

# Officers & Directors 2003-2004



## **Dr. Tae-Sup Lee** **International President**

Dr. Tae-Sup "TS" Lee, of Seoul, Republic of Korea, was elected to serve as President of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 86th International Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 30-July 4, 2003.

A Lion since 1975 and member of the Seoul Sejong Lions Club with 25 years of perfect attendance, President Lee has held many positions within the association, including club president, zone chairman, region chairman, district governor and council chairman. He served as an international director on the association's board of directors from 1993 to 1995. He also was chairman of the 32nd OSEAL Forum and co-chairman of the Host Committee for the 78th International Convention.

President Lee has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including several International President's Certificates of Appreciation and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Haing-Ja, President's Lee wife, is well-known in her own right for her non-governmental public service in Korea. After four years as the president of the Seoul YWCA, she has recently been elected to a three-year term as the president of the Korea YWCA. President Lee and Haing-Ja, who is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and three grandchildren. Boong-Kyu, the elder son, is a corporate lawyer in New York and Tai-Gyu is a professor at Yonsei University in Seoul.

Dr. Lee graduated from the prestigious Seoul National University and received his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the field of chemical engineering. After a brilliant career as a senior researcher at Shell Oil, USA, President Lee returned to Korea as a manager and ultimately president and CEO of several major firms, including Daewoo Engineering and Punghan Industrial Co.

Following his success in the business world, Dr. Lee turned to politics and was elected to four terms of the National Assembly of Korea. He also served his nation twice as a Cabinet Minister, with portfolios in Political Affairs and Science and Technology. President Lee played an instrumental role in the miraculous recovery of the Korean economy following the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis as a member of the 12-person Emergency Economic Committee that led the country's successful response. More recently, Dr. Lee has been working as the chairman and CEO of the Korea Nuclear Energy Foundation.

Guided by his presidential theme, Innovation: Gateway to Our Future, President Lee promises to synthesize his experiences in research, business and government to lead the global Lions in developing more innovative service solutions during the upcoming year.



## **Kay K. Fukushima** **Immediate Past** **International President**

Kay K. Fukushima, of Sacramento, California, is the immediate past international president. A member of the Sacramento (Senator) Lions Club since 1965, he served as an international director in 1986-1988 and as international president in 2002-2003. He was a 100% district governor, president of the Northern California Lions Sight Association, District and Multiple District Convention Chairman and a member of the Multiple District 4 White Cane Committee. Immediate Past President Fukushima was a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee during 1988-1991 and served as a District Governors-elect school group leader in 1994-1999 and as a member of the Leadership Institute Faculty during 1994-1997.

He has received three Extension awards, four Lion of the Year awards, a Master Key, four International President's Leadership medals, eight International President's Certificates of Appreciation, 11 International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Progressive Helen Keller Fellow and has received the Abdula Award from Canine Companions for Independence.

Immediate Past President Fukushima is in the insurance industry and is involved with the Sacramento Zoo, Boy Scouts, numerous community youth recreation programs and various professional associations. He and his wife, Denise, have two children and four grandchildren.



## **Clement F. Kusiak** **First Vice President**

Clement F. Kusiak, of Linthicum, Maryland, is the first vice president. He served as a member of the International Board of Directors in 1988-1990 and has been a member of the Baltimore (Brooklyn), Maryland, Lions Club since 1965. He served as a 100% district governor and council treasurer, was on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee and has been a moderator and presenter at the forum. First Vice President Kusiak has been a group leader at the District Governors-elect School, chairman of the international convention's Rules of Procedure and Elections committees and advisor to the Multiple District 22 Lions Vision Research Foundation.

He is a Key Member and has received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the Extension Award, five International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

First Vice President Kusiak has previous experience in businesses owned and operated by his immediate family. He enjoys challenges relating to engineering and construction with the FMC Corporation.

He and his wife, Jeanne, have two sons and two grandchildren.

