

## HISTORICAL NOTE ~ 1981

In 1921, a group of physicians from Bloomington, Illinois, joined together to study the cause, prevention and treatment of goiter. Soon physicians from other areas were invited to join the group, then known as the "Illinois Clinical Club." On 9 December 1923 the Illinois Clinical Club met in Bloomington and agreed to establish a new organization, "The American Association for the Study of Goiter." Dr. E. P. Sloan, the prime mover of the group was elected its first President. The first scientific meeting of the newly formed Association was held in Bloomington, 23-25 January, 1924, less than two months after its founding. Annual meetings have been held since that time except during the war years, 1942 through 1945. The name of the organization was changed to the "American Goiter Association" at the time of a revision of the Constitution and Bylaws in 1948.

On 29 December 1959 the Association was incorporated as "The American Goiter Association," a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New York. The name of the Corporation was officially changed to "The American Thyroid Association, Inc." on 20 June 1961. In 1973 the Articles of Incorporation were revised to comply with all laws governing not-for-profit corporations.

In the 60 years of its existence the Association has grown from 30 founding members to a membership in excess of 600. Although its active members are from the United States and Canada, corresponding and honorary members have been from all parts of the world, and its influence can truly be said to be world wide. The Association is justifiably proud of the outstanding accomplishments of its many distinguished members and for their part in helping to fulfill the aims of the founders. The Association enters the second half of its first century with enthusiasm and its goals unchanged.