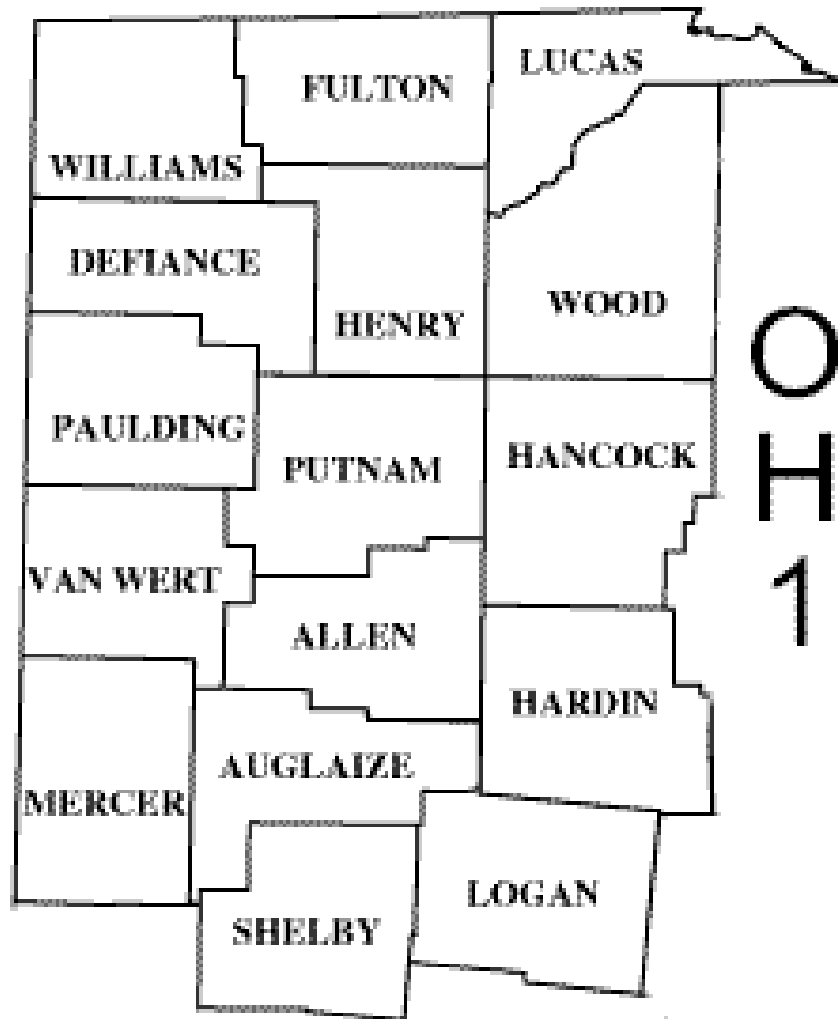


District Governors of OH1 1990-1999



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***Jack L. Cheney (Janet) District Governor 1990-1991 District 13A**

District Governor Jack L. Cheney graduated from Lima Central High School in 1950, attended Bowling Green State University and Western Michigan University. Lion Jack is a twenty-five year veteran of the Allen County Sheriff's Department, where he has attained the rank of Sergeant in the Detective Division.

Governor Jack joined the Lima Northside Lions in 1975 and has recorded 15 years of perfect attendance. He has earned the Advanced Membership Key, 100% President's Award, 100% Secretary's Award and in 1987 was honored as the club Lion of the Year. Lion Jack has served as Chairman of the Ohio Lions International Relations Committee, Zone Chairman, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, Junior and Senior Deputy Governor.

Lion Jack has been active in community affairs for many years. He is a member of the Lima Baptist Temple, Fraternal Order of Police, Buckeye Sheriffs Association, Red Cross Instructor, is a 320 Mason and Past President of the Lima Shrine Club.

Governor Jack and his wife, Lioness Janet, have been married for 36 years and have 3 sons, Lion Kevin, Past District Governor Keith and Brian, 16, a future Lion. Governor Jack and his family are dedicated to the ideals and service of Lionism.



