

TOGETHER WE ENSURE THE FUTURE OF LIONS.




Our Past International Presidents understand how growth strengthens the future of our service, and they have answered the call. Here's how they are driving our mission to grow.

MISSION1.5 is how we are growing our clubs and our service so we can serve more people than ever before.



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Fabrício Oliveira (2024–25) knows growth requires focus, discipline and accountability. As a businessman and global leader, he challenges Lions to strengthen clubs, add new members and fully leverage LCIF—  because expanding our numbers is how we expand our service, reinforce our credibility and deliver measurable impact in communities worldwide.



Dr. Patti Hill (2023–24) calls on Lions to uplift and empower youth so they see a future for their ideas within our organization. As the founder and advisor of a new Leo club, she encourages clubs to champion young leaders whose energy and vision help carry our service forward.



Brian L. Sheehan (2022–23) believes that sharing our stories is a powerful way to open hearts and inspire new Lions. He's driving growth by creating new clubs in partnership with the Mayo Clinic, an anti-cyberbullying initiative, and a local PTO working with Lions Quest.



Douglas X. Alexander (2021–22) believes that membership grows when we share the Lions mission — and he never misses an opportunity to make that appeal. His passionate outreach has inspired countless new Lions across the country, many of whom he has personally inducted.



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi (2019–21) champions growth through both new members and new clubs, particularly across South Korea. He shows that when growth is culturally relevant and locally driven, it deepens community trust and dramatically expands our service reach.



Gudrun Yngvadottir (2018–19) believes inclusive growth builds stronger service and a stronger global brand. By expanding membership and welcoming new Lions worldwide, she affirms that diversity, visibility and growth move our mission forward together.

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Naresh Aggarwal (2017–18) focuses on educating communities about who Lions are and why growth matters for expanding our service reach. Through live presentations, he has helped raise awareness and inspire new members.



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada (2015–16) believes that growth succeeds when it respects culture and community. Through his focus on expanding Lions in Japan, he demonstrates how culturally relevant outreach leads to stronger clubs, deeper engagement and sustained membership growth.



Joseph (Joe) Preston (2014–15) believes that strong, healthy clubs are the heart of growth. He is personally expanding his own club and sharing strategies through seminars and webinars to help clubs rebuild, re-energize and recommit to inviting others.



Barry J. Palmer (2013–14) promotes compelling marketing to elevate Lions' presence and visibility throughout the community. He brings local clubs together to actively promote our work, helping more people discover just how wonderful it is to be a Lion.



Wing-Kun Tam (2011–12) emphasizes leadership development as a pathway to sustained growth and long-term service. He equips Lions with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to share our mission, welcome new members and expand our service.



Al Brandel (2008–09) amplifies the voice of Lions on a global stage through his important work with the United Nations. He consistently showcases our service impact to inspire wider recognition and motivate future members to become part of our mission.



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Mahendra Amarasuriya (2007–08) believes that every new member greatly expands our ability to serve. His focus on growth emphasizes that chartering new clubs and building strong membership directly translate into greater humanitarian impact.



Dr. Clement F. Kusiak (2004–05) creates practical and inclusive resources that help clubs effectively reach and engage diverse communities. He was instrumental in starting a Spanish-speaking club branch, expanding opportunities to reach and serve even more people.



Kajit Habanananda (1998–99) believes chartering new clubs is central to keeping Lions strong and future-ready. His leadership reflects the conviction that new clubs and new members are essential to increasing our global footprint and long-term impact.



Justice Brian Stevenson (1987–88) lives by a simple but powerful motto: always invite. He believes every service-minded person deserves the opportunity to become a Lion and continues to personally extend that invitation.





“The world has changed and so have the needs of those we serve. To meet them, we need more Lions. And that starts with you.”

A.P. Singh, International President 2025-26