

About Lionism : Our History

1917 : The Beginning : Chicago business leader Melvin Jones asked a simple and world - changing question - what if people made a commitment to improving their communities? 100 Years later, Lions Clubs International is Countless Stories of Lions acting on the same simple idea : when Lions come together for the good of humanity, there's nothing we can't achieve.

1920 : Going International : Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada, Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

1925 : Eradicating Blindness : Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA and Challenged Lions to become "Knights of the blind". Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired.

1945 : Uniting Nations : The ideal of an international organization is exemplified by our enduring relationship with the United Nations. We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and have supported the work of the UN ever since.

1957 : Organizing Youth Programs : In the late 1950s, we created the Leo Program to provide the youth of the world with an Opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are 168,000 Leos and 6,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries and geographic areas worldwide.

1968 : Establishing Our Foundation : Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) assist Lions with global and large - scale humanitarian projects. Through our Foundation, Lions have received more than \$949 million in grants to help meet the needs of their local and global communities.

1990 : Launching Sight First : Through LCIF, Lions are restoring sight and Preventing blindness on a global Scale with the sight Forst programm. Launched in 1990. Lions have raised more than \$415 million for this initiative. Sight First targets the major causes of blindness : low vision, trachoma, river blindness, childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy and glucoma.

2014 : Centennial Service Challenge : Lions club International began Our Centennial Celebration by pledging to benefit 100+ million People through projects impacting youth, vision, hunger and the environment Lions honor our long tradition of service and look to the future by coming together to strengthen our local communities and the global community

2017 : Centennial and Beyond : Lions celebrate our 100th anniversary and prepare to launch a new global service focus for our next century of service.

2019 - 20 : Covid -19 was spread all around the world and LCIF helped many countries of the world by grants for Medical Equipment and Medicines

2020- 21 : Due to Covid -19 Singapore International Convention was cancelled and all Executive officers (LCIF Chairperson, International President, First Vice president, Second Vice President, Third Vice President and all International Directors) were repeated for one more year 2020-21.

2021- 22 : Due to Covid -19 International Convention was held Virtual.

2022 : Due to Covid-19 International Convention Delhi was shifted to Montreal Canada. GET - Global Exertion Team was introduced to Promote new Clubs across the world and GMA - Global Membership Approach was introduced.

2023 : LCI added 3 more Global Service Focus : Youth, Disaster, Humanitarian support. Now there are 8 Global Service Cause - International Program.