

# Officers & Directors

## Lions International

1975-1976



**Harry J. Aslan**, of Kingsburg, California, is the President of Lions International. He joined the Kingsburg Lions Club in 1949 and has served as a Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor and as a 100% District Governor. He has recorded 23 years perfect attendance, is a Key Member and holds seven Presidential Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. President Aslan served as an International Director in 1968-70 and was elected Third International Vice-President at the 1972 Convention in Mexico City. He is the co-owner of a 600-acre farm, 3-H Ranches, and the sole owner of a fruit packing and cold storage company. In addition to his work in Lionism, President Aslan is involved in a number of other community activities. He is the founding and current president of the Kingsburg Hospital District and has been a member of the executive committee of his local Boy Scout Council, served as president of the Reedley College Advisory Committee and, for six years, was a board trustee of his high school district. He is also associated with a number of professional groups, including the California Peach Association and the Central California Farmers' Association. President Aslan and his wife, Freeda, are Presbyterians and the parents of a son and a daughter.

**Johnny Balbo**, of Oak Brook, Illinois, is the Immediate Past President of Lions International. He joined the LaGrange, Illinois, Lions Club in 1952 and in 1960-61 served as a 100% District Governor. In 1965, he was elected to the International Board of Directors and was elected Third Vice-President in 1971 at the 54th Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Immediate Past President Balbo is a trustee of the Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka, Illinois, a member of the Board of Trustees of Leader Dogs for the Blind and a Director of the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness. He is a recipient of the Supreme Extension Award, twelve International President's Awards, the Senior Master Key and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He also has recorded 22 years perfect attendance. A former professional athlete, he was the World's Light-Heavyweight Wrestling Champion in 1947-49. He is now the owner of a mobile home park. Immediate Past President Balbo and his wife, Ann, are Roman Catholics. He has five children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.





Prof. Joao Fernando Sobral



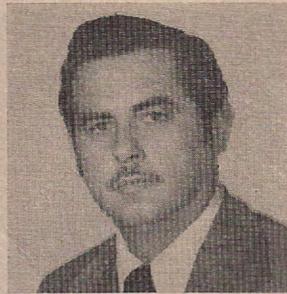
Joseph M. McLoughlin



Ralph A. Lynam



Dr. Pedro C. Botelli



C.P. Octavio A. Botello F.



Don A. Buckalew



Thomas Clewes

**Prof. Joao Fernando Sobral**, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, is the First Vice-President. He joined the Sao Paulo-Belem Lions Club in 1960, has compiled 15 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 five Presidential Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. An economist and business administrator, Professor Sobral is the president of a housewares manufacturing firm, director of an import and export company 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.

**Joseph M. McLoughlin**, of Stamford, Connecticut, is the Second Vice-President. He has held major offices in his Springdale Lions Club and District including that of 100% District Governor. He served as an International Director in 1970-72. Vice-President McLoughlin has received five International President's Awards, the Master Key, three Extension Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is secretary and a principal of a lumber company and president of a development company. Active in community programs, he has served as captain of both the United Fund Building Division and the Stamford Hospital Building Fund. He and his wife, Bette, are the parents of a son and a daughter and are Roman Catholics.

**Ralph A. Lynam**, of St. Johns, Michigan, is the Third Vice-President. He has recorded 25 years perfect attendance, served as a District Governor and has received six International President's Awards, an Extension Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Key Member. He served as an International Director in 1971-73. Vice-President Lynam is a member of the Board of Trustees of Leader Dogs for the Blind and serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association for Better Speech and Hearing. He is the president and owner of a public accounting and computer systems consulting firm. He is an Episcopalian and he and his wife, Doty, have four children.

**Dr. Pedro C. Botelli**, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Director, has served as a District Governor and has received three International President's Awards and six Extension Awards. He has also been honored for 14 years of broadcasting about Lionism in a weekly radio program sponsored by his Caballito Lions Club. Dr. Botelli is Director of the Department of Odontology in the Official Institute of the Ministry of the National Social Welfare. He and his wife, Alcira, are Roman Catholics.

