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# Sydney Chinese Lions

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## President's Message

My fellow Lions

Happy New Year to you all!

May the new year bring joy, health and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

Come the new year, preparation for our Charity Ball has gone up

another gear as this key annual fund raising event of our Club is now just a bit over two months away. The Ball Organising Committee has been working very hard indeed. In terms of sponsorships, to date, we have secured Remy Martin as Major Sponsor as well as Qantas Airways, Zilver Restaurant, Rita & Arthur Kwan, Porsche Centre Sydney South and Australian New Express Daily as Sponsors. The list is not exhaustive as more Sponsors are expected to come on board shortly.

For the Ball to be successful, it is paramount that we all get on to our friends to sell them the Ball tickets. If everyone of us comes with a guest, then we'll have 12 tables filled. For those of us who have a wider social/business network, it would be most helpful to subscribe to half a Ball table or even a full table. By so doing, I

can see that there are 3 distinct advantages: (1) we are making a significant contribution to the Ball as member (2) our friends and associates may get to experience and appreciate this high quality event that our Club is featuring (3) they may marvel at what a wonderful club that we have which is ca-

At our January Members meeting, Dr. Sidney Lo was inducted as our newest member. I wish to extend a warm welcome to Sidney and look forward to his working alongside us in our charity projects.

This year Chinese New Year falls on 18 February. As usual, we are invited to a good number of functions to celebrate. Do join us at some of these functions to help fly our Club's banner in the community. We'll also be taking part in the Sydney City Chinese New Year Parade held on Sunday, 11 February. We are planning to have 2 Chinese "lions" to dance and lead the way for us during the parade. Those who

wish to take part should either wear their club uniform or something with a Chinese flavour. We are gathering outside Town Hall at 10 am that morning.

At our February Members meeting on 7 February, we'll be holding nominations for the 2007-8 Board of Directors.

Elections for the 2007-8 Board will be held at the March Members meeting held on 7 March. Lion Greg Dunn will be Returning Officer at both meetings.

Yours in Lions  
Anthony



**Sydney Chinese Lions at their January 2007 Monthly Members Meeting**

pable of running functions at this top level and may even want to become one of us.

Due to the terms and conditions laid down by the Sydney Convention Centre, similar to previous years, we have to settle the Ball expenses in advance. So we have to be very tight and accurate in the control of income and expenses. I'll be calling each of you over the next few weeks to see how many Ball tickets that you wish to have. All monies relating to Ball tickets will have to be settled by our March Members meeting on 7 March.

# The Give Back to the Country Campaign

**Sydney Chinese Lions is donating a sum of \$3,000 to support the current stage of the campaign. A cheque will be presented at our February Members meeting to officers from the District Cabinet.**



The 78 Lions Clubs of Sydney & Norfolk Island have initiated a major appeal to raise and distribute much needed funds to the country people of NSW's most drought devastated areas.

From an idea born in the Lions NSW Parliamentary Club, nurtured by DG Peter Mendl and embraced by the Lions Clubs of Sydney & Districts a major appeal has been initiated by Sydney's 78 Lions Clubs to raise and distribute much needed funds to NSW's most drought devastated areas.

"Lions Clubs from around the state will also commence raising funds for the "Give Back" Project from December to touch the lives of 60,000 farming families and 8,000 rural busi-

nesses and their families." Mr Mendl said. "Every single dollar goes to rural Lions Clubs working to alleviate the drought."

"The aim is that once this project is successful in NSW it will be carried out in other states through the local Lions Clubs," Mr Mendl said.

Sydney Lions are planning to respond to calls for assistance with both emergency aid and longer term support.

Responding to DG Peter's call, our Club has decided to donate a sum of \$3,000 to support the current stage of the campaign. At our Members meeting on 7 February, a cheque for the said amount will be presented to the relevant officers from the District Cabinet.

Invitation to  
Charity Ball 2007  
31 March 2007  
Parkside Ballroom  
Sydney Convention &  
Exhibition Centre

## Charity Ball 2007

Our Charity Ball 2007 will be held on Saturday 31 March 2007, at Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention

& Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. The price of the tickets is the same as last time, i.e. \$168 per person or

\$1,680 for a table of 10.

As always, at this stage further support is needed from everyone.

The President and Members of  
**The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.**  
cordially invite you to attend their  
**Charity Ball 2007**

In support of St John Ambulance (NSW) and the volunteer community programme resulting in highly respected first aid services.

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Saturday, 31 March 2007  
The Parkside Ballroom  
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre,  
Darling Harbour  
6:45pm Pre-dinner drinks  
7:30pm Function commences  
\$168 incl. pre-dinner drinks, 3-course dinner  
with drinks, entertainment, live band and dancing  
Black Tie / National Costume

RSVP  
Saturday, 11 March 2007  
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The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2007  
on Saturday, 31 March 2007  
R.S.V.P. by 11 March 2007  
Return to PO Box 6422, Haymarket Sydney NSW 2000  
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I/we would be delighted to accept the invitation to the Charity Ball 2007 at Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.  
Cost is \$168 per person or \$1680 per table of 10.  
Please make your cheque payable to "The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc."  
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places/tables. Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Reservations will be made and recorded on receipt of payment)

I/we are not able to attend but please find enclosed a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominations & Elections 2007-8 Board

**Nominations** for all 2007-8 Board and Committee positions will be held at our February Members' Meeting:

Date:  
Wednesday, 7 Feb. 2007  
Time:  
7:00 for 7:30 pm  
Cost of dinner:  
\$30 per person  
Venue:  
Zilver Restaurant, Level  
1, 477 Pitt St (Corner of  
Pitt and Hay Streets)  
Sydney

**Elections** for all 2007-8

Board and Committee positions will be held at our March Members Meeting on Wednesday, 7 March 2007.

