

District 18B Golden Chain Awardees for 1996-97 were J. Stan Bazemore, PDG, 6th Year; Billy G. Marshall, DGE, 5th Year; W. A. Gassaway, PDG, 5th Year; Robert C. Sweatt Sr, DG, 4th Year; Dr. Walter R. Wilson Jr, PDG, 4th Year; R. C. Cunningham, PDG, 3rd Year; James W. Dasher, 3rd Year; Frank Stokham, 3rd Year; Roy E. Godwin, PDG, 3rd Year; Wilmer Ring, 2nd Year; Janet Wilson, 2nd Year; Alfred H. Cabutto, 2nd Year; Robert L. Yaun, 2nd Year; Judy Nease Ganem, 2nd Year; Calvin R. Weeks, 2nd Year; Richard B. Vaughn, 2nd Year; James Ward, 2nd Year; Danny Fries Sr, 2nd Year; William Wilson, 1st Year; Jack Kennedy, 1st Year; Travis Benett, 1st Year; Stanley Golaszewski, 1st Year; Herman L. Hodges, 1st Year; Paul Booton, 1st Year; Leonard Johnston Sr, 1st Year; Darrell Boatright Jr, 1st Year; John E. Harrison, 1st Year.

District 18B 1997-98
District Governor
Billy Marshall

Lion Billy Marshall was elected District Governor at the Convention in Waycross, GA on March 1, 1997. The Officers and Committee Chairman are as follows Cabinet Advisor, Robert C. Sweatt Sr, Kingsland; Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. James E. Davis, Savannah; Region I Chairman, Judy Ganem, Savannah; Zone 1 Chairman, Calvin R. Weeks, Port Wentworth; Zone 2 Chairman, Robert A. Lapsley, Savannah; Zone 3 Chairman, Richard F. Roberts, Glennville; Region II Chairman, James E. Ward, Statesboro; Zone 1 Chairman, Jerry Kaiser, Garden City; Zone 2 Chairman, J. Stan Bazemore, PDG, Lyons; Region III Chairman, Monroe F. Swilley III, Douglas; Zone 1 Chairman, Robert F. Morris, Baxley; Zone 2 Chairman, R. C. Cunningham, Patterson; Region IV Chairman, William H. Wilson, Folkston; Zone 1 Chairman, Robert C. Sweatt Sr, PDG, Kingsland; Zone 2 Chairman, Janet Wilson, Folkston; Lighthouse Vice President, Charles Shurtleff, Hinesville; District Tail twister, Christopher A. Barbicri, PDG, Savannah; Camp for the Blind Vice President, James W. Dasher, Rincon; Assistant Tail twisters, Paul Ganem, Chatham South, Jon Alan Lichner, Port City, Frank Stokham, Port Wentworth, Herman Hodges, Bloomingdale, LaVonne Vaughn, Alma; GA Lions Children's Eye care center, Jerry B. Ney, PDG, Savannah; Outstanding Blind Award, Dr. Walter R. Wilson Jr, PDG, Douglas; Leader Dogs for the Blind, Ron Sutton, Woodbine; Outstanding Deaf Award, M. P. Jones, Savannah; Lions Clubs International Foundation, Robert C. Sweatt Jr, PDG, Kingsland; Extension, Danny Fries Sr, Rincon; Membership Development, Pamela Shaw, Hinesville; Retention, Herman Hodges, Bloomingdale; Leo Clubs, J. Stan Bazemore, PDG, Lyons; Sergeant-at-Arms, Alfred H. Cabutto Jr, Folkston; Recording for the Blind, Herman Hodges, Bloomingdale; Leadership Development, Monroe F. Swilley III, Douglas; Golden Chain, James W. Dasher, Rincon; District Convention, James W. Dasher, Rincon; Sight first and Diabetes Awareness, Trot Hurd, Savannah; State Convention, Jon Alan Lichner, Savannah; District Newsletter Editor, J. Stan Bazemore, PDG, Lyons; State Awards and Breakfast, Welby L. Stayton, Savannah; Used Glasses and Hearing Aids, Barbara Williams, Port Wentworth; International Convention, Philip S. Hurd, PDG, Savannah; Lions Journey for Sight, M. P. Jones, Savannah; International Candidates, Larry Winters, PDG, Savannah; Youth Exchange, Trot Hurd, Savannah; White Cane, Wilmer Ring, Odum; Hearing Conservation, Jerry B. Ney, Savannah; Public Relations and Info, J. Stan Bazemore, PDG, Lyons; Int'l Understanding and Cooperation, Trot

