



### Editorial

At the Sydney Chinese Lions monthly members meeting held on 6 February attended by over 50 members and guests, we saw the nominations of Board Members and Office Bearers for the 2013-14 Lions Year. We are pleased to witness a fair and open nominations process where all Active Members of the Club were free to nominate themselves for any of the Board positions. We are even more pleased to see that for every available position, there was a willing and capable candidate accepting the task and challenge as they consented to the nominations.

The final outcome is that there is a sole nominee for each and every of the available Board positions. This is an interesting phenomenon. Over the past six years, Sydney Chinese Lions have had the same phenomenon repeating itself at the Club's annual nominations. For many, this reflects the very high levels of harmony and consensus among the Club's members. We are grateful to all Board Members and Office Bearers who have

served us well in the past, to those who are currently serving us and also to those who have pledged to serve us in the future.

The majority of the Members and Office Bearers on the Club's Board are continuing on next year, some with changed portfolios. A few notable changes are:

Lion President Mei Cheng has decided to step down when she completes her 4 years' presidency in June this year;

Lion 1st VP Jason Zhang has taken up a new challenge by accepting nomination as Club President;

Lions Francis Leung and Belinda Wan have both accepted nominations as Club Vice Presidents;

Lion Secretary Janice Cheung is stepping down after serving in the position for 3 years and Lion Sophie He who has joined the Club in recent months has accepted nomination to take up the challenge;

New blood in Lions Peggy Chan, Vicky Kuok, Kelly Xiang and Kevin Yau were nominated to various Board positions.

What's next? All the nominees will still have to go through an election process. The Club's elections are set to be held at its March Members meeting on Wednesday, 6 March 2013. As there is only one candidate for each of the positions, a "voice vote" will be conducted.

The Club's nominations and elections this year is an important milestone in the journey of Sydney Chinese Lions. We would like to see as many of Sydney Chinese Lions members turning up at the March meeting to elect and support the candidates. Please be there to be part of this memorable moment in the history of our great Club.

Charity Ball 2013 is just round the corner. For those who have taken out tickets, we would like to remind you that these are on a sale or return basis. Of course, we sincerely hope that you will be able to help out by selling all of these. In any case, do remember to come to the Club's meeting on 6 March to settle your account. Like previous years, the Club needs to pay the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre for all expenses including food and beverage of Ball attendees well ahead of the Ball. So bringing in cash to pay for your tickets on 6 March will be most helpful indeed.

By Lion Dr Anthony Cheung

### Special Points of Interest:

- > SCL Nominations of Board Members and Office Bearers 2013-2014
- > Lion Mei Cheng stepping down after 4 years as Club President
- > Lion Jason Zhang nominated as next Club President
- > Lion Secretary Janice Cheung stepping down after 3 years as Club Secretary
- > Lion Sophie He nominated as next Club Secretary
- > SCL Charity Ball 2013



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Sydney Chinese Lions at February Members Meeting

# Message from International President Madden

Dear Lions,

As I write this message to you I am visiting our headquarters in Oak Brook, IL, where the temperature outside is 12 degrees F (-11 C). But weather - cold, hot, rain, snow - has never stopped Lions. In a world of service, "We Serve" in every climate around the world.

One of our most significant service achievements this year has been the Reading Action Program (RAP). So far this year, there have been over 46,000 RAP projects completed. That means hundreds of thousands of people are either learning to read or receiving materials to better their education because of Lions efforts. At the same time, I was surprised to learn on some of my recent visits that Lions had not yet planned a project. RAP is a great way to engage a need that exists in virtually every community around the world, and since the Board has agreed to make RAP an extended service initiative for the next 10 years, now is the time to start a program in your community. It's easy, and so very worthwhile. Refer to the RAP guide to get started.

RAP and other service activities are a mainstay of who we are, and what we do, and also a requirement for both the Club Excellence Award and District Governor Team Excellence Award. With 5 months left, there is still time to complete both. Two very important elements of The Club Excellence Award - the "How Are Your Ratings?" and the Community Needs Assessment - will provide your club with tools and information to help ensure continued success. Get started today.

Your club or district should also be preparing for the third "Pit Stop." Club presidents and district governors have indicated to me how valuable the pit stops have been so far this year. The March pit stop is a time for



International President  
Wayne Madden

# Message from International President Madden (cntd.)

club presidents to, among other things, have their members register for district and multiple district conventions and district governors to ensure your clubs are in good standing in advance of our International Convention.

This is also the time for you to accelerate efforts in recruiting new members. So far this year we have 113,140 new members and 727 new clubs. District governors still have time to qualify for the Winners Circle Award (Gold, Silver or Bronze level).

Finally, I am proud to announce the winners of our annual Peace Poster and Blind Essay Contest winners. Congratulations to Peace Poster Grand Prize Winner Jenny Park, 13, sponsored by the Northridge Lions Club, California, and to Lions International Essay Contest Winner Maura Loberg, 11, sponsored by the Wayne Lions Club, Nebraska. Both girls have been invited to participate in the upcoming Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

Whatever weather you are experiencing, now is the time to rev up your engines as we race toward the finish line. The checkered flag will wave an end to this year in only five short months.

