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Lion tamer Don Roberts

DR. JUNG-YUL

International President



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

A member of the Busan Jae-il Lions Club since 1977, President Choi has held many offices within the association, including club president, cabinet secretary, district governor and international director. He also served numerous times as a DGE Group Leader and served on 11 committees as a member of the International Board of Directors. In addition, he was a chairperson of the 39th OSEAL Forum in 2000 and a host committee chairperson at the 95th Lions International Convention in Busan in 2012, the largest convention ever held in Lions history.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Choi has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partnership; Senior Master Key Award; 100% District Governor Award; multiple International President's Leadership Awards; multiple International President's Awards; and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, President Choi is chief executive officer of Koala Company, Ltd., an international trading company, and is also a past director of the Busan Sports Association.

President Choi and his wife, Seong-Bok, have one son, four daughters and two granddaughters.







Fellow Lions and Friends: To say the least it's been a really different year for Lions around the world, and certainly for the Lions of Arkansas.

When I started my year as District Governor (seems like forever and a day ago) there were high hopes that we would increase our membership, start a few new clubs, visit every club in the district and have a lot of fun meeting new people and serving communities throughout the district. Well, March 2020 ended most of those ambitious goals.

As I assumed the duties of Council Chair, we were cautiously optimistic that the new Lions year would bring a new set of opportunities for growth of membership and service. However, the cloud of COVID continued to put a damper on all our activities, projects, and services.

But I want to tell the Lions of Arkansas one thing for certain... your elected District Governors have persevered through not being unable to attend the international convention on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Singapore, they missed the wonderful learning opportunities of the USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, they scrambled to host Zoom meetings throughout the first 9 months of their year, they did not having the fulfilling experience of visiting all their clubs and other districts and still to deal with the "normal" things that arise in a DGs year. These four Lions have served above and beyond the call of duty to try and keep your Lions Clubs viable and active.

Thanks to each and every one of you who have persevered right along with these outstanding leaders. You all could have thrown in the towel and said, it's just too hard to keep going. Without "normal" meetings and fund-raisers, you and your club could have completely given up. But, in the true spirit of Lionism, you kept on serving and your communities are better for your efforts.

As we come together for the first time in 14 months, I congratulate every Lion in Arkansas for bringing your dedication, your grit, your positive attitude, and your service to our state. What a different community we are because of THE LIONS!

Welcome to our 103rd Arkansas Lions State Convention. Our State Special Events Committee, the Host Committee and the Little Rock Founders Club have put together a remarkable convention and agenda. I hope you have a good time and I hope you learn more about what we can continue to do as Lions to make Arkansas and the world a better place through the diversity, kindness and SERVICE of Lionism.

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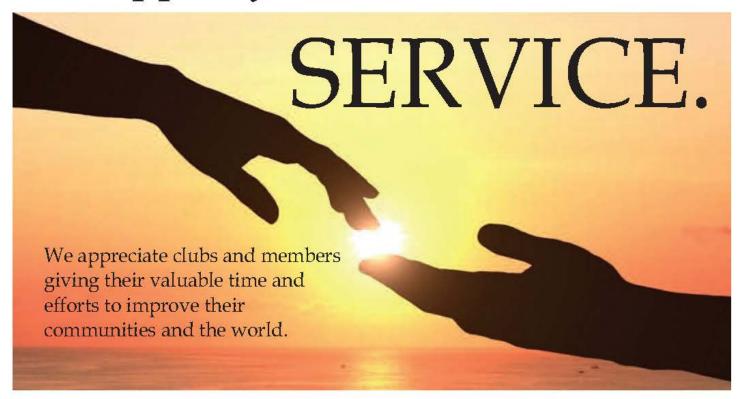
2020 - 2021 DISTRICT 7-N GOVERNOR CLEON ROGERS SAYS Thank you TO THE 7-N CABINET

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THE LIONS CLUBS AND THEIR DEDICATED MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT



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Past International President William L. Biggs

William L. "Bill" Biggs of Omaha, Nebraska, USA, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 73rd International Convention, held in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, July 11 through 14, 1990.