***Charles "Bill" Price (Pat) District Governor 1990-1991 District 13E**

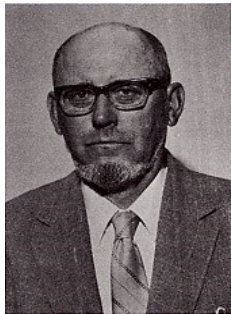
Charles William "Bill" Price was born January 1, 1935 in Kenton, Ohio. Bill is a graduate of Kenton High School, attended Kent State and Ohio Northern Universities and is a graduate of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He has been a licensed funeral director since September of 1957, and now has funeral homes in Kenton, Dunkirk and Mt. Victory.

Lion Bill and his wife Pat have three sons and a daughter. They also have four grandchildren.

Lion Bill has been active in Lionism since he joined the Kenton Club in February of 1958.

He also has been active in community organizations. He is a member of the United Methodist Church, where he has served on various boards. He is Past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge No. 157. He is a member of the Kenton Moose Lodge, Masons, Kenton Athletic Boosters, and the Kenton Chamber of Commerce. Lion Bill served as President of the Kenton

Lions Club in 1977-78. He has served two terms as Zone Chairman of Zone 3. He served two terms as Chairman of Public Relations and Lion Information and one term as Chairman of the Eye Bank Committee for the District.



James G. Sugg (Janet) District Governor 1991-1992 District 13A

James G. Sugg was born December 14, 1936 near Holgate, Ohio. He is a graduate of Holgate High School and attended Wittenburg University's Supervision and Management Training Program.

From 1955 to 1981, Lion Jim was employed by Manville Corporation in Defiance, Ohio as a supervisor. He took early retirement in 1981 and is currently a self employed contractor specializing in residential remodeling and insulation. He also is Zoning and Building Inspector for Pleasant Township in Henry County.

Governor Jim joined the Holgate Lions Club in 1981 and has held all offices except Secretary-Treasurer (the office held by his cabinet secretary-treasurer for many years). He received the 100% President Award for his term as club president in 1985, and has ten years perfect attendance. Lion Jim has served two terms as Zone 2 Chairman, Junior Deputy Governor, and Senior Deputy Governor. Governor Jim and Lion Janet have attended many district conventions - in District 13-A

as well as throughout Multiple District 13. They have also attended two USA/Canada Leadership Forums and the International Convention in St. Louis.

Lion Jim and Lion Janet have been married 34 years and have two daughters, two sons and ten grandchildren. They attend First Baptist Church in Defiance. Governor Jim is a member of Manville's Quarter Century Club, holds a life membership in the National Rifle Association, and enjoys hunting, fishing, and collecting toy tractors.



John Davis (Susan) District Governor 13A 1992-1993 District 13A

John M. Davis was born February 28, 1952 in Bellevue, Ohio. He graduated from Sandusky High School and holds an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering from BGSU. He is also a veteran of the Ohio National Guard from Camp Parry. Lion John is a Senior Mechanical Design Engineer for MLS Inc. in Findlay.

Governor John joined the Findlay Lions Club in 1981 after transferring his membership from the Sandusky Lions Club. He has obtained perfect attendance for fourteen years between the two clubs. Lion John has held all club offices. He served as Findlay Lions President in 1987-88 and received the 100% President award. He has also earned the 100% Secretary Award. Governor John served as District Chairman for LCIF for 2 years, Zone Chairman for one term, Junior Deputy District Governor, and Senior Deputy District Governor. He has attended many District and State Conventions.

Governor John and his wife Susan, a Past President and Charter Member of the former Findlay Lioness Club, have been married for sixteen years. They are proud parents of three sons Ryan (age 13), Kyle (age 11), and Justin (age 6).

Lion John is a former Cubmaster, Past President of Hancock Soccer Association, coach for the Findlay Firebirds Soccer Club, enjoys camping, golfing and collects mugs and beer steins.



Lilburn Cummings (Sharon) District Governor 1992-1993 District 13E

District Governor Lilburn was born July 21, 1949 in Lima, Ohio. He is a 1967 graduate of Waynesfield-Goshen High School. Upon graduation, Lion Lilburn entered the U.S. Navy serving aboard the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Kearsarge and received an Honorable discharge in 1971.

