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President's Message

My fellow Lions

Gong Xi Fa Cai!

May you be prosperous throughout the year of the Pig.

Chinese New Year Day fell on 18 February this year. There were many celebrations before and after the day. The Chinese New Year Festival organized by the Sydney City Council in conjunction with a number of Chinese communities kicked off on 9 February followed by a vast collection of events.

On 11 February, our Club took part in the City Parade. Page 3 has a full account of this.

For those who miss the colour and noise of the Dragon Boat races, there will be a 2-day event on 24 and 25 February at Darling Harbour.

Now back to the Club front... On 7 February, we had our Monthly Members Meeting at Zilver, over 40 members and guests attended. At the meeting, they welcomed and witnessed a number of events:

* Wendy Lin becoming our

newest member;

* VP Mei receiving a lapel pin from LCI for her efforts in sponsoring new members;

* A cheque for the sum of \$3,000 being presented to Lion Kevin Coad, District Chairman of the Give Back to Country Drought Relief Campaign;

* LCI International Director Elect Tapani Rahko of MD 107 (Finland) exchanging banners and lapel pins with us.

induction to the March meeting instead. With the recent Board approval of 4 extra members— Felix Chen, Dennis Chai, Herman Ho and Matthew Sung, we are looking forward to welcoming 6 new members at our March meeting.

The lapel pin awarded to VP Mei from LCI is in recognition of her sponsorship of 2 members. Page 4 gives an account of the Membership Key Award scheme that LCI has put in place to encourage new member sponsorships.



Sydney Chinese Lions at their February 2007 Members Meeting with New Member Wendy Lin, ID Elect Tapani Rahko & Guests

Nominations for positions

We are most delighted that Wendy has finally completed the procedure of her transfer to us. Wendy has always been a great supporter of our Club. She attended and supported all of our recent major functions. With Wendy on our team, I am confident that she'll have much to contribute and our Club has again, grown yet a bit stronger.

Together with Wendy, we were planning to have Toby Leung and Li Zhang inducted as new members at the February meeting. However, both Toby and Li had urgent business to attend to. So we'll defer their

on the 2007-8 Board was also held at the February meeting and elections will be conducted at the March Members meeting.

Our Charity Ball is just round the corner—Sat, 31 March. This is our only major fundraiser each year. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to rally and serve together. I'll be ringing each of you over the next two weeks to seek your support in taking up the various jobs before and during the Ball.

Yours in Lions
Anthony

The Give Back to the Country Campaign

Sydney Chinese Lions donated a sum of \$3,000 to support the current stage of the campaign. A cheque was presented at our February Members Meeting to District Chairman Kevin Coad.



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



President Anthony presenting a CQ for \$3000 to District Chairman Kevin Coad



At the Cheque Presentation Ceremony — Lion Greg Dunn, District Chairman Kevin Coad, President Anthony Cheung, ID Elect Tapani Rahko and Helena Rahko

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 was presented to Lion Kevin Coad, District Chairman of the Give Back to the Country Campaign.

**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.

Please help out by taking part in a varieties of jobs before and during the Ball.

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 (SJA) and its volunteer community programme including its 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 K422, Haymarket Sydney NSW 2000
Enquires Secretary Crystal Siu Ph: 0400 228 823 or email: ccslu@hotmail.com

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)

We are not able to attend but please find enclosed a donation of \$ _____

Nominations & Elections

Nominations for 2007-8 Board and Committee positions was held at our Feb. Members' Meeting.

Elections for all 2007-8 Board and Committee positions will be held at our March Members Meeting on Wednesday, 7 March 2007.

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

Nomination Results:
President: Anthony Cheung
1st VP: Mei Cheng
2nd VP: Sylvia Chong
3rd VP: Simon Leung

Secretary: Crystal Siu
Asst. Sec.: Simon Leung
Treasurer: Robert Chu
Asst. Treas.: Jason Zhang
2-Year Director: King Fong
2-Year Director: Wany Kerr
1-Year Director: Patricia Du
Tail Twister: Howard Shi
Lion Tamer: Jason Zhang

Notes:
As there is only ONE nominee for each of the above positions, all the nominees will be elected unopposed at the March Elections Meeting.

