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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Greetings from Beijing!
- Ball 2008 tidbits
- Humanitarian Scholarship 2008
- New members to be inducted
- Visiting Xian, China
- Let's pray for the soul of Terry Condon

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President's Message

My fellow Lions

My sincere greetings from Beijing, China - the city hosting the 2008 Olympiad. As you are aware, many key Board members are away overseas in April, that's why the Board has resolved to call a recess of all Club meetings during the month. Our next Members meeting resumes on

Wednesday, 7 May at Zilver Restaurant.

At our Charity Ball 2008, many wonderful things happened. Many of us are still not over with the hype and pp. 2-3 have some Ball tidbits. Do take a little time to read these and enjoy.

I have been advised that over 80% of the Ball monies pledged have now been collected. I expect we'll soon be in a position to announce the final amount to be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Our Humanitarian Scholarship 2008 is now progressing in earnest. Applications

closed on 31 March and I understand, like previous years, there is a good number of quality applications. The adjudicating team is now going through the materials. It is expected that 3 finalists will be shortlisted in due course and they'll be invited to our May Members Meeting to



At an Official Reception by the ShaanXi Provincial Government in Xian, China

state their cases.

At our March Board meeting, approval was given for 5 prospectives to join us as members. They are Dr. Andrew Le, Evonne Lee, Emily Fang, Grace Tsang and Raymond Tong. I have invited VDGE Berly Payne to come to our May meeting to induct them. Hopefully, they'll all be available then and be inducted. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting lending support to the new members and welcoming them.

On 4 April, VP Mei, Secretary Crystal, Lion Rosanda, Lion Iao Iok and I were privileged to be part of an Australian delegation visiting Xian. We

were joined by some 8,000+ representatives of the Chinese Central Government, provincial and local governments as well as delegates from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and many other countries. We participated in the National official event paying

tribute to Huang Ti, the common ancestor of China. It was a grand and memorable occasion. All five of us

have planted our own pine trees near the Huang Ti Mausoleum - a symbol of respect for our revered common ancestor. We received VIP treatment during our stay there and attended formal government receptions one after another. Although it was tiring, the visit was most enjoyable and remarkable.

I have just learnt of the sad news of the passing away of Terry Condon. Let's remember Terry in our prayers and our deepest condolences to Grace and Channelle.

Yours in Lions
Anthony

Charity Ball 2008 Tidbits

A \$15,000 Prize offered by the Chief of Army

Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC, Chief of Army and Mrs Lee Leahy graced our Charity Ball 2008 on 1 March as Guests of Honour. They didn't come empty handed. Indeed, the General kindly offered a very rare prize for us to auction off - a package for 4 people to spend a day at the Holsworthy Army Camp with the commandos of the 4th Battalion, complete with a ride on a Black Hawk helicopter above and around Sydney. It was the third time in Australian history that a prize like this was offered. Bidding for the prize was passionate. Within seconds, it went from \$2,000 to \$3,000, then \$4,000 and \$5,000. Auctioneer Michael Photios then invited General Leahy to go up stage for a brief interview re: the Army and the prize. No sooner after the interview, the bidding shot on from \$5,500 to over \$10,000. Eventually, the prize went under the hammer for a hefty \$15,000, compliments of our long time supporter - Dr. A. Nicolaou - rather fittingly, a guest invited along by Lion Howard Shi, our own Tail Twister.



Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, Mrs Lee Leahy, Mrs Nicolaou, Dr. A. Nicolaou,
President Dr. Anthony Cheung (from right to left)

At Charity Ball 2008, on behalf of all Sydney Chinese Lions, President Anthony played host to the guests and VIPs. As Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC, Chief of Army and Mrs Lee Leahy were the Guests of Honour, President Anthony had the pleasant task of keeping them company.

It is often said, a picture speaks more than a thousand words. Take a look at the pictures and judge for yourselves if the President was up to the task.



April Communique

from District Governor Carol Alderson

Hi everyone

I am happy to report that our Night at the Races profit was \$6418.72, a sensational result given the short time frame the committee had to work with. Thank you all for your support and hope to see you at our race night next year.

Our 1st **International President Al Brandel** attended the Lions Conference in Tasmania. It was here that he was moved by the guest speaker Fr Chris Riley who spoke of his **Youth off the Streets** program. Due to the interaction VP Al secured a \$12,000 donation towards the program. There are over 68,000 homeless people under the age of 17 In Australia today and this donation was accepted by Fr Chris at the last Council meeting in February. Tasmanian **DG Leigh Jones** presented Fr Chris with a MJF from District T1.

