

# Officers and Directors Lions Clubs International 1988-1989



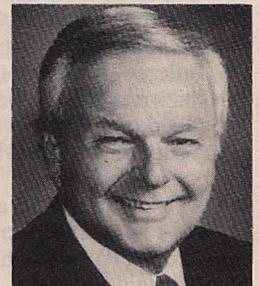
**Austin P. Jennings**, of Woodbury, Tennessee, is the President of Lions Clubs International. He was elected Third Vice-President in 1985 and served as an International Director in 1976-78. He has received numerous recognitions for his service to Lionism, including five Extension Awards, the Key Award, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, ten International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. President Jennings is a jeweler, diamond broker, newspaper publisher and marketing specialist. He is active in professional organizations and is the founder of both his Community Library Association and County Historical Society. President Jennings is a Baptist and he and his wife, Carmine, have two children and five grandchildren.



William L. Woolard



Mathew Seishi Ogawa



Donald E. Banker

**Judge Brian Stevenson**, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is the Immediate Past President of Lions Clubs International. He was elected Third Vice-President in 1984, served as an International Director in 1977-79 and was an Appointee to committees of the International Board of Directors for the following two years. Judge Stevenson has recorded 21 years of perfect attendance and has received the 100% District Governor's Award, Membership and Advancement Keys, nine International President's Awards, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He has been in private law practice, served as a special prosecutor in the Canadian Department of Justice and, in 1974, was appointed for life as a judge to the Provincial Court of Alberta. Immediate Past President Stevenson is a member of numerous professional organizations and has authored articles on legal matters.



**William L. Woolard**, of Charlotte, North Carolina, First Vice-President, served as an International Director in 1981-83 and as a Board Appointee in 1984-85. He has been a 100% District Governor, Council Chairman and Multiple District LCIF Chairman. Vice-President Woolard has received five District Governor's Extension Awards, two Extension Awards, the Master Key, eight International President's Awards, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He has served as a board member of the North Carolina Lions Association for the Blind and the North Carolina Eye and Human Tissue Bank. He is a lawyer and corporation president and active in many professional organizations. Vice-President Woolard is a Methodist and he and his wife, Virginia, have a son and a daughter.

**Mathew Seishi Ogawa**, of Tokyo, Japan, is the Second International Vice-President. He served as an International Director in 1984-86 and as a 100% District Governor and Council Chairman. He has received his 25-year Monarch Chevron, nine International President's Awards, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Vice-President Ogawa is also a Key Member and was chairman of his district's International Understanding and Cooperation Committee. He is Executive Director, AVACO Christian Mass Communication Center and an instructor at International Christian University. He is active in many community and professional organizations including the World Christian Communications Conference. Vice-President Ogawa and his wife, Ikuko, are of the Christian faith and have five children.

**Donald E. Banker**, of Rolling Hills, California, is Third Vice-President. He was a member of the International Board of Directors in 1981-83 and has served as a 100% District Governor. Vice-President Banker is a past president and current member of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Lions Eye Institute and is a Founding Director of the Lions of California/Nevada Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children. He is a Key Member and has received eight International President's Awards, the Ambassador of Good Will Award and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Vice-President Banker, an insurance broker, owns and operates an independent insurance agency. Active in his community, he is also a director of his chamber of commerce. Vice-President Banker and his wife, Diane, have raised three sons and are members of the Christian Church.

**Howard M. Conroy**, of Medina, New York, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and as an Appointee to the International Board of Directors in 1971-72. He is a Key Member and has received the Extension Award, four International President's Awards, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Director

Conroy is a retired aerospace engineer and worked on numerous rocket propulsion engines and systems. He is also President of the Empire State Speech and Hearing Clinic, Inc. Director Conroy is a Methodist and he and his wife, Sylvia, have two children.

**Howard L. Erickson**, of St. Paul, Minnesota, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has recorded 16 years of perfect attendance. He has received the District Governor's Extension Award, the Membership Development Award, Master Key, the International President's Award and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Director Erickson is a retired banker and is active in numerous professional and community groups including the YMCA, a treatment center for those with chemical dependency and the International Hearing Foundation. He is a Protestant and he and his wife, Velma, have two children.

