

SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



President's Message

My fellow Lions

At our Members Meeting on 2 July, we welcomed Lions Peter & Alma Freame and Pastor Nataniel Pereira as Special Guests. Both Peter and Alma are Past Presidents of Burwood Lions. Lion Alma conducted the invocation and loyal toast while Lion Peter inducted Anna Sannibale as our newest member. I'd like to thank them both for helping us out and welcome Anna to our Club. Backed by her expertise and experience as a language education administrator, I'm sure Anna will have much to offer in the running of our Serving projects.

We were also pleased to have Pastor Nataniel attending the meeting. Previously, our Board had resolved to donate \$2,500 to the Myanmar Cyclone Relief. But we were concerned that the donation be actually spent on the victims. Following a recommendation by Past Treasurer Robert who is a Myanmar Australian, the Board resolved to pass the donation to the Waitara Seventh-Day Adventist Church led by Pastor Nataniel as they are already doing much relief work in Myanmar. At the meeting, a cheque for \$2,500 was presented to Pastor Nataniel. We thank him and his volunteers for their fine humanitarian relief efforts in Myanmar.

Pages 4-7 have more details.

On another disaster relief front, in addition to making a donation of \$5,000 and appealing for further donations, our Club has dedicated the net proceeds of our Changeover

Lions Year. Elvio's Epistle can be found on pages 8-9. A number of awards were presented during the dinner. Our Club is amongst the winners as we were pronounced Winner of "Bulletin Award for Best Electronic Production." Congratulations to the Editorial Team for this wonderful achievement.

As we step into a new Lions Year, I wish to thank the following Lions for their generosity and continuing support - Lion Rosanda Kam for continuing to sponsor birthday cakes for another year; Lions Jason Zhang and Crystal Siu of

CLJ Design for continuing to sponsor our website for another year; Lion Arthur Kwan for helping out with the 2007-8 accounts and Lion Anita Cheung for auditing them. This is yet another demonstration of true team spirit and effort in Serving.

Our Charity Ball 2009 is set on Saturday, 7 March 2009, to be held at the Parkside Ballroom of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Please make an entry in your diary and start thinking of bringing your friends and associates along. At this stage, we are looking for sponsorships and quality raffle prizes.

Yours in Lions
Anthony



Welcoming Anna Sannibale as a New Member at July Meeting

2008 to the Sichuan Earthquake Relief. We raised a total sum of \$15,000 for this purpose and a cheque was presented to Australian Red Cross officials at a function held at the Parliament House on 26 June hosted by Premier Iemma, attended by Ambassador Zhang and Consul General Qiu of PRC and other community leaders. More details can be found on pages 2-3.

The District Changeover was held on 18 July at the North Ryde RSL Club. Ten of us attended the function in support. We witnessed IPDG Carol Alderson passing the gong and gavel on to DG Elvio Munzone, symbolising the changeover of leadership of the District for the 2008-9

THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- July Members Meeting
- Welcome to Anna Sannibale
- \$2,500 Donation to Myanmar
- \$15,000 Donation to Sichuan
- New District Governor - Elvio Munzone

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Donating \$15,000 to the Red Cross Sichuan Earthquake Appeal

A Big Thank You to All who have generously supported us in this Appeal!

Following the devastating 7.8 scale mega earthquake in Sichuan, China on 12 May 2008, people all over the world, especially those of ethnic Chinese origin have rallied together and contributed selflessly endeavoring to provide relief to the victims and quake affected zones. In New South Wales alone, to date, over \$4 million has been collected by the Consulate General of the Peoples Republic of China in Sydney and over \$7 million has been forwarded to the Australian Red Cross Sichuan Earthquake Appeal.

Sydney Chinese Lions have also put in much effort in fundraising for the relief. At the Club's Changeover Dinner on 4 June, at our invitation, Ms Miranda Sears, Donor Relations Manager and Ms Kimberly Gire, Chairman of the Overseas Support Group of Australian Red Cross came along to our assistance with 2 volunteers - Cassandra Rees and Joni Milne. They came equipped with special Sichuan Earthquake Appeal envelopes and promotional materials.