Past President Biggs is an attorney in private practice with the firm of Gross & Welch in Omaha, Nebraska.

A member of the Omaha Westside and North Fresno Lions Clubs, and a Lion since 1962, Past President Biggs served as an international director in 1983 to 1985, and as an appointee to the International Board from 1985 to 1989. He has also been a district governor, council chairperson, vice chairperson and chairperson of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. He served twice as chairperson of the District Governors-elect Seminar. He has served as multiple district membership chairperson and regional coordinator for membership.

He is currently serving as chairman of the board of directors of World Services for the Blind for a two-year term.

Past President Biggs has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including an Extension Award, 20 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a 10 diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a Life Member and a Key Member.

Past President Biggs is active in professional organizations including numerous community groups. He currently serves as general counsel for the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Past President of Hope Medical Outreach Coalition, which provides free medical services to over 15,000 people annually, serving the underinsured and uninsured in the Omaha metropolitan area; and a former member of the board of directors of Together, Inc., which provides food and clothing to those in need in the Omaha community. Past President Biggs was also chair of the board of directors of Wright & Wilhelmy, a hardware wholesale distributor, headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. He has served his community as a member of the board of directors of the Omaha Symphony and the Omaha Community Playhouse.

Past President Biggs and his wife, Past International Director Dana Biggs, a Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.





Immediate Past District Governor Chris Gunstream

Born in Orange, Texas to parents Orys and Dorothy Gunstream. Chris attended Jones Elementary School, Carr Junior High School and Stark High School. He was highly active in sports and golf was his passion while in high school. Lettering all 4 years in high school. Upon graduation, he attended Sam Houston State College on a golf scholarship. During this time, he had a call to service. On August 31, 1971, Chris joined the United States Navy. It turned out to be a life-long career spanning 24 years of active service. Chris retired from the United States Navy as a Chief Petty Officer on January 31, 1995. Chris is married to Linda Maureen Rossenbach. They were married on December 14, 1984. They have 3 children, son Patrick who lives in Ohio, daughter Victoria who lives in Marshall, Texas and son John who lives in their heart.

Upon retirement from the United States Navy, Chris embarked on another lifelong dream – to become a PGA professional. After working a variety of jobs, in January 2000, he and Linda set out for Orlando, Florida to start a new career. He worked in the golf industry for almost 15 years. Working his way from assistant golf professional to General Manager of 4 different golf/country clubs in the Orlando area.

In March 2014, Lion Chris joined the Orange Lions Club where he quickly took on leadership roles. Serving as 3rd vice president 3 months after joining the club. The next year saw Lion Chris appointed as a Zone Chair, a position that he maintained for the next two years. Lion Chris is Immediate Past District Governor for District 2-S1 and serves as MD-2 NoAMI Champion, District 2-S1 NoAMI Champion, GLT and Region Chairperson. Since becoming a Lion, Lion Chris has been awarded two Lions Clubs International outstanding zone chairman awards and he has received 2 Lions Clubs Presidential Leadership Medals.

Lion Chris continues to enjoy golf, working in the yard and most importantly spending time with Lion Linda. They enjoy traveling, visiting with friends and just "hanging out" together.



4:00 P.M. COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

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Dial in: 346 248 7799 or 312 626 6799

6:30 P.M. DUTCH TREAT DINNER AT THE BUTCHER SHOP

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8:00 A.M. PDG ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST IN THE RESTAURANT

9:30 A.M. ZOOM STARTS

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9:30 A.M. REGISTRATION, 50/50 DRAWING, & PDGA SILENT AUCTION BEGIN

10:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING CEREMONIES/WELCOME

10:15 A.M. LOAF - WHAT IS IT AND HOW DOES THAT AFFECT OUR CLUB?

10:30 A.M. ARKANSAS LIONS EYE BANK AND LABORATORY - STORIES OF SAVING SIGHT

10:45 A.M. BREAK & TABLE VISITS

10:55 A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE - PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION

11:30 A.M. PIP BILL BIGGS - SERVICE PROJECTS



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12:15 P.M. BREAK AND LUNCH

12:45 P.M. LEADER DOGS - HUMANS' BEST FRIENDS

1:00 P.M. MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING - A MIRACLE A DAY

1:15 P.M. LCIF - WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR US AND

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR THEM

1:30 P.M. WSB - WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?

