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History Of Lions

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH



**THOSE ON THE SAME
MISSION AS YOU**



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The organisation was founded in the United States in June 1917 by Melvin Jones a 38 year old Chicago business leader.

Melvin Jones asked a simple and world changing question – what if people put their talents to work improving their communities? 100 years later Lions clubs International is the worlds largest service club organisation with almost 1.4 million members in more than 46000 clubs in over 200 countries through – out the world.



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Jones's personal motto "you cant get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"

The Lions acronym stands for Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety.

The Lions Motto is "WE SERVE"



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Significant Milestones;

1917 First International Convention was held in Dallas Texas where Dr WP Woods was elected International President.

1920 Lions became truly international when we saw the chartering of the first club in Canada. Since then we have seen the steady growth of Lions through out the world.



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1925 International Convention. Lions accepted the challenge from one of the worlds most famous humanitarians Helen Keller. Helen Keller asked of the Lions that “lions become knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.” and so started the first of our signature projects.



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The growth of Lions has over the past 100 years seen the chartering of clubs through-out the world notably China 1926, Mexico 1927, Australia 1947, United Kingdom 1950, South Africa 1957, My own favourite Amanzimtoti 1968, Iraq 2007* and our latest member Azerbaijan 2014

1945 Lions were one of the first non government organisations to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and we have been an active non government participant ever since.



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Lions Clubs International extends our mission of service everyday- in local communities in all corners of the globe. The needs are great and our service broad including sight, health, youth, elderly, the environment and disaster relief.



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Now please sit back close your eyes and take a moment and wonder how many millions of people all over the world have been assisted in their hour of need due to one man and his vision of service. Melvin Jones no different to you or I.

Who called himself a Lion.

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Video

The Founding of Lions [The Founding.mp4](#)

Lions Peace and Understanding [Lions History.mp4](#)



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Thank You
End Session One



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