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SAN ANTONIO  
FOUNDER LIONS CLUB

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OF SAN ANTONIO  
CHARITY FUND

MEETINGS  
Wednesday 12 Noon  
The Fiesta Room  
Luby's Cafeteria  
911 North Main

Lion Wayne A. Madden, President  
Lions Clubs International  
c/o LCI, MD-2 (Texas) Past District Governors Banquet  
Kerrville, Texas

Dear Lion Wayne:

The attached binder contains the product of many years of research into the history of Lionism and I offer it to you as a potential source of enjoyment, education, and inspiration.

As lion for over 54 years and as Historian for the world's oldest Lions Club, with each passing year I have found that more and more information about the genesis of Lionism comes to the surface. And, as a historian, I can only describe what I have discovered as fascinating. In particular, the actual depth of the involvement of **Dr. Wm Perry Woods of Evansville, Ind.**, in the founding of the Lions movement, is something keyed upon in the attached pages. After reading the story of the creation of Lionism, in his own words, I'm sure you will see why I wanted to share this with you and, hopefully, you will want to share it as well.

I would be remiss if I were not to acknowledge three key contributors to the content of the attached: **Florence Woods Deems Foster**, daughter of **Dr. Wm Perry Woods**, who prior to her passing was a huge help in acquiring many of these items. **Donald Rasmussen**, author of the History of the Wisconsin Lions (he too was deeply indebted to Ms Foster), and **R. Roy Keaton**, former Assistant Secretary to Melvin Jones.

Melvin Jones was a marvelous Secretary and Executive Director for Lions Clubs International and the attached should not be used to diminish his contributions. It should, however, be taken for its historical significance and accuracy and applied to that end. I believe the true and verifiable history of the beginning of Lionism is contained herein and that in the interest of historical accuracy, these documents should be made a part of the official history of our organization's founding. Anything less would be a disservice to Dr. Woods and the true history of Lionism.

Yours, respectively

Henry Simms  
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