

# Lions Quest U.S. Training Team

## **Cynthia Castagna**

Lions Quest Trainer since 1986, certified to facilitate Lions Quest workshops at the K-8 levels. Presently, Cyndi is a therapist and teaches graduate classes on "Stress Reduction", "Social Emotional Learning: Impact on Stress and the Brain", "Children of Alcoholics" and "Kindness VS Violence". She is the author of a Stress Reduction/Managing Emotions CD series for students and adults called "Relaxing Moments".

## **Steve Dunn**

Lions Quest Trainer since 1988 and a Senior Trainer since 1990, he is skilled in the facilitation of all Lions Quest K-12 programs. Steve has a veritable cornucopia of experience in education starting in 1973 as a high school English teacher and including such roles as coach, advisor, associate director of human performance laboratories, university professor, and consultant. He has worked with educators in Bermuda, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Germany, India, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mexico, Poland, Venezuela, Iceland, Canada, and in all 50 of the United States. He currently is the Director of the School of Education at Newman University in Wichita, Kansas.

## **Beverly Fisher**

Lions Quest Senior Trainer since 1981, was one of the first Lions Quest trained pilot teachers in the country. Bev is certified to facilitate workshops for Lions Quest K-12 programs. She has also conducted trainings in South Africa, Malawi, Australia, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Trinidad, Sweden, Puerto Rico, Norway, Germany and Thailand.

## **Bonita Frazier**

Lions Quest Trainer since 1992, certified to facilitate workshops for Lions Quest K-12 programs. Is a high school teacher with over 20 years of teaching at the elementary, middle and college levels.

## **Kenneth Frazier**

Lions Quest Trainer since 1992, certified to facilitate workshops for Lions Quest K-12 programs.

## **Beverly Hays**

Lions Quest Trainer since 1988 and certified Trainer of Trainers since 1992, Bev is certified to facilitate workshops for Lions Quest K-12 programs. She has 30+ years working in preschool, elementary, middle, high school, college and graduate teacher education. Her background is in vocational education, counseling, positive youth development, service learning, and positive school discipline.

## **Susan Keister**

Lions Quest International Training Coordinator and program specialist, led the development of the K-12 Lions Quest programs from 1983-2010 and has over 35 years of experience as an author, speaker, trainer and executive in positive youth development. Her areas of expertise include curriculum and training development in school transformation, character education, social and emotional competencies, service learning, and drug and violence prevention. Currently, she also serves as a program specialist and lead trainer for the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning.

## **Barbara Lancaster**

Lions Quest Trainer since 1987, certified to facilitate workshops for Lions Quest K-12 programs. Barbara spent many years in the North Carolina school system first as a counselor, then as an educator, with experience in teaching self-concept, life and communication skills, prevention of suicide, substance abuse, violence prevention, parenting, discipline, and service learning.

## **Susan Miller**

Lions Quest Trainer since 1991, certified to facilitate Lions Quest workshops at the K-8 levels, and conducts workshops that promote productive staff relationships within schools. With more than 25 years of experience in the education community, Sue has taught both in the public school sector and at the college level.

## **Frances Portillo**

Lions Quest Senior Trainer since 1986, certified to facilitate workshops for Lions Quest K-12 programs. Her expertise is in cross-cultural communication, conflict management with an emphasis on cross-cultural conflict, team-building across cultures, workplace harassment, and drug and alcohol prevention.

**Merrily Sobotka**

Lions Quest Trainer since 1989, certified to facilitate workshops for Lions Quest K-12 programs. Merrily has 25 years of education experience as a teacher and counselor for grades K-12, college level, and criminal justice systems. Merrily has a rich background in working with schools in the areas of enhancing staff relationships, social and emotional learning, character education, conflict management, and drug, alcohol and violence prevention.