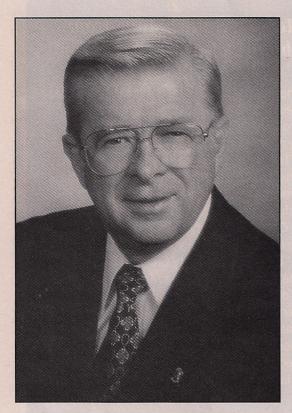
Judge Howard L. "Pat" Patterson Jr. - International President

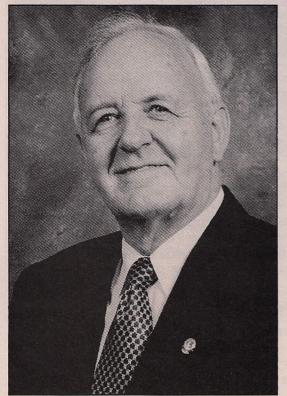


Judge Howard L. "Pat" Patterson Jr., of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is the president of Lions Clubs International. He served as an international director in 1975-77 and as a 100% district governor. He is a life member of the Hattiesburg Lions Club and has served as treasurer of his multiple district council of governors, director of Lions World Services for the Blind and president of the Mississippi Lions Sight Foundation. President Patterson is a Key Member and has received two International Leadership awards, the Mississippi Sight Foundation Leadership Award, 13 International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a member of the Mississippi Lions Hall of Fame. President Patterson is a Senior Status Chancery Court Judge and a member of his local, state and American Bar associations. Prior to his election as a district judge in 1966, he served as his city's prosecuting attorney and judge. He and his wife, Brenda, have three children and four grandchildren.

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Augustin Soliva - Immediate Past President

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Augustin Soliva, of Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil, is the immediate past president of Lions Clubs International. He served as an international director in 1980-82 and as a 100% district governor and council secretary-treasurer. He is a life member of the Sao Jose dos Campos (Centro) Lions Club and has received the Master Key, 20 International President's awards, the Ambassador of Good Will Award and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Immediate Past President Soliva has also been his multiple district's chairman at eight District Governors-Elect Schools and a group leader at six International Seminars. A business administrator, he is a general distributor for an automobile company. In addition to his Lion activities, Immediate Past President Soliva is the founder of several business associations and is the past regional chairman of an automobile dealer association. Currently, he holds the position of delegate to the National Automobile Dealers Union and serves on the board of counsellors of the University of Sao Jose dos Campos. He and his wife, Helena, have five children and 10 grandchildren.

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Kajit "KJ" Habanananda, of Bangkok, Thailand, is the first vice president and served as an international director in 1982-84 and as a 100% district governor, council chairman and district cabinet secretary. He is a charter member of the Bangkok (Cosmopolitan) Lions Club and has recorded 32 years of perfect attendance since becoming a Lion. He has attended 29 Orient and Southeast Asia Lions (OSEAL) Forums and was executive secretary of the 12th forum and chairman of the 26th OSEAL Forum in 1987. Vice President Habanananda has received numerous awards, among them the 100% Club President's Award, seven Extension awards, the Senior Master Key, 14 International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow and was the first Lead Gift donor to Campaign SightFirst. Vice President Habanananda manages business enterprises involving real estate, housing, building management, international consulting, aerospace and telecommunications. He and his wife, Panida, have two sons and a daughter.



James E. "Jim" Ervin, of Albany, Georgia, is the second vice president. He served as an international director during 1992-1994 and as a district governor and council chairman. He is a member of the Albany Lions Club and has been District Leadership Development chairman, Speaker's Bureau chairman and Multiple District Long Range Planning chairman. Vice President Ervin is a past director and trustee of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. He has also served on the 1996 Georgia Lions Paralympic Committee and represented the association at the 1993 and 1997 International Service Clubs Leadership Conferences in West Virginia and California. Vice President Ervin has been a presenter, moderator and discussion leader at 10 USA/Canada Leadership Forums. He has received the Extension Award, Guiding Lion Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, six International President's awards, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He has 25 years of ownership and management experience in transportation and employee leasing companies and is a member of numerous professional organizations. Vice President Ervin and his wife, Lion Betty, have four children and three grandchildren.