There is also another position for a 1-year Directorship. This is taken up by Rosanda Kam. Rosanda is currently a 2-year

Director. She'll become a 1-year Director on the 2007-8 Board and no election for this position is required.

There was an omission of the Legal Advisor's position in the Notice of Nominations served to members. In view of the omission, no nomination was accepted at the February Nominations Meeting for this position. At the Board Meeting held on 20 February, it was resolved that the nomination and election for this vacancy will be held at the May Members Meeting on Wednesday, 2 May 2007.

Chinese New Year Parade

On 11 February, a number of Sydney Chinese Lions took part in the Chinese New Year Parade organised by the Sydney City Council. We were joined by International Director Elect Tapani Rahko from Finland, and his wife Helena and daughter Minna. We also had the helping hands of Master Boun Lee and his students who brought along two dancing Chinese lions, complete with cymbals and drum set.



ID Elect Tapani Rahko & Family at the Parade

phere and enjoying ourselves. Our Club is among the some 60+ teams participating in the Parade. The team from Guangdong, China was 700 strong. Due to crowd control constraints, the organizers have capped the number of participants of local teams at 50.



Sydney Chinese Lions at CNY Parade

At 10 am, we gathered at Bathurst Street near Townhall. During the time that we waited for the Parade to begin, we were on location soaking in the atmos-

We were on location soaking in the atmosphere and enjoying ourselves ... we had our Club Banner leading the way, then the two lions dancing accompanied by the rhythmic beats of the drum and cymbals, followed by our members ... All of us who were there had a great time ...



Simon & Anthony with the Piggie Van

The Parade started at 11 am. When it was our turn to move, it was already 11:40. We had our Club Banner leading the way, then the two lions dancing accompanied by the rhythmic beats of the drum and cymbals, followed by our members. We paraded along George Street, turned left into Goulburn Street, then left into Sussex right through Chinatown and concluded next to the Entertainment Centre. Some of us even went to Zilver to have Yum-Cha afterwards.

It was a colourful, happy and exciting event. All of us who were there had a great time. I hope more of us will be at the Parade next year.

We took lots and lots of pictures. While only a few of them can be published here, there are plenty others that we can see on our Club's website at <http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au/PhotoGallery.html>.

Coming Events

| | Function | Venue/ Dress Code | Date & Time | Cost per person |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Charity Ball 2007 Sydney Chinese Lions | Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention Centre Darling Harbour / Black Tie or National Costume | Saturday, 31 March 2007 6:45 pre-dinner drinks 7:30pm function begins | \$168 per person or \$1680 for a table of ten/ Purchase of Ball tickets by 7 March essential |
| | Annual Ball 2007 Sydney Pacific Lions | Sheraton on the Park 161 Elizabeth Street Sydney / Black Tie or National Costume | Saturday, 14 April 2007 7:00pm | \$150 per person, 10 persons per table |

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.



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Salute the
Heritage...
Reward the Effort

Membership Key Awards acknowledge the importance of effective recruitment in membership growth by recognizing the number of new members a Lion has sponsored.

Each of the 17 Membership Keys is designed to reflect the number of new members sponsored. Keys are automatically issued by International Headquarters, based on the Monthly Membership Report statistics submitted by club secretaries, with a sponsoring Lion appropriately credited after a new member has remained a Lion for a year and a day.

Eligibility

1. A new member must remain a Lion for a year and a day before the name may be used as credit toward a key, to be issued the 13th month; except where the sponsored member dies, transfers or moves from the community before the expiration of a year and a day.
2. The name of the new member, with the sponsor's name, member number, and club number, must be reported on the club's Monthly Membership Report. (For existing clubs only.)
3. Charter, transfer, and reinstated members cannot be used as credit for a key.

4. Only one sponsor per new member can receive credit for a key.

5. No sponsor shall receive more than one key of the same type.

Each Key is a lapel pin with a clutch backing. For the Key of Nations (recognizing 100 members) and above, the lapel pins are complemented by a distinctive medallion and presentation ribbon.

For More Information:
Membership Operations Department
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The flyer on the left is a Lions Clubs International brochure entitled Membership Key Program. It details the keys awards and conditions for award.

VP Mei was awarded the Membership Key for 2 members on this occasion.

All Sydney Chinese Lions are encouraged to work towards gaining some of these Membership Key awards.