Hurd, Savannah; District Librarian, Martha Bovee, Savannah; Honorary Committee, Robert C. Sweatt Sr, PDG, Kingsland; Song Leader, Janet Wilson, Folkston; District Credentials, R. C. Cunningham, PDG, Patterson; State Uniform, Claude Roberson, Patterson; Nominations and Elections, R. C. Cunningham, PDG, Patterson; Long Range Planning, Charles Shurtleff, Hinesville; Constitution and By-Laws, Lonnie V. Roberts, PDG, Hazlehurst; Environment, Philip S. Hurd, PDG, Savannah; Rules and Resolutions, Lonnie V. Roberts, PDG, Hazlehurst; Special Aid to District Governor, Frank Stokham, Port Wentworth.

Some 325 Lions of the District 18B helped Lyons, GA Lions club celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The District was pleased that Lion James E. "Jim" Ward of Statesboro stepped forward to serve as Vice District Governor for the year.

The District had seventeen Lions from 18C to attend the International Convention in Philadelphia.

The Baxley Lions club observed its 50th Anniversary on September 20 at the Baxley First Baptist Church. Speaker for the evening was past International Director Myers Banister of the Young Harris Club.

The 2nd Cabinet meeting was held at Patterson Lions club October 25. The Convention and Banquet was held at Rincon on February 27-28, 1998.

During the year, 18B had 11 Youth Exchange students in their District.

The District received a ten thousand dollar grant during April of 1998 for the Tornado victims in Bryan, Effingham, Liberty and Long Counties.

Lion District Governor Billy Marshall and his wife, Audrey, were named Lions of the year by the Pembroke Lions Club.

Lion R. C. Cunningham and Claude Roberson of the Patterson club did a great job putting on the Rally and Cabinet meeting on October 25, 1998.

The Lions All State Band was organized and support given by the District Governor.

Attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Syracuse were Billy Marshall and his wife Lion Audrey. Vice District Governor James Ward and past District Governor Stan Bazemore.

The Lyons Lions Club collected \$546 from TV Raffle and the Pembroke Club raised \$300 from a garage sale to send a kid to camp.

The District 18B Convention was held at Rincon on February 27-28 at the new South Effingham High School in Rincon. Speaker for the evening was International Director, Robert Browning of Pineville, West Virginia. One of the highlights of the Convention was the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship by District Governor, Billy Marshall, who was master of ceremonies, to his wife Audrey at the Saturday night Banquet. Vice District Governor, James Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance. Past District Governor, Stan Bazemore gave the invocation. Secretary/Treasurer, James "Jim" Davis gave reports and Lion Jan Wilson led the District singing.

Reports were given from the Camp for the Blind by Stan Bazemore, the Lighthouse by Vice President, Chuck Shurtleff, Leader Dog by Ron Sutton and the Children's Eye care Center by past District Governor, Kim Warnock. A grand total of \$101 was raised as a result of Lion Chris Barbieri, District Tail twister.

Past District Governor, Bobby Sweatt reported on LCIF. Lion Shaw, recording for the blind, Lion Danny Fries Sr, golden chain, Lion Herman Hodges, Youth Exchange, Lion Shurtleff, nominations and elections, Lion Trot Hurd,

USA/Canada Forum. Past International Director John Pearce and State Convention Chairman PDG Jerry Ney.

The Financial Report was given showing a balance of \$3899.09 on hand and having spent \$11,903.72.

District 18B 1998-99

District Governor

James E. "Jim" Ward

Lion James E. "Jim" Ward was elected District Governor at the 18B Convention on February 27-28 at Rincon, Georgia.

