



District Governor **ORSON CHRISTENSEN**

Orson was born and raised in Oak Harbor, Washington and graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1957. 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 13 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. As a North Whidbey Lion he served as Tail Twister, board member, secretary, and president. He moved to Wapato, Washington 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. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and graduated from the Northwest Leadership Institute. During the Spring of 2017 he was elected Zone Chairman for Zone 19 H-7. He has enjoyed working with all the H7 Lions clubs to carry out our mission to serve our communities. Outside the zone, Orson accepted an appointment to be an instructor at the 2018 Lions Northwest Leadership Institute. During the Spring of 2018 he was elected 2nd Vice District Governor and was part of District Governor Gord Graves leadership team. As 1st Vice Governor He was part of the District 19 H family and had the opportunity to work with District Governor Patty Allen.

Orson's service as 19H District Governor will seek to support International President Dr Jung-Yul Choi's theme "**United in Kindness and Diversity**". We will stand together to share our message of hope and make our world a better place. His 4-H program will encourage Lions use their "**H**ands" to work with the "**H**eart of a Lion" to "**H**elp" those in need by giving them an assist, and then share a "**H**ug" to celebrate our service as Lions.