbal animal health products and is a member of many professional and community organizations. Director Agrawal and his wife, Archana, have two children.

Durban L. Ardjo, of Bandung, Indonesia, has served as a district governor, chairman of the Indonesian Lions Foundation and chairman of various committees on the district level. He is a key member and has received two District Governor's Extension awards, the Extension Award, two International President's awards and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Director Ardjo is a senior lecturer at Bandung Institute of Technology and a founding partner and president of his company. He is a member of the Indonesian Mining Association. Director Ardjo and his wife, Irawati, have two children.

Dr. Jean Behar of Sainte Adresse, France, served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has received the Top Ten Activity Award and two International President's awards. Director Behar is a founder and chairman of Medico Lions Clubs of France, an association to organize assistance from French Lions clubs to developing countries. He is chairman of the Department of Radiology at the General Hospital of Le Havre and chairman of the College of Medical Imaging of Upper Normandy. Director Behar and his wife, Stella, have three children.

Carl E. Bledsoe, of Englewood, Tennessee, served as a 100% district governor and in many district level capacities, including chairmanships of the International Relations and White Cane committees. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has received three International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Director Bledsoe has been affiliated with many health care organizations and is presently a trustee of Woods Memorial Hospital and a member of the State Board of Trustees of Hospitals. For his work, he received the prestigious Community Service Award from the Tennessee Hospital Association. He is a retired banker and insurance agent. Director Bledsoe and his wife, Dorothy, have one daughter, Susie.

Manuel Carvajal O., of Guayaquil, Ecuador, has served as a 100% district governor and has received the Senior Master Key, International President's Award and an Extension Award. He has also recorded 23 years of perfect attendance. Director Carvajal has served as Multiple District G's official trainer in the Train-the-Trainer program. He is a lawyer and has been recognized for his work on behalf of abused children. Director Carvajal and his wife, Carmen, have three children. WDK 2013



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Dr. Jean Behar



Carl E. Bledsoe



Manuel F. Carvajal O.









Buster B. Crider



Dr. Klaus Hoffman

Juan J. Ceballos C., of Santiago, Dominican Republic, served as a 100% district governor and has received the Master Key and two International President's Awards. He has also recorded 20 years of perfect attendance. Director Ceballos is president of both the Lions-sponsored Patronage Against Leprosy and Blind Patronage of the Cibao Region. In addition, one of the three hospitals he has built on behalf of Lionism was named after him. Director Ceballos is a real estate agent and a business manager. He and his wife, Josefina, have two children.

Fred D. Cole, of Wheeling, West Virginia, served as a 100% district governor and in numerous capacities on the district level the was involved in the pilot project for the Train-the-Trainer program and has received his district's Lion of the Year and Leadership awards, seven Extension awards, the International President's Award and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Director Cole is an insurance agent and is a recipient of the Community Service Award. He and his wife, Mary Louise, have three children.

Buster B. Crider, of Lumberton, Mississippi, served as a 100% district governor, the 1989 USA/Canada Lions Forum promotional chairman and as a member of his state's Youth Camp Committee for 15 years. He has also been active with the Mississippi Lions Sight Foundation and the Mississippi Lions Eye Bank. Director Crider has received three Extension awards, the Key award, four International President's awards and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is involved in the retail sales of building materials and is active in numerous community organizations. Director Crider and his wife, Jane, have three children.

Dr. Klaus Hoffmann, of Vienna, Austria, served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He was also president of the 1979 Europa Forum. Director Hoffmann has received numerous recognitions for his work on behalf of the association, including three International President's awards. He is a lawyer and the vice president of both the Confederation of Austrian Bar Associations and the Vienna Bar Association. Director Hoffmann and his wife, Dr. Eva, have two children.

Ray Hughston, of Brownsville, Texas, served as a 100% district governor and chairman of his state's Lions Journey for Sight. He has received the Key Award, Texas State Extension Award, two International President's awards and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Director Hughston is an independent insurance agent and a member of the Certified Insurance Counselors. He has been active in a number of civic and professional organizations and, as an aircraft owner, is a member of the Confederate Air Force. Director Hughston and his wife, Norma, have four sons.

Douglas K.K. Lee, of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, served as district governor and council chairman and is a life member with 31 years of membership. Among the awards he has received are six International President's awards, the Master Key and six Extension awards. He has been active in many multiple district capacities, including membership on the Long Range Planning Committee. Director Lee is a banker and has been cited for his numerous civic activities, receiving the Meritorious Service Medal. He and his wife, Ruby, have three children and three grandchildren.

Robert B. "Bob" Seibert, of Liverpool, New York, served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has received the Rebuilding Lion Award, Master Key, Extension Award, Life Membership, 25-Year Monarch Chevron, three International President's awards and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He has also recorded 28 years of perfect attendance. Director Seibert has been a moderator and presenter at several USA/Canada Lions Forums. He is retired after 31 years with AT&T. Active in many community organizations, he is an honorary life member of the Central New York Eye Bank. Director Seibert and his wife, Mary, have three children and three grandchildren.