Serving with James E. "Jim" Ward are Vice District Governor, Dr. James E. Davis, Savannah; Cabinet Advisor, Billy G. Marshall, PDG, Pembroke; Cabinet Secretary, Dorothy Sabo, Metter; Cabinet Treasurer, Billy Yawn, Statesboro; District Newsletter Editor, Richard S. Mizell, Savannah; Region I Chairman, Calvin R. Weeks, Port Wentworth; Zone 1 Chairman, Danny Fries Sr, Rincon; Zone 2 Chairman, Pamela A. Stone, Savannah; Zone 3 Chairman, Lillian Shurtleff, Hinesville; Region II Chairman, Jerry Kaiser, Garden City; Zone 1 Chairman, Jack Kennedy, Statesboro; Zone 2 Chairman, Archie Lobrovich, Vidalia; Region III Chairman, Monroe F. Swilley III, Douglas; Zone 1 Chairman, Robert F. Morris, Baxley; Zone 2 Chairman, Lenard Y. Johnston Sr, Waycross; Region IV Chairman, William H. Wilson, Folkston; Zone 1 Chairman, Norman Blood, Brunswick; Zone 2 Chairman, Janet Wilson, Folkston; Georgia Lions Lighthouse Vice President, Chuck Shurtleff, Hinesville; District Tail twister, Robert C. Sweatt Sr, PDG, Kingsland; Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Vice President, Billy G. Marshall, PDG, Pembroke; Assistant Tail twisters, Christopher A. Barbieri, PDG, Savannah Port City, Ricky Dekie, Claxton, Paul Ganem, Savannah Chatham South, Jon Alan Lichner, Savannah Port City, Frank Stokham, Port Wentworth; Georgia Lions Children's Eye Care Center, Kimball Warnock, PDG, Rincon; Outstanding Blind Award, Dr. Walter R. Wilson Jr, PDG, Douglas; Leader Dogs for the Blind, Robert Yaun, Waycross; Outstanding Deaf Award, M. P. Jones, Savannah; Lions Clubs International Foundation, Billy G. Marshall, PDG, Pembroke; Extension, Danny Fries Sr, Rincon; Membership Development, Robert H. Bovee, PDG, Savannah; Retention, Thomas Charlton Rogers Jr, Glennville; Leo Clubs, J. Stan Bazemore, PDG, Lyons; Sergeant-at-Arms, Alfred H. Cabutto Jr, Folkston; Recording for the Blind, Herman Hodges, Bloomingdale; Leadership Development, Monroe F. Swilley III, Douglas; Golden Chain, Chuck Shurtleff, Hinesville; District Convention, Robert F. Morris, Baxley; Sight first and Diabetes Awareness, Judy Ginn, Savannah; State Convention, Jon Alan Lichner, Savannah; Used Glasses and Hearing Aids, Barbara Williams, Port Wentworth; State Awards and Breakfast, Welby L. Stayton, Savannah; Lions Journey for Sight, M. P. Jones, Savannah; International Convention, Philip S. Hurd, PDG, Savannah; Peace Poster Contest, Alfred H. Cabutto Jr, Folkston; International Candidates, Larry Winters, PDG, Savannah; Youth Exchange, Alfred H. Cabutto Jr, Folkston; White Cane, Jack Kennedy, Statesboro; Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf, Jerry B. Ney, PDG, Savannah; Public Relations and Info, J. Stan Bazemore, PDG, Lyons; Int'l Understanding and Cooperation, Trot Hurd, Savannah; District Librarian, Annette Hammer, Bellville; Honorary Committee, Billy G. Marshall, PDG, Pembroke; Song Leader, Janet Wilson, Folkston and William R. Alexander, Woodbine; District

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The Springfield Lions Club was chartered September 17, 1998. The guest speaker for the evening was past International Director, Jay Patel of the North Charleston South Carolina Club.

The first Cabinet meeting held in Patterson, GA was a big success. There were 130 members present and 31 of the 48 clubs were present.

The second Cabinet meeting was held November 7 at the Camp for the Blind.

Lion District Governor, James Ward was crowned king at the Camp for the Blind's Mardi Gras Celebration.

At the Officers Training meeting in Patterson after the Cabinet meeting, past District Governor Stan Bazemore led the Presidents, Dottie Sabo led the Secretaries, Jim Davis led the Treasurers, past District Governor, Bobby Sweatt led the Tail twisters, and Louis Keene led the Zone Chairman and Region Chairman.

The following Lions were presented the Golden Chain Award at the recent State Convention, Lee Bagwell, Douglas; Jimmy O'Grady, Port Wentworth; Anne Kasbohm, Folkston; Rusty Lynch, Okfeokee; Edward Nash, Folkston; Charles R. "Bob" Smith, Hinesville; Roy Smith, Pembroke; Gary Spahn, Hinesville; Levy Yarbrough, Hinesville; Robert Henminger, Woodbine; Herman L. Hodge, Bloomingdale; Alfred Cabutto, Folkston; Monroe Swilley, Douglas; Calium Weeks, Port Wentworth; Riley Maitin, Hinesville; Frank Stokham, Port Wentworth; past District Governor, R. C. Cunningham, Patterson; past District Governor, Walter Wilson, Douglas and past District Governor, Stan Bazemore, Lyons.

