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# Sydney Chinese Lions

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## President's Message

### My Fellow Lions

As the 2006-7 Lions Year is soon drawing to a close, I wish to provide a brief account of how well our members have collectively Served during the year. In terms of donations, we have achieved a record high of \$50,000+. This includes a donation of \$41,000 to St John Ambulance, \$3,500 to the winner and finalists of our Humanitarian Scholarship 2007, \$3,000 to Campaign Sight First II, \$3,000 to the Give Back to the Country Campaign and \$2,000 to support the Family Charity Day organised by the Lions Club of Sydney Innerwest. This has been a marvellous achievement and we can all give each other a pat on our backs and say "Well done!"

Apart from the donations, our activities for the year included our Charity Ball 2007 held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, our Christmas Party 2006 and our Changeover Dinner 2007. For the fifth year running, we featured our Humanitarian Scholarships which attracted top quality applicants and enjoyed great acclaim from the community. Around the Mid-Autumn Festival last year, we visited the elderly at the Australian

Nursing Home bearing gifts and providing entertainment. At Chinese New Year, we took part in the annual CNY Parade, having IDE Tapani Rahko and his family from Finland marching alongside us. Our trip to

no matter it's time, skill or money. For instance, in a given year, we may just be able to attend a small number of monthly members meetings but in a subsequent year, due to changes in personal circumstances, may be able to sacrifice more time to Serve actively and contribute at Board level.

I view this as perfectly normal for a Club with a size like ours – 62 members to date. For those of us who have been less active last year, when your circumstances change and you are in a position

to contribute more, just let us know and we'll involve you in a portfolio that is best suited to your skills and interests.

About last month ... at a Press Conference held on 29 May, we donated a cheque for \$41,000 to St John Ambulance. On 6 June, we had our Changeover 2007 at Zilver Restaurant. During the function, the 2007-8 Board of Directors was inducted at the hands of DG Peter Mendl. 2 new members were inducted - Scarlet Fung and Herman Ho—Welcome from all of us! The results of our Humanitarian Scholarship 2007 were also announced. Details are on Pages 2-3.

Yours in Lions  
Anthony



Sydney Chinese Lions at Changeover Dinner 2007

the south coast with a quick buffet lunch at Wollongong was also memorable. Of course, we attended and flew our Club's banner in numerous dinners and functions organised by our fellow Lions clubs and other communities. These constitute some of the obligations that we fulfilled.

May I thank you all for Serving together with me throughout the past year in helping our Club to reach such great heights. Clearly, some put in more than others. However, I do understand that all of us face different circumstances at different stages of our lives. To me, the most important thing is that we set our minds to put in selflessly what we can afford at given times,

# Sydney Chinese Lions

## Humanitarian Scholarship 2007

**This is the 5th consecutive year that the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. is offering their Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship. The purpose is to encourage and recognise humanitarian services undertaken by university students.**

Throughout the past years, this scholarship has received excellent recognition and acknowledgement from the public.

In February, they invited for applications and the response was excellent. A total of 23 applications were received. The quality of applications, compared to previous years, is the highest ever. The reported humanitarian services performed by the applicants included volunteer work for such local charities as St Vincent de Paul Society, World Vision, Macquarie Hospital at North Ryde, Villawood Detention Centre, St Canice's Kitchen in Kings Cross, overseas work for remote and poor villages in Africa, South America, Fiji, Thailand, India, Indonesia, and others. These services are all highly commendable. As such, in addition to the original award of one winner receiving a scholarship of \$1,500, the Club also offered two consolation prizes of \$1,000 each.

The adjudicating panel comprised President Anthony Cheung, Vice President Sylvia Chong, Member-

ship Chairman Wandy Kerr, and Lion Arthur Kwan. They selected 3 finalists, and each finalist made a brief presentation at the Club's dinner meeting on 2 May.

The finalists were Marianna Leishman, Mark Longhurst and Angela Titmuss. The following is a brief description of their humanitarian work.

**Marianna Leishman** is from the University of Sydney. Whilst studying, she undertook numerous



pro-bono tasks. She volunteered with 'Mahboba's Promise', a charity that provides food, shelter and education to widows and orphans in Afghanistan. She also served at Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre working on domestic violence and sexual assault cases. She drafted submissions for the 'Refugee Advice and Casework Service' and 'NSW Young Lawyers for Human Rights'. She published articles on experiences of Muslim women as victims of discrimination and harassment. She has also vol-

untarily assisted in projects for the 'Homeless Persons Legal Service', the 'Stolen Wages Project', the 'Sydney Children's Hospital' and 'Cana Communities Darlinghurst Shelter'. Next year, she is travelling to remote rural Australia for the Aurora Native Title Internship.