**Svavar Gestis**, of Reykjavik, Iceland, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and Council Chairman, and is presently the editor of the Icelandic language edition of THE LION. He is a Key Member and has received 12 District Governor Appreciation Awards, two Extension Awards, three International President's Awards and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He has also recorded 21 years of perfect attendance. Director Gestis is a record company director and a writer/producer of radio programs. He is a recipient of the Gold Medal from the Iceland Musicians Union. Director Gestis is a Protestant and he and his wife, Elly, have two children.

**Kenneth G. Green**, of St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has received the Extension Award, the Guiding Lion Award, two International President's Awards and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He is also a Key Member. Director Green was a Founding Director and Chairman of the Lions Foundation of Canada and was Chairman of the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp for the Handicapped. He is a registered pharmacist, the owner of several pharmacies and has been cited for his outstanding community service through pharmacy. Director Green and his wife, Minnie, have two sons.

**Kiyoshi Hiramatsu**, of Honolulu, Hawaii, Director, served as a 100% District Governor. He is a Key Member, has recorded 27 years of perfect attendance and has received the Extension Award, three International President's Awards and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Director Hiramatsu is in real estate and has been associated for eight years with a savings and loan institution, following 32 years of service in city and state employment. He is also a retired captain of the Honolulu Police Department. Director Hiramatsu is involved with numerous community activities including the American Red Cross and Boy Scouts. He is of the Buddhist faith and he and his wife, Edith, have two children.



Howard M. Conroy



Howard L. Erickson



Svavar Gestis



K. G. "Ken" Green



Kiyoshi "K-Fat" Hiramatsu

**Rafael A. "Pepin" Justiniano**, of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Director, has received the 100% District Governor's Award, has been active in numerous capacities on the district level and is a recipient of the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, an International President's Award and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He is a professor of engineering at the University of Puerto Rico and a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers of Puerto Rico. He is widely recognized as a civic leader and his affiliations include the American Red Cross, the Cancer Hospital at Ponce and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Director Justiniano is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Hilda, have four sons and 12 grandchildren.



Rafael A. "Pepin" Justiniano

**Helmer N. Lecy**, of Arkdale, Wisconsin, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has received two Extension Awards, two International President's Awards, the Guiding Lion Award and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He is a Key Member and has recorded 17 years of perfect attendance. Director Lecy is an insurance company executive and a state civil service employee in the State Building Inspection program. He holds positions in many community and professional organizations. Director Lecy is a Lutheran and he and his wife, Myrtle, have four children.



Helmer N. Lecy

**Simon Kwok-Yin Lee**, of Hong Kong, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and director of the Lions-sponsored Hong Kong Eye Bank and Research Foundation. He is a merchant and presently the board chairman of a large group of companies involved in shipping, warehouses and other enterprises. He has served in many governmental and community capacities including the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf, and a university student dormitory he donated is named in his honor. He has also been named an unofficial Justice of the Peace by the Hong Kong government. Director Lee and his wife, Fung Kung-Wah, have four children.



Simon K. Y. Lee

**Julian Musikanth**, of Camps Bay, Republic of South Africa, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has held numerous positions on the district and multiple district levels. He has received the District Governor's Extension Award, two International President's Awards and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Director Musikanth is also most active in the Eye Bank of South Africa and Medic Alert International. He is the director of a company in the cosmetics industry. Director Musikanth is of the Jewish faith and he and his wife, Corinne, have three sons, a daughter and a granddaughter.



Julian Musikanth

**Donald L. Nagode**, of Midway, Pennsylvania, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and in a number of positions on the club, district and multiple district levels. Among the many honors accorded him are three International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Director Nagode is semi-retired from the golf business and a member of his chamber of commerce. He is of the Roman Catholic faith and he and his wife, Marge, have three sons and one daughter.



Donald L. Nagode

**Salvador Pugliese Insuela**, of Montevideo, Uruguay, Director, twice served as a 100% District Governor. He has been chairman of numerous committees on the district level and has received Extension Awards, the International President's Award and the Key Award. He was also a member of the Latin American jury for the Peace Essay contest to commemorate the Association's 50th anniversary. Director Pugliese is a physician, surgeon and geriatrician, currently practicing clinical medicine, and his many professional activities include teaching and providing free medical care to the indigent. He is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Renee, have two children and two grandchildren.



