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Editorial

On 3 March, we celebrated the Lunar New Year at our March Members meeting. The proceedings of the evening came to a crescendo when a suckling pig was presented. Everyone rallied behind it. Then the cutting of the pig followed. This signifies the Lions having a prosperous and obstacle free year ahead.

At the meeting, elections for the 2010-11 Board of Directors were also conducted. As each of the positions had only one

nominee, all nominees were elected unopposed. We congratulate the newly elected Board members and look forward to their collectively leading our club in the next Lions Year. A full list of the Board members can be found on page 7.

On 20 March 2010, we hosted our Charity Ball 2010 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Like previous years, the event was most enjoyable and an overwhelming success. Pages 4 to 6 pro-

vide a preliminary report on the function, complete with feedback from some of our major guests. We sincerely thank all those who have generously donated money and prizes to us and those who have selflessly contributed their time and effort to helping us achieve this great outcome.

Yes, we do have a date for the 2011 Ball. It is set on Saturday, 19 March 2011. Please mark this date in your diaries and book your friends in early!

THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Celebrating Lunar New Year at March Members Meeting
- Elections of 2010-11 Board of Directors
- Charity Ball 2010
- Charity Ball 2011: Saturday, 19 March 2011

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Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at March 2010 Members Meeting

Congratulations

*to Lion Jasmine Wong and Raymond Ng
on the birth of their baby boy Kieran!*

*We extend to them our best wishes
and look forward to seeing young Kieran
at our club meeting soon.*

Elections for the 2010-11 Board of Directors
were successfully completed
at our March Members meeting
on 3 March 2010.

*We congratulate those who were elected
and thank them for their generosity
in contributing their time and effort
to facilitate our members to **SERVE.***

*We welcome your contributions to this Monthly Bulletin.
Please send your article to the Chief Editor at
sydneychineselions@yahoo.com.au*

A Letter from Our International President

Dear Lion CHENG,

I'm writing to share good news. Our net membership growth continued through February, reaching +22,879 compared to +14,042 for the same period last year. New club formation is also surging ahead reaching 1,002 new clubs compared to 841 last year, the best results in 12 years. The momentum continues in March since we've now crossed plus 25,000 in the first two weeks.

While our results are impressive, my Move to Grow theme is really about moving in new directions and responding to the evolving needs of both our communities and our members. Because if we respond to our changing world -- and pursue the opportunities it presents -- membership will take care of itself.

Family & Women Membership - First, our noteworthy membership results are being fueled by more clubs inviting more qualified women and family members. Women now account for 22% of our membership, surging to over 290,000. And it's happening in every part of the world. For example, I was in Japan last week - where historically women's membership lagged other areas - and was pleased to learn that four multiple districts there are up in membership substantially, and 90% of that is due to women and family members joining our ranks.

And with regard to family membership, we know that in many parts of the world more and more people want to volunteer and serve alongside their family members. It might not be a viable option for every club, but certainly every district should have room for family-based clubs -- clubs that might need to meet at different times and pursue different types of service projects that can involve the whole family. It appears that many clubs are responding to this opportunity, since we now have more than 164,701 members, or 12.5% overall, as part of a family unit. [Read more](#) about how family membership works, and its benefits

Leos Clubs - We've also worked to Move to Grow our Leo clubs, rebranding all the Leo club materials and creating the LeoZone section on our web site. The new materials are certainly more appealing, but more importantly, we are now speaking to young people in their language and in ways they prefer to communicate - especially through the internet. For example, our new Leo Facebook page boasts 1800 members. It's a special place where Leos can come together online, share ideas and connect with Leos in other countries. Leos now also have their own online membership database - the LeoMMR - so we can all communicate better with each other. E-mail Leommr@lionsclubs.org if your district or club has Leo clubs that are not online or for more information on Leo efforts.

Technology - Even older people like me, or shall I say 'mature' people, can take advantage of new technologies to communicate. In January, I participated in several online webinars - seminars done over the internet - with more than 300 DG Team members in North America, Japan, and South Asia and Africa.

In the course of three hours, over three sessions, I was able to travel across many time zones, from California to Tokyo and back, to interact with our DG Teams without even leaving my office.

