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THE LIONS CLUB OF
SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

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- A BIG Thank You to all of our Supporters
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President's Message

My fellow Lions

It gives me great pleasure to report to you that our Charity Ball 2008, held on 1 March at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, was a stunning success!

As a good number of members will be overseas in April, the Board has resolved to take a recess with our April meetings. So there won't be any Members and Board meetings in April. On 7 May, Monthly Members Meeting will resume and I look forward to seeing

by Lion Greg Dunn. We also welcomed Monique and Natasha from the Royal Flying Doctor Service who were so kind to come to the meeting to thank us for our efforts.

At our March Board meet-



Sydney Chinese Lions and some of their VIP Guests at Charity Ball 2008

The pledged income that evening alone amounted to over \$70,000 and the total turnover well exceeded \$120,000, yet another record high for our Club. Currently the accounts team is focussed on collecting all monies pledged and we expect to announce the amount to be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service some time in May.

We are grateful to the very high level of support that the community, our sponsors, the Chinese media and our members have given us to help make this wonderful occasion such a triumph. Pp. 4-7 have more details.

you at Zilver again then.

At our March Members Meeting, elections for the 2008-9 Board of Directors were held. Under the guidance of Lion Greg Dunn as Returning Officer, the task was smoothly performed and all Board positions were filled. Details of the elections results are listed on Page 2. Thank you for electing me as President once again. I accept my 5th continuous term of Presidency of the Club with humility and look forward to SERVING together with the 2008-9 Board in the next Lions Year.

At the meeting, we welcomed Elaine Pan and Luis Wu to our midst as they were inducted

ing, approval was given for 5 prospective members to join us. They will be inducted at our May Members Meeting and our total membership shoots up to 63. They are Dr. Andrew Le, Evonne Lee, Emily Fang, Grace Tsang and Raymond Tong. We extend a warm welcome to them. This also means that we are 5 members stronger in conducting our SERVING projects in the future.

Our Finnish twins say hello to us. Page 6 has the details. I'll file the April Bulletin somewhere in China.

Yours in Lions
Anthony

2008-9 Board of Directors Elected



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Below is a list of Members elected to the 2008-9 Board of Directors at our Club's Members Meeting held on 5 March 2008.

Position	Name of Elected Member
President	Anthony Cheung
1 st Vice President	Mei Cheng
2 nd Vice President	Sylvia Chong
3 rd Vice President	Jason Zhang
Membership Chairman	Tony Wong
Secretary	Crystal Siu
Assistant Secretary	Winci Guo
Treasurer	Tim Yuen
Assistant Treasurer	Jason Zhang
Two (2) 2-Year Directors	Janet Hung, Belinda Wan
One (1) 1-Year Director	Carl Ku
Tail Twister	Howard Shi
Lion Tamer	Rosanda Kam
Legal Advisor	Carl Ku

Janet Hung
Acting Secretary

Humanitarian Scholarship 2008



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THE SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS HUMANITARIAN SCHOLARSHIP

MEDIA RELEASE

The SCHOLARSHIP OFFER

The Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship for 2008 is now open for application. The Scholarship was first established by the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc (the Club) in 2003, and its purpose is to encourage and recognize humanitarian services undertaken by university students. This year, the award is \$2,000 for one award winner.

The eligible applicant must be studying at one of the universities in Sydney, with good character, who has undertaken and/or is planning to undertake humanitarian services.

Selection is based on the nature and commendability of services rendered and/or to be rendered by the applicants. The Club has full discretion in selecting the award winner. No further correspondence will be entered into once the winner has been selected.

Applicants are required to submit a report including (1) Name and contact details including address, email address and phone number. (2) University attended, year of study, and degree program pursued. (3) Record of humanitarian services performed on a pro-bono basis. (4) Pro-bono humanitarian services planned for the next 12 months. Submissions must reach the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc, P O 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 Club. Results will be announced in May/June 2008.

For further information about the scholarship, or activities of the Club, please contact Rita Kwan (email: akwan1@bigpond.net.au) and/or visit our website at www.sydneychineselions.org.au.

Sydney Chinese Lions

Charity Ball 2008

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. celebrated its 13th Anniversary with a charity ball, on Saturday 1 March at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

The lion's share of the net proceeds raised at the Ball in 2008 is being donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (South Eastern Section) in support of the lifesaving emergency and primary healthcare services they provide to over 80% of Australia.

President RFDS SE Section John Gall OAM said, "We are so very grateful to the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc and their Ball committee under the leadership of President Dr Anthony Cheung. They put in an enormous amount of work to make this event such a great success and a delight to attend."

