Officers and Directors Lions Clubs International 1981-1982



Kaoru "Kay" Murakami, of Japan, is the President of Lions Clubs International. He served as an International Director during 1975-77 and was elected International Third Vice President at the 1978 Convention in Tokyo, Japan. He was also chairman of the third Asian Lions Forum in 1964 and vice chairman of the host committee for the 1969 International Convention in Tokyo. President Murakami has received nine International President's Awards, three Extension Awards, the Ambassador of Good Will Award and is a Key Member. He has also recorded 28 years of perfect attendance. President Murakami is vice chairman of the board and vice president of the largest Tea Culture Association, "Urasen-ke," in Japan, a director of the School of Foreign Language at the University of Kyoto, director of Kitano Shinto Shrine and has lectured widely on the subject of tea culture. He has received the keys of many cities and is an honorary citizen of 20 cities in the United States. The International President and his wife, Shoko, are the parents of three children and have six grandchildren.

William C. Chandler, of Montgomery, Alabama, is the Immediate Past President of Lions Clubs International. He joined the Montgomery Lions Club in 1948 and served as its President in 1965-66 and as District 34-G Governor and Council Chairman in 1968-69. He was a member of the International Board of Directors in 1973-75 and was elected Third International Vice President in 1977. Immediate Past President Chandler is involved in a number of youth activities and is the founder and a past director of the Montgomery Lions International Youth Camp. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Eye Foundation Hospital in Alabama, served as Chairman of the Alabama Lions Eye Clinic building fund and is a Past President of the Blue-Gray Football Game. He has received ten International President's Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Chandler is the General Director of the Montgomery YMCA and vice president of an agricultural limestone manufacturing company. He is a Baptist and he and his wife, Martha, have two daughters, Carroll and Beth, and a son, Bill.







Everett J. "EBB" Grindstaff



Dr. James M. "Jim" Fowler



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Everett J. (EBB) Grindstaff, of Ballinger, Texas, First Vice-President, has served as District Governor and, in 1972-74, as an International Director. He has received the Melvin Jones Fellowship, nine International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is a Past President of the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children. First Vice-President Grindstaff is an attorney, a past Director of the State Bar of Texas and, since 1957, City Attorney of Ballinger. He is also a director of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Ballinger and Chairman of the Upper Colorado River Authority. His other community involvements include the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, industrial and water development and the Boy Scouts. He is a Baptist and he and his wife, Jeannette (Jay), have a son, Jeff, and a daughter, Michelle

Dr. James M. "Jim" Fowler, of Little Rock, Arkansas, Second Vice-President, served as an International Director in 1974-76 and was a 100% District Governor. He is also a Past President and presently Board member of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Vice-President of International Services for the Blind and former Vice-President and Board member of the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank. He has received the Extension Award, Master Key, six International President's Awards, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Vice-President Fowler is a dentist and businessman, a former instructor at the St. Louis Univeristy Dental School, served as an Arkansas State Senator and is a retired army colonel. He is a Baptist, his wife's name is Agnes and he is the father of a son and a daughter.

Bert Mason, of Donaghadee, Northern Ireland, Third Vice-President, served as a 100% District Governor and as a member of the International Board of Directors in 1976-78. He has received the District Governor's Extension Award, six International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He has also served as a group leader at the 1979 and 1980 District Governors-Elect Schools. Vice President Mason is a Master Printer and is currently Chief Executive of a premier company in the printing and packaging field in Belfast. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the College of Art and is a Past President of the Printing Employers Association. Vice President Mason is a Presbyterian and he and his wife, Beryl, have two sons and two daughters.

International Directors

Shohei Arimoto, of Nishinomiya, Japan, Director, has been a 100% District Governor and recorded 16 years perfect attendance. He has received the Top Ten Award of Youth Exchange, six District Gover-

nor's Appreciation Awards, an Extension Award, the Best Essay Award from the Japanese language edition of THE LION and three International President's Awards. Director Arimoto is currently the president of a commercial trading company and was previously affiliated with a local newspaper. He is a Methodist and he and his wife, Teruko, have two children.

Prof. Rafael Arriola Molina, of Jalapa, Veracruz, Mexico, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and as Council Chairman. He has received numerous awards for his work in Lionism, including three International President's Awards. Director Arriola is an educator and a former Senator of the Republic of Mexico. He holds memberships in the National Association of Veracruz and the National Academy of Pedagogy. He has been cited by the state of Veracruz for his historical research. Director Arriola and his wife, Leonor, are Roman Catholics.

Premchand R. Bafana, of Pune, India, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has received five Extension Awards, the Master Key, the District Governor's Extension Award, two International President's Awards and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He has also recorded 15 years perfect attendance. Director Bafana is a businessman in the fields of agricultural implements, tires, transport, real estate, finance and petroleum products. He is involved in a number of voluntary capacities in his community. Director Bafana is of the Jain faith and he and his wife, Shashiprabha, have three children.