Note: The Biography of Ashok Mehta  
Second Vice President  
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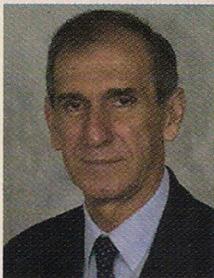
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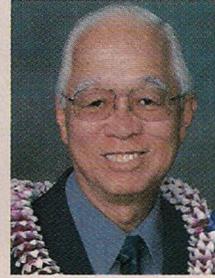
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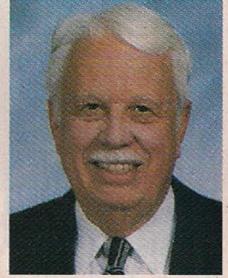
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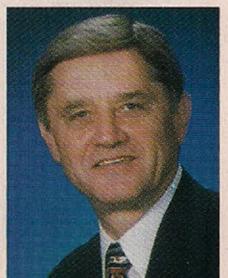
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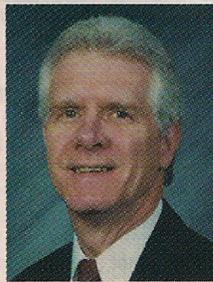
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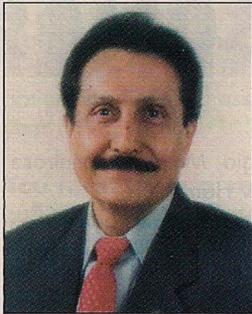
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**Ashok Mehta  
Second Vice President**

Ashok Mehta of Sion-Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, is the second vice president. He served as an International Director in 1986-1988 and has been a member of the Bombay-Sion Lions Club since 1963. He was a 100% District Governor and is the chairman emeritus of the Lions Hospital and Medical Centre of Bombay. Vice President Mehta has received 19 Extension Awards, 20 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Second Vice President Mehta has been active in numerous community activities, among them serving as special executive magistrate to the government of Maharashtra, secretary for the Mahavir Heart Research Foundation, chairman of the M.P. Shah Women's College and Nanavati Polytechnic, a member of the National Executive of the Red Cross and Kidney Foundation, managing trustee of the Jeevan Prakash Drug and Medical Equipment Foundation, president of the Gyan Vikas Mandal, which operates an English medium school in a rural area, chairman of the Lions Kartar Singh Hospital and chairman of Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati Hospital and Research Centre.

Professionally, he is the chairman of a public limited company. Second Vice President Mehta and his wife, Kokila, have one daughter, Shital, and both Kokila and Shital are also Melvin Jones Fellows.



**Habitat for Humanity Colorado**

Members of the Redlands Lions Club in Grand Junction, Colorado, have joined hundreds of their fellow Lions to work with Habitat for Humanity, bringing affordable housing to families with disabilities.

The Luby family was chosen to receive the house. Chris Luby is wheelchair-bound with cerebral palsy. His wife, Mundy, is legally blind, and the couple have a four-year-old daughter, Erin.

Redlands Lion Steve Sheehy, the fundraising coordinator for the project, contacted other clubs in the area for help. The Clifton, Fruitvale, Grand Junction and Palisade Lions clubs provided funds or in-kind donations. For example, Past District Governor and Fruitvale Lion Richard Hoey donated \$2,500 in concrete work for the home's construction. In all, Lions contributed \$12,500, Habitat an additional \$12,500, which qualified the project to receive an LCIF Core-4 Grant for \$25,000.

Once the funding was in place, work could begin. Volunteers broke ground on August 6, 2002, and the home was officially dedicated on December 28. The ceremony was attended by local Lions and Habitat volunteers, and Past International Director Dr. Larry "Doc" Hahn was also present. The event was well covered by the media, including several local television stations and newspapers.

The home is fully equipped to accommodate Chris Luby's wheelchair and has special lighting to enhance Mundy's vision.

*Lion Gary Heath was one of many volunteers who helped construct the Habitat house.*

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