

OUR FOUNDER, MELVIN JONES WROTE:

“A Lions Club is not a one-piece band. Rather is it like a twenty-five piece, or a fifty-piece, or a hundred-piece band. It is a permanent institution which embodies within itself limitless powers for the advancement of the material and spiritual well-being of the entire community. In recognising and grasping this opportunity the Club provides for each of its members the joy of participating actively in the doing of good.

“The Club itself carries on from week to week, from year to year as does the band, adding consistently to the record of its contributions to the community, giving the active citizens continual opportunities to express themselves in words and deeds. It adds richly to the life of the community, imbuing its leaders with the spirit that presses forward in the search for an ever-increasing measure of self-expression and usefulness. That is the spirit of Lions Club.

“Dreams are the fool ideas of the day before yesterday that have become common-place miracles of today.

“I hope there will always be a Land of the Beyond for Lions International; a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we approach it, yet will keep just out of reach, challenging us to run faster, work harder, think bigger, give more.”

To sum-up, Lions are:

- Members of the world’s largest and most active Service Organisation.
- Men and women who believe that by working together they will accomplish far more than would be possible as individuals.
- Members committed to solving worldwide health and social problems, and who realise that solutions are possible when all Lions do their share.
- People who cherish the fellowship of their own Club, but who also feel a close kinship with Lions in all countries throughout the world.
- Patriotic citizens of their own countries, who, in the global community, strive for a world of peace.
- Individuals dedicated to maintaining the highest ethical and moral standards in their Club – and in their personal lives.
- People who are serious about their commitment to humanitarian service, but have enjoyment along the way.