Members are urged to consider serving on the club's Board in 2007-8. Currently, our club is enjoying a period of growth and success and being a Board member has proven to be an enlightening and rewarding experience. Members who wish to be nominated for positions could either in-

form Secretary Crystal to have their names included in the initial Nominations List before the meeting or seek nominations from the floor at the February meeting.

Only those who have been formally nominated for specific positions can stand for such positions at the March Elections meeting.

Lion Greg Dunn has kindly accepted our invitation to be the Returning Officer at both meetings.

## \$3,000 Donation to Campaign SightFirst 2



At Christmas Party 2006, our Club donated \$3,000 to Campaign SightFirst 2 to support this very worthy project of Lions Clubs International's. Lion Sam Chu, Coordinator of the Campaign, together with DG Peter Mendl, DG Elect Carol Alderson, Region Chairman Amen Lee attending the cheque presentation at the party on behalf of the Campaign.

### The SightFirst Program

Since 1990, Lions have done more to prevent blindness and restore sight than in their previous 65 years as "knights of the blind." In a decade-and-a-half, Lions have prevented severe vision loss or restored sight to 27 million people - more than the combined populations of New York and Tokyo.

### How is this possible?

SightFirst makes it possible.

**SightFirst is Lions' most ambitious and most successful initiative ever. Thanks to SightFirst, Lions have restored sight to 7 million people through cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 20 million people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions.**

SightFirst's strategy of containing and eliminating the leading causes of blindness, creating sustainable eye-health systems, and training eye-care workers who will serve their communities for years to come, makes it extraordinarily effective and remarkably efficient. On average, just US\$6 can save one person from a life of darkness.

SightFirst has touched the lives of tens of millions around the globe. Through SightFirst, Lions are changing the world - and the world now looks to Lions as leaders in the international



### President Anthony presenting a Cheque for \$3,000 to District Cabinet Officers

effort to combat preventable blindness.

### Since 1990, SightFirst has...

- Prevented serious vision loss for 27 million
- Provided 80.5 million treatments for river blindness
- Awarded US\$193 million for 818 projects in 90 countries
- Restored sight to 7 million with cataract
- Improved eye-care services for hundreds of millions
- Built or expanded 213 eye hospitals, clinics and wards
- Upgraded 325 eye centers with equipment
- Trained 305,000 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, other professional eye-care workers and village health workers

Launched world's first-ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organization. Thirty pediatric eye-care centers will be established.

## Coming Events

	Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
	Chinese New Year Parade	Assemble outside Town Hall/ Chinese costume or Club uniform	Sunday, 11 February 2007 10:00am	Free of Charge
	NSW Chinese Community New Year Dinner, organised by Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Inc (ACCF)	Marigold Restaurant / after 5	Saturday, 24 February 2007 7:00pm	\$60
	Chinese New Year Banquet, Campaign SightFirst II	Marigold Restaurant / after 5	Sunday, 4 March 2007, 6:30 for 7:00pm	\$50

For bookings please contact:

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# We Serve

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 78 Clubs with around 1,800 members. Amongst these, there are around 6 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based Clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past twelve 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 a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to a number of charities including 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 organised its humanitarian scholarships.

[www.sydneychineselions.org.au](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au)

## Members' Donations to Admin Funds

For the purpose of raising "Administrative Funds" to finance "administrative" expenditure, members are requested to make donations of cash, and/or prizes for raffle, to the Club.

Cash donations can be made by crossed cheques in favour of "The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.": by mail to P O Box K422, Haymarket, Sydney 2000; or by hand to Treasurer Robert Chu, or Secretary Crystal Siu.

Prize donations can be brought to monthly members' meetings for the attention of Vice President Mei Cheng or Secretary Crystal Siu.

Acknowledgement of thanks is made to the following members for their generous donations during the 2006/07 Lions year:

### RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

- Mei Cheng - 2 bottles of wine
- Rosanda Kam - a bottle of wine, a crystal bracelet
- Simon Leung - a bottle of wine
- Rita Kwan - A photo frame
- Grace Condon - a wallet, pen & watch gift pack

- Chanelle Condon - a wallet, pen & watch gift pack
- Sylvia Chong - HSBC wine book x 2

For further enquiries about this circular, please contact Crystal Siu (ph: 9570 8900, mobile: 0400 228 823, email: [ccsiu@hotmail.com](mailto:ccsiu@hotmail.com))



**A collection of raffle prizes and gifts:  
Christmas Party 2006**