President Anthony presenting a \$15,000 Cheque to Mr John Fries, Chairman of Australian Red Cross (NSW) for the Sichuan Earthquake Appeal, flanked by VP Mei Cheng and Australian Red Cross Officials

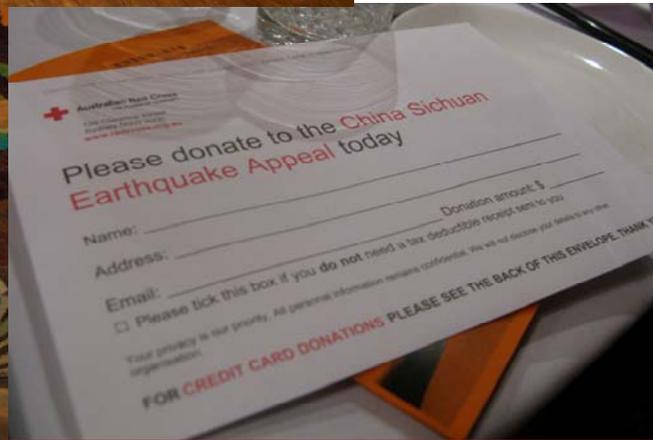
During the function, an appeal was made to members and guests for donations. As a result, a total of \$15,000 was raised. This comprised \$3,465 (broken down as \$1,840 cash donations, cheques of \$25, \$500, \$300 and a credit card donation of \$800) collected on the night, further donations of \$2,000 from Lion Iao Lok Wong, \$1,500 from Lion Wendy Lin, \$1,000 from Lions Rita and Arthur Kwan and \$500 from Lion Patricia Du. These, plus a \$5,000 donation made by the Club together with net proceeds of the Changeover dinner, made up the total amount.

Subsequently, at a dinner function hosted by NSW Premier Morris Iemma held at the Parliament House on 26 June 2008, attended by Ambassador Zhang and Consul General Qiu of PRC and community leaders, President Anthony and Vice President Mei presented a \$15,000 cheque to Chairman John Fries of Australian Red Cross (NSW).

Chairman John Fries is no stranger to the Club. Also in his capacity as Chairman of Australian Red Cross (NSW), at the Club's Charity Ball 2006 held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre in March 2006, John delivered a touching speech to the party which helped raise over \$23,000 then.



Kimberly Gire and Miranda Sears of Australian Red Cross (first and second left, back row) with Sydney Chinese Lions at the Club's Changeover 2008



Red Cross Sichuan Earthquake Appeal Envelope

Cheque Presentation at Premier's Dinner at Parliament House

Presenting a \$2,500 Cheque to Pastor Nataniel Pereira

A Helping Hand for Cyclone Victims in Myanmar

On 2 May 2008, Tropical Cyclone Nargis, one of the largest and most devastating cyclones ever recorded, with 120-mile-per-hour winds and a 12-foot water surge swept over the Bay of Bengal and hit five divisions and states in Myanmar (Burma). It killed more than 84,000 people and left another 53,000 missing. A total of 2.4 million people were affected by the disaster and more than 1 million of those are in need of help, mostly in hard-to-reach spots in the Irrawaddy delta.

While grieving and praying for the victims, aid in a multitude of forms from the international community have been channeled to Myanmar to lend a helping hand to the survivors of the cyclone. In this regard, the Lions



President Anthony Presenting a \$2,500 Cheque to
Pastor Nataniel Pereira for the Myanmar Cyclone Relief

雪梨華人獅子會會長張俊明博士把一張2000澳元的支票頒授予Nataniel 牧師以作緬甸賑災之用

Club of Sydney Chinese Inc., Australia, is also doing its part. At a Board meeting of the Club held in May, it was resolved to donate a sum of \$2,500 to the cyclone relief. The Board instructed then Treasurer Robert Chu to investigate and recommend an appropriated organization to direct the funds to the Myanmar victims.

At the Club's Board meeting in June, the Waitara Seventh-Day Adventist Church was recommended and selected. This decision was made as Pastor Nataniel Pereira of the Adventist Church stated in his letter that they were currently doing work to help the victims of the disaster in Myanmar and that there was no administrative cost involved with every cent going to the affected areas."

Subsequently, Pastor Nataniel was invited to attend the Club's Members meeting on 2 July. A cheque for the sum of \$2,500 was presented to him by President Anthony at a brief ceremony witnessed by the Club's members. Hopefully, the donation will, through the work of the Waitara Seventh-Day Adventist Church and its volunteers, reach the victims and at least help them in a small way.

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. is one amongst 45,000 member clubs of Lions Clubs International, which share a common motto "We Serve". Since the Club's charter in 1995, under the leadership of President Dr. Anthony Cheung and other Past Presidents in conjunction with the relentless effort of its members, as well as the generous donations and sponsorships received from the community, the Club has raised and donated over \$250,000 to a number of charities. These include 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 have reaped the benefits. The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, it has been offering the Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarships annually since 2003.

