



# Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2011

The Ball, being the Club's signature event of its 16th Anniversary celebrations, was an overwhelming success. The function was attended by over 450 members and guests. Air Marshall John Harvey AM attended as Guest of Honour representing the Chief of Air Force.

On Saturday, 19 March 2011, The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc celebrated their 16th Anniversary. They featured a signature event - their Charity Ball 2011 - which was held at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. This was the seventh year in a row that Sydney Chinese Lions have been holding this major event at this prime venue in Sydney.

The major recipient of the net proceeds of this event was CareFlight. Money raised will help CareFlight in their life-saving operations as the next life they save could be yours. The function bore all the hallmarks of a high profile charity event including entertainment, dancing and auctioning many major prizes. Some 450 guests attended. Air Marshal John Harvey AM of RAAF attended as Guest of Honour on behalf of Air Marshall Mark Binskin AO, Chief of Air Force. The Club's Past President Dr Anthony Cheung JP acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. is a member of Lions Clubs International, an international non profit community service organization, upholding a common motto "WE SERVE". Today, there are Lions Clubs in 205 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 75 clubs with around 1,750 members. Amongst these, there are around 7 Chinese-based clubs. Sydney Chinese, chartered in April 1995, is the first Chinese-based Lions club set up in New South Wales, Australia. Today, the club's membership stands at 126 and in terms of membership numbers, the Club enjoys top ranking amongst all Lions clubs in the District.

On the Lions' Emblem, there is a lion on each of the two sides, facing opposite directions - one looks back to the past with pride, and the other looks to the future with vision and hope. This Emblem aptly describes the community work that is being done at the club. Ever since its charter, the club has been well supported by the community including corporate entities and small businesses, as well as private individuals. Over the past sixteen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Past President Dr Anthony Cheung and other Past Presidents, in conjunction with the relentless effort of its members, and on top of all these, the generous donations and sponsorships received from the community, the club has raised and donated over \$400,000 to a good number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service, St John Ambulance, the Australian Red Cross, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Westmead and Concord Hospitals, the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation and the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes. Thousands had reaped the benefits. The club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, it has been offering its humanitarian



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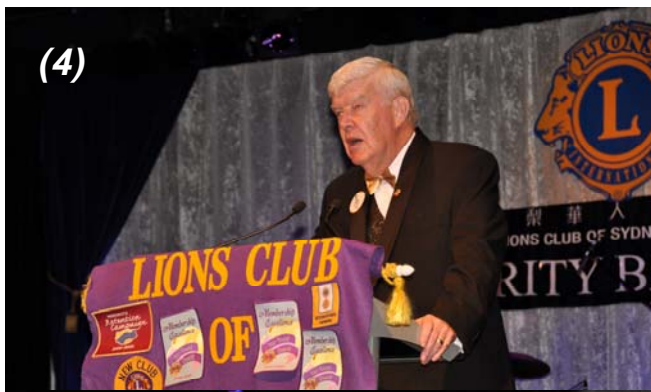


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- (1) President Mei Cheng JP
- (2) Air Marshal John Harvey AM
- (3) PID Barry Palmer AM





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- (4) District Governor John Harrison
- (5) Mr Derek Colenbrander, CEO CareFlight
- (6) Dr Anthony Cheung JP, Master of Ceremonies
- (7) Air Marshal John Harvey and Auctioneer Mr Michael McCaffery at Open Auctions
- (8) The Figaro Group performing

scholarships since 2003. In 2009, the club also set up the Inaugural Sydney Chinese Lions Teal Ribbon Scholars Scheme to promote and facilitate experience sharing between medical doctors and medical personnel of the People's Republic of China and Australia.

All these achievements have come about not only because of good leadership but also as a result of dedication and hard work of all the members. On top of this, the support by political leaders, the Chinese media, fellow lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

The club has secured support from the following organisations/individuals for Charity Ball 2011: Major Sponsors Shum's Watches and Jewellery and Honey World Travel; Sponsors Zilver Group, Porsche Centre Sydney South, Liteco Construction, Lions Rita & Arthur Kwan, Heng Fai Trading Company P/L, Hornsby Mazda, Northside Star (Mercedes-Benz), DFS Galleria, Christian Dior, Linneys and Central Equity, together with many Donors and Advertisers including NSW Tien Hau Temple Inc, Mizuya, Lion Scarlet Fung, Lion Iao Iok Wong, Lion Dr Danform Lim, Lion Dr Lisa Cheng and Lion Emily Hung, Lap Jewellery, I-Me Group, InvoCare, Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel, Grand Jewellery, Emperor's Garden Restaurant, East Ocean Restaurant, CLJ Design and CityIndex.

Dinner tickets for the Charity Ball were \$168 per person or \$1,680 for a table of ten. This includes a 3-course dinner, with drinks throughout the evening, brilliant musical and dance performances by Dancexcite, singing performances by Figaro and live music dancing with the Mandarin Band.

Those who are interested in seeking more information regarding Sydney Chinese Lions and their Charity Ball 2011 are welcome to access their award winning website at [www.sydneychineselions.org.au](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au).