▼ International Directors - Elected in Montreal, Quebec, Canada



Dr. Paolo Bernardi, of Bologna, Italy, served as a 100% district governor and council chairman and is a life member of the Bologna Valle del Reno-Guglielmo Marconi Lions Club. He has held numerous offices on the club, district and multiple district levels, including that of district editor and Public Relations chairman and director of the district's "Centro Studi." He also served as a multiple district Train-the-Trainer, chairman of the District Governors-Elect Seminar three times and a member of the Credentials Committee at five international conventions. For his service on behalf of the association, Director Bernardi has received the 100% Club President's Award, recognition for 26 years of perfect attendance and six International President's awards. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director

Bernardi is a legal and insurance consultant, provincial chairman of the National Association of Insurance Agents and vice president of "Telefono Azzurro," a toll-free help line for abused and neglected children. He is a former national chairman of Milano Insurance Agents Group and board member and secretary of Bologna Banca Operaia. Director Bernardi has one daughter.



Jose Brianeti L., of Lima, Peru, is a member of the Chancay Lions Club, served as district governor, a member of numerous multiple district committees and chairman of the Membership and Retention Committee. He has recorded 28 years of perfect attendance, was Peru's official speaker at the FOLAC forums in Guatemala and Paraguay and served as national chairman of Campaign SightFirst. Director Brigneti has received three Membership Growth awards along with the Achievement Certificate for success in the 1989-92 Extension and Membership Increase Program of Multiple District H. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. A businessman, he is the owner of several service stations and a transportation compa-

ny and is presently the director of the Association of Service Station Owners of Peru. Director Brigneti has served as a trustee of the District Council of Chancay. He and his wife, Rosa "Mona," also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children



Robert Browning Jr., of Pineville, West Virginia, is a life member of the Pineville Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He also served three years each as District Youth Exchange chairman, District Conference chairman and Multiple District Leadership Development chairman. He has been West Virginia Lions Sight Research Center liaison from 1991 to 1996 and a trustee of the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation from 1994 to 1996. He has recorded 21 years of perfect attendance and received the Membership Advancement Key, International President's Certificate of Appreciation, Extension Award and International President's awards. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Browning is a lawyer and a member of his

local, state and national bar associations; Wyoming County Mental Hygiene commissioner and Pineville City Attorney. He is active in a number of other civic organizations and serves as a director of the Peoples Bank of Mullens. He and his his wife, Jo Ellen, have two daughters.



Jung-Yeol Choi, of Pusan, Republic of Korea, is a member of the Pusan (First) Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and district cabinet secretary. He has also been his district's auditor, his multiple district's auditor and advisor and a panelist at the 33rd OSEAL Forum. Director Choi has received the Korean Lions Grand Medal, district governor awards for his service as district advisor, auditor and cabinet secretary, the Senior Master Key, six International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Leadership Award and the International President's Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Professionally, he is the president of a trading company. Director Choi is the vice chairman of the Dong-A University Alumni Association and served as director of the Pusan

Sports Association. He and his wife, Seung-Bok Yang, have four daughters.



Dr. Edward V. Cordes, of Corning, New York, is a member of the Corning Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and cabinet secretary. He has served as chairman of many district committees, including Sight Conservation, SightFirst, Convention and Leadership. He also participated in the North American Membership Summit in 1994. Director Cordes is a recipient of the Advancement Key, SightFirst Excellence in Effort Award, an Extension Award, two International President's Leadership awards and two International President's awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Among his other activites, he is the co-founder of the Arthur Darling Low Vision Center and was director of his multiple district's organization of past district governors.

