

Mount of Olives. Since then, final approval has been recently obtained and actual works are now about to start.

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TWIN REGISTERS

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Twin Registers represent the answer to the need for extensive application of twin study methodologies to an ever wider spectrum of biomedical problems.

Twin Registers still tend to be divided in two clones: (1) small Registers, with complete zygosity assessment, personal examination, and medical history, devoted to the study of one or few pathological entities; (2) large Registers, generally including all twins in a definite population, open to a wide variety of twin studies but generally based on public records and mailed questionnaires, without personal contact (medical examinations, etc.).

Some sort of cooperation and standardization in Twin Register activity seems to be highly desirable, and practical proposals are made.

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THE INTERNATIONAL TWINS ASSOCIATION (ITA)

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The International Twins Association, Inc. (ITA) was organized by and for twins in 1932. It became known as such in 1937. At that time officers were elected and by-laws written. The ITA conventions were held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, until 1939 and then moved from city to city throughout the United States, giving more twins

an opportunity to learn about this unique fraternal organization.

The purpose of the ITA is to promote the spiritual, intellectual, and social welfare of twins throughout the world. It is a non-profit organization. There are no age limits for membership. A twin's only requirement is met at birth.

At other times, physicians and scientists have become interested in the ITA. At the 6th annual convention of twins, Dr. D.C. Rife, Professor of Genetics at Ohio State University, enlisted the aid of twins for blood groupings, tastes, palm prints, and other tests. Since then, others have conducted twin testings, including psychological studies, measurements of head shapes, blood tests, fingerprint studies, handwriting analysis, and ESP studies.

We try to help spread the good news of the International Twins Association and "Twindom" through a personal publication called "Twincereely Yours by the Rowe Twins". The latest issue was mailed to 8000 sets of twins within the United States, 150 sets of twins outside of the United States, Canada and Australia. The mailings also went to 450 Mothers of Twins Clubs. The Mothers of Twins Clubs were organized by mothers to emphasize individuality among twins, and to help mothers with problems that they might encounter in raising their twins. The Twin Chapters are organized by twins seeking a better understanding of twins in society, and to give them a chance to be with someone like themselves.

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THE THREEFOLD CORD OF MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUBS

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The threefold cord of Mothers of Twins Clubs, local, State, and national is explained. What the threefold cord is, what it does and how it does its work in the United States of America.

The work of the local club in research. How researchers can obtain increased participation for their work. Locals prime concern of raising twins to be individuals while respecting the bonds and blessings of twinning.

The bridge of State Mothers of Twins Clubs which goes across the country. Those States that are formed, and those interested in starting a State Mothers of Twins Club, including Canada. The States forming this bridge number 20 and represent approximately 303 clubs with over 9000 members. Research interest and enthusiasm kindled at State conventions.

The National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc. How its membership is formed from 44 States representing 224 clubs and over 8000 members. The work of National with doctors, scientists, and researchers. Research speakers at national conventions.

How researchers can contact Mothers of Twins Clubs. The great interest by Mothers of Twins Clubs for new research. A partial listing of research completed or being done at the present time. A sampling of Canadian research. Listing of groups for researchers to contact.

The personal growth of mothers of twins through the threefold cord.

How Twin/Lines, USA's only personal paper for MOT and MOTC, provides the vital link of communication for mothers of twins and twin clubs. Why Twin/Lines is able to be at the Twin Congress and what we hope to bring back to share with mothers of twins and twin clubs everywhere.

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A DREAM COME TRUE: THE ILLINOIS ORGANIZATION OF MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUBS

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On 20 October 1962, after a year of contacting mothers of twins and mothers of twins clubs throughout Illinois, IOMOTC became a reality for a mother of identical

twin girls. At that time, there were 16 charter clubs that joined and 2 members-at-large. IOMOTC now boasts a membership of 27 clubs and 1 member-at-large for a total of 556 members and a voluntary executive board of 24 officers and chairwomen. As was then and still is, the purpose of IOMOTC is to join together, socially and educationally, member clubs throughout the State of Illinois for the purpose of exchanging information pertaining to the rearing, development, and recognition of the individuality of twins as may be forthcoming from parents, doctors, educators, and other appropriate sources.

Through our prenatal, infancy, toddler, and now pre-teen years, we have accomplished much with regard to research, philanthropic work and, in general, have strengthened the bond of fellowship between mothers of multiple births throughout the United States. Various information and news is exchanged among member clubs through a bimonthly newsletter, a yearbook and a summer and winter packet publication. A state library holds a wealth of information regarding multiple births and club procedures for any member or club wanting its data.

All member clubs are self-governing. Each fall we gather for a Statewide convention, which is held in different cities throughout the State and therefore each club being given a chance to be a hostess. As our slogan "Strength Through Unity" signifies, we anticipate that this First International Congress of Twin Studies will bring a stronger bond of unity between the lay and professional person with regard to multiple births.

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SUPERTWIN RECORD ("BITS 'BOUT MULTIPLES")

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A fascinating yet productive hobby that began with only details of the delivery of quadruplets by the author's physician-employer in Galveston, Texas, is presented. Files are authentic but by no means inter-