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President's Message

My Fellow Lions

Are you aware of the 3 following forthcoming events?

- Sydney Chinese Lions Spring Carnival on Wednesday, 1 November
- Christmas Party 2006 on Wednesday, 13 December
- Charity Ball 2007 on Saturday, 31 March 2007

Are you aware of the 2 following past events?

- Visiting the Australian Nursing Home on 30 September
- Day Trip to Bowral, Fitzroy Waterfall & Kiama on 7 October

Are you aware that our Club has won a major International award from Lions Clubs International?

- Sydney Chinese Lions - top club in Year-Round Growth Award in Constitutional Area VII - Club category: 41+ members

Are you aware that our new website is now up and running?

www.sydchineselions.org.au

Thanks to Lion Jason Zhang and Lion Simon Leung, our new website is now truly up and running. If you wish to know more about the above, do try and access the site over the next day or two. There are

articles in English and Chinese + lots of lovely photos in the Photo Gallery. For instance, there are pictures of our members working hard on preparing



Members of Sydney Chinese Lions with their Flag Set Award from Lions Clubs International

and presenting gifts to the elderly, there are also pictures of pairs of love birds like the Condons as well as Pat and Pat, on our day trip at Kiama, and many others.

If you are coming to our Spring Carnival dinner meeting, putting on suitable (fancy) head gear and necktie will definitely be fitting.

Do bring your friends and guests along to our Christmas Party. It'll be a fun night, complete with good food, great company, gift exchanges, Christmas carol singing, Santa Claus, Karaoke and Dancing. Don't forget to RSVP Secretary Crystal. Also remember to bring a present valued at around \$10 to exchange.

During the function, we'll also be presenting a cheque for the sum of \$3,000 to representa-

tives of the Campaign Sight-First II to support this very worthy cause.

Yours in Lions

Anthony

STOP PRESS

I would like to report that over the past few months, there were three cases of applications for our Club's membership not being accepted as a result of a majority vote by Board members at Board Meetings. Two of the unsuccessful applicants had lodged formal complaints against our decisions. Apparently their complaints were based on their misunderstanding that the non-acceptance was singly decided by me, the President of the Club.

On 17 October, the Board considered these complaints, and passed the resolutions that the Board acknowledges and confirms that the non-acceptance of the applications was decided by the Board collectively, and not singly by the President nor any other Board member; and that the Board considers and concludes that the complaints and the allegations therein do not bear any substance, are unfounded and do not warrant any further response from the Club.

In accordance with the Board's instructions, Secretary Crystal Siu has notified the complainants of these resolutions.

Lions Clubs International Awards



Year Round Growth Award 2005-6: Constitutional Area VII, Club Category: 41+ Members

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IP International President Ashok Mehta

Recently our Club received two awards from Lions Clubs International:

One was for our outstanding achievements during the 2005-6 International President's Retention Campaign. An award patch was recently sent to us and it will be affixed onto our Club's official banner.

The other is the Year-Round Growth Award. It is a major award and is only awarded to 21 Lions clubs from among 45,000 clubs the world over. We became the top club in the 41+ Members category in Constitutional Area VII which covers Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea,

Indonesia & the Islands of the South Pacific Ocean.

A Lions Clubs International flag set was sent to us as a token of the award. We have invited DG Peter Mendl to formally present the flag set to us at our forthcoming Christmas Party.

The Congratulatory Message from Immediate Past International President Dr Ashok Mehta is reproduced below.

Sydney Chinese Lions Club

Dear Club President

Please accept the enclosed Lions Clubs International Flag Set with my hearty congratulations! Your club was the top club of its size

in your constitutional area for the 2005-2006 Year-Round Growth program. This is a high honor, as only 21 clubs worldwide receive this distinction each year.

Your club's dedication to inviting new members is commendable. By adding 20 new members, you have made the commitment to the "Passion to Excel" initiative for your local and world communities. I hope this honor will motivate your club to continue its extraordinary efforts.

Once again, congratulations! Best wishes as you continue making a difference in the lives of others.

Yours truly

*Ashok Mehta
Immediate Past International President*

Charity Ball 2007

Our Charity Ball 2007 will be held on Saturday 31 March 2007, at Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. The price of the tickets is the same as last time, i.e. \$168 per person or

\$1,680 for a table of 10.

As always, at this stage further support is needed from everyone. The list of Sponsorship Packages, which details the respective terms and requirements of all different classes of sponsorships, together with the Club

Introduction, had already been circulated previously.

Members are urged to explore prospective sponsorships from their own network resources, and to refer to President Anthony, or other Board members, if assistance from the Club is required.