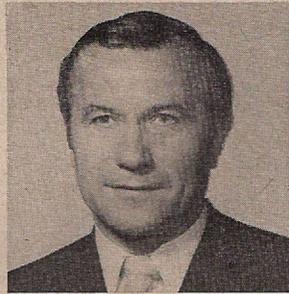
**C.P. Octavio A. Botello F.**, of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, Director, has been a District Governor and is active in the Youth Exchange program. He is a recipient of the International President's Award and Key Awards for his extensive service to the Association. Director Botello is a certified public accountant and is affiliated with the Association of Household Appliances Distributors. He and his wife, Consuelo, are Roman Catholics and the parents of eight children.

**Don A. Buckalew**, of Conroe, Texas, Director, has been a 100% District Governor, Public Relations Chairman of the Lions of Texas and Director of the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children. He is now a Life Member of the League. Director Buckalew is a Master Key Member, has recorded 18 years perfect attendance and holds the International President's Award, three Extension Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is an automobile dealer and active with his United Fund and youth activities. He is a Baptist and he and his wife, Dale, have four children.

**Thomas Clewes**, of Sun City, Arizona, Director, has been a 100% District Governor and has recorded 15 years perfect attendance. He is a recipient of the Old Monarch Master Key, three Extension Awards and a Presidential Award. He is a Board member of the Melvin Jones Center for the Blind and the Arizona Lions Eye Bank. Lion Clewes is a banker, has received numerous civic awards and is a board member of the Arizona Society for the Prevention of Blindness. He and his wife, Dorothy, are Roman Catholics and the parents of a son.



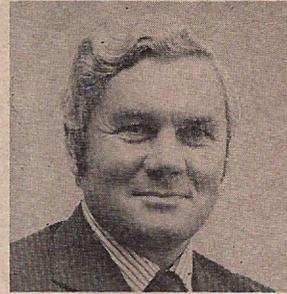
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Andre Danet



Dr. James M. "Jim" Fowler



Alex Grieve



Bok Hahn



"S.K." Kazerooni



Edward "Moon" Kosjer



James E. "Bing" Miller

**George Crumbley**, of Atlanta, Georgia, Director, is a Lifetime Director of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. He is a Key Member and served as a District Governor. He has received a Presidential Award. Director Crumbley is the president of an advertising agency and is Executive Director of Peach Bowl, Inc. He is also a trustee of the Foundation for Visually Handicapped Children and a director of the Atlanta Area Services for the Blind. Lion Crumbley is of the Methodist faith and he and his wife, Carolyn, have two children.

**Andre Danet**, of Rouen, France, Director, has been a District Governor, served as the editor of a Lions publication and has received many awards for his service to Lionism. He is a dental surgeon and is active in civic and governmental affairs. Director Danet maintains an avid interest in history and politics. He is of the Roman Catholic faith and he and his wife, Maito, have three children.

**Dr. James M. "Jim" Fowler**, of Little Rock, Arkansas, Director, has been a Lion for 27 years and has recorded 19 years perfect attendance. He served as a 100% District Governor and is currently a Vice-President and Board Member of both Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and the Arkansas Eye Bank. He is a Key Member and holds an Extension Award, the International President's Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Director Fowler is a dentist and businessman and a former Arkansas state senator. A Baptist, he is the father of two children.

**Alex Grieve**, of Timaru, South Canterbury, New Zealand, Director, has served in a number of Club and District capacities and was a 100% District Governor. His recognitions include Extension Awards and two International President's Awards. Director Grieve is the harbor master in Timaru. He is active in community affairs and has served as president of the South Canterbury Tuberculosis Association. He is a Presbyterian and he and his wife, Isobel, have four children.

**Bok Hahn**, of Seoul, Korea, Director, was Charter President of his club in 1964. He served as District Governor, is a

Key Member, is a recipient of two International President's Awards and has recorded eleven years perfect attendance. Director Hahn is an attorney and has been judge of the Pusan District Court and the Seoul District Court. He is also a lecturer in the Graduate School of Law at Seoul National University. He and his wife, Byong Oh, are the parents of three sons and three daughters.

**"S.K." Kazerooni**, of Teheran, Iran, Director, has recorded perfect attendance since becoming a Lion in 1961. He has served as a 100% District Governor and holds several awards including the Membership Key, the Extension Award and three International President's Awards. Director Kazerooni has been with the Iranian oil industry for 34 years and is presently the chairman of the scientific control system for a company. He is active in civic programs and has written two books. He and his wife, Akram, are Moslems and have two sons.