The live auction on the evening reached a record total of \$46,730 thanks to wonderful prizes including a QANTAS Hong Kong to Sydney Business Class Return ticket for 2, an 18ct yellow gold pendant from Linneys Pearls, two Beijing 2008 Olympic limited edition Omega 18ct yellow gold watches and a special prize



Sydney Chinese Lions at Charity Ball 2008 Sydney Convention Centre

of 4 people spending a day at the Holsworthy Army Camp offered by Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, Chief of Army, and many other valuable prizes donated generously by scores of supporters.

The silent auction and raffles also raised a formidable amount of over \$13,000 with prizes including dinner for four people with a personal chef, a signed cricket bat by the Australian team, Swarovski crystals and photographic portrait sessions.

President Dr. Anthony Cheung of Sydney Chinese Lions was most pleased with the results, "Our Club has been organising Charity Balls annually since I first became President in 2004. Every year we

have been successful as we receive tremendous support from the community, sponsors and members. But this year has been most exceptional, the record amounts pledged at the auctions, together with the unprecedented level of support provided by sponsors, including the cash donation of \$10,000 by our Principal Sponsor Remy Martin, all helped make Charity Ball 2008 a sweet and memorable one for our member Lions as we see our collective efforts paid off handsomely. Indeed, we are proud to help keep the Flying Doctors Flying!"

The evening's entertainment included the the award-winning 50-piece strong Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Band, sponsored by President Dr. Anthony Cheung, the Sydney New Philharmonic Choir Ensemble conducted by Mr Max Liu, and dancing to Mind, Body and Soul. Their performance added a warm and classy atmosphere to the function and provided great entertainment from an appreciative audience.



Some VIPs at Charity Ball 2008

Guests of Honour included Lieutenant General Leahy, Chief of Army and Mrs Lee Leahy, as well as President RFDS SE Section, Mr John Gall OAM and Mrs Gall, RFDS Board members Mrs Mitty Davies and Mr Michael Burgess and their partners.

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc., a member of Lions Club International and a not for profit community service organisation, will present the RFDS with the final donation amount in May.

Amongst a good number of prizes and souvenirs given out at the Ball, there were the 40-page full colour 13th Anniversary Commemorative Booklets. They serve as a lovely memento of the celebrations. There were 7 table prizes for each table, 53 raffle prizes, 20 silent auction prizes and 10 open auction items.

These were donated by the Principal Sponsor - Remy Martin and the Major Sponsor - Shum's Watches and Jewellery, 10 Sponsors and many



Sydney Chinese Lions at Charity Ball 2008 - Sydney Convention Centre

other donors.

Over 40 Sydney Chinese Lions members turned up at the Ball and all had a great time. Many were involved in various teams performing a whole range of tasks that evening including, guests greeting and reception, dinner money collection, raffle tickets selling, open auction ushering, silent auction prizes handling and raffle prizes handling. In particular, Lion Jason's floor management, Lion Greg Dunn's MC skills, Mr Michael Photios' auctioning flair, VP Mei's trouble shooting, Treasurer Robert, Lion Tim & Lion Andy's money handling, Lion

Carl's silent auction handling, Mr Ricky Tang's AV management and Ms Galy Tse's raffle prizes handling, were instrumental to the smooth running of the function.

President Anthony Cheung praises all members of Sydney Chinese Lions for their dedication, the time and huge effort that they have put into the fundraising project. He points out that without this selflessness in SERVING collectively as a team, they won't be able to achieve success at this very high level year after year.

More photos of Charity Ball 2008 can be found at the Club's award-winning website: <http://www.sydchineselions.org.au/PhotoGallery.html>.



Sydney Chinese Lions at Charity Ball 2008 - Sydney Convention Centre

Post-Charity Ball Tidbits

An Open Letter from President Anthony to Members after the Ball

Dear All

I'm sure all of us who were at our Charity Ball last night HAD A BALL!

For a grand function like yesterday's, the proceedings went reasonably smoothly. The money raised, pending collections from pledges, has been most encouraging. The Open Auctions alone fetched a record \$46,730. The very special prize offered by Lieut. Gen. Peter Leahy, coupled with the auctioning flair of Michael Photios, certainly helped lift the game.

If we add the silent auction amount of \$8,435, the raffles money of \$5,780 and the \$10,000 donation made by Remy Martin, we have a total income of \$70,945 at the Ball.

This is yet another record high for our Club. I wish to thank all of you, particularly those who contributed greatly last night, for your selflessness and dedication in SERVING.

Now the accounts team will have to focus on collecting the monies pledged and I'll keep you posted of the progress. Hopefully, some time in May, we'll be able to announce the amount to be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Regards
Anthony

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DISTRICT 201N5
The Lions, Lioness and Leo Club of Sydney & Norfolk Island

Carol Alderson JP

District Governor
2007-2008



Sydney Chinese Lions

Thank you all for another sensational night and congratulations on your commitment to the RDFS.

