

Along the Lions Trail

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Upcoming meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday evening, June 12. It begins with dinner beginning at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center. This will be our installation of officers and we'll hear a report on the fish fry.

History of Lions began in Indiana

Lion Bill Felker spoke to Lions on the founding of Lions clubs in the early 1900s. He said an Evansville physician, Dr. William P. Woods began a fraternal and secret organization in August of 1911, but disbanded it in favor of an open service oriented organization. He began forming it in 1915, having it officially chartered or incorporated with the state of Indiana on October 24, 1916 as the "International Association of Lions Clubs." State records show there were 35 Lions Clubs then.



Around the same time, a young Chicago businessman, Melvin Jones, invited representatives of like minded clubs to Chicago. He suggested they join Dr. Woods organization. A short time later on July 31, 1917, Dr. Woods issued a call for a national convention in Dallas, Texas. Delegates officially adopted the name, "International Association of Lions Clubs." Dr. Woods became its first president with Melvin Jones as Secretary-Treasurer. Delegates also voted to open membership to women, but rescinded the option for women at the second convention. At the third annual convention, held in Jones hometown of Chicago, a dispute arose between Jones and Dr. Woods regarding the issue of women membership. But, a sufficient number of delegates felt otherwise. This issue would not be corrected until the 1987 convention in Tai Pei, Taiwan.

The Association was also reorganized under a new charter from the State of Illinois on August 25, 1919, which named Melvin Jones as founder. During this time records which recognized Dr. Woods as founder began to disappear from official Lions publications.

Lion Felker said as the need arose for a communication link among members, the Lion Magazine was established and the first issue was published in November, 1918 with Melvin Jones heading the masthead as editor.

Richmond Club to hold golf outing

Attention Lions: The 5th annual Richmond Lions Club golf outing is June 17th at 1 pm at Elks CC. \$50 per player and big cash prizes. If someone in our club wants to get in it call 993-5593 or Diana Robbins at the Richmond club.

Future meetings and events

June 9 & 10 – Fish Fry;
June 12 – Installation of Officers; June 26 Family Picnic

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