Director Cordes is an optometrist and a member of professional organizations. He also served as chairman of the State University of New York's College of Optometry. Among his numerous awards for his professional accomplishments are the College of Optometry's Benjamin Franklin Society Service Award and the AOA Optometric Recognition Award. In 1990, he was named New York State Optometrist of the Year. Director Cordes's wife, Gail, is a Lion and a Lioness, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a licensed optician and a partner with Director Cordes in their vision care practice



Paul Fan, of Hong Kong, China, is a member of the Braemar Hill Lions Club and has served as a 100% district governor and vice chairman of both the 75th International Convention Host Committee and the 34th OSEAL Forum. He has been chairman of the Lions Nature Education Centre, THE LION (Hong Kong edi-tion) Publication Board, the Club Officers School and the District Membership Committee. His vice chairmanships include the Lions Eye Bank and Research Foundation and the SightFirst China Project. He has received three International President's Leadership awards and two International President's awards. Director Fan is also a Lead Gift Donor to Campaign SightFirst program in the Peoples Republic of China to be carried out over a

five-year period. Professionally, he is involved in finance and property and as an information vendor. At present, he is an adjudicator for the Immigration Tribunal of the Hong Kong government and a member of the Advisory Committee to the Securities and Futures Commission. He is a Justice of the Peace for the Hong Kong government and is a recipi-ent of Her Majesty the Queen's Badge of Honour. Director Fan and his wife, Mary, also a Lead Gift donor, have three children.



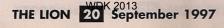
J.D. "Ian" Fowler, of Narooma, New South Wales, Australia, is a member of the Narooma & District Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor, council chairman and chairman of his district's Leadership and Membership committees. He has also been chairman of the Lions Salvation Army Home for Homeless Children, the Lions Narooma Festival and the Lions Royal Blind Society-Sensory Playroom Project. Director Fowler was inaugural chairman for Lions Youth Haven in addition to initiating and organizing Charity Open Days of Australia's New Parliament House. He has received the District Governor's Star Achievement, 10 District Chairman awards, both the district governor's and multiple district council's Plaque of Appreciation, the District Governor's Extension Award, the International

President's Certificate of Appreciation, the LCIF Certificate of Achievement and two International President's medals. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Fowler is a chartered engineer in naval architecture, a consultant in project management and a director of Quest Life Skills Australia. He was formerly CEO for the construction of the new Parliament House in Canberra. For his services to the construction industry, he was awarded the Order of Australia. Director Fowler and his wife, Margaret, have two children.



Dr. Dwayne Garrett, of Wentzville, Missouri, is a member of the Wentzville Lions Club and has served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has also been his district's Extension Committee chairman. Director Garrett has received two International President's awards, Extension Award and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He served on the board of directors of the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation for six years and is a past president of the foundation. Director Garrett is a veterinarian and a member of five professional organizations. He has been a member of the Wentzville Board of Education for nine years, serving as its vice president for two years and president for five years. Director Garrett has received his chamber of

commerce's Community Service Award, the Service Award from his school district and has been recognized as a 4-H leader in veterinary science and for his efforts in forming the Wentzville-Lake St. Louis chapter of Ducks Unlimited. He and his wife, Jeanette, have a son and three grandsons.



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and five grandchildren.

Terence "Terry" Boswell Inniss, of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, is a life member of the Port of Spain (Central) Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor. He has been a multiple district trainer and a sector coordinator for Campaign SightFirst. Director Inniss has recorded 32 years of perfect attendance and, in addition to many awards on the district level, has received two International President's awards, Master Key, three Extension awards and two Guiding Lion awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. An attorney, his numerous civic and community responsibilities include being chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Retired Persons and vice president of the Glaucoma Association of Trinidad and Tobago. Director Inniss has five children



Pat Quigley, of Merced, California, is a member of the Merced (Breakfast) Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He is a trustee of the Lions Eye Foundation of California-Nevada, served as a multiple district trainer, and has been involved with International Youth Exchange and the Central California All Star Football Game, along with the Leadership, Finance and Medic-Alert committees of his district. Director Quigley is a life member of the Ear of the Lion and Canine Companions for Independence and has been honored with Harry Aslan, Dwight Stanford and Fred Smith Fellowships of Asidi, Dwight John Od and Hed Sinder Foundation. The Multiple District 4 Student Speakers Foundation. Director Quigley has recorded 32 years of perfect attendance and received the 30 Member Key, three International President's awards and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is an attorney-at-

a city councilman and a member of the Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of California. Director Quigley and his wife, Cappi, have two daughters.



