Lions Clubs began as a dream of Chicago businessman, Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large. Jones’ own group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the country, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917 at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago. The new group took the name of one of the groups invited, the “Association of Lions Clubs”, and a national convention was held in October of that year in Dallas, Texas. A constitution, bylaws, objects and a code of ethics were approved.

Just three years after its formation, the organization became international, when the first club in Canada was established in 1920. Major international expansion continued as the organization that not only helps those in need, but offers its members opportunities to develop personal friendships and gain valuable leadership skills. They share a common spirit of helping others. The organization’s Safety means LIONS.

The Emblem was adopted at the 1919 convention, consisting of two circles, one blue and one yellow, with a lion’s head facing to the right in the blue circle. The Lion’s club motto, “We Serve”, was coined at the 1919 convention, and has been adopted by all Lions Clubs internationally. The Lion’s eye was added to the emblem in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. It was there that she challenged the members to become the “blind’s eyes and ears in the crusade against darkness”. They responded, and now the Lions Club organization is best known for their sight-related programs, including SightFirst, the world’s largest blindness prevention program.

Perhaps Charles’s most notable work began in 1983 when he started writing the “Phylately” column. This column allowed him to highlight the stamps which he collected from all corners of the world. The column ran every Sunday for ten years. Teed’s travels to Iceland, England, France and Canada were never complete unless he obtained stamps from these locations to augment his collection. Philately was a weekly column on his personal collection that was initiated with the purchase of a stamp from Mozambique. His collection included stamps of mainly cars, railroads and famous writers.

Charles is survived by his wife Lois, their three children, 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. The Teed’s moved to Colorado during Charles’ college years in New York state, where he was born and raised, and where Lois and Charles met. Their 65th wedding anniversary would have been on July 14. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and prayers to his family as we mourn his loss. It is through his past works and columns that we will all forever recognize his contributions to The Daily Sentinel, the Grand Junction area, and stamp collectors everywhere.

HONORING THE 50TH CHARTER NIGHT ANNIVERSARY OF THE CASEVILLE, ILLINOIS LION’S CLUB

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th Charter Night anniversary of the Caseville, Illinois Lions Club.

Lions Club International is the world’s largest service club association. The Lions Clubs organization has 1.4 million members in more than 44,500 clubs in 185 countries and geographical areas. The Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. The International Association of Lions Clubs began as a dream of Chicago