**Edward "Moon" Kosjer**, of Norfolk, Virginia, Director, has held most offices in his Wards Corner Lions Club and served as a District Governor. He was also Board Chairman of the Old Dominion Eye Bank, District Chairman of Leader Dogs for the Blind and State Chairman of Sight Conservation and Blind Activities. He has received five International President's Awards, two Extension Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is a businessman and community leader and he and his wife, Erma, have two daughters.

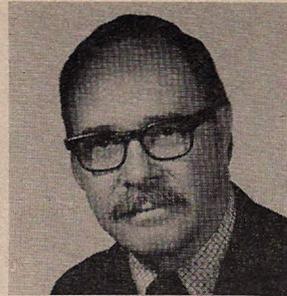
**James E. "Bing" Miller**, of Malvern, Pennsylvania, Director, has been a District Governor and is presently Treasurer of the Delaware Valley Eye Bank and Chairman of the Multiple District 14 Finance Committee. Director Miller has received two Extension Awards, the Key Award and the International President's Award. He is an industrial safety engineer and a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers. He has been a Justice of the Peace for 15 years. He is a Baptist and he and his wife, Edith, have two married children.



Dr. Oscar A. Riera



Howard Towns



Ulysses Buffington



Einar Kaspersen



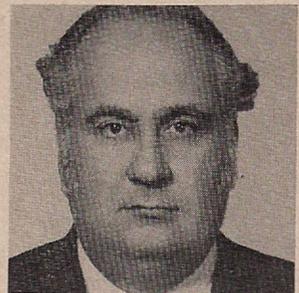
Albert H. La Vine



Kaoru "Kay" Murakami



Howard L. Patterson, Jr.



Americo Pigna S.

**Dr. Oscar A. Riera**, of Rivera, Uruguay, Director, has been a District Governor and served his District in many other capacities, including International Relations Chairman and Lions Information Chairman. He has recorded 16 years perfect attendance, is a Key Member and has received Extension Awards and a Presidential Award. Dr. Riera is head of the Rivera Hospital Radiology Department. His wide community service included the presidency of the Rivera Medicine Society. He and his wife, Myrtha, have four children and are Roman Catholics.

**Howard Towns**, of Lake Wales, Florida, Director, has been a Lion for 23 years and has recorded 19 years perfect attendance. He served as a 100% District Governor, is a Key Member and holds two Extension Awards and the International President's Award. He is a director of the Florida State Eye Bank and the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind. Lion Towns is a wholesale petroleum jobber. He is a Sunday School teacher and active with the Boy Scouts, Little League and his chamber of commerce. He and his wife, Marian, have two children and are Baptists.

**Ulysses Buffington**, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has received two Extension Awards and the Master Key. He is a professional photographer, a member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and chairman of his county's Bicentennial Commission. He is a recipient of West Virginia's Photographer of the Year Award. Director Buffington is a Methodist and he and his wife, Helen, are the parents of three children.

**Einar Kaspersen**, of Oslo, Norway, Director, was a 100% District Governor and Chairman of his Council of Governors. He has received the District Governor's Appreciation and Extension Awards and two Extension Awards. He is the managing director of finance for a company and holds memberships in a number of local organizations. He and his wife, Ruth, are Protestants and the parents of three children.

**Albert H. La Vine**, of Middletown, New York, Director, served as a 100% District Governor, has recorded 20 years perfect attendance and holds the Advancement Key and an Extension Award. He served as New York State Chairman of Sight Conservation for three years. Director La Vine is an executive and part owner of a plumbing, heating and air conditioning supply company. Among his many civic activities, he is a past chapter chairman of the American Red Cross. He and his wife, Blanche, have four children and are of the Jewish faith.

**Kaoru "Kay" Murakami**, of Kyoto, Japan, Director, has been a 100% District Governor and is a recipient of an International President's Award and the Melvin Jones Award. He is director general of the foundation of a tea ceremony association. Director Murakami has written numerous books and essays, including two books on Lionism. He has received a citation from the Mayor of Los Angeles. Director Murakami is a Buddhist and he and his wife, Shoko, have three children.

**Howard L. Patterson, Jr.**, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Director, has been a 100% District Governor and is a recipient of the District Governor's Extension Award. He is a Key Member and is currently President of the Mississippi Lions Sight Foundation. Director Patterson is a Chancery Court Judge and a member of both the Mississippi State and American Bar Associations. Among his many community activities are the March of Dimes, the Boy Scouts, the Cancer Crusade and the Tuberculosis Association. He is a Baptist and he and his wife, Edna, have two daughters.