Prof. Jean Oustrin, of Ramonville St. Agne, France, is a member of the Toulouse Colomiers Lions Club and has served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. At the district level, he has served as chairman of both the Youth Committee and Membership and Training Committee. Director Oustrin has been a board member and president of the Cultural Centers (youth camps) and a group leader at training seminars. Currently, he is president of the Voice Donors Association (audio library). He has received a Membership Growth Award, the Top Ten International Understanding and Cooperation Award and two International President's awards. Director Oustrin is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. He is a university professor and a Doctor of both Pharmacy and Physical

Science and an expert for the French and European Agency of Medical Products. Director Oustrin has received numerous professional and civic honors including membership in the National Academy of Pharmacy and a medal from the Academy of Medicine. He is an officer in the National Order of Merit. He and his wife, Lili, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and three grandchidren.



Billy C. Pearson, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, is a member of the Murfreesboro Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and cabinet secretary. He was a Train-the-Trainer and chairman of his district's Leo, State Convention and International Convention committees. He is presently chairman of his district's Leadership Development and Long Range Planning committees. He was also a three-time chairman of his multiple district's Leadership Development Committee. Director Pearson is a board member both of the Ed Lindsey Industries for the Blind and Lions Communication Service. He served on the Elections Committee at the 1990 International Convention in St. Louis. He has received three District Governor's

Appreciation awards, the Membership Growth Award, the Leo Club Extension Award, four Extension awards, the International President's Commendation Medal, two Leadership awards, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Guiding Lion Award and two International President's awards. He is a Key Member and a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Pearson is a retired employee of the aerospace industry. He and his wife, Frances, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and a grandson.



Joe Preston, of Prescott Valley, Arizona, is a member of the Prescott (Sunrise) Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. At the district level, he has been chairman of the Leadership, Lions-Quest, Lioness and White Cane com-mittees. He was also Multiple District Leadership chairman and Multiple District Train-the-Trainer for three years . Director Preston has hosted seven International Youth Exchange students and served as host committee chairman for both the 1991 International Board of Directors Meeting in Scottsdale and the 77th International Convention in Phoenix. He has also been a board member of the Lions Foundation of Arizona. Director Preston has received two International President's Certificates of

Appreciation, the Medal of Merit and three International President's awards. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He is a fleet sales manager for an automobile dealer-ship, was president of his county's United Way and received the Certificate of ship, was president of his county's United Way and received the Contractor Appreciation from the Drug Enforcement Administration. Director Preston and his wife, WDK 2013



G. Ramaswamy, of Coimbatore, India, is a member of the Annur Town Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and chairman of the All India District Governors Elect Schooling in 1996. He was appointed by the association to serve as chairman for the district in the absence of a district governor in 1990-91. He also has been his multiple district's LCIF Chairman, SightFirst Chairman and Convention Chairman. In 1991, he was a member of the International Convention Credentials Committee. Director Ramaswamy has received the Guiding Lion Award, District Governor's Membership Growth Award, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, a Leadership Award, the District Governor's Extension Award for 25 new clubs, the Key of State Award, three

Extension awards, two Excellence in Efforts awards from SightFirst and six International President's awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Ramaswamy is a businessman and the chairman and managing director of an engineering company, managing director of a textile company and the director of numerous other companies. He is a member of many civic and community organizations including the Coimbatore and Madras Cosmopolitan Club. Director Ramaswamy and his wife, Shanthamani, who is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons.



