



## **ORSON CHRISTENSEN – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG**

Orson was born and raised in Oak Harbor, Washington and graduated from Oak Harbor High School. He received his BA in Education from Pacific Lutheran University and his Masters in Education from Seattle University. Orson became a teacher and coach starting with 14 years at the High School level and then 26 years as a college football coach and teacher. In 1959 Orson married Diana Allison. His family started with two daughters, joined by an adopted son, and later two foster daughters. Diana and Orson have been blessed with 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Orson's Lions experience began in 1977 when he became a member of the Bremerton Central Lions. When he moved to Nebraska to teach and coach in 1981 he dropped out of Lions. In 1997 he moved back to Oak Harbor in Washington State, and later in 2004 joined the North Whidbey Lions. There, he served as Tail Twister, board member, secretary, and president. He moved to Wapato and dropped out of Lions in 2012. In 2013 he returned to Whidbey Island and became a member of the Coupeville Lions where he served as Scholarship Chairman. In 2015 he transferred back to the North Whidbey Lions and served as secretary from 2015-16, and 2016-2017. He has received the Secretary Excellence Award three times. During the Spring of 2017 he was elected Zone Chairman. He has enjoyed working with all the H7 Lions clubs to carry out our mission to serve our communities.