



**Past International President  
Albert "Al" F. Brandel**

Albert F. Brandel of Melville, New York, USA, was elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 91st International Convention, held in Bangkok, Thailand, June 23-27, 2008.

He is a retired police detective. For many years he investigated child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, domestic violence involving children and missing children.

A member of the West Hempstead Lions Club since 1975 and an associate member of the Melville Lions Club, Past International President Brandel has held many offices in the association, including club president, district governor and international director. He has also served as a presenter and panelist at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums. He worked with the Long Island Lions Eye Bank as a transporter and has been the Lions Representative to UNICEF in New York for 10 years. He helped coordinate Lions relief efforts at the World Trade Center following September 11, 2001.

In recognition of his contributions, he has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest award the association grants to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, he has served as a Little League volunteer and as a Eucharistic minister. He is a former member of the board of directors of the United Nations Association of the USA.

Past International President Brandel's wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, an anesthesiologist and a Lion, practices at a community hospital. They both are recipients of the New York State Liberty Medal for their work in Haiti and the President's Call to Service Award from the President of the United States of America.

## Lions Elect Leaders in Bangkok

Delegates to the 91st international convention in Bangkok in June elected the Lions leaders for 2008-09. Albert F. Brandel of New York, United States, was elected international president. Eberhard Wirfs of Germany was elected international first vice president. Sid I. Scruggs III of North Carolina, United States, was elected international second vice president. Immediate Past President Mahendra Amarasuriya of Sri Lanka became chairperson of LCIF. (Full convention coverage will be in the October issue.)

Delegates also elected 17 international directors—two from the India/South Asia/Africa/Middle East constitutional area, one from Australia/New Zealand/Papua New Guinea/Islands of the South Pacific, three from Europe, three from Orient/Southeast Asia, one from South America/Central America/Mexico/ Islands of the Caribbean Sea and seven from the United States/U.S. affiliates/Bermuda/Bahamas. The directors serve for two years.

The second-year directors are Malik Khuda Baksh, Pakistan; Dana Biggs, California, United States; Ermanno Bocchini, Italy; Wayne E. Davis, Virginia, United States; Ryuichi Goto, Japan; Dr. Patricia Hill, Alberta, Canada; Larry G. Johnson, West Virginia, United States; Maurice M. Kahawaii, Hawaii, United States; Shinji Kayamori, Japan; Vinod Khanna, India; Ed Lecius, New Hampshire, United States; Dr. Harold R. Ott, Pennsylvania, United States; Georges Placet, France; Tapani Antero Rahko, Finland; Dr. Nelson Vidal, Peru; Vince Vinella, Nevada, United States; William B. Watkins, Sr., Tennessee, United States.

Visit the Web site of Lions Clubs International for biographies of the new directors as well as biographies and photos of the four international officers and second-year directors. ■



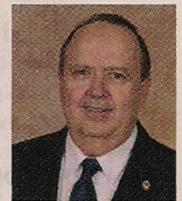
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Director



**Ken Bird**  
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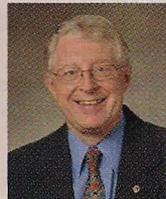
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**Douglas A. Lozier**  
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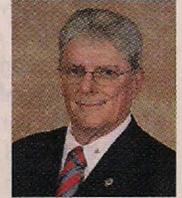
**Eugenio Roman Jr.**  
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**Bojan Sober**  
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**Drs. Ton Soeters**  
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**Neil R. Spencer**  
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**Beverly L. Stebbins**  
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**Tadao Sugimoto**  
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**Prof. Dr. Hayri Ülgen**  
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**Rosane Jahnke Vailatti**  
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**Debra Wasserman**  
Director