Jimmy M. Ross, of Quitaque, Texas, is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club and served as a district governor and council chairman. At the district level, he was chairman of the Membership, Extension and State Convention committees. He also served as director of the Texas Lions Camp. Director Ross has been credited with organizing more than 50 Lions clubs and has spoken at two international conventions and two USA/Canada forums. A member of the Texas Hall of Fame, he has received Texas Membership and Extension awards, six District Governor's Appreciation awards, is both a Jack Weich and Texas Lions Fellow awards, is born a jack verter and notes the Hi-Plains Eye and a life member of Girls Town and the Hi-Plains Eye Bank. Director Ross has also received three International President's awards and the Melvin Jones

Fellowship. He is self-employed in public relations and ranching and served as a county judge and on the staff of the governor of Texas. He is presently a life member of the American Quarter Horse Association and has been a member of numerous community and civic organizations. Director Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters.



Dr. Kenshi "Ken" Yoshida, of Kumamoto, Japan, is a member of the Kumamoto Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has been chairman of his district's Youth Exchange Committee and his multiple district's Youth Outreach Committee and 1992 International Convention Committee. He was also a Campaign SightFirst Sector Coordinator. Director Yoshida holds the Senior Master Key and Monarch Chevron and is a recipient of the Extension Award, District Governor's Extension Award and the International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Dr. Yoshida's profession is in tumor immunology and he is the director of Kumamoto Kensei Hospital, Yoshida Hospital and the Yoshida Clinic in Tokyo. He is a member of the

Japan Medical Doctor's Association, Japan Cancer Institution and Japan Institute of Immunology. He has received the Immunotherapy for Cancer Award and the Kumamoto City Merit Award. Director Yoshida and his wife, Yoko, have three sons.

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Bruno Ahlqvist, of Gavle, Sweden, is a member of the Gavle Norra Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has been his multiple district's Extension and Development chairman, Long Range Planning Committee chairman and Multiple District Trainer. Director Ahlqvist has received the Golden Lion Award (the highest Swedish award), two Extension awards and the International President's Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Professionally, he is an international marketing manager. Director Ahlqvist's wife's name is Inger.



recreational, cultural and social organizations. He and his wife, Blasi, have two children.

David Fuertes, of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, is a member of the Las Palmas Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He was also chairman of his district and multiple district ICIF, Leadership and Public Relations committees, Train-the Trainer and Campaign SightFirst Sector coordinator. Director Fuertes has recorded 21 years of perfect attendance and has received 14 District Governor's Appreciation awards, two District Governor's Extension awards, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and the International President's Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Fuertes is a board member and director of a promotion and sales company and a member of numerous business, sports,



have two daughters and one son.

Libardo Bastidas Passos, of Santa Cruz, Narino, Colombia, is a member of the Popayan Lions Club and served as district governor and council chairman. At the district level, he has been chairman of the Extension and Membership, Leadership, Constitution and By-Laws and Convention committees. He has also served as chairman of his multiple district's Leadership Committee. Director Bastidas has received several District Governor's Certificates of Appreciation and two International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is a urologist and a member of the Medical Federation of Colombia. Director Bastidas also serves as professor at the University of Cauca's School of Medicine. He and his wife Rocio Toro



Edward R. "Ed" Gear, of Eugene, Oregon, is a member of the Eugene (Downtown) Lions Club and served as a district governor, council chairman, chairman of his district's Leadership Committee and chairman of his multiple district's Leadership Committee. He has also served as district chairman for Campaign SightFirst, multiple district Trainthe-Trainer and trustee of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Director Gear has received the District Governor's Extension Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, International President's Leadership Award, International President's Award and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is a retired U.S. Army officer and a retired real estate executive. Director

and the Distinguished Service Award from the governor of Oregon. His past civic duties have included membership on the Salem City Budget Committee and a number of posts related to veterans groups. Director Gear and his wife, Elaine, have three children and eight grandchildren.



John J. Daum, of Newcastle, Wyoming, is a member of the Newcastle Cambria Lions Club and served as 100% district governor and council chairman. At the district level, he has been Leadership chairman and Vision Committee chairman. Director Daum was also president of the Wyoming Lions Foundation. He has been active in leadership workshops and officer school training and served as a LEHP presenter and instructor for Train-the-Trainer and Lions-Quest. Director Daum has received the International Leadership Award, the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and the Advanced Membership Key. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow. A retired middle school educator and coach, Director Daum is also chairman of his local Senior Housing Board. He served as chairman of his hospital

board and was a member of his city's planning board and the local, state and national Education Associations. He and his wife, Katherine, have two daughters.



