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THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Changeover 2008
- A Record Fund-raising Effort
- Excellence in Year Round Membership Growth
- Annual Membership Fees Due
- Welcome to New Members

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President's Message

My fellow Lions

I am pleased to report that at our Changeover 2008 on 4 June, the 2008-9 Board was inducted by DG Carol. For me, it is an honour and

privilege to have the opportunity to SERVE the Club and community in the capacity of President for the fifth year running. Through-

out the past four years, with the support of you and the community, our Club has made great strides, both in fundraising and membership growth.

In the current Lions year alone, ie, 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, we have raised and donated a total sum of \$80,500 - \$57,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, \$15,000 for the Sichuan Earthquake Relief, \$2,500 for the Myanmar Cyclone Relief, \$2,000 for the Chinese Australian Services Society and awarded \$4,000 to our Humanitarian Scholarship winners. These, together with the ambulance we handed over to St John

Ambulance in October 2007, we have broken yet another record in our Club's 13 years' history - a remarkable collective achievement indeed!

Despite the worldwide trend

2000 soon.

This issue of the Bulletin is fairly substantial as much have happened during the month. You'll find details of winners of Humanitarian

Scholarship 2008 on pages 2 and 3. There's good coverage of the Cheque Presentation Ceremony for the Royal Flying

Doctor Service on pages 4 to 7. DG Carol's June Communique is featured on pages 8 and 9. Remember our Finnish twin? Recent photos and emails between them and us can be found on pages 10-11. International Director Tapani Rauhko's encouraging and informative messages are published on page 12.

Finally, a warm welcome to Lions Sonia Chuang, Henry Leung, Raymond Tong, Grace Tsang and Jasmine Wong. They were inducted on 4 June and we look forward to SERVING together with them.

Yours in Lions
Anthony



Members and Guests at Changeover 2008 with New Inductees

of diminishing Lions membership, for 4 years in a row, we have met the LCI target of net membership growth. For the 3 Lions years 2004-7, we have been presented the LCI Year Round Growth Excellence Awards. Having reached the target this year, we are expecting a similar award to reach us soon. However, I would expect, like previous years, that there'll be a drop in membership from now to October and a steady recovery thereafter.

Yes, could I remind you that our annual fee is now due. If you still haven't paid, please send your cheque for \$150, addressed to the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc, to PO Box K422, Haymarket NSW

Winners

of Humanitarian Scholarship 2008

And the WINNER is ...

At Changeover 2008 of Sydney Chinese Lions, results of the Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship were announced. The Scholarship Award Winner was Ms Marianna Leishman. The Consolation Prize Winners were Mr Jonathan Greenacre and Ms Mimi Zou.

Marianna was presented with a cheque for the sum of \$2,000 while Jonathan and Mimi received \$1,000 each.

A special letter of appreciation was sent to all applicants commending them for the good and valuable humanitarian work they had undertaken for the community, and encouraging them to keep up the good effort.

Another offer for the Scholarship will be made in February/March 2009.



The 3 Scholarship Finalists at Changeover 2008 of Sydney Chinese Lions,
awaiting announcement of results

The Cheque Presentation Ceremony



Lion Rita Kwan,
Coordinator of
Humanitarian
Scholarship 2008
providing a brief
account of the ex-
cellent humanitar-
ian service records
of the Finalists

A \$2,000 cheque
presented to
Marianna Leishman,
Winner of the Syd-
ney Chinese Lions
Humanitarian
Scholarship 2008
by President Dr
Anthony Cheung,
accompanied by the
Scholarship
adjudicating panel



Marianna Leishman,
Winner
of the Sydney Chinese Lions
Humanitarian
Scholarship 2008
delivering
a Vote of Thanks
at the Scholarship
Cheque Presentation
Ceremony

The Cheque Presentation Ceremony

A \$57,000 Donation for the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia

On 30 May 2008, at a Cheque Presentation Ceremony, the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc presented a cheque for the sum of \$57,000 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (South Eastern Section). The amount donated represents the lion's share of the net proceeds of the Club's Charity Ball 2008 held on 1 March at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. The donation is to Help Keep the Flying Doctors Flying. Attending the ceremony were Mr John Gall OAM, President of the RDFS South Eastern Section, Ms Monique Ryan, Marketing Manager of RDFS, Sydney Chi-



Mr John Gall OAM, President of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, South Eastern Section
receiving a \$57,000 cheque
from President Dr. Anthony Cheung of the Lions Club Sydney Chinese Inc

nese Lions members and representatives of various Sponsors of Charity Ball 2008.

