



Robert K. O'Dell

Robert was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and as a Navy dependent; he traveled with his family until he graduated in Iowa from Laurens-Marathon High School in 1983. Robert himself joined the Navy, where he retired as an Avionics Chief Petty Officer at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island after 21 years of service. He moved onto his second career at Boeing for the last 13 years working as an Instructor, Modification Proposal Specialist and an Integrated Program Planning and Control Lead for new Aircraft Development. He received his BA from Embry-Riddle University, with a minor in Security & Intelligence. In 1992, Robert married Carolyn and helped raise her son Michael in Oak Harbor. Robert and Carolyn are so thankful to have five beautiful grandchildren living nearby in Everett, Washington.

Robert's experience with Lions started in 2005 as a member of the Oak Harbor Lions Club. While with the Oak Harbor Lions, he served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and 1^{1/2} years as President. Robert has also been an active Associate Member of the Anacortes Lions Club for the past 4 years, to which he was greatly honored by receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2018 for the service he performed with the Anacortes Lions Club. Robert is currently one of the Centennial Charter Club Organizers for the Whidbey Island Lions Club, where he also serves as the Membership Chair. In 2017, Robert graduated from the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute (NWLI) in Lake Oswego, Oregon, and in 2018 he served as a faculty member for the NWLI held on the Campus of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver B.C. Robert has served for the past two joyous years on the Christmas Ship cruise as a pirate, where the true treasure is of the 800 smiles received from all the children. In the spring of 2018, Robert was honored to serve as the H-7 Zone Chairperson for 2018-2019. Robert is continually inspired by the work he performs to help others in need and sees the difference that it makes for others in their life. He is looking forward to his year as Zone Chair for H-7 and will continue to serve and encourage others in the name of Lions for many years to come.