Lloyd H. Hansen, of Brookings, South Dakota, is a member of the Brookings Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He was chairman of his district's Convention, Leadership and LCIF committees, District Trainer, secretary/treasurer of the South Dakota Past District Governor's Association and a member of his state's Lions Eye Bank Task Force from which he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. Director Hansen has received the Rebuilding Lion Award, the International President's Leadership Award and an Extension Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Hansen is a retired educator and is presently a member of numerous community and civic organizations, including the Brookings Chamber of Commerce, Brookings Economic

Development Committee and chairman of the South Dakota Eminent Farmer and Homemaker Committee. He and his wife, Roberta, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have four children and five grandchildren.



Peter Y.S. Fu, of Singapore, is a member of the Singapore (East) Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He also served as chairman of the 10th OSEAL Forum in 1971 and the 24th OSEAL Forum in 1985 and sponsors the annual Lion Peter Fu Charity Golf Tournament. He is also a trustee of the Lions Home for the Elders. Director Fu has received four International President's awards, the Ambassador of Good Will Award and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Professionally, he is the owner of diversified business companies. Director Fu and his wife, Mary, have four children and five grandchildren.



Burrell Hardan, of Bellingham, Washington, is a member of the Bellingham (Central) Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has also been chairman of his district's Extension, Contest & Awards and Membership committees and ICIF chairman of his multiple district. Director Hardan has served as director of the Lions Society of British Columbia, charter member and president of the Multiple District 19 Hearing Foundation, and secretary and trustee of Camp Horizon. He is a Brian Stevenson Fellow and has received six District Governor's Extension awards, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, three Guiding Lion awards, 50 Member Key, three Extension awards and

the International President's Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Hardan is a distributor of beauty and barber supplies, a member of the City of Bellingham Board of Adjustment, a member of the Whatcom Transportation Authority Advisory Board and a board member of the Salvation Army. He and his wife, Gloria, have three children

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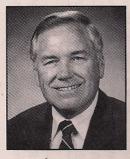
Jack L. Isaman, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is a member of the Calgary (Northeast Eyeopener) Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has served on numerous district and multiple district committees and was president of the Lions of Alberta Foundation. Presently, he is director of the Multiple District 37 Lions Eye Bank and a director of the Lions of Alberta Foundation. Director Isaman has served as director of the Lions Christmas Telethon, was the author of the Multiple District 37 Policy Manual and has made numerous presentations on leadership training at the district and multiple district levels. He has received three International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Multiple District Award for District Governors, an Extension

Award, the International Leadership Award and the International President's Award Director Isaman is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Professionally, he is an accountant and business manager. His wife, Denise, also is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



Ernst A. Musil, of Vienna, Austria, is a member of the Vienna-Johann Strauss Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has been his district's and multiple district's International Relations, Membership and Constitution and By-Laws chairman. Director Musil was involved in the organization and expansion of Lionism into Eastern Europe and served as Coordinating Lion for Districts 119 (Hungary), 122 (Czech Republic and Slovakia) and 124 (Romania). He has received the District Governor's Excellence Award, the Leadership Award, two International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Musil is an insurance company director. He has been honored for his work with the

Red Cross and his chamber of commerce. His wife, Christine, is also a Melvin Jones Fellow



Charles E. Kostro, of Acton, Massachusetts, is a member of the Acton Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor. His Lion activities have also included being secretary, director and president of the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc., and chairman of his district's Eye Research Committee. Director Kostro initiated bis district's Youth Speech Program and, in 1990-91, set a district record for eye research donations with \$266,685. He has received the Dr. Charles L. Schepens Life Time Award for Defactions for Demonstration Dedication to Eye Research, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, awards from the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, the Membership Key and the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Director Kostro is an electrical engineer and holds the

position of engineering program manager. He has received wide recognition in his profession and is active in school and community youth sports programs. He and his wife, Lion Claire, have three sons.