**Americo Pigna S.**, of Caracas, Venezuela, Director, has served as a 100% District Governor and as District Chairman of Membership and Extension. He was also Treasurer of his Multiple District. Director Pigna has recorded 16 years perfect attendance and is the recipient of an Extension Award and the Master Key. He is the director and manager of a travel agency and the director of the National Leo Junior League Baseball. Director Pigna and his wife, Carmen Julieta, are Roman Catholics.



Dr. Lacy M. Presnell, Jr.



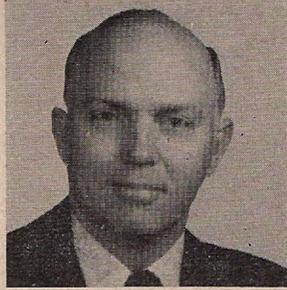
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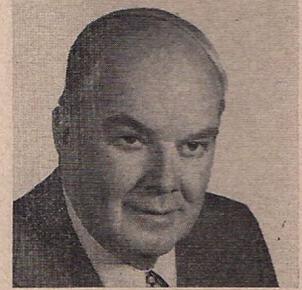
James D. "Jim" Shea



Jim D. Sullivan



Egon Welley



R.E. "Bob" Zimmerman

**Dr. Lacy M. Presnell, Jr.**, of Raleigh, North Carolina, Director, has served as the President of two Lions Clubs, as a District Governor and as chairman of several District and Multiple District committees. He has recorded 25 years perfect attendance and has received three Extension Awards and the Advancement Key. He is an educational consultant for the North Carolina State Dept. of Public Instruction and is active in numerous professional educational organizations. Director Presnell is a member of the United Church of Christ and he and his wife, Esther, have a son and a daughter.

**Gene L. Rice**, of Wanatah, Indiana, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and as his District's Extension Chairman. He has recorded 17 years perfect attendance, is a Key Member and has received eight Extension Awards and the International President's Award. He is a farmer and a past LaPorte County Farmer of the Year. He is active in his church and is serving as chairman of his city's Bicentennial Committee. Director Rice is a Methodist and he and his wife, Kathryn, have three children.

**Gerry Robbins**, of Pine City, Minnesota, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and three years as his District's Extension Chairman. He holds the Master Key, the District Governor's Extension Award and 27 Extension Awards and credits. He has recorded 15 years perfect attendance. Director Robbins is the president and general manager of a broadcasting company and is active in numerous broadcasting associations. His wife's name is Jane and he is of the Lutheran faith.

**James D. "Jim" Shea**, of Bellevue (Seattle), Washington, Director, served in many club and district capacities and was a 100% District Governor and Council Chairman. He has received five Extension Awards, the District Governor's Extension Award, the International President's Award, membership development awards and is a Master Key hold-

er. He is the president of a personal investments corporation and was a department store executive for 25 years. He and his wife, Wyoma, are Roman Catholics and the parents of one daughter.

**Jim D. Sullivan**, of Wilburton, Oklahoma, Director, was a 100% District Governor and is now First Vice-President of the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation. He has received two International President's Awards and an Extension Award. Director Sullivan is an educator and information director for Eastern Oklahoma State College at Wilburton. He is active in his Chamber of Commerce and the Boy Scouts and has received three consecutive George Washington Honor Medals from the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge. He is a Southern Baptist and he and his wife, Janet, have a son and a daughter.

**Egon Welley**, of Vienna, Austria, Director, has held all offices in his club and served as a Cabinet Secretary and as a 100% District Governor. He has been a Lion for 20 years and has received five Extension Awards and the District Governor's Extension Award. He served as the managing director of an insurance company and has received the Silver Medal of the Board of Trade. Director Welley and his wife, Maiga, have a son and a daughter and are Roman Catholics.

**R.E. "Bob" Zimmerman**, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has recorded 28 years perfect attendance. He is a Key Member and has received four Extension Awards, the International President's Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Director Zimmerman is an inspector with the Liquor License Board of Ontario and was a director of the Ottawa branch of the Big Brothers Association. He is a member of the United Church of Canada and he and his wife, Ruby Elizabeth, have three daughters.