Dean & I were again invited to attend the Sydney Chinese Charity Ball on 1st March and with 300 people in attendance it is easy to see how their total income on the night

was in excess of \$70,000. The night profit was donated to the Royal Flying Doctor. Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Peter Leahy also attended and



**District Governor
Carol Alderson**

donated a day with the Special Forces for 4 people, only the second time an offer like this has been extended from the Army.

On Friday 7 March it was my privilege to attend the **50th Charter Anniversary** dinner of **Epping Eastwood** club. What a wonderful achievement! It was a very well at-

tended event and had just the right mix of history and fun. It was also here that the club unveiled its new banner. Guests were also entertained by **President Warren Latham's** rendition of **House of the Rising Son**; this club definitely knows how to enjoy itself and even issued a CD: **50th Anniversary BBQ Singalong Favourites** which I have saved on my computer so I can also enjoy their favourite songs. One very special guest on the night was **Lion Ron Kent** who received his **50 year Charter Monarch**.

Anzac Day is on Friday 25 and Monday 28th **West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook** is holding a dinner to remember those who have served and are serving to keep our country safe. A guest speaker will highlight some of the situations that occurred during the Vietnam War. This is always a well attended night and I personally recommend it. Maybe your club may want to remember in their own way or invite a suitable guest speaker to acknowledge this important date.

Saturday 29 March our **District Youth of the Year**

District Governor's Communique (continued)

Quest judging was held at the Bankstown Sports Club. Congratulations to **Matt Rubic** (St Aloysius College / **Sydney Pacific Lions**) who won the Public Speaking section and to the overall winner **Edward Miller** (Newington College/**Burwood Lions**). Seats are still available for the State judging on 12th April at Castle Hill RSL so please encourage your clubs to attend and support these students and see if once again N5 will produce another State winner. It's also an opportunity to have a different dinner meeting with your club, attend this night and witness for yourself the knowledge and confidence these young people have. Booking form and contact details can be found on our web page or contact Terry Greetham at zone10b@lionsclubssydney.org.au

The **Lions Faculty Development Institute** was held in Denpasar Bali during 14-17 March and it was my privilege to represent N5. It was a very "full on" 4 days, starting at 8am and sometime not finishing until well into the night due to preparations for the next day.

There were 19 Lions from our Constitutional area in attendance, many of course from our Indonesian clubs. This course will be run again next year so if any of you are interested in gaining further training in presentation skills and effective training at a higher level please consider discussing your interest with DGE Elvio next year or contact me closer to the date for a more in depth recollection of the institute.

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 clubs dinner meeting for the month of July and start 08/09 in a new way.

ALPTC (Australian Lions Pin Trading Club) have produced a set of three pins to raise awareness and funds for **Campaign Sight First II**. The set of 3 pins (red, white & blue) are available from

District for **\$10.00** for the set. To ensure you do not miss out please forward payment to Cab Sec Beryl with your request. During our last Worldwide Report Day on February 20, 2008, CSFII coordinators reported that more than **US\$157.9** million had been raised by Lions worldwide for CSFII!

Thank you for all our clubs have done to help in surpassing CSFII's minimum goal. Now, your club can join Lions around the world as we pursue CSFII's US\$200 million "Vision for All" challenge goal!

Lions Clubs International Purposes and Lions Code of Ethics. We are all volunteers, we all have external commitments such as work and family that should take priority over Lions. I'm sure we all joined for many varying reasons, but hopefully all remain for the same reason, to make a difference while working together in the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding.

Carol Alderson
District Governor

Selected Photos from Chinese Trip

In April 2008, several of us visited Xian, China. We first attended a national ceremony paying tribute to Huang Ti, the common Chinese ancestor. It was a 3-day visit and we were warmly received by the government there. We attended official receptions one after another. Although tiring, the visit was most memorable.

Below are a few selected pictures of the visit.



Some Sydney Chinese Lions visiting China in April 2008

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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 1,800 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.

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www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
May Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday, 7 May 2008 7 for 7:30 pm	\$30 per person for dinner
Incoming Officers Forum District N5	Bankstown Sports Club Black Tie	Sunday 1 June 2008 9:00 to 3:30 pm	Free of Charge
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 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

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