Birthday cake at Charity Ball 2006 on 25 March 2006 at Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre

AGM & November Members' Meeting

Date:
Wednesday, 1 November 2006

Time:
7:00 for 7:30 pm
Cost:
\$30 per person

Venue:
Silver Restaurant, Level 1, 477 Pitt St (Corner of Pitt and Hay Streets) Sydney

The Meeting also features our Club's own

Spring Carnival.

During the Carnival, Lion Grace Condon will conduct the fun games.

Don't forget to don your hats and ties.

A Visit to Australian Nursing Home



SCL Members presenting gift packs to the elderly at ANH

On 30 September, President Anthony Cheung together with members of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. visited the Australian Nursing Home (ANH) at Burwood. During their visit, they held a heart-warming and joyous party with the 40 or more elderly residents there, celebrating the forthcoming Mid-Autumn Festival.

Upon their arrival, they received a warm welcome from Mr Albert Leung, CEO of the Nursing Home.

The party began with Ms Rose Cheung, Manager of ANH delivering a brief and sincere welcome address. President Anthony responded by greeting the elderly on behalf of all the Club's members. It then followed by entertainment numbers of Chinese songs performed by President Anthony, Vice President Mei Cheng, Vice President Sylvia Chong, Secretary Crystal Siu, Immediate Past Secretary Rita Kwan and other members. Lion King Fong also presented a brief account of the history of ethnic Chinese in Australia.

The party came to a climax when the Lions handed out gift packs to the elderly folks while mingling

and chatting with them. Not only did the elderly have a great time, the Lions also patted each other on the back, knowing that they've done a great job.

Many of the elderly at ANH were over 80 years of age. There was also a lady called "Third Grandma" who was 109 years old. She's generally regarded as the most elderly Chinese lady in NSW.

As President Anthony puts it, "Visiting and entertaining elderly folks is a meaningful activity. Through this, not only the elderly recognizes that we care about them but also at the same time, we derive immense pleasure out of it as we serve in the Lions spirit. This is so worthwhile that we'll continue to organize more of this sort of functions in the future."

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Day Trip to Bowral, Fitzroy & Kiama

23 members and guests took part in the day trip to Bowral, Fitzroy Waterfall and Kiama on Saturday, 7 October.

It was a fine day and feedback from participants was positive. This confirms that they all had a great time.

Photos of the trip have been uploaded to the Sydney Chinese Lions website.



Upcoming Events

| Function | Venue | Date & Time | Cost per person |
|--|---|------------------------|--|
| LIONS DISTRICT 201N5 CONVENTION | Burwood RSL Club, 96 Shaftsbury Road, Burwood | Sat 28/10/06 | Daytime Session: \$20 Cocktail Function: \$22 |
| Fund Raising Function - Sydney North West Lions Club | Kam Fook Seafood Restaurant Chatswood | Friday 3/11/06 7:00 pm | \$55 |
| Silver Restaurant Annual Celebration Dinner | Silver Restaurant | Sunday 5/11/06 7:00pm | \$75 |

To book please contact:
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More photos available at SCL website. To access them, please click link below.
<http://www.sydchineselions.org.au/PhotoGallery.html>



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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 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 6 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based Clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past twelve 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 a hundred and fifty thousand dollars to a number of charities including the Australian Red Cross, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the 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, it has organised its humanitarian scholarships.

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Members' Donations to Admin Funds

For the purpose of raising "Administrative Funds" to finance "administrative" expenditure, members are requested to make donations of cash, and/or prizes for raffle, to the Club.

Cash donations can be made by crossed cheques in favour of "The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.": by mail to P O Box K422, Haymarket, Sydney 2000; or by hand to Treasurer Robert Chu, or Secretary Crystal Siu.

Prize donations can be brought to monthly members' meetings for the attention of Vice President Mei Cheng or Secretary Crystal Siu.

Acknowledgement of thanks is made to the following members for their generous donations during the 2006/07 Lions year:

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

- Mei Cheng - 2 bottles of wine
- Rosanda Kam - a bottle of wine, a crystal bracelet
- Simon Leung - a bottle of wine
- Rita Kwan - A photo frame
- Grace Condon - a wallet, pen & watch gift pack

- Chanelle Condon - a wallet, pen & watch gift pack
- Sylvia Chong - HSBC wine book x 2

For further enquiries about this circular, please contact Crystal Siu (ph: 9570 8900, mobile: 0400 228 823, email: ccsiu@hotmail.com)



**A collection of raffle prizes -
donated by members and supporters for Charity Ball 2006**