1:45 P.M. LDG CHRIS GUNSTREAM - WHAT WORKS IN NAMI

2:15 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING & PDGA DRAWING

SILENT AUCTION ENDS

2:45 P.M. AWARDS AND FINAL REMARKS

3:15 P.M. ADJOURN

3:30P.M. DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS



CALL TO ORDER

CC BRAD BAKER

PRAYER

PLEDGE

WELCOME

INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

RULES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIAL REPORT

CC BRAD BAKER

RULES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

" NONE

PDG MIKE BENEFIELD

PDG WANDA GREEN

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2022 CONVENTION HOST CLUB:

2022 MID WINTER LEADERSHIP FORUM HOST CLUB:

ADJOURN

LIONS CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.





SERVICE PROJECTS-FUNDRAISERS-AWARDS LEADERSHIP REPORT-STATE PROJECT NEWS MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS-DISTRICT NOTES CONVENTION AND MID-WINTER EVENTS CLUB REPORTS—LIONS HISTORY- PHOTOS THE UNKNOWN TAIL TWISTR -GAT NEWS

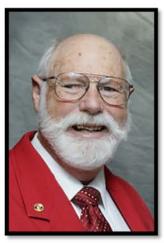
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YOUR 2020-2021 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS



7-L ETHAN DUNBAR



7-I JEFF DAVIS



COUNCIL CHAIR BRAD BAKER



7-0 JEREMY KIMBLE



7-N CLEON ROGERS



MD-7 2021 State Convention

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District GMT Coordinator: PDG James Griffin

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Zone 2 Chairperson: Vacant

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Robert Maxwell, President of LRFLC
Cleon Rogers, District Governor 7N
Bill Johnson
Fran Walker
Bethany Howell
Don Curdie
George Foster



A big **Thank You** to the State Events Committee for all their work to make this convention a success.

Committee Lion Members

Brad Baker, Council Chairperson
Claudia Griffin, Past District Governor 7L
Phillip Taylor, 7I

Pat Snodgrass, Past District Governor 70 Gloria Montgomery, Past District Governor 7N Norm Dickson, 70

Jeremy Kimble, District Governor 70

Jeff Davis, District Governor 71

Wanda Green, Past District Governor 7N



Junior Deputy Park, a kids (ages 5 to15) baseball park since 1947 located off of Cantrell Road in Little Rock, AR. welcomes the Lions to the 2021 State Convention. Little Rock Founders Lions Club Past President and current Tail Twister, Lion Don Curdie, has been coaching the L.R. Founders Lions Club-Sponsored baseball team every year since 1970 at Junior Deputy Park (and for a time at Burns Park, North Little Rock, AR.) Lion Don currently coaches with Bill Simpson, Pulaski County Public Defender, and they have teamed up since 1982. Other valuable coaches helping throughout the 50 years were former professional ballplayer and ESPN fishing show director Jerry McKinnis and Detroit Tigers and Cleveland star Russ Nagelson. Some ballplayers who were coached by Bill and Don (on All-Star teams) were former Yankee great A.J. Burnett; current Atlanta Brave Drew Smyly, and UALR star Carl Rowland (along with many other high school and college players.)



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs and members of District 7 O that have supported me as their District Governor in this trying year of 2020-2021. This year has been a year to remember and a year to forget. We have lost so much but gained so much as well. We have had new ideas and new opportunities to serve unlike any other year. We still have several clubs that are struggling to get back on their feet, but as the great Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." I make a commitment, to any club, that I will be there to help in anyway possible.

I would also like to say a special thank you to my District Cabinet. I could not have done anything without the great leadership, mentorship, and encouragement I have received from them this year. I am deeply honored and humbled to have served as District Governor with you. I say, "service is love made visible," and I have seen so much love in my year as District Governor. Our District 7 O if full of men and women that love to serve.

Thank you all again. I cannot wait to serve with you soon and see what our future has in store.

District Governor 7 O 2020-2021

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