I'm now hearing about Lions clubs and districts all over the world that are using webinars, and even online video conferencing, to get more work done and to connect with more Lions. And even LCIF, our foundation, has made more use of technology by raising \$140,000 online for Haiti in a few days and in posting daily updates on our relief work in Haiti.

So, as you hopefully see, my Move to Grow theme is not only about growing physically but about growing in new ways as an organization, to set new sites and goals to achieve, and to move in new directions to ensure we remain the world's largest, most active and attractive service club.

I am convinced that we are moving in the right direction. The results so far speak for themselves. But again, let's continue to move even faster so we can make this the greatest year in our history, one that puts LCI on the path to an even brighter future as we stretch ourselves in new ways and MOVE TO GROW.

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
International President



The Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2010

The Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2010 was successfully held on 20 March at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. It was attended by some 450 members and guests. The Guest of Honor was Lt Gen Ken Gillespie, AO, Chief of Army representing the Chief of Defense. Other dignitaries included DG Beryl Payne, PID Barry Palmer, Mr Anthony Roberts MP, representing the Leader of the Opposition (NSW), Mayor Nick Berman of the Hornsby Shire Council, Consul Dr Fuxiang He of the Consulate General of PRC in Sydney, Mr John McLennan of the Australian Red Cross, Maj Gen (rtd) Warren Glennly of St John (NSW), Mr Paul Smith of CareFlight, Professor Kyung Hee Lee of the Australian International Conservatorium of Music and others.

The guests enjoyed a sumptuous 3-course banquet with a non stop supply of drinks throughout the evening. They were also entertained by performances featured by students of the Australian International Performing Arts High School and the Oriental Dance Group and danced to the music put together by the Mandarin Band conducted by Sam the Musicman.

Feedback received has been most positive indeed.

All members of the club and the Charity Ball 2010 Organising Committee chaired by Hon President Dr Anthony Cheung JP ought to be commended for this wonderful outcome.



An Official Photo of Charity Ball 2010

Charter Member Lion Therese Bechara said a lovely prayer at Charity Ball 2010. She kindly shares this with us below.

Almighty Father, we ask You to bless this gathering, the benefits of which will go into Your service. We ask You to bless this meal to be enjoyed in good health and happiness. We give You thanks and ask for Your blessing upon all those who have prepared this meal, and all those who have worked so hard to put this evening together.

Lord God as we at the Sydney Chinese Lions gather for yet another year, we implore You to bless us with Your love and Your peace. We are always in need of Your loving blessing as we all endeavour to assist all those who come to us for help. O God, grant us Your blessing of wisdom, humility and fortitude to carry out Your work, and let us always be ever mindful of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

We give You all praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

Feedback from our Guests

Dear Mei,

Genevieve and I wish to thank you and the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese for inviting us to your Charity Ball. We enjoyed ourselves very much, the atmosphere and entertainment were first rate. I especially enjoyed being your mc and working beside Jason and Eric on the night.

Everyone associated with the organising of the night has the right to be very proud of a wonderful success. It was so obvious how much everybody enjoyed the event.... and it was an event.

Thank you and congratulations to the organising committee and members of Sydney Chinese Lions Club.

Best wishes

PDG Nigel Jeny
LCIF MD201 Co-ordinator

Anthony

Thanks for this follow up e-mail and I can assure you and your members the Chief thoroughly enjoyed himself on Saturday evening. I'm also glad the raffle for the prize went off well. No problem with the numbers for the visit - 10 people it is. I'll let Lieutenant Colonel Stuttgart know...

B.N. (Ben) James
LTCOL
Military Assistant to Chief of Army

Hi Anthony,

On behalf of Suntory, Remy Martin and our guests, many thanks for a delightful evening on Saturday night to celebrate the Sydney Chinese Lions Club Charity Ball 2010!

I trust that the support from your members and guests will assist the Red Cross with the wonderful activities they conduct here in the community.

As always it was a pleasure seeing you and your wife, along with all your members for an enjoyable evening.

I look forward to catching up again soon.

Kind Regards,

Jeremy

Hi Anthony,

What a successful night it was at the Ball on Saturday everything was perfect and every item was addressed to perfection. Anthony you have done it again congratulation.

I have attached my little prayer that you requested on the night. Hope to catch up soon.