Yasukazu Oono, of Morioka, Japan, is a member of the Morioka (Kozukata) Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has been his multiple district's Convention Committee chairman, LCIF chairman and Train-the-Trainer. Director Oono was a member of the OSEAL Forum committee and served as management chairman of the Japan Lions Liaison Office. He has received the 30-Year Monarch Chevron, Advancement Key, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and the Trainthe Trainer Certificate. Director Oono is the president of a Taxi company, vice president of the Iwate Prefecture Taxi Association and president of the Iwate Prefecture Private Schools Parents Society. In recognition of his professional achievements, he received the Certificate

of Commendation from the Minister of Transport. Director Oono and his wife, Taeko, have four children and three grandchildren.



Gilles J. Melancon, of Repentigny, Quebec, Canada, served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He was a moderator at a leadership seminar, chairman of his district's Extension Committee and chairman of his district's Association of Former Governors. Director Melançon served as chairman of his multiple district's Promotion Committee, co-chairman of the Leadership Committee, co-chairman of the 1979 International Convention in Montreal and senior vice president of the 1996 International Convention in Montreal. His extensive involvement has also included writing procedures for rebuilding weak clubs and writing his district's Constitution and By-Laws. Director Melançon has recorded 32 years of perfect attendance and received six District Governor's awards,

four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, five Extension awards, two International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is a 30-Year Monarch and a Melvin Jones Fellow, Director Melancon is a retired manager of union relations. He and his wife, Denise, have three children and four grandchildren.



John B. "Jack" Stuart, of Jacksonville, Florida, is a member of the Jacksonville Riverside Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and cabinet treasurer. He has also been president of the Multiple District 35 Past District Governors Association; president, North Florida Lions Eye Bank; Multiple District Convention chairman; director, Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind and director of the Florida Lions Camp for the Visually Handicapped. Director Stuart is a recipient of the Millard Conklin Crusader Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation, International President's Leadership Medal, Guiding Lion Award, Rebuilding Lion Award, two Extension awards, International President's Award with three torches and the Progressive Melvin Jones

Fellowship. He is the president and owner of a computing company and a retired United States Air Force systems analyst and maintenance control supervisor. Director Stuart is affiliated with numerous community and professional organizations, including president of the Retired Association, Florida Air National Guard. He and his wife, Barbara, have a son and a daughter, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.



Salim Moussan, of Beirut, Lebanon, is the charter president of the Beirut (St. Gabriel) Lions Club and served as a District Governor and as his district's Trainer and Leadership Development chairman. He is the founder and chairman of the Lions Eye Center in Lebanon and was chairman of the 23rd South Asia, Africa and Middle East Forum, advisor to the 24th forum, chairman of the 1997 Mediterranean Lions Conference and a presenter at two International Relations seminars at international conventions. Director Moussan has received an LCIF Certificate of Appreciation, five District Governor's Extension Awards, three International President's Leadership awards, three Extension awards and the International President's Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Moussan is the owner of an import-export trading company, a

member of the American Management Association, past president of the Lebano-American Benevolent Association and active in numerous community activities. He and his wife, Alia, also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have four children WDK 2013



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Gene Vogel, of Tonganoxie, Kansas, is a member of the Turner Lions Club and served as a 100% district governor and council chairman. He has served as district secretary/treasurer and his multiple district's Leadership and Membership chairman. Director Vogel served as the president of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. Internationally, he has been a member of the Elections, Credentials and Nominating committees. He was a member of the USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee in 1994 and vice chairman of the host committee for the 1995 International Board of Directors meeting in Overland Park, Kansas. Director Vogel has received four International President's Certificates of Appreciation and two International President's awards. He is the C.F.O/manager/stockholder of a research

group and active in numerous community and civic organizations, including the advisory committee of Kansas Specialty Dog Service. He and his wife, Darcey, are both Progessive Melvin Jones Fellows. They have three daughters and four grandchildren.