The second District Cabinet meeting was a great success. It was held at the Camp for the Blind with Lions members and guests dressed in western wear and the District Governor wearing his crown "King James" during the entire meeting. Lion Keith Jeruis of the Wilmington Island Club won the first Chili Cook off Contest and received a plaque from "the King", District Governor, Jim. The Waycross Okfeokee Club prepared a delicious meal.

The third Cabinet meeting was held in Baxley on February 27, 1998. Some 200 Lions attended the event with Lion past International Director, Bill Moody and wife Kaye, in attendance. Lion Moody was from Ontario, Canada.

The first District 18B Cabinet meeting was held in Hinesville on May 1, 1999. The Officers Training Seminar was held. There were Lions representing 29 of the Clubs. In all, some 90 Lions attended.

This year the McRae Lions Club sponsored a circus that was visited by children at no cost.

The club earned \$800 for Sight Conservation.

The Wilmington Island club hosted an Easter Egg hunt for the St Mary's Home for Children. They spent \$250 on the hunt. The Rincon club sponsored two youth softball teams at a cost of \$800 and donated \$1000 to the Lighthouse.

The Savannah Chatham South Lions club donated 113 man hours on a Community Betterment project and 44 man hours on Lions project.

The Waycross Okfehenokee Lions club had 18 members at the Zone meeting in Blackshear. The club held a pancake supper. Twenty two members of the Okfehenokee club worked at the Azinger Golf Tournament.

District 18B 1999-2000
District Governor
Dr. James E. Davis

The 1999-2000 year began with the election of Dr. James E. Davis, Savannah Lions club, as District Governor at the District 18B Convention in Baxley, GA on February 27, 1999. Lion Chuck Shurtleff, Hinesville Lions club was elected Vice Governor at this time.

After attending District Governor-Elect training during the year and at Centerville on April 9-11, 1999 under the direction of Dr. Beverly Roberts, State Leadership Chair, Lion Dr. Davis was sworn in at the 82nd International Convention in San Diego, California on July 2, 1999.

An organizational meeting and Cabinet meeting were held on July 25 at the Patterson (GA) Lions Park. Officers training classes were held after the Cabinet meeting. At the Cabinet DG Davis was instructed to forward to International President, Jim Ervin a Proclamation of support from District 18B. Attendance at the meeting was 125 Lions from 34 clubs in the district.

Officers serving are Vice District Governor, Charles Shurtleff, Hinesville; Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, Welby Stayton, Savannah; Cabinet Advisor, James E. Ward, PDG, Statesboro; District Newsletter Editor, Richard S. Mizell, Savannah; Region I Chairman, Charles C. Grile, Pooler; Zone 1 Chairman, Medie Still, Rincon; Zone 2 Chairman, Judy Ginn, Savannah; Zone 3 Chairman, Christopher Seale, Hinesville; Region II Chairman, Jack Kennedy, Statesboro; Zone 1 Chairman, Richard Dekle, Claxton; Zone 2 Chairman, Arch Lobrovich, Vidalia; Region III Chairman, Robert F. Morris, Baxley; Zone 1 Chairman, Vance Faircloth, Baxley; Zone 2 Chairman, Kris Bowers, Patterson; Region IV Chairman, Lewis Keene, Woodbine; Zone 1 Chairman, Patrick J. Pignataro, St. Mary's; Zone 2 Chairman, Nancy Kassbohm, Folkston; Georgia Lions Lighthouse Vice President, Patrick J. Pignataro, PDG, St. Mary's; District Tail twister, Robert C. Sweatt Sr, Kingsland; Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Vice President, Billy G. Marshall, PDG, Pembroke; Assistant Tail twisters, Christopher A. Barbieri, PDG, Savannah Port City, Ricky Dekle, Claxton, Paul Ganem, Savannah Chatham South, Jon Alan Lichner, Savannah Port City and Frank Stokham, Port Wentworth; Georgia Lions Children's Eye care Center, Martha Bovee, Savannah; Outstanding Blind Award, Dr. Walter R. Wilson Jr, PDG, Douglas; Leader Dogs for the Blind, Billy G. Marshall, PDG, Pembroke; Outstanding Deaf Award, M. P. Jones, Savannah; Lions Clubs International Foundation, James E. Ward, PDG, Statesboro; Extension, Danny Fries Sr, Rincon; Membership Development, Robert H. Bovee, PDG, Savannah; Retention, Dr. James E. Davis, PDG, Savannah; Leo Clubs, J. Stan Bazemore, PCC, Lyons; Leadership Development, Monroc F. Swilley III, Douglas; Sergeant-at-Arms, Steven Thompson, Garden City; District Convention, Lenard Johnston, Waycross; Recordings for the Blind, Billy G. Marshall, PDG, Pembroke; State Convention, Jon Alan Lichner, Savannah; Golden Chain, J. Stan Bazemore, PCC, Lyons; State Awards and Breakfast, Welby L. Stayton, Savannah; Sight first and Diabetes Awareness, Robert C. Sweatt Sr, PDG, Kingsland; International Convention, Charles Shurtleff, Hinesville; Used

