



# Sydney Chinese Lions

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*We Serve!*

## Editorial

*Happy New Year!*

We wish all our readers a Happy New Year and many more prosperous years to come.

January comes from Janus, the Roman god who has two faces: one looks into the past and the other into the future. The word "Janus" means "gate". Janus served as the god of gates, doors and entrances. The Lions Clubs logo with two lion faces takes up after the Janus statue.

As we enter the year of the Dragon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month we shall first look back by joining the Memorial Service for Australian Chinese Servicemen. The commemoration service is to be held at 10:30 am on Australia Day (26/1/2012) at the Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument on the corner of Dixon and Liverpool Streets. Sydney Chinese Lions representatives will join leaders of the Chinese Community in the service. All members wishing to attend are invited to contact Presi-

dent Mei or Secretary Janice before the Chinese New Year.

On 8 February 2012, Sydney Chinese Lions will hold a special celebration for Chinese New Year. The Guest of Honour is naturally the first ever Chinese International President Lion Dr Tam. International 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Lion Barry Palmer and Lion Anne Palmer will also be our guests. The luncheon will be held at Zilver Restaurant from noon to 2 pm. It is a privilege and a rare opportunity and that our club's members get to break bread with the International President at our own club function. So please join the celebration and RSVP the President or the Secretary by the end of January.

The year of the Dragon is often a year of changes. We hope all the changes are for the better. It has now been more than 3 years since the 2008 global financial crisis, it is about time to re-assess our finance strategies. Sydney Chinese Lions is organizing a Finance Seminar for the

public on Sunday, 26 February 2012 from noon to 4:30 pm at the Burwood RSL Club. Admission is free to all.

The collection of silent auction prizes and raffles prizes in support of Charity Ball 2012 will be closing soon after the Chinese New Year. Due acknowledgements will be provided in the Ball Commemorative Booklet. All members are encouraged to help out. Please contact the President or the Chairman of the Charity Ball 2012 Organizing Committee in early course.

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## Notice

**Nominations for 2012-13 Board of Directors:  
Wednesday, 1 February 2012**

**Elections for 2012-13 Board of Directors:  
Wednesday, 7 March 2012**



*All Sydney Chinese Lions members are eligible for nomination for any of the Board positions. Please inform President Mei if you wish to be nominated. Alternatively, attend the meeting on 1 February and nominate yourself on the floor at the meeting.*

# Message from our International President

Dear Lions

Best wishes and Happy New Year to you and your Lions club!

As we begin 2012 we are also beginning the second half of our year together as Lion leaders. What we have accomplished together thus far is remarkable. I commend you on your accomplishments these past six months - meeting the tree planting goal in just three months, volunteering countless hours towards Global Service Action Campaigns and bringing new faces into your Lions family. As I look to the future "I Believe" we can accomplish even more.

The beginning of a new calendar year is a good time to evaluate our clubs, to reflect on the previous year's accomplishments and look ahead to your club's future opportunities.

Have you ever thought about what your club or district will look like 10, 20, even 30 years from now? Who will be there to provide the vital services your club offers to the community today?

I spend a good deal of time thinking about the future of Lions Clubs International and I can tell you that the answer is people who are now in their late teens to late twenties.

Recruiting young people is not only vital for the future but provides concrete benefits to our clubs today. Bringing young people into a Lions club can renew its spirit with fresh ideas, create a club that more closely mirrors the community and help it precisely assess today's community needs.

It can be challenging to reach young people who are typically busy and have many options for using what free time they do have. But it might be easier than you think. Today's generation of young people is more committed to volunteer service than any that came before it. If we Lions are to be true to our own commitment to service we cannot let any of that youthful energy go unused or allow their desire to serve go unfulfilled.

LCI is providing your club and district with the tools it needs to [recruit young adults](#) into your Lions family. Download [My Club, My Family](#) for a checklist on welcoming new members. I hope that you take advantage of these tools and do all that is necessary to revitalize your club and ensure its future.

Sincerely,

**Wing-Kun Tam**  
**International President 2011-2012**



International President  
Wing-Kun Tam

***Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted  
International President Wing-Kun Tam as Associate Member on 26 June 2010***

***International President Tam is attending our club's Chinese New Year Party on Wednesday, 8 February  
As our Guest of Honor. Please come and meet our International President! Members only.***

# Message from our LCIF Chairperson

Dear Lions,

As I write to you, Judy and I are traveling to the FOLAC Forum in Mexico. We have had the pleasure to meet so many of you at the other area forums these last few months. I have enjoyed sharing with you the great successes we are achieving together through our Foundation, and highlighting our exciting new and expanded initiatives. More importantly, I shared with you stories of how we are changing lives – each and every day, all over the world.