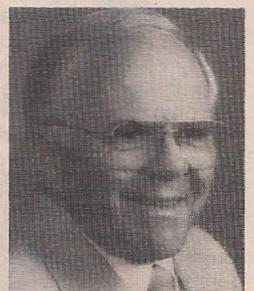
Dr. Salvador Pugliese Insuela

**Col. Rui Taveira**, of Oeiras, Portugal, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has recorded 11 years of perfect attendance. He has received numerous recognitions for his work on behalf of Lionism, including Extension Awards and four International President's Awards. Director Taveira is a retired army Lieutenant Colonel and is presently a travel agent and promoter of tourism. He has been the director of several sports clubs and also teaches a course in human relations and public speaking. Director Taveira is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Ana Maria, have four children and a granddaughter.



Col. Rui Taveira

**Robert W. "Bob" Thoman**, of Hood River, Oregon, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and Council Chairman. He has been a trustee of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, and is a director of the Oregon Lions Eye Bank. Director Thoman is a Key Member, has received the District Governor's Extension Award, an International President's Award, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Fellow Award. He is a retired school administrator, and has been active in numerous professional organizations and the Boy Scouts. Director Thoman and his wife, Bev, have two children and a granddaughter and are United Methodists.



Robert W. "Bob" Thoman

**Robert G. Tonjes**, of Prairie Village, Kansas, Director, has recorded 32 years of perfect attendance and served as a 100% District Governor. He has received the District Governor's Extension Award, two International President's Awards, the Key Member's Award and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Director Tonjes is an accountant and is presently the Administrator of General Accounting for the Kansas City Power and Light Company. He is a member of the Missouri Valley Electric Association. Director Tonjes is of the Lutheran faith and his wife's name is Lorraine.

**Hidekazu "Shu" Tsuchihashi**, of Ashiya, Japan, Director, served as Cabinet Secretary, District Governor and Council Chairman. He has received the Extension Award, Advancement Key and two International President's Awards, and has recorded 31 years of perfect attendance. Director Tsuchihashi is the chairman of a candle manufacturing company and is serving as president of the Kobe Commercial College Alumni Association. He has two daughters.

**Shunkichi "Sam" Aizawa**, of Niigata, Japan, Director, served as a 100% District Governor, cabinet secretary and Youth Exchange chairman and has received the Key Award, Extension Award and an International President's Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Aizawa is the president of a petroleum company and an honorary citizen of Galveston, Texas. He is a Buddhist and he and his wife, Miyoshi, have three children.

**William M. Banister**, of Young Harris, Georgia, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and Council Chairman, and has received the Key Award, the District Governor's Extension Award and the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Banister has served his district as eye bank chairman and is presently on the board of trustees of the Georgia Lions Eye Bank and director of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. Director Banister is a funeral director. He is a Methodist and he and his wife, Fran, have two children.

**James S. "Jim" Cameron**, of Urbana, Indiana, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has recorded 19 years of perfect attendance. He has received five Extension Awards, two International President's Awards and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Director Cameron has received special recognitions from VOSH and District D-3 (Guatemala). He is involved in farming and real estate and owns a farming equipment business. Director Cameron is a member of numerous community and professional organizations including the Indiana Beef Cattle Association. He is a Presbyterian and he and his wife, Frances, have two sons.

**Plinio S. Conde**, of Maracaibo, Venezuela, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and Council Chairman. He has recorded 32 years of perfect attendance, is a Key Member and has received 10 District Governors Appreciation Awards, the Extension Award and one International President's Award. Director Conde is an insurance agent and involved in the real estate and travel industries. He is active in numerous community organizations and has been cited many times for his involvement. Director Conde is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Nilsa, have five children.

**Dr. R.J. "Bob" Coulthard**, of Bellevue Heights, South Australia, Australia, Director, served as a District Governor and Council Chairman and has received the Extension Award and the International President's Award. Active in his district and multiple district, he has been a trustee of the Australian Lions Foundation and secretary of both the Lions Save Sight Foundation and Lions Heart Research Foundation. Director Coulthard is a general medical practitioner and has been cited for his contributions to sight conservation. He and his wife, Jill, have three children.

**Tom A.B. Foort**, of Ouderkerk aan de IJssel, The Netherlands, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and Council Chairman and has received many international, district and club awards. He is the managing director of a shipping/forwarding company and his various community activities include membership in The Netherlands Center of Directors, Port of Rotterdam, Marine Club Rotterdam and Forwarding Association. He also supports scouting and sports. Director Foort and his wife, Zizi, have one daughter and one grandson.

**Freddie A. Joyce**, of Searcy, Arkansas, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has received the Senior Master Key, two International President's Awards and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He is also a board member and chairman of the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank and a board member of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. He is the director of Environmental Services at a hospital and active with the American Red Cross and Boy Scouts. Director Joyce is also involved in several sports activities for children. He is a Baptist and he and his wife, Audrey, have two children.