James T. Coffey, of Toronto, Ohio, Director, has been a 100% District Governor and Council Chairman. He has received the District Governor's Extension Award, 12 District Governor's Appreciation Awards, the District Extension Award and two International President's Awards. He has also recorded 21 years perfect attendance. Director Coffey has served in various capacities at the District level, including Chairman of LCIF, Extension and Activities. He is involved in oil refining and a real estate trust company. Director Coffey is a Presbyterian and he and his wife, Betty, have one son.

Dr. Jack DoBush, of Lamont, Alberta, Canada, Director, has served as a 100% District Governor and as Council Chairman. He has recorded 28 years perfect attendance and holds numerous District and International Awards. A youth leader, he is heavily involved in special education for handicapped children and continuing education for adults. Director DoBush is an educator, is affiliated with many professional education associations and is currently his county's Superintendent of Schools. He is a Protestant and he and his wife, Ollie, have two sons and two daughters.



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K. M. "Ken" Lentfer



Dr. Luis Murad

Dr. Yong Woo Kim, of Seoul, Korea, Director, served as District Governor and Council Chairman. He is a Key Member and has received the Extension Award and three International President's Awards. Director Kim is involved with the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, YMCA and amateur sports in Korea. He is chairman of the Pan National Security Central Council and served his country as Minister of National Defense, Ambassador to England and representative to the United Nations. He is a Methodist and he and his wife, Yang Soon, have six children.

G.E. "**Bud**" Klise, of Stockport, Iowa, Director, has served as a 100% District Governor and has received the District Governor's Extension Award and the International President's 1977-76 Above Quota Award. He is also a Key Member and has served his District in a number of capacities. Director Klise is a self-employed independent oil jobber and is active in a number of businessmen's groups. He is a Methodist and he and his wife, Marilyn, have two daughters.

Kenneth M. Lentfer, of West Pennant Hills, New South Wales, Australia, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and as Council Chairman. He has been active in numerous capacities on the District and Multiple District levels and is the recipient of three Extension Awards and two International President's Awards. He is also a Key Member and has recorded 22 years of perfect attendance. Director Lentfer is a joint managing director of four companies in the property development and investments field, and his community activities include the Boy Scouts and the New South Wales Nurses Scholarship Association. He is a Methodist and he and his wife, Marcia, have two children.

Luis Murad, M.D., of Pilar City, Argentina, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has received the Extension and International President's Awards. He is a surgeon, an instructor at Buenos Aires University and a demonstrator in his field at national and international congresses. Director Murad has also served as mayor of Pilar City and holds many civic and community honors. He is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Hortensia, have two children.

Joseph L. Raub, of New London, Connecticut, Director, has served as District Governor and President of the New England Council of Present and Past District Governors. He is currently Treasurer of the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation. Director Raub has received three Extension Awards and four International President's Awards. He operates a retail hardware and sporting goods store and has been active with the Boy Scouts of America. Director Raub is a Congregationalist and he and his wife, Millie, have two daughters.

Beauford W. Robinson, of Jefferson City, Missouri, Director, has served as a 100% District Governor and a board member of the Lions Eye Research Foundation of Missouri. He is Assistant Commissioner of Education for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is affiliated with a number of educational organizations. He has also been active with the Boy Scouts, Red Cross and Missouri Historical Society. Director Robinson is a widower and is of the Disciples of Christ faith. He has three children.

Augustin Soliva, of Sao Jose Dos Campos, Brazil, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and is a recipient of the Master Key, five International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He has also served as a group leader at District Governor-Elect Seminars. Director Soliva is a business administrator and economist. He is an automobile dealer and the president of a public works company. Director Soliva is president of the first league soccer club, Sao Jose, E.C., and occupies leadership positions in many cultural and business associations. He is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Helena, have five children.

John S. Swantek, of Browns Mills, New Jersey, Director, served as a District Governor and is a recipient of three Extension Awards and two International President's Awards. He is the founder and chairman of Children's World at the Deborah Heart and Lung Center and has received the hospital's Heart of Gold Award for humanitarian service. He has personally sponsored nearly 700 patients for open heart surgery and his promotion of the Center has resulted in support from many Lions Clubs. A room is dedicated to the Lions for their support of this project. Director Swantek is self-employed in chemical sales. He is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Lea, have five children.



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Avv. Giuseppe Taranto, of Rome, Italy, Director, has served as a 100% District Governor and has received five District Governor's Appreciation Awards, the District Governor's Extension Award, the Old Monarch Chevron and two International President's Awards. He is also a Key Member. Director Taranto edited the first complete history of Lionism in Italy. He is also a contributor to an Italian law review and is a Knight Commander of the Italian Republic Order. Director Taranto is a Roman Catholic and his wife's name is Elisabetta.

William E. Winland, of Gillette, Wyoming, Director, has served as a 100% District Governor, Council Chairman and Trustee of the Wyoming Lions Blind Camp. He is a Key Member and has received four District Governor's Extension Awards, four Extension Awards, the International President's Award and the Guiding Lion Award. Director Winland is involved in land development and his civic affairs include his county's planning commission and school board. He also serves on the board of directors of a local savings and loan. He is a Presbyterian and he and his wife, Sharon, have three children.

