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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Humanitarian Scholarship 2008
- Changeover 2008
- Donating \$57,000 to Flying Doctors
- Donations for China & Myanmar
- More New Members for the Club
- Congratulations to Terence and Jessie

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President's Message

My fellow Lions

At our May members meeting, the 3 Finalists of the Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2008 turned up and presented their cases to our members. Details of their work can be found on pages

2-3. The adjudicating panel has now reached a decision on the results and these will be

announced at our Changeover 2008 on 4 June at Zilver Restaurant.

The Changeover dinner costs \$45 per person. If you are planning to come along, please RSVP Secretary Crystal Siu by 29 May.

Yes, Crystal is now back in town and she's resuming her role as Secretary of the Club. Thanks to Janet for looking after her portfolio while she was away.

The Ball 2008 accounts are now ready. We have a record net income of \$80,481. Well done! All our efforts have been paid off handsomely. At its May meeting, the Board

decided to donate \$57,000 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia — the Major Beneficiary of Ball 2008.

Meanwhile, we are saddened to learn of the disasters in China and Myanmar. The Board has approved donations of \$5,000 to help out with

relief work in China and \$2,500 for Myanmar.

At the Board meeting, membership applications from 4 prospectives were approved. They are Henry Leung, Anna Sannibale, Sonia Chuang and Jasmine Wong. Hopefully, they'll be inducted at Changeover 2008 at the hands of DG Carol Alderson. We extend our warmest welcome to them and look forward to SERVING together with them. With their joining us, our membership now stands at 67, a record high since I was first elected President in 2004.

I wish to thank all the Sponsors of new members throughout the past 4 years. As we all know, it is quality

members who make our Club strong. This steady stream of quality new members has undoubtedly contributed much to the good fortunes and success of our Club.

On 14 May, I was invited to a wedding reception of

Lion Terence Chau and Jessie Xiao. They have finally decided to tie the knot following

a marathon romance of exactly 12 years — which began on 14 May 1996. Congratulations to both of them! We have been told that they'll be trying really hard to add a few lion cubs to our den in the next few years.

On 18 May, I attended an Open Day of the Royal Flying Doctor Service as they celebrated their 80th Anniversary. It was a happy and memorable event for a great Australian charity. If you take a look at your \$20 note, you'll find an icon of the RFDS there.

Yours in Lionism
Anthony



Members and Guests at May Members Meeting



Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2008

Scholarship Offered for the 6th Year Running — Response Overwhelming

This is the 6th consecutive year that our Club is offering the Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship. The purpose is to encourage and recognise humanitarian services undertaken by university students. Throughout these years, this scholarship has received very good recognition and acknowledgement from the public. In February, we invited for applications and the response was excellent. The quality of most of the applications received was remarkable.

The adjudicating panel comprises President Dr Anthony Cheung, Vice President Sylvia Chong, Lion Jack Lee, and Lion Arthur Kwan. Three finalists, Jonathan Greenacre, Marianna Leishman and Mimi Zou, were selected and each made a brief presentation at our dinner meeting held in May.

Their presentations were all very impressive, therefore in addition to the original award of one winner receiving a scholarship of \$2,000, two consolation prizes of \$1,000 each will also be awarded. The final results will be announced at the Club's Changeover Dinner on 4 June.



Scholarship Finalists with Adjudicating Panel at May Members Meeting

The 3 Finalists

Jonathan Greenacre is from the University of Sydney. He is founder and President of a non-profit organisation - Step Safe (www.stepsafe.org.au), a group which raises money for the poor in Cambodia, particularly landmines survivors. His work has included meetings with the then Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, to successfully lobby for \$100 million for the landmines causes; raising over \$50,000 for the organisation's Cambodian beneficiaries; and representing Australia at conferences in Africa, the United Kingdom and Middle East. He was nominated Young Australian of the Year for his efforts. He helps monitor human rights around the world, and has volunteered for the International Commission of Jurists (Australia), the United Nations Society of the University of New South Wales and the Australian Coalition for Transitional Justice in East Timor. He also serves as a committee member of the Grameen Foundation to help provide financial services to the poor in the Philippines. Next year, he aims for Step Safe to raise another \$100,000 for the poor in Cambodia by building relationships with American donors, and will continue his role with the International Commission of Jurists (Australia), and Grameen Foundation. He will also visit a number of Asian countries including Indonesia, the Philippines, China and so on, to further explore how microfinance (that is, granting small loans and other credit services to low income people helping them to start income-generating business) can reach more of the poor in those areas.



Marianna Leishman is from the University of Sydney. Whilst studying she has undertaken numerous pro-bono tasks. She has recently returned from a self-funded internship with the United Nations Population Fund in Eritrea, Africa on adolescent sexual and reproductive health programmes. In 2007 she interned with the Kimberley Land Council in Broome assisting with indigenous claims for Native Titles. She volunteered at Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre working on domestic violence and sexual assault cases. She drafted submissions for the Refugee Advice and Casework Service and published articles on experiences of Muslim women as victims of discrimination. In early 2007 she interned with UNIFEM Australia, the National Committee for the United Nations Development Fund for Women, researching expert discussion papers on 'The Elimination of all forms of Discrimination and Violence against the Girl-Child'. In 2006 she founded and edited as a volunteer the 'Sydney University Law Society Women's Journal' to give voice on indigenous studies, economic, social, cultural and gender issues. She also has voluntarily assisted in projects for the Homeless Persons Legal Service, the Stolen Wages Project, the Sydney Children's Hospital, and Cana Communities Darlinghurst Shelter. Next year she will continue her humanitarian services with UNIFEM Australia, Oxfam Australia and other charities or non-profit organisations both local and overseas.



