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THE LIONS CLUB OF
SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Kung Hei Fat Choy!
- Nominations for 2008-9 Board
- Chinese New Year celebrations
- Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2008
- Charity Ball 2008
- Regards from the Condons

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President's Message

My fellow Lions

Kung Hei Fat Choy to you all. May your business and personal endeavours prosper in the Year of the Rat which is just round the corner.

On Monday, 4 February, we are having our next Monthly Members Meeting. As you are aware, nominations for our 2008-9 Board

of Directors will be held right at the start of the meeting. So I am urging you to come along to the meeting and better still, volunteer yourself to be nominated for one or more of the positions on the Board. By the way, in addition to the usual super value Zilver dinner at \$30 per head, we have ordered a BBQ suckling pig to mark the advent of the Chinese New Year. Surely, it'll be a fun and meaningful night that none of us can afford to miss.

Chinese New Year is always a time to celebrate. We have been invited to numerous functions by our

fellow Lions and community organisations. For starters, there's the CNY Parade on Sunday, 10 February and countless number of CNY banquets. As President, I have committed to attending these functions representing our Club whenever I am in town. Of course, it would be great if some of us can accompany

me to these functions flying our Club's banner. I'll be in touch in due course inviting you to join with me attending these functions.

For the sixth year running, we'll soon be offering our Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarships. In February, invitations for applications will be sent to the media, universities in NSW and all interested parties. Page 2 has the details. Over the past years, these invitations have been published in a number of university websites. This year, we are also expecting many quality applications. I'll keep you posted of the progress in subsequent Bulletins.

On Saturday, 1 March, we are celebrating our 13th Anniversary Charity Ball at Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. If you still haven't bought a ticket, please give me a ring on 0414 330 887 as soon as you can. This grand annual fundraising

event is not something that you would like to miss. We'll need to finalise numbers and effect payment to the Convention Centre soon.

Secretary Crystal is taking a 2-month leave to go to China to develop her own business. The Board has appointed Lion Janet Hung as Acting Secretary in her absence. Janet's email address is hungyinyin@gmail.com and her mobile number is 0416 208 221.

Last week, I paid a visit to the Condons. They are all well. Terry is on the road to recovery. He, Grace and Chanelle send their best wishes to all of us.

Yours in Lions
Anthony



Sydney Chinese Lions & Guests at the January Members Meeting



Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2008

Covering Letter to Universities



澳洲雪梨華人獅子會

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.

District 201N5 of Lions International
P.O. Box K422, Haymarket Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

8 February 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Scholarship Offer

We are pleased to inform you that *The Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship* for 2008 is now open for application.

For the sixth year running, the scholarship is to encourage and recognise humanitarian services undertaken by university students. This year the award is \$2,000 for one award winner.

Enclosed please find our Invitation for Application. Kindly publicise the scholarship, display the Invitation for Application in public areas, and encourage your eligible students to participate and submit their applications.

For further information, please contact Rita Kwan (email: akwan1@bigpond.net.au) and/or visit our website: www.sydneychineselions.org.au.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Anthony Cheung (Dr)

Invitation for Application



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INVITATION FOR APPLICATION

THE SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS

HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIP

- Eligibility** : Any student studying at one of the universities in Sydney, with good character, who has undertaken and/or is planning to undertake humanitarian services.
- Award** : \$2,000 for one award winner.
- Application** : Applicants are required to submit a report including the following topics:
Name and contact details (including address, email address and phone number).
University attended, year of study, and degree program pursued.
Record of humanitarian services performed on a pro-bono basis.
Pro-bono humanitarian services planned for the next 12 months.
- Submissions must reach Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc, PO Box 850, Chatswood NSW 2057, by 31 March 2008.
- Applicants may be invited to a brief presentation of their services at a meeting of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.
- Selection criteria** : Based on the nature and commendability of the services rendered and/or to be rendered by the applicants.
- The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc has full discretion in selecting the award winner. No further correspondence will be entered into once the winner has been selected.

Results will be announced in May/June 2008. For more information on the scholarship, and/or activities of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc, please contact Rita Kwan email: akwan1@bigpond.net.au) and/or visit our website: www.sydneychineselions.org.au.