Lilburn has been employed at Beelemar Parts Industries in Russells Point, Ohio for 7 years. Prior to his present employment Lilburn owned and operated his own construction business. Lion Lilburn has been active in Lionism since joining the Waynesfield Club in 1978. He served as President of the club in 1981-82 and again in 1989-90. He has also served two years as Zone Chairman, Junior Deputy Governor and Senior Deputy Governor for one year each respectively.

Lilburn and his wife Sharon were married August 15, 1970 and have two children, Todd age 19 and Melissa age 17.

The Cummins family are all members of the Waynesfield United Methodist Church. Lilburn has served as Sunday School Superintendent, teacher and member of the Administrative Board and Council of Ministries. He has also served as trustee of the church for 6 years and youth counselor for 3 years.

In the community, Lion Lilburn served as Union township trustee for four years and was a member of the Regional Planning committee. Active in Boy Scouts of America for many years he held the position of scoutmaster for five years. Actively supporting school activities and serving on levy committees, Lion Lilburn also served as President of the Waynesfield-Goshen Music Boosters for three years.

Governor Lilburn enjoys Lionism. He and Sharon attended the International Conventions in St. Louis, Hong Kong, and the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Salt Lake City. Lion Lilburn is proud to be serving District 13-E as Governor.



Harold L. Merkle (Janet) District Governor 1993-1994 District 13A

District Governor Harold L. Merkle was born March 22, 1934, and is a Graduate of Wren High School, Wren, Ohio. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from The Ohio State University in 1956. After Graduation he served two years in the U.S. Army.

Lion Harold became a Lion in 1974 at Arcanum, Ohio where he served as Secretary-Treasurer two years. In 1977 he transferred to the Convoy, Ohio club. He has served as President, Secretary for three years, and on the Board of Directors. He has 18 years of perfect attendance and has received the 100% Presidents Award.

Lion Harold served as Zone Chairman for two terms, 1982-83; (Outstanding Service Award) 1983-84; was District 13-A Public Relations Chairman in 1988-89. He has served two years as Deputy Governor. He has attended USA/Canada Forum on two occasions.

Lion Merkle has served his community through two terms on the Crestview Local School Board; two terms on the Van Wert County Mental Health Board; presently serves on the Tri County Alcohol & Mental Health Board.

Professionally Lion Merkle has been an Independent Insurance Agent for 17 years and is now the Treasurer of Van Wert County, Ohio.

Gov. Harold and his wife Janet of 35 years are both active at S1. Paul's United Church of Christ. They have four children - Angela, Kevin, Jeffrey, and Janelle and 10 grandchildren.



*** Alvan Trausch (Joan) District Governor 1994-1995 District 13A**

Governor Alvan L. Trausch (Al) was born March 27, 1933 and is a graduate of Edgerton High School, Edgerton, Ohio. After graduation he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and April 1953 entered the Armed Services for 2 years.

Lion Al became a Lion in 1956 with the Bryan, Ohio club, in 1958 he transferred to the Montpelier Club where he served as secretary. In March 1976 Lion Al became a Charter Member of the Pioneer Ohio club. He has served as President twice, and was awarded the 100% President's award twice, has been on the Board of Directors many years and has had 23 years of Perfect attendance. He was convention chairman for Gov. Sugg. He has an extension award for forming the Edgerton club and a master key membership award.

Lion Al and wife Joan have attended 15 District conventions, 12 state conventions, 5 International Conventions and numerous Fall Conferences.

Lion Al has served on the Pioneer Chamber of Commerce in the 1970's. He is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Montpelier, Ohio and is on the Finance and Maintenance Committee, also a board member for the Merry Lake Property Owners Association being treasurer for the last 15 years.

Lion Al works for Kustom Fit of Ohio. Lion Al and Joan, his wife of 40 years are the parents of 4 children - Bruce, Michael, Cathy, and David and 7 grandchildren.



***John "Dick" Russell (Gladis) District Governor 1994-1995 District 13E**

District Governor John was born June 22, 1926 in the Belle Center area of Logan County.

He is a 1944 graduate of Liberty Local School in Raymond, Ohio. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1948 through 1955.

He is a life member of the VFW, 24th Infantry Division Association and the Logan County Fish & Game Association.

Lion John has been a building and remodeling contractor. He is now semi-retired.