Donald E. Banker, of Rolling Hills, California, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and is a recipient of the District Governor's Extension Award, the Membership Key and two International President's Awards. A Past President of the Southern California Lions Eye Institute, he is a member of its Board and a Director of the Foundation for Ophthalmic Education in Santa Monica. He also was a founder of his District's Eyemobile. He served as Chairman of the Lions All Star Football Game and has chaired two Multiple District Committees. Director Banker is an insurance agent and broker and is associated with numerous professional and civic organizations. He belongs to the Christian Church and he and his wife, Diane, have three sons.

Farice Bruce, Jr., of Liberal, Kansas, Director, served as a 100 % District Governor and has received Extension Awards, the Key Award and three International President's Awards. He is also a Director of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. Director Bruce is the President and Director of a Federal Savings and Loan Association and his community involvement has included the School Board and Chamber of Commerce. He served as a City Councilman for six years and as Mayor of Liberal for two years. Director Bruce is a member of the Church of Christ and he and his wife, Genie, have four children.

Vernon D. France, of Wenatchee, Washington, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has received the Advancement Key, Extension Awards and the International President's Award. He also designed and produced the Lions Friendship Arches, installed at eight international crossings in North America and Europe. Director France is a real estate broker and active in professional organizations. He is a Protestant and he and his wife, Emmy, have four children.

William F. Gackle, of Kulm, North Dakota, Director, has served his District in a number of capacities including District Governor. He is the recipient of the District Governor's Extension Award, Membership Awards, the Advancement Key and Perfect Attendance Awards. Director Gackle is self-employed in farming and ranching and served in his state legislature for 16 years. He has also received the Greater American Legislator's Merit Award and soil conservation awards. Director Gackle is a Protestant and he and his wife, Marilyn, have four children.

Yasuto Kaetsu, of Tokyo, Japan, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has been active in a number of District and Multiple District capacities, including the Chairmanship of the Editorial Committee for the Japanese language edition of THE LION. He has received the Extension Award, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and many other honors. Director Kaetsu is an educator and affiliated with numerous professional organizations. He is a Buddhist and he and his wife, Fusae, have three children.

James E. Kent, of Guilderland, New York, Director, served as a District Governor and is now President of the New York Organization of Past Governors. He has received the Membership Advancement and Master Keys and the Extension Award. Director Kent also served as Director of his District's Hearing Conservation Society. He is an attorney and involved in numerous community organizations, including the Empire State Speech and Hearing Clinic, the YMCA and Boy Scouts. Director Kent is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Emily, have five children.



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Robert E. Maxey, of Springfield, Illinois, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and as chairman of a number of District committees. He was also General Chairman of a CPR Telethon involving four Districts. Director Maxey has recorded 24 years perfect attendance, is a Key Member and has received the Guiding Lion Award and two International President's Awards. He is the president and owner of a printing company and involved in many community activities. Director Maxey is a Congregationalist and he and his wife, Fran, have three children.

Marcel J. Mengeot, of Charleroi, Belgium, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and is active in his District Cabinet. He has received two International President's Awards and numerous other recognitions on both the Club and District levels. Director Mengeot is a Judge of Peace, a Past President of the Driver's License Commission and President of the Charleroi Prison Administration Commission. He and his wife, Gisele, have two children.

Bruce E. Murray, of St. Marys, Ontario, Canada, Director, served as a 100% District Governor, is a Key Member and has received eight District Governor's Appreciation Awards and seven Extension Awards. He founded and, for six years, served as Director of the International Youth Camp, sponsored by Districts A-9 and A-15. Director Murray owns and operates a sales agency for agricultural products, and is a former town councillor. He is of the Anglican faith and he and his wife, Alice, have three children.

Persiles Ayanes Perez M., of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and is the recipient of an International President's Appreciation Award and the Membership and Advancement Keys. His numerous accomplishments on the District level include implementation of Lions Mutual Help, Inc. Director Perez M. is an attorney and in charge of land matters for the state council on sugar. He and his wife, Mercedes, are Roman Catholics and have four children.

William L. Schooler, of Munster, Indiana, Director, has served as a District Governor and recorded 13 years perfect attendance. He is a recipient of numerous Extension, Membership and District Governor's Appreciation Awards. Director Schooler is an educator and has been a teacher, coach and principal, and participates in many professional organizations such as the Association of School Business Officials and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. He and his wife, Jean, are of the Christian faith and are the parents of two children.

Aimo N.K. Viitala, of Helsinki, Finland, Director, has twice served as a 100% District Governor and been cited for 25 years perfect attendance. He has received three Extension Awards and two International President's Awards. He is involved in numerous international activities and organzied the visit of 100 Italian Lions and their wives to Finland. Director Viitala is an attorney at law and the managing director of an export company. He and his wife, Kaija, are of the Evangelical Lutheran faith and have two children.

William L. Woolard, of Charlotte, North Carolina, Director, has served his District in a number of capacities including that of a 100% District Governor. He has received two International President's Awards, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, five District Governor's Extension Awards, two Extension Awards and the Master Key. He has recorded 17 years perfect attendance. Director Woolard is an attorney at law and a member of numerous professional organizations. He is also a board member of the North Carolina Lions Association for the Blind. Director Woolard is a Methodist and he and his wife, Virginia, have two children.



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