In the past Lions year alone, ie, 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, the Club has raised and donated a total sum of AUS\$80,500. This includes donations of \$57,000 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, \$15,000 to the Sichuan Earthquake Relief, \$2,500 to the Myanmar Cyclone Relief, \$2,000 to the Chinese Australian Services Society and \$4,000 was awarded to Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship winners. These, together with the ambulance that the Club handed over to St John Ambulance in October 2007, have broken yet another record in the Club's 13 years' history - a remarkable collective achievement indeed! Meanwhile, the Club plans to raise more funds in the current 2008-9 Lions year which has just commenced to further SERVE the community.



Pastor Nataniel at July Members Meeting

Nataniel 牧師攝於七月份例會中

善款捐贈儀式

\$2,500 支票頒授予Nataniel 牧師

向受納爾吉斯熱帶風暴蹂躪的緬甸災民伸出援手

2008年5月2日，人類有史以來最大，破壞能力最強的熱帶風暴之一納爾吉斯熱帶風暴襲擊了緬甸孟加拉灣和其他五個州及地區。此次風暴風速強達一小時120公里，並引發了高達12英尺的巨浪。據統計，已有八萬四千多人在此次風暴中喪生，另有五萬三千人失蹤；共計二百四十萬人在此次風暴中受災，大約一百多萬人急需援助，其中多數處於偏遠的伊洛瓦底江三角洲地區。

當人們在為災民悲傷和祈禱之際，世界各地的善心人士紛紛向災難倖存者伸出了援助之手。澳洲雪梨華人獅子會亦不例外，在五月的理事會例行會議上決定向災區捐款2500澳元，並促請司庫朱旺民先生研究及舉薦合適賑災組織，好將善款真正的用到災民身中。在六月的理事會例會上，Waitara 的 **Seventh-Day Adventist Church** 中選成為送款組織。該教會Nataniel牧師在來信中表示他們正在積極展開對風暴受災民眾的援助工作，並保證賑災款項將會悉數被送至災區。這亦成為該教堂中選的主要原因。隨後，Nataniel牧師受邀參加了雪梨華人獅子會7月2日的會員例會。各會員的見證之下，他從會長張俊明博士手中接過了一張面額 2500澳元的支票。大家期待著 **Seventh-Day Ad-**



Pastor Nataniel Pereira with Sydney Chinese Lions and guests at the Club's July Members Meeting

雪梨華人獅子會一眾會員與Nataniel 牧師在七月份例會中合攝



ventist 教會的賑災工作進展順利，能使災民受惠，能為災後援助工作盡一己綿薄之力。

雪梨華人獅子會是國際獅子會四萬五千家分會中的一員，以“我們服務”作為活動宗旨。自1995年成立以來，獅子會在會長張俊明博士及各前會長的領導下，通過全體會員的不懈努力以及來自社會各界的慷慨捐獻，已向包括聖若翰救傷隊，澳洲紅十字會，Sir David Martin 基金，Fred Hollows 基金，Westmead 醫院，協和醫院，Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) 基金 和澳洲華人安老之家在內的多家社會機構捐款提供總額超過二十五萬澳元的捐助款項，超過上萬人成為善款收益者。獅子會亦於2003年設立了『雪梨華人獅子公益獎學金』 (Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship)，以此鼓勵更多年輕人參與社會公益服務。

僅在過去的一年之中（即2007年7月1日至2008年6月30日），雪梨華人獅子會捐款總數已達到八萬五百澳元。其中包括向皇家飛行醫生醫療隊捐贈的五萬七千元，向四川地震災區捐贈的一萬五千元，向緬甸熱帶風暴捐贈的兩千五百元，向華人服務社捐贈的兩千元及向雪梨華人獅子公益獎學金獲獎者頒發的四千元獎金。上述所有款項加上去年十月捐贈給聖若翰救傷隊的一輛救護車，已經創造了該會成立了13年以來的募款捐贈新紀錄，實在是一個可喜可賀的成就！雪梨華人獅子會決定在未來的一年中再接再厲，希望募集捐贈更多善款，好能繼續宏揚實踐“我們服務”的崇高獅子精神。



DG Elvio's Epistle

July 2008 Edition

Hi everyone, and welcome to a new Lions year. I trust that you are all as excited as I am about the next 12 months as we serve with pride and passion.

The new Lions year is about renewing our commitment to our communities and rededicating ourselves to our neighborhoods; it's about putting ourselves forward and keeping the famous 'we serve' spirit at the heart of our time and efforts as Lions.

Club Officers Forum

The incoming Club Officers Forum held in June was well attended and I believe that all participants left with new ideas and plenty of enth-

siasm. Congratulations and thank you to all of our Forum presenters especially Martin Orchard and PDG Brian Daniels.