Mimi Zou is from the University of Sydney. She has always been passionate about empowering young people in her local community, and working together to meet the challenges of their generation. Over the last decade, upholding the belief of 'Think Globally, Act Locally', she has volunteered for many community organisations that seek to improve access to and equity in the areas of education, employment, housing, health, law and justice for all young Australians - including Indigenous Australians, refugees, migrants, young mothers, people with disabilities among others. The organisations she has volunteered with include Oxfam, Canterbury Youth Council, Chinese Australia Service Society, National Council of Women Australia, NSW Community Relations Canterbury-Bankstown Harmony Roundtable, International Labour Organisation, and various students societies in university. In recognition of her community services, she has been awarded the NSW Community Relations Commission Young Volunteer of the Year Award, Order of Australia Youth Community Service Award, International Year of the Volunteer Award from the Prime Minister, and others. In April this year, she was selected as a delegate to the Australia 2020 Youth Summit held in Canberra. Currently, she is coordinating a project to establish a community legal clinic in the University of Sydney, run entirely by student volunteers on campus, aiming to encourage students to utilise their legal education to assist those who are disadvantaged and marginalised in the community.



May Communique

from District Governor Carol Alderson

Hi everyone

On Tuesday 1st April I attended the meeting of **Sydney Pacific** where they donated 2 items to the **Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children**. The Institute received a Fusion machine which is a portable magnifier and a Clearnote which attaches to a laptop for magnifies up to 46 times with full screen reading and writing capability. Both items were very much appreciated by the institute. The club requested assistance with this purchase from the **Save Sight and Public Health Care Foundation**, the first N5 request from this Foundation in 3 years. I ask that every club remember that this is our Foundation and it is there to help us in helping others. For further details on how to request a grant please contact Jean-Claude Legrand or Sam Chu. Congratulations Sydney Pacific for your kind donation and for utilising our own Foundation to assist.

Sydney Pacific Charity Ball was held on 5 April at Sheraton on the Park and nominated the proceeds of the night to support

StreetWork as the recipient of tonight's proceeds. StreetWork has been actively working for the past 25 years on the streets of Sydney's North Shore to support over 200 young peo-



**District Governor
Carol Alderson**

ple as week at risk of homelessness, violence and substance dependency to help restore their lives.

Our **Leadership and Development Forum** was held on 6 April where over 80 interested Lions took part in 4 consecutive information sessions run concurrently over the day. Thanks to all the presenters and the general feedback of the day was

very rewarding as those in attendance commented that they had learnt something and actually had a fun day.

Our **Incoming Officers Forum** is scheduled for Sunday 1 June so please put in your diary now as it also promises to be a fun and informative day.

Congratulations to **Michelle Chan** from **Oatley Leo Club** who is the Secretary for the newly formed **State Leo Council (Leo MD201N)**. Their first meeting was held on 5 April in Sydney. The Leo MD201N is currently made up of 13 active Leo Clubs across the State comprising a total of 266 Leos. This is a wonderful achievement for all our Leos within NSW. If your club is interested in supporting a new Leo club please contact N5 Chairman Elizabeth Lessells or our NSW Chairman Martin Peebles for advice or assistance.

Our **State Youth of the Year** was hosted by our own District N5 on 12 April at Castle Hill RSL and hosted by Zone 10B. Congratulations to **Edward Miller** from Newington College who was the overall winner on the night and sponsored by Bur-

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wood Lions. The event was a sensational display of confidence and knowledge by 5 very focused young adults. For the 2nd time in a row N5 was the successful District compete with the other state winners at the MD Convention in Darwin. Special thanks to District Chairman **Linda Lamond** for the organising the District and the State Final with the assistance of Ian Cavanagh, Terry Greetham, Cambridge Park Lions and Zone 10B. Edward will meet with the other State Finalists in Darwin and enjoy a 35 day national tour. For those who will be attending the MD Convention in Darwin please make sure you get a seat for the Youth of the Year National Judging and support our N5 candidate Edward.

As you know there are only weeks remaining to be a part of **Campaign SightFirst II**. Together, we have surpassed our minimum goal of US\$150 million to continue and expand our SightFirst program because tens of thousands of Lions clubs have joined the fight against preventable blindness by raising funds. During the week of May 11-17,

2008, clubs around the world will select one day to act for sight. Has your club discussed and finalized their action for sight and planned a Campaign SightFirst II Day?

To be a part of Campaign SightFirst II Day, simply:

- Select one day during the week of May 11-17, 2008 to participate.
- Discuss and decide ways your club and members can provide the gift of sight on that day:
- Make a Club Commitment, payable over three to five years
- Three over three" — Designate one new Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) for CSFII each year for the next three years to save as many as 500 people from blindness
- Promote "The Power of 30"— Each US\$180 donation to CSFII by a club member saves 30 people from blindness
- Hold an additional club fund-raising event or activity and designate funds to CSFII

- E-mail (csfii@lionsclubs.org) or call the CSFII office to share your club's success by May 23, 2008 so that your Campaign SightFirst II Day efforts for sight can be included in CSFII's final funds-raised total.

- It is just one day and one action for you and your Lions club, but your club's **Campaign SightFirst II Day** activity has the power to provide a lifetime of sight to people who need Lions' help.

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.

To all our Mums, have a great Mothers Day on Sunday 11th May.

Carol Alderson
District Governor

80th Anniversary of the Royal Flying Doctor Service

On 18 April 2008, the Royal Flying Doctor Service celebrated their 80th Anniversary. President Anthony was invited to their Open Day. Below are some pictures taken on the day.



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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.

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

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Changeover Dinner 2008 Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday, 4 June 2008 7 for 7:30 pm	\$45 per person
Incoming Officers Forum District N5	Bankstown Sports Club	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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