Carol

A New Sensation

**Monique, Bonnie and Natasha of
the Royal Flying Doctor Service**



Anthony you and your team are an absolute inspiration! Congratulations on the most successful Ball I could have imagined. Thank you so much for your time, energy, efforts and laughter.

I had a great time at the Ball. Everyone was so warm and hospitable.

Thank you for helping to keep the flying doctor flying!!! I look forward organising a handover ceremony with as many Lions as possible in attendance and buying a piece of vital medical equipment with the funds.

Take care - you deserve a rest now!

Monique - RDFS

Dear Anthony

Thank you and your amazing team for such a brilliant night! We are overwhelmed by your support and so appreciate all the hard work and planning that went into making the night such a huge success. Please extend my thanks and best wishes to your team. We look forward to seeing you all at our 80th Anniversary celebrations on 18 May!

Warm regards

*Bonnie Harris
Donor Development Coordinator
Royal Flying Doctor Service (South Eastern Section)*

Dear Anthony

I really enjoyed working with you and the Ball organising committee over the past 9 months. Thank you all for your hard work and enthusiasm, it is very inspiring! I had a wonderful night on Saturday and received lots of positive feedback from our supporters. Thank you for helping to keep the Flying Doctor Flying!

Best wishes
Natasha
RDFS

Good morning Anthony.

Congratulations and thank you from Kerry and myself on your generous hospitality during the Ball.

What a wonderful night !

I am so pleased we were able to assist you in raising a record amount of money for charity. We look forward to participating in many more events with your Club.

*Regards,
Kerry and Mark.*



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March Communique

from District Governor Carol Alderson

Hi everyone,

In the first week in February I visited our clubs on Norfolk Island where I had the pleasant task of inducting 2 new members into **Norfolk Island** club. It was also my pleasure to present three 20 year Charter Chevrons to members of **Arthur's Vale** club. Hazel Martin was the proud recipient of one of these awards and also a personal congratulatory letter from our International President which included birthday salutations for her 99th birthday.

Thanks certainly must go to Presidents **Tom Lloyd** and **Tracie Greening** and their clubs for their hospitality and friendship during my stay.

On Sunday 10th February a contingent of Lions from **Sydney Waratah**, **Sydney Chinese** and **Sydney Inner West** marched in the Chinese New Year parade in Sydney to celebrate the Year of the Rat. If you look closely you can see that our granddaughter Chloe was also part of the Waratah group together with Dean and Elvio. The parade itself was quite spectacular and colourful participants in the parade who were watched and cheered on by bystanders lining the streets. This is a colourful and lively parade which included live music and of course the sensational Chinese dragons and lions. A must see if you are in Sydney for this parade next year.

As at 24 February **Campaign SightFirst II** money raised and pledged worldwide US\$157.9 million. We are approaching the time of year when Clubs are wishing to honour Lions and Leaders in their

communities for their efforts in making a difference. We all want to be winners and by donating to Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII) your Club can save the vision of hundreds of children and adults in Australia and your gift will go towards bestowing a **Melvin Jones**



District Governor Carol Alderson

Fellowship (MJF) on a Club member or Community Leader now or some time in the future.

One such CSFII grant can be used to assist the elimination of avoidable blindness in our remote communities. Australia is the only developed society that still has Trachoma prevalent within its population. Lions can be leaders in the "clean faces" hygiene programme to eradicate eye disease in Aboriginal children.

Congratulations to **Oatley LEO President Michelle Chan** who was

presented the Young Citizen of the Year Award by Kogarah Council and the 2008 NSW Premier's Chinese Community Service Award as a Young Chinese Volunteer. Michelle is a fine example of our youth, a credit to our District and a role model for LEO's throughout Australia.

Peace Poster - The theme for 2008-09 is "Peace Begins With Me". Kits have been ordered and will be available for purchasing by clubs. Once again in 07/08 the Australian entrant was from N5. This is a great introduction for children and their parents to Lions projects and community involvement. If you would like further information, or are looking for a guest speaker on this subject, please call John Chate on 9570-4188 or 0438704188 or by email peaceposter@lionsclubssydney.org.au.

To keep up with the fast pace with which clubs are recruiting new members the club records staff at international headquarters is instituting new procedures for filing **WMMRs**. Filings will now be due on the last day of each month from clubs that file electronically and on the 20th of each month from clubs that file by mail. This will allow the staff to eliminate the current one month lag between filing and the production of reports and provide current data to all parts of the association. For complete details on this [change in procedure](#), please see www.lionsclubs.org or call Cab Sec Beryl Payne.

