

# A "FOUNDATION" FOR US TO BUILD ON.



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY LION

FOR SOME TIME The International Association of Lions Clubs has recognized the need for a Tax Exempt Foundation to which tax deductible gifts or grants may be made by individuals, groups or associations. Fulfillment of this need came to fruition during the administration of Past International President Jorge Bird with the formation of the LIONS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

The general purpose of the Foundation is to administer charitable, scientific, literary and educational programs designed to promote the well-being of humanity. Although membership in the Foundation includes the Officers and Directors of Lions International, the Foundation is administered by a Board of five Trustees appointed from time to time by Officers of Lions International. This Board will be comprised at all times of two Past International Presidents, two Past International Directors and one Past District Governor. Present membership on the Board of Trustees includes Past International Presidents Dr. Eugene S. Briggs and Judge Julien C. Hyer, Past International Directors Abram C. Summers and Ralph E. Blaney, and Past District Governor William B. Hix.

Dr. Eugene S. Briggs, President of the Foundation, recently issued a

statement commending the Board of Directors of Lions International for its great wisdom and foresight in establishing the LIONS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION. He noted the Foundation will provide a means whereby Lions as well as all other philanthropically-minded people throughout the world can be assured their gifts and donations will receive the most careful administration in accordance with high ethical standards. Dr. Briggs also has announced that the U. S. Internal Revenue Service has just recently approved LIONS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION as a Tax Exempt Organization. This means that gifts to the Foundation will qualify as allowable deductions for gift, estate and income tax purposes.

International President W. R. Bryan has expressed great enthusiasm concerning the work and future of the Foundation and his hope that Lions and Lions Clubs throughout the world of Lionism will publicize the Foundation as an organization worthy of consideration by all who desire to foster the humanitarian goals of all peoples. Dr. Briggs briefed our newly elected

District Governors at their School in Tokyo, Japan in July and solicited their help in informing Lions in their respective Districts of the availability, and the work, of the Foundation.

The Board of Trustees, has expressed the hope that all Lions throughout the World, when formulating their Estate Plans and making their Wills, will give consideration to the inclusion of a paragraph along the lines of the following legally-approved provision:

"I give devise and bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to LIONS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, without limitation, for such use as the FOUNDATION shall deem worthy.

OR

"I give devise and bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to LIONS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION to be used in Lions' Work for the Blind (or Youth or Crippled Children or Civic Improvement, etc.)"

Dr. Briggs also expressed the hope that Lions Clubs and individual Lions would consider yearly gifts to the Foundation. Remember, such gifts are tax deductible.

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