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne Madden



***Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted  
International President Wayne Madden as Associate Member on 7 July 2011***

# A Message from Chairperson

## Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lions,

I am always excited to think about the prospects that come with a new year. There is so much to look forward to when it comes to Lions. You may not know this, but earlier this month was Melvin Jones' 134th birthday. His belief was "you can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else," and I am certain that he would be amazed at just how far his vision has spread.

Think of everyone who was impacted by LCIF last year: a child who is now able to participate better in school thanks to a vision screening and follow-up care; a mother who no longer has to fear losing her child to measles because of a vaccination campaign; a family that is rebuilding their lives after Superstorm Sandy with help from Lions; and a student who has learned self-empowerment from Lions Quest in the classroom. All of these people and many more are looking forward to a brighter 2013 because of your help.

Soon, our Foundation's Advisory Committees will meet to review grants through SightFirst and Lions Quest. These grants will continue LCIF and Lions' work in communities around the world, providing sight and supporting youth. Together, we are beginning the new year in the way that Lions should - through service and through doing something for somebody else.

I encourage your club to think of all the ways you can help people in 2013. Together, I believe we can provide many services to lift up those who need our help. Through LCIF, there are so many ways that Lions can help others, both locally and globally, including applying for an LCIF grant. And, with our four pillars of service, there are many potential projects for your club.

Of course, these grants and projects would not be possible without generous donations. Thank you Lions, for everything that you have done to support our Foundation. Your donations ensure that Lions are able to do something great through LCIF.

Sincerely,  
Wing-Kun Tam  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Wing-Kun Tam  
Chair, LCIF

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

# Nominees for Sydney Chinese Lions 2013-14 Board of Directors

At the Members Meeting held on 6 February 2013, nominations for the 2013-14 Board of Directors were held. The following are the Nominees:

## Notes:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominated Candidates</i>
President	Jason Zhang
Immediate Past President	Mei Cheng
Vice President	Francis Leung
Vice President	Wendy Lin
Vice President	Belinda Wan
Secretary	Sophie He
Deputy Secretary	Carolyn Gan
Deputy Secretary	Emily Hung
Treasurer	Tim Yuen
Deputy Treasurer	Linda Chen
Deputy Treasurer	Kelly Xiang
Membership Chairman	Dennis Chai
Membership Director (2-Year)	Leo Lee
Membership Director (1-Year)	William Wong
Two (2) 2-Year Directors	Vicky Kuok, Duncan Lin
Two (2) 1-Year Directors	Connie Tse (Note 1), Gary Yang (Note 1)
Tail Twister	Kevin Yau
Lion Tamer	Peggy Chan
Legal Advisor	Carl Ku
Deputy Legal Advisor	Kevin Yau

Note 1: Two (1) 1-Year Directors: Connie Tse and Gary Yang, being 2-Year Directors for 2012-13, shall automatically take up the positions.

# Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013

Dear Fellow Members of Sydney Chinese Lions,

Happy New Year to you all!

As you are aware, our Club's Charity Ball this year is on Saturday, 16 March 2013. I am pleased to let you know that preparations for this great event of ours is well underway. This is the ninth year in a row that we are holding the function at the Sydney Convention Centre. But this is going to be the last year that we are doing it there as the place will be pulled down for re-development in December 2013.

I wish to draw your attention to the following point:

We would like to have as many members and guests as possible attending the Ball. For this purpose, I attach a copy of our Ball Invitation. This is for you to email and circulate among your friends and associates to

- (a) promote the event and
- (b) to secure as many attendees to the Ball as possible.

Our Charity Ball is a showcase event. After your friends have attended the Ball, I sincerely believe that they will appreciate that we have got a good thing going and realize what a great a Club that we have.

If you wish to have more Ball tickets or to ask further questions, simply email Lion Bill Wong at [wjw2086@gmail.com](mailto:wjw2086@gmail.com) or give him a call on 0407 266 896. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards

Anthony Cheung  
Past President  
The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc

# Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013

*You're cordially invited to...*



The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.  
**CHARITY BALL 2013**

*Invitation*

*Saturday, 16 March 2013*

*Parkside Ballroom  
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Darling Harbour*

*In a world of service  
"We Serve"*

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

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

*Including:  
Pre-dinner drinks  
3-course dinner with drinks  
Entertainment  
Live Band  
Dancing  
Fund Raising Auctions*

*Dress Code:  
Black Tie / National Costume*

**RSVP** by  
*Wednesday, 27 February 2013*

*Contact: Ball Chairman - Bill Wong  
Phone: 0407 266 896  
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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 207 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 71 clubs with around 1,650 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 seventeen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Past President & 2nd Vice District Governor 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 \$500,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), the Australian Red Cross, Lions Clubs International Foundation, 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 the well being and good health of our community, hence they have in place their annual health seminars, teal ribbon scholarships and traditional Chinese Medicine Research Scholarships.

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

## Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Sydney Chinese Lions March Members Meeting	Zilver Restaurant	Wednesday 6 March 2013 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person
N5 Membership Skills Stage 2 Training	Boronia Grove 49 Rawson Street Epping	Saturday 23 February 2013	Free of Charge
Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013	Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre	Saturday 16 March 2013	\$168 per person
Sydney Pacific Lions Charity Ball 2013	Sheraton on the Park	Saturday 27 April 2013	TBA

For bookings please contact:  
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