The amount donated was a record high in the Club's 13 years' history. This achievement has come about not only because of good leadership but also as a result of dedication and hard work of all the Club's members. On top of this, the support given by political leaders, the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese media, fellow lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

This donation has been made possible by the generous support of the Ball's many Sponsors and Donors. Remy Martin was its Principal Sponsor. They donated many prizes on the night, including a cash amount of \$10,000 plus 3 x 700 ml Luis XIII Cognac for auction, together with many raffle and table prizes and Remy XO tasting at the Ball. Shum's Jewellery and Watches was its Major Sponsor. They donated 2 Omega 18 ct yellow gold lady's watch – Beijing 2008 Olympics limited edition. There were 10 other Sponsors. Zilver Restaurant donated a "Buddha Jumping Over the Wall" Banquet. Qantas donated a Sydney Hong Kong business class return ticket for two, Porsche Centre Sydney South donated a Swarovski Porsche crystal, free weekend use of a Porsche Boxter and other valuable prizes. Many Sponsors subscribed to a Corporate Table each and made cash donations of \$2,020 and/or prizes. They included Synergy Medical, Rita & Arthur Kwan, Liteco Construction, Honey Travel, CMC Markets and BHC Medical Centre. HSCB donated table prizes and subscribed to a Ball table. Further, Yiu Ming Association, Umi Sushi, Triple 8 Hotel, Tara Holidays, Small Luxury Hotels of the World, Leung Wai Kee, Lap Jewellery, K Square, Heng Fai Trading Company, Doubleland International Company, CLJ Design, BMW Sydney, Articool Designer Works, Lion Jason Zhang,



Sydney Chinese Lions, Representatives from the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia and Sponsors at the Cheque Presentation Ceremony

At the Ceremony

Lion Iao Lok Wong, Lion Crystal Siu, Lion Howard Shi, Lion Tony Maroun, Lion Simon Leung, Lion Carl Ku, Lion Rosanda Kam, Lion Winci Guo, Lion Samuel Chu, Lion Mei Cheng, Lion Katherine Chan and many others also supported the Club and donated generously.

Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, Chief of Army attended the function as Guest of Honour. The prize that he donated – a package for 4 people to spend a day at the Holsworthy Army Barracks with commandos of the 4th Battalion, complete with a ride in a Black Hawk helicopter above and around Sydney – fetched a hefty \$15,000 at the auctions at the Ball.

The Charity Ball Organizing Committee comprises Club President Dr Anthony Cheung (Chair), Mr Jack Lee (Secretary), Ms Irene Chau (Assistant Secretary), Mr Robert Chu (Treasurer), Mr Jason Zhang (Floor Manager), Mr Tim Yuen, Ms Crystal Siu, Mr Howard Shi, Mr Arthur Kwan, Mr Carl Ku, Ms Rosanda Kam, Ms Janet Hung, Ms Winci Guo, Ms Sylvia Chong and Ms Mei Cheng, with Ms Monique Ryan and Ms Natasha Griffin of the Royal Flying Doctor in attendance. The Master of Ceremonies for the function was Lion Greg Dunn and the Auctioneer was Mr Michael Photios. The function was augmented by brilliant musical performances by the Castle Hill RSL Youth Band, choral singing by the Sydney New Philharmonic Choir and live music dancing with the Mind, Body and Soul Band. Those who wish to seek more information regarding Sydney Chinese Lions and their humanitarian work are welcome to access their website at www.sydneychineselions.org.au.





June Communique

from District Governor Carol Alderson

Hi everyone,

Congratulations to our N5 State Youth of the Year Winner Edward Miller who was successful in being awarded both the Public Speaking and Overall Winner of the National YoY Quest in Darwin. Edward was sponsored by the Burwood Lions and is the second N5 State winner in the last 2 years.

The Convention was again a wonderful experience of meeting old and new friends and learning more about where Lions are headed. We were privileged to have PIP J Frank Moore III attend and our ID Djoko Soeroso. There were many highlights to the Convention and many fun filled nights out. The opening ceremony was spectacular with the flags being carried in by school children, the 3 main flags being parachuted down, indigenous dancers and a welcome by the Chief Minister of the NT.

