

Officers & Directors 2005-2006



Dr. Ashok Mehta
International
President

Dr. Ashok Mehta of Mumbai, India, was elected to serve as 2005-2006 international president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 88th International Convention held in Hong Kong, China. He is the second Indian to come into the office of president of the world's largest service club organization.

President Mehta is the chairperson and managing director of a company in India and is actively associated in various capacities with more than a dozen major medical, education, welfare, social and cultural institutions.

Lion Mehta joined the association in 1963. He is a visionary with unfaltering focus. He organized more than 30 eye camps throughout India and Africa, and has presented papers on sight conservation and other topical issues at Lions international forums and conventions. He served on the Campaign SightFirst International Committee from 1990 to



Dr. Clement F. Kusiak
Immediate Past
President

Dr. Clement F. Kusiak, of Linthicum, Maryland, is the immediate past president of Lions Clubs International and chairperson of the LCIF Executive Committee. 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 1967. He served as a 100% district governor and council treasurer, was honorary chair of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and has been a moderator and presenter at Lions forums. Immediate Past President Kusiak has been chairperson of the District Governors-elect School, chairperson 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 Extension awards, seven International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good



Jimmy M. Ross
First Vice
President

Jimmy M. Ross of Quitaque, Texas, is the first vice president. He is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club and served as a district governor, council chairperson, 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 chairperson of his state's Membership and Extension and Convention committees. He has served as his district's McGruff chairperson, director 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 400 Lions clubs.

He has received a number of recognitions for his contributions to the association, including numerous District Governor's Appreciation



Mahendra Amarasuriya
Second Vice President

Mahendra Amarasuriya, of Colombo, Sri Lanka, is the second vice president. He is a member of the Lions Club of Galle and served as an international director in 1991-1993. He has been a 100% District Governor, has recorded 15 years of perfect attendance and is presently a trustee of the Eye Donation Society of Sri Lanka and past chairperson of his nation's International Chamber of Commerce.

Second Vice President Amarasuriya has received the Master Key, eight International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Leadership Award, six International President's awards, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his association activities, Second Vice President Amarasuriya chairs several organizations, among them the Commercial Bank of Ceylon Ltd. and

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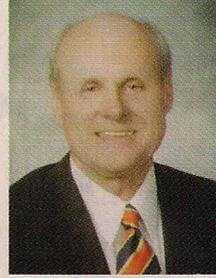
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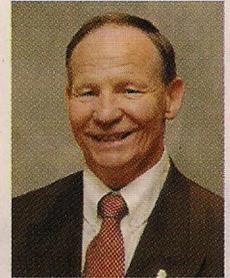
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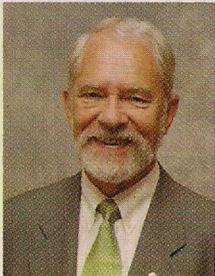
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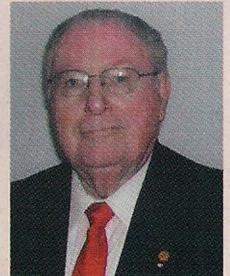
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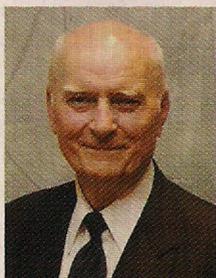
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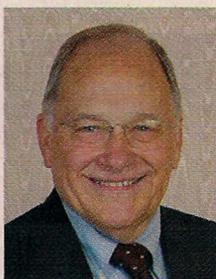
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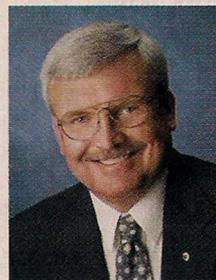
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Hephzibah,
Georgia



Manoj Shah
Nairobi, Kenya



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Bridgewater,
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Philippe Soustelle
Ales Gard, France



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Minokamo Gifu,
Japan



Dr. Ashok Mehta **International President**

1994 which witnessed the campaign exceeding its goal and raising US\$143 million for SightFirst projects.

President Mehta's contributions and leadership qualities have been outstanding. He has earned distinction by having presidents of Lions Clubs International confer the coveted President's Medallion upon him for the past 22 years, was declared "Man of the Year" by the Jaycees of Mumbai in 1986, was nominated by the government of Maharashtra to the senate of Mumbai University for a five-year term in 2000, has been appointed by the government to several committees for Awareness and Prevention and appointed by the Maharashtra government as Sheriff of Mumbai in 2001 for a one-year term.

Lion Mehta has participated in 24 international conventions; 14 USA-Canada Forums; 25 India, South Asia, Africa & Middle East Forums; and five Lions conferences in Far Eastern countries. Ten international presidents chose to appoint him as a member of the faculty at District Governors-Elect seminars. President Mehta was appointed chairperson of the District Governors Orientation Program at the 75th International Convention in Hong Kong and, since 1990, has been chosen 12 times as a Group Leader.

Lion Mehta's theme to motivate Lions around the world for greater impact upon humanitarian services and fellowship is "Passion to Excel." A Doctoral Degree in Humanities has been bestowed on him from World University and he has also been serving for a number of years as the Managing Trustee of Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust. Lion Mehta has also been instrumental in mobilizing international support in times of major catastrophes, including earthquakes and super cyclones in various parts of the country. His name is synonymous with sympathy and support for those who need it the most during times of illness and serious health problems. He has played a pivotal role for more than 15 years in coordinating cardiac care treatment for "Blue Babies" from Africa at hospitals in India. His Peace Mission to Pakistan promoted by the Lions of the two nations added to the spirit of building bridges between people of both countries.

President Mehta, along with his wife, Kokila, and daughter, Shital, are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

International President Ashok Mehta represents the caring Lions's heart, with a professional expertise and acumen which our association needs in the 21st Century. ■

Dr. Clement F. Kusiak **Immediate Past President**

Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. During his year as president, he received an honorary doctorate degree from two colleges—the Pennsylvania School of Optometry and ISFOA (Finance and Business Management College) in Italy.

Immediate Past 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. ■

Jimmy M. Ross **First Vice President**

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. 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 the organizer and chairperson of a county-wide task force for industrial and tourism development. Vice President Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters, two sons-in-law and a granddaughter. ■

Mahendra Amarasuriya **Second Vice President**

United Motors Lanka Ltd. He is also a board member of several companies throughout Sri Lanka, a past chairperson of the Employers Federation of Ceylon, a past member of the Employees Trust Fund Board and past chairperson of the National Agribusiness Council of Sri Lanka.

Second Vice President Amarasuriya resides with his wife, Kushlani, who has been involved in programs for underprivileged children through Lions Clubs in Sri Lanka, funded by Terres Des Hommes of The Netherlands. ■