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The second meeting of the District Cabinet was held on October 9, 1999 at Sybil's Restaurant in Jesup, GA hosted by the Jesup Lions club. Special guest speaker was PID Jack Stuart of Jacksonville, FL. His oration on "Vision with Action" was very well received by the estimated 135 Lions from 32 clubs. Afterwards approximately 45 Lions gathered for dinner.

The District 18B Convention and Cabinet meeting were held on March 11, 2000 at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind at Laura Walker State Park near Waycross, sponsored by the Waycross Okefenokee Lions club with Lion Lenard Johnston as Chairman. The special guest for this celebration was International Director Scott Rennels of Jonesboro, Arkansas. At the Cabinet meeting, Lion Chuck Shurtleff was elected District Governor for the 2000-01 Lion year. No candidates had announced for VDG at this time. Other business at this meeting included the adoption of a resolution supporting Lion Buddy Outz, PCC, for election to International Director in 2001.

Id Rennels spoke on the topic "the Pilot Ship - Relationships" at the evening Banquet. He also gave International President's Certificates of Appreciation to Lions Lenard Johnston and Billy Marshall, PDG.

Following Id Rennels presentations DG Jim Davis presented Lion R. C. Cunningham, PDG with a Letter of Commendation from Georgia Governor, Roy E. Barnes in recognition of his services to Pierce County and the City of Patterson as well as his long service to Lionism. DG Davis also presented PDG Cunningham with a Distinguished Service Award on behalf of the District.

Attendance at the Cabinet meeting was 132 Lions from 34 clubs while 140 meals were served at the Banquet. The Jazz Band from Ware County High School provided the entertainment at the Banquet.

The 4th Cabinet meeting was again held at the Patterson Lions facility on April 30, 2000 with 92 members from 25 clubs present. Officer's training schools were held after the meeting.

State Convention Breakfasts were held at the Radisson Hotel in Augusta on Saturday and Sunday May 20 and 21, 2000. At the Saturday breakfast, Lion Jack Kennedy of the Statesboro Lions club was elected Vice District Governor for the 2000-01 year. District awards were presented to the following 1st Chatham South Lions club; 2nd Savannah Lions club; 3rd Gold Isles Lions club; 4th Hostess City Lions club; 5th Okefenokee Lions club; 6th Folkston Lions club;

7th Alma Lions club; 8th Rincon Lions club; 9th Douglas Lions club; 10th Port City Lions club.

Governor's Club of the Year was awarded to Bulloch Lions club.

On Friday evening, May 19, 2000, International President, Jim Ervin presented awards to lions of the State.

International Awards were awarded to Stan Bazemore, PCC, Ambassador of Goodwill; Bobby Sweatt, PDG, Presidential Medal; Jerry Ney, PDG, Leadership Medal; Dr. James E. Davis, DG, Leadership Medal; Stan Bazemore, PCC, Certificate of Appreciation; Vance Faircloth, Certificate of Appreciation; Thoris Youmans, Certificate of Appreciation; James E. Ward, PDG, Certificate of Appreciation; Trot Hurd, Certificate of Appreciation; Billy Marshall, PDG, Certificate of Appreciation; Bellville Lions club, Certificate of Appreciation; R. C. Cunningham, PDG, Certificate of Appreciation; Bob Bovee, PDG, Certificate of Appreciation; Chuck Shurtleff, VDG, Certificate of Appreciation; Jack Kennedy, Certificate of Appreciation; Trot Hurd, Certificate of Appreciation; Lenard Johnston, Certificate of Appreciation; Billy Marshall, PDG, Certificate of Appreciation; Danny Fries Sr, Certificate of Appreciation.