Regards,
Therese

Hi Anthony

I hope you are well and have had a good earned rest.

The Charity Ball was a wonderful night; we all take our hats off to you and the committee and feel very honoured to be the Beneficiary of this amazing event you host so wonderfully...

Kim McQuirk
Australian Red Cross (NSW)

There's excellent coverage of the Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2010 in the Chinese Media. Of particular interest is the article below first posted on the Xinhuanet News Website:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2010-03/21/content_13213220.htm

Amazingly, the article was subsequently re-published on hundreds of websites around the world. On 28 March 2010, a Google search of the title of the article with the exact wording returned over 1,000 results!

澳大利亚军方代表称赞华人慈善组织公益为民

新华网悉尼3月20日电（报道员胡萌）国际慈善组织澳大利亚悉尼华人狮子会20日晚在悉尼举行庆祝成立15周年慈善活动。澳大利亚陆军总司令肯·吉莱斯皮作为澳方三军代表，称赞该华人慈善组织公益为民，为社会作出贡献。

吉莱斯皮致词说，悉尼华人狮子会自1995年成立以来，积极从事华人社区福利工作以“我们服务”为宗旨，为社会弱势群体及众多慈善机构慷慨赞助并捐募善款超过35万澳元（1美元约合1.57澳元），令上千民众从中受惠。该会还十分注意鼓励华裔青年参与社会公益服务，并为此专门设立了“悉尼华人狮子会公益奖学金”以示支持。吉莱斯皮表示，目前澳军方也为青年军人设立了“我是澳大利亚军人奖学金”，希望广大优秀的华裔青年能够进入军队，更多地了解澳大利亚军人文化。

悉尼华人狮子会荣誉会长张俊明表示，作为在澳大利亚新州成立的第一个华人狮子会，过去的15年间在全体会员的努力下，已为澳大利亚皇家飞行医生医疗队、澳大利亚红十字会以及圣约翰急救队等众多慈善机构提供赞助和捐款，为促进中国和澳大利亚医护人员间的交流作出贡献。

据了解，当晚所募善款将赠与澳大利亚红十字会新州分会，为全澳和亚太地区弱势群体及无助人士提供援助。澳大利亚新州多元文化事务部部长迈克尔·弗特斯、中国驻悉尼总领馆科技参赞何馥香以及逾500位各界人士出席了此次活动。

（责任编辑：赵世俊）

Elections for the 2010-11 Board of Directors

Below is a list of elected members for the various positions on the Sydney Chinese Lions 2010-11 Board of Directors.

We salute the nominees for their selfless sacrifice of their time and effort.

We sincerely thank all Board members - past, present and future - for their generous contributions to facilitate us to SERVE.

At the Members Meeting held on 3 March, elections for the 2010-11 Board of Directors were held. The following are the elected members::

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominated Candidates</i>
President	Mei Cheng
1 st Vice President	Jason Zhang
2 nd Vice President	Howard Shi
3 rd Vice President	Wendy Lin
Membership Chairman	Rosanda Kam
Secretary	Crystal Siu
Assistant Secretary	Janice Cheung
Assistant Secretary	Irene Chau
Treasurer	Tim Yuen
Assistant Treasurer	Linda Chen
Assistant Treasurer	Galy Tse
Two (2) 2-Year Directors	Janet Hung, Robert Chu
Two (2) 1-Year Directors	Belinda Wan (Note 1), Henry Leung (Note 1)
Tail Twister	Dr Danforn Lim
Lion Tamer	Linda Chen
Legal Advisor	Carl Ku

Notes:

Note 1: Two (1) 1-Year Directors: Belinda Wan and Henry Leung, being 2-Year Directors for 2009-10, shall automatically take up the positions.



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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 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 6 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based Clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past fifteen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Hon. 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 donated over \$350,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), 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. In 2009, they 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.

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www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
All club meetings in April 2010 have been cancelled.			
May Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 5 May 2010 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person for dinner
Cheque Presentation to Australian Red Cross Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Club uniform	late May Exact date to be announced	Free of charge to members
LCI 93rd International Convention	Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Club uniform	28 June to 2 July 2010	Registration Fee US\$200 www.lionsclubs.org

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