An Invitation to Sydney Chinese Lions' Charity Ball 2008



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THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.
CHARITY BALL 2008

Saturday, 1st March 2008

The Parkside Ballroom
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour
6:30pm Pre-dinner drinks
7:00pm Function commences
\$168 per person
(incl. pre-dinner drinks, 3-course dinner with drinks,
entertainment, live band and dancing)
Black Tie / National Costume

RSVP
Saturday 16th February 2008
Secretary Crystal Siu Ph: 0400 228 823 Fax: (02) 9686 3031
Email: ccsiu@hotmail.com



Helping to Keep the Flying Doctors Flying

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2008
Saturday, 1st March 2008

RSVP by 16th February 2008
Return to P.O. Box K422, Haymarket Sydney NSW 2000
Enquiries: Secretary Crystal Siu Ph: 0400 228 823 or Email: ccsiu@hotmail.com

A Letter from International Director Lion Tapani Rahko

Dear Lion President Anthony and all Lions Friends in LC Sydney Chinese,

We appreciate receiving the invitation to your fine Charity Ball 2008. Because of the long distance we are unfortunately not able to participate.

We enjoyed your company and friendship during our stay in Sydney a year ago.

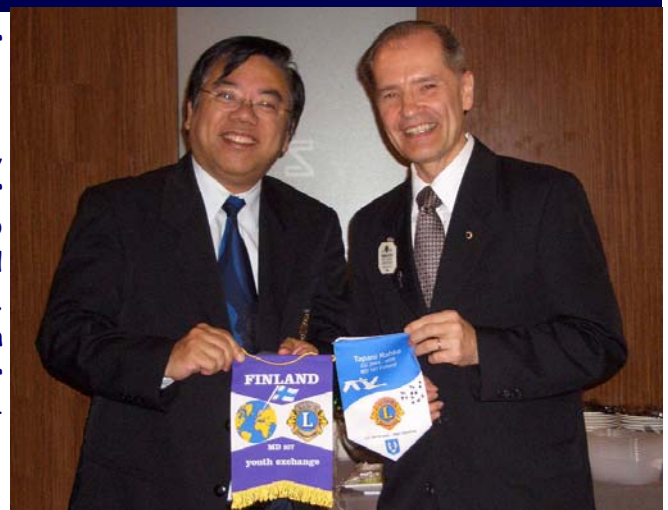
We wish best of success for your beautiful Ball and

a good Lions year 2008 for everyone.

Lion President Jane Li, former member of your club, has challenged us to visit her club in the second week of June this year. We are not sure if we can come because we have our MD Convention on the previous weekend.

Sincerely,

Tapani Rahko and Helena ID



President Anthony with ID Tapani Rahko at our Club's February 2007 Members Meeting

District Governor's Communique

from DG Carol Alderson

Hi everyone,

Welcome to a brand New Year and I hope you all spent a fabulous Christmas with friends and family. Hopefully we have all had a little R&R over the Christmas period and are now ready to once again make a sensational difference.

Our **Lions Night at the Races** is being held on **Thursday 31st January** at Canterbury Race Track. I'd like to thank all the clubs who have kindly donated to this event and encourage all clubs to donate a minimum of \$200.00 towards this PR opportunity (payments to be sent to Cab Treas). We have also received \$1000.00 towards this from MD. Please send your acceptance to the dinner in as we need to confirm numbers mid January. The gates open at 6pm and dinner includes a 3 course meal and an open bar for \$150.00. Attached is a booking form, please distribute to your members and friends and return to Cab Secretary Beryl. This is shaping up to be a fun and different method of raising funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at Westmead Children's Hospital and we need your support. Some clubs will be also attending in their Lions gear with a picnic hamper and blanket to share the night, maybe a thought for a different dinner night...For further detail please contact myself dgn5@lions.org.au Bede Long merlotchair@lionsclubssydney.org.au or Region 5 Chairman Simon Tam region5@lionsclubssydney.org.au.

DISTRICT 201 N5

The Lions Clubs of Sydney & Norfolk Island

I will be visiting our clubs on **Norfolk Island** 3-8th February. All Lions are invited to join me in this visit and have the opportunity to meet with our members in Arthur's Vale and Norfolk Island clubs. Please email me if you are interested in visiting with us.

The **Combined Services Carol's** at Pymble in December was a wonderful event. I encourage you all to attend next year if possible. The 2CH BBQ's also proved to be a very successful venture which was initiated by Joanne Sim. All catering needs were supplied and the clubs who manned the BBQ's were the sole recipients of donations on the allocated nights.