Lion John became a member of Lions International and the Bellefontaine Lions Club in November 1970. He has been a 100% President two terms, three years 1983-1985 as Zone Chairman of Zone 5, three years as Club Service Activity Chairman, Club Secretary for six years, being 100% club secretary for the past three years, was Junior Deputy Governor the year 1992-1993, Vice Governor 1993-1994 and has received eight District Governor's appreciation awards. He has twenty four years perfect attendance.

Lion John and his wife Gladis were married September 30, 1950. His wife is a retiree of Rockwell Manufacturing Co.

They live on a farm northwest of Bellefontaine and raise Registered Polled Hereford Cattle.

Lion John and Gladis have attended one USA/Canada Forum, two International Conventions, several Fall Conferences and MD-13 State Conventions.

Lion John is proud to be serving as Governor of District 13-E.



***Gerald Aller (Nedra) District Governor 1995-1996 District 13A**

District Governor Gerald Aller joined the McComb Lions Club in 1976 and has been a very active Lion. He has held various club offices from Lion Tamer to President. As President Lion Gerald was recipient of 100% President's Award. Fifteen years of perfect attendance are an indication of his dedication.

Lion Aller has shared his skills with District 13-A as Zone Chairman on two occasions and most recently as Drug Awareness Chairman for three years in Region II, and has just completed two years as Deputy District Governor and Vice District Governor.

Lion Gerald and his wife of 31 years have attended District, State and International Conventions.

They have two children, a son and a daughter and two grandchildren. They are active in Hoytville United Methodist Church, choir and other activities.

Lion Aller is a self employed contractor who does paving and excavating. He was also a charter member of the McComb EMS in 1976, having served for ten years.

Both Lion Gerald and Lion Nedra are dedicated to the ideals of Lionism and to helping their fellow man whenever possible.



Vernon "Verne" L. French (Marilyn) District Governor 1996-1997 District 13A

District Governor Vernon "Verne" L. French was born in South Dakota. He graduated from Wolsey High School and Humboldt Institute, receiving a degree in Transportation Management. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Lion Verne joined the Bryan Lions Club in 1982, serving in numerous offices from Director to President in 1987-88, receiving the 100% President's Award. He has twelve years perfect attendance. On the District level he served as Zone Chairman for two years, receiving the Zone Chairman of the Year Award both years. Lion Verne received the International

President's Certification of Appreciation in 1993. He has served as District Membership, Retention, Extension Chairman, Deputy District Governor, and Vice District Governor. Lion Verne and Marilyn have attended several District, State, and

International Conventions, also the USA/Canada Forum and Fall Conferences.

Lion Verne has served his community as Bryan City Councilman for 24 years, serving as President six years. He was director of Transportation for the Ohio Art Company until his retirement in 1991, after 32 years.

Lion Verne and Marilyn were married in 1948. They have three children: Curtis, Craig, and Cherri, and eight grandchildren. Both are active members of Faith United Methodist Church in Bryan. They are both dedicated to the ideals of Lionism and are committed to SERVE the Lions of District 13-A.



Ed Lantz (Sue) District Governor 1996-1997 District 13E

Governor District Governor Ed was born in Wauseon, Ohio, on April 10, 1951. He graduated from Archbold High School in 1969 and from Lansing (Michigan) Business University in 1971.

In 1973, Governor Ed married Sue Waidelich from Wauseon, Ohio. A daughter, Andrea was born 3/5/76. Andrea graduated from Ohio Hi-Point Career Center and Riverside High School in 1994.

The Lantz's own a pet store in DeGraff.

Governor Ed was a Charter Member of the Pioneer Lions Club (3/1/76) and served virtually every office in the club. He served as Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer under District Governor Russell Oxender (13-A) in 1985-86.

Governor Ed also served two years on the Cabinet of District 13-E as Membership Region Chairman. He has also been awarded the Key Membership Award and has attended five International Conventions, numerous state and district con-

ventions, and fall conferences.

Governor Ed was the founder and Charter President of the International Association of Silver Art Collectors (IASAC) in 1985. He still collects and deals in coins and silver art bars.