The remembrance ceremony was at sunrise and a single white dove was released by each District

Governor to remember those who had passed on. We enjoyed many presentations and addresses by a host of interesting and inspirational guests. A



**District Governor
Carol Alderson**

fond farewell and sincere thank you was extended to PDG Carlene King for her years of service and dedication to our youth as her term as the Youth and Community manager has expired.

The Notices of Motion were presented and debated with the following result: CNM1 carried - CNM2 carried - CNM3

carried - NM1 carried - NM2 carried - NM3 Lost - NM4 withdrawn - NM5 carried - NM6 carried - NM7 carried - NM8 carried - NM9 lost - NM10 lost. The Convention Committee did a wonderful job of accommodating 1400 attendees and as always our SAA Bob Korotcoff ensured that all business, hospitality and general running rules were all conducted in a professional manner.

Dean and I also took a few extra days in Darwin where we had a little bit of time to take in some extra sights. We did a wonderful 12 hour tour where we visited Litchfield Park, went on the jumping crocodiles tours, saw giant termite nests and swam in a billabong where they *assumed* there were no crocodiles.

On Saturday 24th it was my privilege to attend the Centenarians Afternoon Tea organised by the Lions Club of Sydney in co-operation with the office of Her Excellency, the Governor of NSW, the

District Governor's Communique (continued)

Honourable Professor Marie Bashir. The afternoon was held at Government House and was attended by 35 centenarians and their carers or family members. This event has been hosted by this club for the past 27 years (except for 2007). President David Pell thanked the Governor for her support and assistance by her staff.

This year I am encouraging all club Secretaries 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 Sydney 2010 Host Committee invites all Lions, Lioness, Leos and Partners who are inter-

ested in making a valuable contribution to our Convention in Sydney as a VOLUNTEER to lodge this Expression of Interest form. The Convention will be held from 28 June to 2 July 2010.

Childhood blindness is only one part of the global vision crisis. If nothing is done, experts say that the world's blind population could double from 37 million to 74 million by 2020. Lions worldwide have so far donated and pledged \$164,789,704 US dollars (\$176,324,983 AUD) to CSFII, an achievement we can all be proud of!

DGE Elvio and Gai will be leaving soon for the International Convention in Bangkok scheduled for 23 June and we wish them all the very best. As this will be my last "Carol's Communique" I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, encouragement, patience and assistance throughout the year, and for putting up with my small newsletter each month. It has

been a privilege to serve in the role of District Governor and I have learnt so very much, both about Lions and about our members. I wish each and every new board member and every Lion the very best of wishes for the incoming year. I would also like to thank my own club, Cambridge Park, for their understanding and support throughout the year, thanks guys. Thank you everyone and I hope to see you all at our District Changeover.

Our District Changeover is being held on Friday 18 July at North Ryde RSL. Cost is \$60.00pp which includes a 3-course meal, beer, wine, soft drink, tea, coffee and entertainment for you to dance to. There will be minimal formalities so please come along and join us in welcoming our new DG Elvio. Why not make this your club's dinner meeting for the month of July and start 08/09 in a new way. Please RSVP by 4th July.

Carol Alderson
District Governor

A Letter from our Finnish Twin Club

Dear Anthony and all Lions friends in LC Sydney Chinese,

It is almost summer time in Finland. Many trees are blooming and the nature is very beautiful. Everything is green and the days are long. Last week our club had a nice changeover meeting, The tail twister had organized for us a trainer in some orient relaxation methods; then we had sauna and gave some gifts to President Terhi. We dressed some funny clothes on her and gave her our traditional shoes. The costume reminds me of the main character in a Swedish movie for children. You can see in the picture how she looked like. During our summer months the clubs in Finland have only some informal meetings so in May we use to have some party before the summer.

We organized our traditional 1st May Party for elderly people. We brought some soft drinks, party hats and balloons to the party. We also had some dancers, players and singers. It is wonderful to see how those elderly people enjoy to listen to the music and see the children dancing. To visit this house for the elderly people is my club's main and elderly service project.

Campaign Sight First II will be over very soon. Almost every club in Finland has taken part in this big campaign, also our club. I suppose our donations will be more than USD 7000 by the end of June. We are very proud to reach the goal which LCIF has set, USD120 per lion in every club.