Invitation to "**Lions Leadership & Information Forum**" is extended to all Lions. This day is being held on Sunday 6 April at Bankstown

District Governor's Communique (continued)

Sport Club commencing at 9.30. There will be 4 great presenters who will give you the tools and information to assist you to carry out your responsibilities within your club. This is the first time a forum like this has been presented to our District. If you want to learn more about our organisation and are interested in self development please join us for an information and fun filled day. Further information and details will be circulated to all clubs and can be found on our web page. Remember, this invitation is open to each and every one of you.

Our **District Changeover** date has been confirmed; please mark Friday 18 July in your club diary. The venue is North Ryde RSL. There will be minimal formalities, a 3 course meal, music and dancing. The cost will be only \$60.00 pp. Maybe it would be a nice change to make this night your clubs dinner meeting and join us all in welcoming Elvio Munzone into the role of District Governor.

Club elections will be happening very soon so please encourage all interested Lions to consider taking up either a new role or a position for the first time. Many Clubs "recycle" their board at times, but think how interesting your club may become if a new Lion was to accept the role bringing with them new ideas while being mentored by our more experienced members. We all need a change sometimes and with the help of each other there are many more things we can do together to make a difference.

Our **Incoming Officers** forum will be held on Sunday 1 June at Bankstown Sports Club. DGE Elvio will

be forwarding his personal invitation to each member in due course. This day is essential for all Lions accepting a board position and recommended for those who may be considering it in the future, or who just want to find out a little more on how our District works. There are always changes happening and attendance at this session will ensure we are all up to date with who is responsible for what and how it all works. Our logo is changing. In the Feb/Mar edition of The Lion there was a "sneak preview" of our new branding. The new design will give us a younger and fresher look by utilising a modern design to promote Lions Australia as a united organisation. This is an exciting time for us as Lions as a lot of work is being done to revamp and revitalise our image. Stay tuned for more.

The **Nurses Scholarship Foundation** relies entirely on donations from clubs. This year they dispersed \$43,000 towards these scholarships. The Foundation has an ever increasing number of applicants. The Foundation now has its own Lion Ken Lentfer award to recognise commitment to Lions service. This award can be given to any Lions Club donating \$500 or more to the Foundation and can be suitably engraved after receipt. For further details please contact your NSF representative.

On 1 March it was my privilege to once again be part of Sydney Chinese Clubs Charity Ball, the 13th to be exact. This was once again a wonderful night to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor. There were many silent and open auctions during the night with the highlight being donated

by Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, Chief of Army. This auction item was for 4 people to spend a day with the Special Forces commandoes and ride in a black hawk helicopter. This is only the 2nd time an offer like this has been made by the Army and it was successfully auctioned for the amount of \$15,000. Well done Sydney Chinese, I'm sure the RFDS will reap the benefits from a very successful night.

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*. We are losing members all too rapidly, our District now have only 1737 members as at 1 January. To continue to do what we do best we need to find others who also want to help. If each club inducted just 1 new member we will actually end up with more members than we started 07/08 with!! **Worldwide Induction Day** is 19th April 2008. A planning guide for this can be located at www.lionsclubs.org, other programs, membership programs and select Worldwide Induction Day.

Happy Easter to all our Lions family.

**Carol Alderson
District Governor**

A Letter from our Finnish Twin Club

Dear President Anthony Cheung and other lion friends,

This is our monthly greeting from your friend club in Finland, the Järvenpään Ainot. I am Helena Parantainen and it's my turn to send you a message.

This has been an exceptionally warm winter and we have had hardly any snow here in Southern Finland. Next weekend we have our Easter holidays for four days.

At the beginning of March we were celebrating the International Women's Day. Each year we have a big fair here in Järvenpää organized by five women's organizations. Two of them are female lions clubs like the Ainos. Our club had a lottery, as we do every year. One of us was dressed like a lion and she was selling children's lotteries. The kids really loved her! The rest of us were selling the adult's lotteries with lots of good prizes. I attach two pictures of the lottery to this message. In the first picture are all the lions who were organizing our stand in the morning. I am the one with red-white striped T-shirt. In the next picture you see the "lion", who is called Maija.

Happy spring time to you all!

Helena Parantainen and the rest of Ainos



Järvenpää Ainot Lions SERVING on International Women's Day in Finland (right 2: Lion Helena Parantainen)

Lion Maija in her Lion Outfit

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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
April Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Cancelled, meeting resumes on 7 May		
12th Anniversary Ball Sydney Pacific Lions	Grand Ballroom Sheraton on the Park Black Tie	Saturday 5 April 2008 6:30 for 7:00pm	\$160 per person/ \$1,600 for a table of 10
May Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 7 May 2008	\$30 per person for dinner

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