Our partnerships enable us to change more lives and help even more people in need. By working with organizations that share our mission, we are able to leverage our funds and have a larger impact. This month, as we remember the two-year anniversary of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, we also celebrate several new projects in collaboration with other organizations.

I am especially proud of LCIF's newest partnership, [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#). Lions all across the globe are working hard to end deaths from measles. Next month, Lions participating in this important program will help to ensure that nearly 10 million children receive life-saving vaccinations in Nepal. This is just the beginning. I am excited about the response of Lions so far toward the challenge issued by the Gates Foundation to raise US \$10 million, to match their US \$5 million. In the coming months, I will be encouraging you to show the world what we as Lions can do to support this cause. Just imagine the look of gratitude on the faces of the mothers whose children we will save!

Everywhere Judy and I travel, we hear countless times “thank you.” These individuals are not thanking us; they are thanking all of you, the Lions of the world, for making a difference. I am also thankful to you. It is through your continued support of our Foundation that these projects and programs are possible. I thank each of you for continuing to contribute to our Foundation's life-changing work!

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

**Sid L. Scruggs, III**  
**Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation**

***Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted  
LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs III as Associate Member on 25 October 2009***

***Lions Sid and Judy Scruggs are attending the Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2012  
on 24 March 2012 as Guests of Honor. Please come and support! All are welcome.***



# Message from our District Governor

Watawieh,  
Kiora,  
G,Day,

Welcome from within our Pacific Family.

When you book a cruise or a holiday for yourself, especially knowing that 144 Lions family members are there to enjoy the same experience of a No Ties Convention, I feel guilty in subjecting those to a life long memorable experience of Norfolk Lions hospitality.

Thanking You.

Together we look for all possibilities to increase our membership. We have a constant flow of enquiries on line looking for Lions Clubs in their area. With this in mind we must not forget our closest friends and the little people who put their heart and effort into the behind the scenes category. Within each Club we cater for such an avenue of approach, fellow members who are happy to help and assist those in need, our quiet achievers, the tendons of our foundation.

Thanking You.

Time is on our side even though the first half is nearly over. We still have 6 months of commitment and fellowship, along with the dedication and just doing what we do best – Serving our Community. To the Presidents and Executive Officers, together you have made these few months a pleasure as DG. Your hospitality and attendance at Zone Dinners are a credit within our Lions Family. Please stay safe over the Christmas break and enjoy the New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

GRANDDAD DG STEVE



District Governor  
Stephen Coleman



You're cordially invited to ...

RSVP by Wednesday, 7 March 2010

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# The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2012

Saturday, 24 March 2012

The Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Darling Harbour

6:15pm Pre-dinner drinks 7:00pm Function commences

**\$168** per person / \$1,680 per table of 10

(incl. pre-dinner drinks, 3-course dinner with drinks, entertainment, live band and dancing)

Black Tie / National Costume



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*As Lions, we are like droplets of water. Together we flow onward - forming a benevolent torrent of service in the world.*





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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 206 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 68 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 sixteen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Past President & Zone Chairman 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 \$450,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), the Australian Red Cross, CareFlight, 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 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.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website  
[www.sydneychineselions.org.au](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au)

## Upcoming Events

Function/Organizer	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost
Australia Day 2012 Australian Chinese Community Commemoration	Aus Chinese Ex-Services Monument Corner Dixon & Liverpool Streets  Club uniform	Thursday 26 January 2012	\$10 for lunch at Arisun Restaurant
Chinese New Year Party with International President Tam  Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant, Chinatown  Shirt and tie	Wednesday 8 February 2012  12:00 noon	\$30 per person  RSVP essential
Zone 4 Meeting  Sydney Pacific Lions for Zone 4	Fook Yuen Seafood Restaurant Level 1, 7 Help Street, Chatswood  After 5	Friday 17 February 2012  7:00 for 7:30pm	\$35 per person
Charity Ball 2012  Sydney Chinese Lions with Lions Sid and Judy Scruggs attending as Guests of Honor	Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour  Black Tie/National Costume	Saturday 24 March 2012  6:15 pm pre dinner drinks	\$168 per person/ \$1,680 for a table of 10

For bookings please contact:  
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