Cabinet Officers Training



District Governor Elvio Munzone & Gail Munzone

The Cabinet Officers training weekend at Shelly Beach was both informative and inspirational. Thank you to my Cabinet

colleagues for giving up their weekend to attend this memorable weekend.

Of course training weekends aren't all work - PDG David Tuckerman's tail twisting had us in stitches and the new 201N5 front row was introduced. With these two sturdy props, my job as hooker will be much easier.

Meeting Attendance

Cabinet Officers and District Chairman will be attending your Club meetings to present their portfolios. Please remember that they are there to give support and their

assistance so please contact them if you need assistance or guidance with any aspect of your club.

The Big Boss

Our International President Al Brandel has announced that his theme is, *Miracles Through Service*. The IP says our miracles through service fill the gaps in our communities, and we play the role of everyday heroes.

District Changeover

Our District Changeover is being held on Friday 18th July at North Ryde RSL Club hosted by the Lions Club of Cambridge Park. This is a great opportu-



DG Elvio's Epistle (continued)

nity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones in a fun filled atmosphere. To book your table please contact Lion Alan Bideleux at aw-bideleux@yahoo.com.au or call him on 0409 220 544 to book a table.

District Convention

Our District Food ,Wine and Lovers Conference is being held from Friday 10 to Sunday 12 October at Cessnock in the Hunter Valley. This promises to be a great weekend with first class keynote speakers, great seminars and workshops, fun-filled entertainment, a few surprises and YES ...'Notices of Motion'. A free bottle of DG Special Hunter Valley wine will be presented for all who register prior to 31 August. To register or for information please contact Conference Chairman Ted Henebery - ted@acornastralia.com.au or call him on 9487 3376.

DG's Advisory Committee

The District Governors Advisory Committee meetings will be scheduled by your Zone Chairman, probably from 4 - 29 August. All Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, together with any other club members, are invited to attend these meetings. Please ensure that your club is well represented at these meetings to share your ideas and information.

Membership

As at 30 June 2008 our District had 1750 members. At

the same time in 1995 our district had 2056 members. Statistics don't lie, so it's up to us to turn this decline around. Our Goal is to reach 2010 by 2010, and to achieve this goal **we all need to make it our personal obligation to increase membership.** We need to share our passion to serve with other service minded people. We are blessed to have an organization where members at all levels carry out their roles with respect, honesty and integrity. **We also have an excellent MERLOT team who are ready to assist.** Contact details are in the directory.

Dues are (almost) due

A reminder that your club's 1st semi annual dues are payable by 15 August. Board approval is not necessary prior to payment so please ensure these invoices are promptly actioned. You can continue to protect your club's active status by paying all bills in a timely manner. Remember, clubs with past due balances beyond 150 days could be placed on automatic suspension.

DG's Calendar

I will be commencing my official visits on 4 August by attending a Zone 3 meeting hosted by Sydney Waratah. Visitations will be combined with a Zone meeting organized by the zone chairman wherever possible.

It is impossible to please everyone with meeting dates, so I'm asking for your understanding and request that you encourage all your club members to attend these visits. Dates are included in my Diary which has been posted to the district website. Further details will be forwarded to Host Clubs by Cabinet Secretary Reg Walker in due course.

I look forward to meeting you all personally. I'm convinced that we Lions, Lioness and Leos of 201N5 will continue to accomplish great things if we work together for our communities, for we serve with pride and passion.

Elvio went to School

You probably don't know that to become a district governor you must also go back to school. I did just that and here's the proof that I passed - I received my Certificate in Pat-taya.

Keep up the great work Lions. Until next time,

Elvio Munzone
District Governor

*We Serve with
Pride and Passion*



Winner of Bulletin Award

District Governor 201N5
Carol Alderson

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District Governor
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A New Sensation





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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 202 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 1,700 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 fifty thousand dollars to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, 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 have 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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www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Meeting the new District Governor Elvio Munzone	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Monday 4 August 2008 6:45 for 7:15 pm	\$30 per person
August Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 6 August 2008 7:00 for 7:30 pm	\$30 per person
Food Wine & Lovers Conference District N5	Cessnock Rugby League Supporters Club Cnr Magdala & Pittwater Roads, North Ryde After 5	Friday-Sunday, 10-12 October 2008	"Cessnock Hospitality Package" - \$140 per person
Charity Ball 2009 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour Black Tie	Saturday 7 March 2009 6:30 pm pre dinner drinks; 7:00 pm function commences	\$168 per person/ \$1,680 for a table of 10

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