**Mark Longhurst** is from the University of Sydney. In 2004, while he was still in high-school, he single-handedly ran the World Vision Forty-Hour Famine at Newington College, raising over \$6,000. He worked in South Africa for six months, caring for 93 Zulu children who were affected by HIV/AIDS and domestic violence. He volunteered as Assistant Manager of the 'Koori Kitchen Project', assisting Aboriginal teenagers in Redfern to learn about meal preparation and healthy eating habits. He spent some three months in Manila, volunteering as Regional Office Manager of an organisation named 'VOICE', providing legal



## Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2007

Winner: \$1,500

Runner-ups: \$1,000 x 2



**Angela Titmuss Presenting her Case at our May Meeting**

services to stateless Vietnamese refugees. In the next 10 months, he will be travelling to Washington DC to continue volunteer work in refugee-resettlement and counter-trafficking of Vietnamese nationals. He will also be actively involved in a university society's humanitarian project in Uganda.

**Angela Titmuss** is from the University of New South Wales. She has been extensively involved in humanitarian activities over the past 10 years. In 2002, she was President of Rural Allied Health and Medical Society, a university society with the objective of increasing the health workforce for remote rural Australia. Since 2003 she has been involved with the National Rural Health Network, undertaking rural school visits, health programs promotion, running workshops for Indigenous school students and others. In 2005, she worked as a volunteer in Walungurru, a remote Australian town, coordinating youth activities that aimed at diversion against petrol sniffing, as well as

training local youth there, and promoting health programs. Earlier this year she received the Janie Dade Smith Award for Outstanding Contribution to Rural, Remote and Indigenous Health. She also undertook Night Patrol and youth program development for the 'St Vincent de Paul Society'. In the next 12 months, she will continue to perform humanitarian work with the National Rural Health Network and St Vincent de Paul Society.

The finalists were invited to the Club's Changeover 2007 Dinner

Meeting on 6 June during which the results were announced. The Scholarship Award Winner was Ms Angela Titmuss while the Consolation Prize Winners were Ms Marianna Leishman and Mr Mark Longhurst.

The Scholarship and Consolations Awards were presented to the winners by President Dr Anthony Cheung, together with members of the Scholarship Adjudicating Panel, during the Changeover Dinner. Also a special letter of appreciation was sent to all applicants commending them for the good and valuable humanitarian work they had undertaken for the community, and encouraging them to keep up the great effort, for the good of the humankind.

Another offer for the Scholarship will be made in February/March 2008.



**Winners of Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2007 with the Scholarship Adjudicating Panel at Cheque Presentation Ceremony at our Club's Changeover 2007**

# Donating \$41,000 to St John Ambulance

On Tuesday, 29 May, a Press Conference was called during which a cheque for \$41,000 was presented to Maj. Gen. (rtd) Warren Glenny, Commissioner of St John Ambulance (NSW). The amount donated on a single occasion to a single

party is the highest ever in the Club's 12 years' history. The bulk of the donated fund was raised at the Club's Charity Ball 2007 held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on 31 March earlier this year.

The Ball was attended by some 400 members and guests. It was generously supported by 2 Major Sponsors, 7 Sponsors as well as numerous donors and backers. The sum donated comprises a generous donation of \$10,000 made by



**President Anthony Presenting a \$41,000 Cheque to Maj. Gen. Warren Glenny Commissioner, St John Ambulance (NSW)**



**With Sponsors At Cheque Presentation Press Conference**

Machester Unity through their CEO Mr John Brogden. John made the announcement of the donation when he was making his speech at the Ball in the capacity of Guest of Honour.

The donation is to support St John Ambulance and its volunteer community programmes including its highly respected first aid services. Cur-

rently, there are discussions at St John at a Board level as to how they might put the overall amount to best use and to recognise the wonderful support of our Club and our members. We are aware that there are preliminary discussions of naming a brand new ambulance after our Club's name. We are quietly awaiting the

outcome of their discussions.

Even at this early stage, as a token of their appreciation, President Dr. Anthony Cheung was invited to their AGM on 24 May and was formally presented with a Special Plaque. They also subscribed to a full table at our Changeover 2007, led by Mr Sean Gavin, their Acting CEO. At our request, Mr Gavin presented the Special Plaque to us for a second time, witnessed by friends and supporters of our community.



**The Special Plaque Presented by St John**



**President Anthony receiving a Special Plaque from Mr Sean Gavin Acting CEO of St John**

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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 200 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 80 Clubs with around 1,800 members. Amongst these, there are around 7 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based Clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past thirteen years, under the leadership of 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 two hundred thousand dollars to a number of charities including St John Ambulance, the Australian Red Cross, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, 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, since 2003, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships.

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## Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Sydney Chinese Lions July Members Meeting	Zilver Restaurant Club Uniform or Lounge Suit	Wednesday 4 July 2007 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person
Changeover Dinner District 201N5	Rose Hill Gardens Rose Hill Racecourse	Friday 20 July 2007	\$50 per person
Charity Ball Way-In Network	Star City	Saturday 21 July 2007	\$160 per person
Joint Lions Clubs Dinner Meeting Welcome to new District Governor—Lion Carol Alderson (regular meeting on 1 August postponed to Monday, 6 August)	Zilver Restaurant Club Uniform or Lounge Suit	Monday 6 August 2007 7:00 for 7:30pm	TBA
District 201N5 Convention	Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour	Saturday, 13 October to Sunday, 14 October 2007	TBA

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