Daryl Shumway, of Heber City, Utah, served as a 100% district governor, council chairman, chairman of the Utah Lions Foundation and in numerous capacities on the district level. He has received the Grand Master Key, five Extension awards, the International President's Award and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He has also recorded 20 years of perfect attendance. Director Shumway is an insurance agent and legal assistant. His various community responsibilities include being a member of the Governors Council of Tourism and chaplain for the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Director Shumway and his wife, "Dee," have raised six children.

Otto P. Strobino, of New Britain, Connecticut, served as a 100% district governor, member of the board of directors of the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation and project director of the publications concerning the history of Lionism in Connecticut. Among the many awards he has received are the 100% President's Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the International President's Leadership Award and two International President's awards. Director Strobino is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. He is involved in the banking and physical therapy professions and active in many related organizations. Director Strobino and his wife, Agnes, have two children.WDK 2013



Ray Hughston



Douglas K.K. Lee



Robert B. "Bob" Seibert



Daryl Shumway



Otto P. Strobino









Roger R. Richert



H. Juerg Schlaefli

Donald K. McGee, of Davenport, Iowa, has served as a district governor, council chairman, cabinet secretary-treasurer and chairman of his district's and multiple district's Hearing Conservation and Drug Awareness committees. He has also chaired a number of committees on the state level and served as a forum leader at the international convention in Denver and a discussion leader at the USA/Canada Forumş in Niagara Falls and Nashville. Director McGee is a high school guidance counselor and is currently a board member of the Iowa Red Feather Campaign. He is also a member of the Davenport, Iowa State and National Education associations, and a Phi Delta Kappa. Director McGee and his wife, Myrna, have two children.

Harry T. Merriman, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, served as a 100% district governor, council chairman and in numerous capacities on the district and multiple district levels. He has also been a director and president of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. Director Merriman has received two District Governor's Appreciation awards, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the International Leadership Award and an International President's Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Merriman is a certified public accountant. He and his wife, Kathleen, have three daughters and two granddaughters.

Roger R. Richert, of Bellevue, Washington, is a member of the Renton Lions Club and has served as district governor and council chairman. His numerous responsibilities on the multiple district level have included being White Cane Day chairman, Leadership chairman, Membership and Extension chairman and president of the Washington-Northern Idaho Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. Director Richert has received many District Governor's Appreciation awards, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation and three International President's awards. He is an architect and is active in a number of professional organizations. Director Richert and his wife, Lion Rosemary, have five sons.

H. Juerg Schlaefli, of Berne, Switzerland, was founder president of Lions Club Berne-Grauholz and served as a 100% district governor. He has received numerous recognitions for his service on behalf of Lions Clubs International including the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Director Schlaefli is an entrepreneur associated with the transportation industry and is a member of his local Traffic Planning Committee. Director Schlaefli and his wife, Dora, are the parents of a son and a daughter.

Blacker Sia, of Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China, served as a 100% district governor, co-chairman of the host committee for the 70th International Convention and executive administrator of the 1988 OSEAL Forum. He was also the featured speaker at the 1990 OSEAL Forum. Director Sia has received the Extension Award and the International President's Award. He is the president of two companies and his public service includes being supervisor of the Sino-British Cultural and Economic Association. Director Sia's community recognitions include the Taipei Mayor Award and the Chairman Award from the Kuomingtang. He and his wife, Maying, have three daughters.

E. Howard Stallings, of Oxford, North Carolina, served as 100% district governor and council chairman. On the district level he has been White Cane chairman, president of the North Carolina Lions Foundation and chairman of the North Carolina Boys and Girls Homes Committee. His extensive service also has included being director of the North Carolina Eye and Tissue Bank. Director Stallings has received the Master Key, two extension awards, two International President's awards and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is a retired Associate Superintendent of his county schools and has been active in numerous educational associations. Director Stallings and his wife, Emma Leigh, have three sons.

Leon W. "Bud" Sweet, of North Pole, Alaska, served as 100% district governor, council chairman, and chairman of his multiple district's Leadership Committee and Train-the-Trainer program. He has received seven District Governor's Appreciation awards, two Extension Awards, International President's Award and International President's Leadership Award. Director Sweet is involved in employee development management and is chairman of the Fairbanks Federal Executive Association Training Sub-Committee. He and his wife, Drenna, have two children.

Dr. William E. West, of Clemson, South Carolina, served as a 100% district governor, multiple district secretary/treasurer, member of the board of directors of the South Carolina Lions Sight Conservation Association and 1990-91 president of the South Carolina Lions Eye Bank. He has received two Extension awards, three International President's awards and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Director West is a professor and Associate Dean of the College of Education at Clemson University and has been involved with a number of professional organizations. He and his wife, Sharon, have a daughter and a son.



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Dr. William E. "Bill" West