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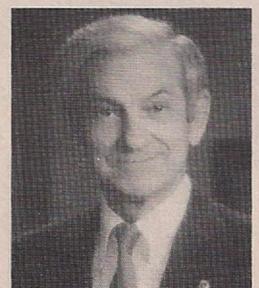
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Gilbert "Gil" Quintal

**Clement F. "Clem" Kusiak**, of Linthicum, Maryland, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and in many capacities on the District 22-A and Multiple District 22 levels. He is a Key Member and has received the Extension Award, the International President's Award and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Director Kusiak has recorded 21 years of perfect attendance and has been involved in Train-the-Trainer for three years. He is employed as a construction manager and in an administrative corporate capacity. Director Kusiak is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Jeanne, have two children.

**Dr. Franklin G. Mason**, of Mullins, South Carolina, Director, served as a 100% District Governor, President of the South Carolina Lions Sight Conservation Association and South Carolina Lions Eye Bank and is a member of the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame. He has received two District Governor's Extension Awards, the Senior Master Key Award, one International President's Award and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Director Mason is a dentist and is affiliated with numerous community and professional organizations. He is a Baptist and he and his wife, Lucy, have four children.

**Daizo Okamoto**, of Tokushima, Japan, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has received the Membership Key, Extension Award and three International President's Awards. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Okamoto is the chairman of a lumber company and his many community activities include being vice-president of his chamber of commerce and vice-chairman of the Municipal Council for a Better Environment. He is of the Buddhist faith and he and his wife, Kazuko, have two sons.

**Jarbas Oiticica**, of Maceio, Alagoas, Brazil, Director, is a Key Member, served as District Governor and has received an Extension Award, two International President's Awards and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He has also recorded 25 years of perfect attendance. Director Oiticica is a businessman involved in the sugar industry, and is president of the Sugar Industry Association of Alagoas. He has served in various other posts relative to this industry in addition to being a life member of his local Historical Institute. Director Oiticica is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Geny, have five children.

**Gilbert "Gil" Quintal**, of Tiverton, Rhode Island, Director, served as a 100% District Governor, Director of the Lions Sight Foundation and Vice-President of the Lions Cancer in Children Fund. He has received the International President's Membership Appreciation Award and the Extension Award. His other community involvement includes Tiverton's Ambulance Commission, Budget Committee and School Board. Director Quintal is retired from 30 years of active service in the U.S. Navy and from the staff of Roger Williams College. He is a widower, a Roman Catholic and has one son.

**P.S. Ranganathan**, of Bangalore, India, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and Council Chairman. He is a recipient of the Master Key, the Supreme Extension Award, seven Guiding Lion Awards, the Rebuilding Club Award and three International President's Awards. Director Ranganathan is also chairman of the Bangalore Lions Service Trust. He is a race horse breeder and a stud owner. Director Ranganathan is a Hindu and his wife's name is Sathya.

**Dr. Giovanni Rigone**, of Pavia, Italy, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and has received three Extension Awards and four International President's Awards. He is a doctor of engineering and the owner of an engineering firm and currently President of the Pavia College of Engineers and Architects. Heavily involved in fighting drug abuse, Director Rigone has been President of the Italian Association for the Prevention of Drugs and has been cited on numerous occasions for his work in this area. He is also very active in the Europa Forums. Director Rigone is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Vittoria, have two sons.

**Ernest "Ernie" Rizek**, of Tucson, Arizona, Director, served as a 100% District Governor and was the founder and chairman for seven years of the C. Kirby Smith Lions Youth Camp. He has received the Master Key, three International President's Appreciation Certificates, the District Governor's Extension Award and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Director Rizek is the resident principal of a discount stock brokerage office and has been active in numerous community affairs. He is a Presbyterian and he and his wife, Agnes, have two children and a granddaughter.

**Yancey L. Watkins**, of Murray, Kentucky, Director, served as a 100% District Governor, President of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation and Chairman and organizer of the Kentucky Lions All-State Band. He is a member of the Kentucky Lions Hall of Fame and has received the Extension Award, International President's Award and Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Director Watkins is a Professor of Reading Education at Murray State University and involved in numerous professional organizations. He is a member of the United Methodist Church and he and his wife, Jean, have two children.



P. S. Ranganathan



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