Your clubs board approval prior to payment of both **District and International** dues is not necessary so please ensure these invoices are promptly actioned. Please continue to protect your club's active status by paying

all bills in a timely manner. Effective July 1, 2007, clubs with past due balances beyond 150 days could cause the club to be placed on automatic suspension and automatic cancellation within 90 days. Currently, some clubs could be in jeopardy of becoming inactive if past-due balances are left unpaid. Please do not let your club fall into this category. If you are experiencing difficulty paying or need advice please contact our Cabinet Treasurer Jean-Claude Legrand for assistance. cabtreas@lionsclubssydney.org.au

Membership. We all need to continue to be aware that we constantly need new members to ensure we grow, change, adapt and can continue the fabulous work we as Lions do. If your club needs advice or assistance in this area please contact your MERLOT members who are only too happy to help. They do not have all the answers, but may be able to make some suggestions that may suit your club and be able to give you the encouragement and motivation to Challenge to Change.

In December the Lions Club of St Mary's had their final meeting and are now in the process of "winding up" their club. This club was formed in October 1961 and has served its community in a positive and inspiring way since then and we thank them for their 47 years of service. We offer our best wishes to the few who have chosen to resign and welcome Charles Armstrong, Kevin Douglas and Ian Leeding into their respective new clubs to which they are transferring.

Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII), which is poised to meet and exceed its goal of raising US\$150 million to fund the continuation and expansion of the SightFirst program. But your club's participation is critical to our success. With more than US\$125 million raised, we have achieved 80 percent of our minimum goal. Until we reach this minimum goal, many millions of people will not receive life-changing SightFirst services. In the coming months, lead your club's efforts to do all it can to ensure that we will celebrate CSFII's success this June. CSFII is our most ambitious and wide-reaching initiative in Lions' history and one that is at the heart of our mission as Lions: to save sight. For further information on how you can contribute please contact Sam Chu. sight-first@lionsclubssydney.org.au

The Lioness Club of Sutherland was extremely busy over the past few months. They raised \$5800.00 for Alzheimer's Research presenting their Art for Alzheimer's, \$1370.00 for their Community Assistance Fund from their fashion parade; \$1200.00

was raised from their Garden day to support The Sutherland Shire Hospital. This Lioness club have been active for 29 years, and still going strong, they recently presented a cheque for \$33,000.00 to Camp Kookaburra which is an organisation that provides camps for children who live in a family situation affected by mental illness.

Georges River Lioness have also been active raising over \$3,200.00 in the month of November, with over \$2,500.00 coming from their Trivia Night.

Great achievements from both our Lioness Clubs!

The Senior Lions Institute is being held in Sydney from 14-18 February. This is a fabulous chance for our members to be provided with the opportunity to enhance their skills in preparation for leadership responsibilities at the zone, region & District levels. This opportunity was open to all Lions from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, & Islands of the South Pacific Ocean. Our District is fortunate to have Steve Colman (Mt Druitt), Anna Strong (Kellyville) & Beryl Payne (Richmond) representing us. Thank you to all who applied but as you can imagine the nominations were many. Doreen Moore was also successful in being chosen to attend a MERL seminar in Brisbane

This year I am encouraging all club Secretary's to complete the Club President Excellence Award for 2007-2008. Forms are to be completed by the Club Secretary and forwarded to me by 31st July 2008. The form for printing, which also outlines the requirements that must be met, can be found on the International web page under "Club Resources" Please prepare now so that your club can reward your Club President for their work during the 2007/08 year.

The deadline for our Sydney News editorials is Friday 18th January. Please send any or all of your contributions to the Editor Joanne Sim (sydneynews@lionsclubssydney.org.au) in time for inclusion. Remember this is your opportunity to let our District know what you have been doing and of your successes. What you have achieved may also inspire others so please let us all know what you have been doing.

We are currently discussing the preferred date for our District Changeover and will inform you of the date, venue and other details as soon as it is confirmed.

Carol Alderson

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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 200 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 80 Clubs with around 1,800 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 thousand dollars to a number of charities including 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 had 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.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website
www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
February Members Meeting & Nominations for 2008-9 Board Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Monday 4 Feb. 2008 7:00 for 7:30 pm	\$30 per person
Chinese New Year Parade	Near Town Hall, exact assembly location TBA Club T-Shirt	Sunday 10 Feb. 2008 10:00 am	Free of charge
Charity Ball 2008 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre Formal/National Costume	Saturday 1 March 2008 6:30 pre-dinner drinks; 7:00 function commences	\$168 per person/ \$1680 for a table of 10 RSVP by 16 February

For bookings please contact:
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