

# Officers & Directors 2004-2005



**Clement F. Kusiak**  
International President

Clement F. Kusiak, of Linthicum, Maryland, is the president of Lions Clubs International. 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. President Kusiak has been chairman of 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, seven International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

International President Kusiak has previous experience in businesses owned and operated by his immediate family. He enjoys challenges relating to engineering and construction.

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



**Dr. Tae-Sup Lee**  
Immediate Past President

Dr. Tae-Sup "TS" Lee, of Seoul, Republic of Korea, is the immediate past international president and chairperson of the LCIF Executive Committee.

A Lion since 1975 and a member of the Seoul Sejong Lions Club with 29 years of perfect attendance, he has held many positions within the association, including club president, district governor and council chairperson. He served as an international director in 1993-1995, chaired the 32nd OSEAL Forum and co-chaired the Host Committee for the 78th International Convention in Seoul.

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

Dr. Lee graduated from the prestigious Seoul National University and received his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the field of chemical engineering. After serving as a senior researcher at Shell Oil, USA, he returned to Korea where he became manager and ultimately president and CEO of



**Ashok Mehta**  
First Vice President

Ashok Mehta of Sion-Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, is the first 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 20 Extension Awards, 21 International President's Awards, the International Key Award for enrolling 200 new members into the association and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

First 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



**Jimmy M. Ross**  
Second Vice President

Jimmy M. Ross, of Quitaque, Texas, is the second vice president. He is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club and served as a district governor, council chairman, council secretary and, in 1996-1998, as an international director. Among the many positions he has occupied as a Lion, Vice President Ross has been a member of the Multiple District 2 Long-Range Planning Committee and chairman of his state's membership and extension and convention committees. He has also served as his district's McGruff Chairman, director of the Texas Lions Camp, chairman of the Texas Leadership Institute and seminar presenter at seven international conventions and seven USA/Canada Forums. Vice President Ross was involved in organizing more than 200 Lions clubs.

He has received a number of recognitions for his contributions to the association, including numerous District Governor's Appreciation awards, six International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Vice President Ross is a life member of the District 2-T1 Eye Bank, the Texas Lions Camp and Girls Town, and is a Jack Weich Fellow, James T.

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## 2nd Year International Directors 2004-2005



Lowell Bonds  
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Urbana, Ohio



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Chigurupati  
Vijayawada, India



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Shelburne, Vermont



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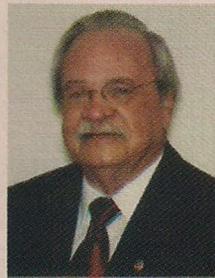
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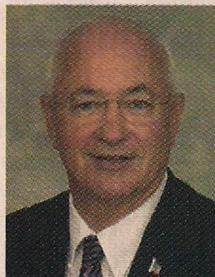
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Farnham, Surrey,  
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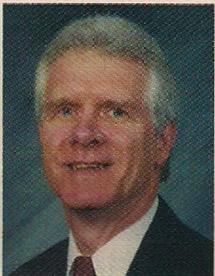
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Walter R. "Bud"  
Wahl  
Streator, Illinois

# 1st Year International Directors 2004-2005



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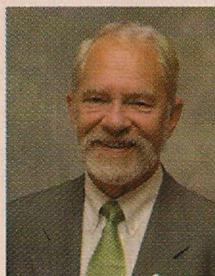
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William Crawford  
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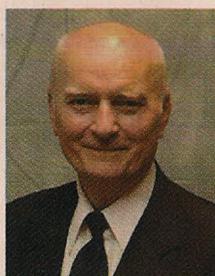
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Bangkok, Thailand



Sergio Maggi  
Bari, Italy



Don Reese  
Eunice, New  
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Oak Harbor,  
Washington



Maynard Warren  
Rucks  
Henderson,  
Minnesota



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Kolkata, India



Kee-Jung Woo  
Daegu, Republic of  
Korea



Ernest Young Jr.  
Lansing, Kansas

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## Dr. Tae-Sup Lee Immediate Past President

several major firms, including Daewoo Engineering and Punghan Industrial Co.

Following his success in the business world, Immediate Past President Lee entered politics and was elected to four terms as a member 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. Recently, he has been chairperson and CEO of the Korea Nuclear Energy Foundation.

Dr. Lee and his wife, Haing-Ja, also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and presently serving as president of the Korea YWCA, have two sons, Boong-Kyu and Tai-Gyu and three grandchildren. ■

## Ashok Mehta First Vice President

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. First Vice President Mehta and his wife, Kokila, have one daughter, Shital, and both Kokila and Shital are also Melvin Jones Fellows. ■

## Jimmy M. Ross Second Vice President

Coffey Fellow, Helen Keller Fellow and Texas Lions Fellow. He is also a member of the Texas Lions Hall of Fame and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Vice President Ross is a retired judge and businessman. In addition, he has been involved in a number of community organizations, including his chamber of commerce, the Boy Scouts, the board of directors of Water Control and Improvement and as the organizer and chairman of a county-wide task force for industrial and tourism development. Vice President Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters and a granddaughter. ■

# Executive Officers Messages

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## LCIF Reaches Out to Youth at Risk

by Dr. Tae-Sup Lee  
Immediate Past President  
Chairperson, LCIF Executive Committee

- year in Lions-Quest, and an estimated 672,000 new students learned to make responsible decisions, set goals and resist peer pressure to use alcohol and drugs.
- Year after year LCIF helps build schools and health clinics serving young people in disadvantaged areas. In 2003-2004 alone, LCIF awarded 39 grants totaling US\$2.1 million for initiatives to benefit at-risk children.
  - LCIF secured funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to offer Lions-led vocational training programs to at-risk adolescents in South America, Asia and Africa.

These marvelous initiatives are made possible because of the donations and volunteer spirit of Lions. LCIF enables Lions to reach out to youths and empower them. Thanks to Lions and LCIF, children around the world are growing up with dignity, good health and opportunities. ■

## Convention 2005 East Meets West - Hong Kong

by Ashok Mehta  
First International Vice President

- Registrants may also have the opportunity to enjoy a free city tour to view the combination of 150 years of colonial influence and 5,000 years of Chinese tradition.
- Call home with the free stored value phone card.
- Use your free stored value transportation pass to explore Hong Kong via one of the world's cleanest, safest and most sophisticated public transport systems.
- View the spectacular nighttime skyline with its unique Symphony of Lights multimedia light and sound show.
- Campaign SightFirst Phase II
- Convention registrants may receive free admission and transportation to theme parks in the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone of the People's Republic of China - Splendid China Miniature Scenic Spot, China Folk Culture Villages and Window of the World.

\*Please note: Seating capacity for tours may be limited. ■

## Answer the Needs of Young People

by Jimmy M. Ross  
Second International Vice President

of achievement when they participate in an activity for young people. I can see it in my own Quitaque Lions Club. Lions take immense pride in helping children reach their potential, in making it possible to take those steps which will lead to a responsible, forward-looking adulthood. You have been successful as community leaders and certainly as Lions. Now, it is time to share that success with those who will carry on in the spirit of service and a firm commitment to bettering their communities. ■