***Oscar Shultz (Abbie) District Governor 1997-1998 District 13A**

Lion Oscar Conrad Schultz, Jr. was born in 1928, in Frederick, Maryland, and graduated from Frederick High School. As a ministerial student, he attended Findlay College, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary and Johns Hopkins University. He served pastorates in Colorado and Pennsylvania; from 1970-1986 he was a member of the Staff of The Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Findlay, Ohio.

Oscar and Lion Abbie, his wife of 49 years live in Findlay, in the house where she grew up, built by her parents.

Lion Oscar joined The Newville Lions club (14-C) in 1965. Upon moving to Findlay in 1970, PDG Bob McManness sponsored him as a member of The Findlay Lions Club, where his membership continues.

He has been elected to all club offices, except treasurer; and has served as chaplain and reporter for many years.

In District 13A Lionism, Oscar served with PDG Nate Hampshire as District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer 1974-75. He was Zone Chairman under the leadership of PDG's John Phillips and Glen Gamber; and District Chaplain for nine District

Governors. Abbie and Oscar have attended ten International Conventions, the first in 1975 in Dallas, Texas, and four USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums.



Wm. Michels Bennett District Governor 1998-1999 District 13A

Lion Mike was born on September 12, 1946, in Toledo, Ohio. His family moved to Maumee in 1953. He graduated from Maumee High School in 1964 and has attended the University of Toledo.

Lion Mike is a Charter Member of the Maumee Lions club with 25 years perfect attendance. Besides holding most club offices he has been the Maumee Lions Club Scholarship Chairman for 14 years. One the district level, Lion has served as: Zone Chairman, Drug Awareness (Quest) Chairman, International Relations Chairman, and Campaign Sightfirst Coordinator for Zone 4.

Lion Mike attends St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Toledo, is a member of Maumee St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus, Maumee American Post, Lions International Stamp Club, as well as other stamp associations. He is currently serving the first year of a two-year term on the Board of Directors of Lions International Stamp Club.

He is employed by Bunting Mortgage Corp. in the Materials Control Department as Inventory Coordinator. Lion Mike's immediate family consists of his Mother, three brothers, four sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews.



Robert "Gene" Cox (Phyllis) District Governor 1998-1999 District 13E

Lion Gene was born August 26, 1935, in Hardin Co., Ohio. He is a graduate of Roundhead (now Upper Scioto Valley) High School, and is retired from Sprint, after 42 years of service.

Lion Gene was sponsored into the New Hampshire Lions Club in July 1964. In May 1987, Lion Gene transferred to the Waynesfield Lions Club. He has served his club as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors. Lion Gene received the 100% Secretary's award in 1996-97 and also a Key Award.

He has served District 13E as Zone Chairman 1977-79, 1994-96, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer 1992/93, Deputy Governor and Vice Governor.

Lion Gene and wife, Lion Phyllis, have attended International Conventions, USA/Canada Forums, numerous District and State Conventions and Fall Conferences.

Lion Gene and Lion Phyllis were married on August 1, 1954, and have 2 sons, Robert G. and Brian E., and 1 daughter Jeanette Spangler, and eight grandchildren. Lion Gene and Lion Phyllis are members of the Waynesfield United Methodist Church.

He has served on the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Audit Committee of UTELCO Credit Union for 26 years.

He enjoys Lionism, traveling, camping and woodworking.



***Virgil Ellerbrock (Betty) District Governor 1999-2000 District 13A**

Lion Virgil is a Charter Member of the Glandorf Lions Club, with 15 years of perfect attendance. He has served in every elected position within the Club. and has also chaired many committees. Working diligently on each.

At the District level, Lion Virgil served District 13A as the Zone 6 Chairman for five years and also served on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation. He was honored by his Lions Club with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1995.

Lion Virgil served his country during the Korean War, and is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Lion Virgil and his wife Betty are both very active in their church, Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, where he has served regularly for a number of years. He received a Citizen of the Year Award in 1990. Lion Virgil is also active in other civic and social organizations within his community. He served as a Scoutmaster for more than five years, is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Lima Elks Club.

Lion Virgil and Betty are the proud parents of 5 sons and 2 daughters; and the very proud grandparents of 22 grand-children. He is retired from a self-employed furniture business.



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