I hope I will meet many of your club members at the Bangkok Convention. I am the only one coming from our club but I will certainly have many greetings to bring.

Our incoming president is Sirkka Nieminen. Her email address is sirkka.nieminen@hotmail.com. She is very efficient and has nice ideas of new projects. Her dream is to make our relationship with you, our twin club, even closer than this year.

Best greetings
Helena Rahko



Järvenpää

Ainot

Lions doing

their

relaxation

exercises

A Reply from President Anthony

Dear Helena

Many thanks for sending us the latest update on your Club's activities.

Congratulations to incoming President Sirkka Nieminen. It is jolly nice of her agreeing to take over the helms and we wish her a successful and meaningful Lions year ahead. President Terhi certainly looks rather funny in her outfit punctuated by her oversized shoes.

We have just held our Changeover Ceremony and we managed to raise \$15,000 for the Sichuan relief funds - not a huge amount but our members are doing our part.

I don't think we'll be going to Bangkok for the International Lions Convention but we have entered a few things for the Lions international contests - web site, bulletin and photos - fingers crossed - hope we'll be able to win something. If you hear of something positive in Bangkok, do let me know!

Wishing you and Tapani all the very best and hope you'll have a great time in Bangkok. I'm sure more fun will come your way as Tapani's International Directorship goes into the second year.

Regards
Anthony



President Terhi in her special outfit complete with colour matching oversized shoes



International Director Tapani, Helena & Minna with President Anthony at CNY Parade in 2007

Correspondence with International Director Tapani Rahko

Dear Lion President Anthony, 25/5/08

Thank you for the link. You have very good programs and big donations. We have had sad catastrophes lately and many lions are helping in the relief.

We just came from the MD Convention from Germany. Helena said she would write to you this week about their club's May meeting.

We became grandparents two weeks ago. Minna, whom you and your Leos also met, had a wonderful baby girl.

See you soon in Bangkok.

Sincerely,
Tapani

Dear Tapani 25/5/08

Thank you for your warm words. Yes, indeed, there are so many disasters lately. I trust most Lions are doing their best to help out one way or another.

Did you have a good time in Germany? I didn't know it's in Germany you had your MD Convention, I thought it was in Finland.

Congratulations to Minna, her baby girl and yourselves! Is LCI going to start informal Clubs for baby Lions cubs, particularly when they belong to the third generation of Lions??

I look forward to hearing from Helena.

Regards
Anthony

Dear Anthony,

26/5/08

Thank you for the answer. Yes, LCI has donated to China and Finnish lions as well both to China and Myanmar. Swedish Lions have a very good tent project with the Swedish government and they have sent big tents to China.

We have attended lately MD Conventions in Sweden and Germany. Our own MD Convention in Finland will be in one and a half weeks. We have together 32 Multiple or Single Districts in 32 European countries. Outside those 32 countries some European countries have only few Lions Clubs and they don't have a District yet. In Germany they had about 400 attendants in their Lions Convention and as many Leos in their Leo Convention which was held at the same time. Many of the social events were held together. Leos were also drivers for the foreign guests. The convention was very well organized and 2. International Vice President Eberhard Wirfs was also present. In our National MD Convention in Finland we will have about 3000 participants.

Minna is organizing an International Leo Weekend in Helsinki in July. So, their baby will get her first impression of Lionism then. Have a good week.

Sincerely, Tapani



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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 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
10th Anniversary Charity Ball Sydney Innerwest Lions	Oatlands House 42 Bettington Rd, Oatlands Black Tie	Saturday 28 June 2008 6:30 for 7:00 pm	\$150 per person/ \$1,500 for a table of 10
Changeover Dinner Sydney Pacific Lions	Fook Yuen Restaurant Help Street, Chatswood After 5	Saturday 5 July 2008 7:00 pm	\$70 per person
Changeover Dinner District N5	North Ryde RSL Club Cnr Magdala & Pittwater Roads, North Ryde After 5	Friday, 18 July 2008 6:30 for 7:00 pm	\$60 per person
Gala Dinner Performing Arts Association	Grand Ballroom, Star City Black Tie	Saturday 19 July 2008 6:30 for 7:30 pm	\$300 per person/ \$3,000 for a table of 10

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