

SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



President's Message

My Fellow Lions

At our members meeting on 3 September, we were honoured to have Past International Director Barry Palmer with us. Apart from visiting us, Barry had the task of promoting the soon to be held District Conference which Hornsby Lions are taking charge in organising. Could those who are interested in attending the Conference please inform Secretary Crystal soon?

Soon the first quarter of the 2008-9 will have come and gone. May I once again gently remind members who are yet to settle their membership dues that these are now 3 months overdue. Please send your cheque for \$150, addressed to the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. to P.O. Box K422, Haymarket NSW 2000. The Board is obliged to pursue

the overdue fees issue as per Lions constitution fairly soon!

As you are aware, our Charity Ball 2009 has been scheduled for Saturday, 7 March 2009. St John (NSW) has formally accepted our invitation to be Major Beneficiary for the function. See page 3 for details. Promotional details of the Ball can also be found on page 2.

At the invitation of CMC Markets, a number of us attended a networking lunch seminar on 28 August. We were warmly received and learnt something useful from the seminar. Page 4 has photos of the attendees.

Lion Jim Field, Chairman of NSW/ACT Save Sight & Public Health Care Foundations wrote to us appealing for support of the Founda-

tions, with particular reference to their raffle ticket sales. His letter is re-published on Page 5.

District Governor Elvio Munzone sends his greetings. The second issue (September 2008) of his Epistles is reprinted on pages 6 and 7.

I'm pleased to let you know that our Club's 2007-8 accounts have been duly audited and approved. This means that our AGM 2008 will go ahead as planned, ie, prior to the commencement of our November Members meeting on 5 November. Many thanks to Lion Anita Cheung, our Hon. Auditor as well as Arthur Kwan and the accounting team for putting the accounts together.

*Yours in Lions
Anthony*

THE LIONS CLUB OF
SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sept Members Meeting
- 2008-9 Membership Fees Due
- Charity Ball 2009
- Lunch Seminar at CMC Markets
- Letter from Lion Jim Field
- DG Elvio's Epistle



Members and Guests at September Members Meeting

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Charity Ball 2009

Promotional Article



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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 1,700 members. Amongst these, there are around 7 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese, chartered in April 1995, is the first Chinese-based Lions club set up in New South Wales, Australia.

On the Lions' Emblem, there is a lion on each of the two sides, facing opposite directions - one looks back to the past with pride, and the other looks to the future with vision and hope. This Emblem aptly describes the community work that is being done at the Club. Ever since their charter, the Club has been well supported by the community including corporate entities and small businesses, as well as private individuals. Over the past fourteen 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 three hundred thousand dollars to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service, St John Ambulance, 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 been offering its humanitarian scholarships since 2003.

All these achievements have come about not only because of good leadership but also as a result of dedication and hard work of all the members. On top of this, the support by political leaders, the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese media, fellow lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

To celebrate the Club's 14th Anniversary in 2009, they will feature a signature event - their Charity Ball 2009 to be held on Saturday, 7 March 2009 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. The major recipient of the net proceeds of this event is St John Ambulance Australia (NSW). The donation is made to support St John and its services to the community. The function will have all the hallmarks of a high profile charity event including entertainment, dancing and auctioning many major prizes. Some 450-500 guests are expected to attend. Dinner tickets for the Charity Ball are \$168 per person or \$1,680 for a table of ten. This includes dinner, beverages, dance and entertainment.

To help make the function a great success, sponsors and donors are being sought. For enquiries about tickets and sponsorship details, please contact President Anthony Cheung on 0414 330 887 (fax: 9686 3031) or email him at sydneychineselions@yahoo.com.au. Further details of the club are also available at www.sydneychineselions.org.au.

Charity Ball 2009

Supporting St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) and its services to the community

Once again, St John Ambulance (NSW) has been selected as Major Beneficiary of our charity ball. Previously, an invitation for them to take on this role at Charity Ball 2009 was extended to them. Their formal response is provided below.



Tuesday, 2 September 2008

Dr. Anthony Cheung JP
President
The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc
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Anthony
Dear Dr Cheung,

On behalf of St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) and our 3,800 volunteers, I would like to thank you for choosing St John as the major beneficiary of your Charity Ball for 2009. We are pleased and honoured to accept.

We are also happy to accept your conditions as outlined in your original offer. As the event draws closer, we will work with you to determine what needs to be done, and how we can contribute.

Your support and generosity will assist St John (NSW) in continuing to provide our range of community services to the people of NSW.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

Sean
Sean Gavin
Chief Executive Officer
St John Ambulance Australia (NSW)

Seminar at CMC Markets

Members and Guests learnt more on Financial Markets

CMC Markets are renowned for being market leaders in the provision of financial products. They are also a staunch supporter of our Club and our Charity projects.

On 28 August, a number of us accepted their invitation to a networking lunch seminar at their HQ at Governor Phillip Tower. We received a warm reception. They gave us an informative seminar on their financial products plus a nice lunch to boot. All of us who were there had a good time. Some even went on to subscribing their accounts. If you are interested in knowing more about their products, please contact Secretary Crystal. If there's enough interest, CMC Markets are happy to organize another seminar for us.



A Letter from Chairman of Lions Save Sight Foundation

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Dear Club Secretary,

Will you please take 2 minutes to read this letter and take it to your members for their consideration.

You will soon be receiving raffle tickets in the mail from your own Foundations, the Lions NSW/ACT Save Sight & Public Health Care Foundations.

This raffle is endorsed and fully supported by the District Governors of all five NSW-ACT Districts, as the Foundations were established by Lions in NSW and ACT to assist clubs in NSW and ACT.

As an incentive to clubs to sell more raffle tickets, the Directors have approved a 25% rebate to clubs who sell a minimum of \$400 worth of tickets. The rebate is available on application following the return of ticket butts and the gross income from sales. Alternatively, Clubs may be able to put the rebate towards purchasing Honour Awards through the Foundations to recognise and thank your hard working members.

As a club if you choose to sell the tickets to the public, you will give people a great opportunity to win a car for just \$1 and you will be assisting the Foundations to continue to fund the LIONS NSW EYE BANK, SAVE SIGHT INSTITUTE, and GRANTS TO CLUBS etc and to help people less fortunate than ourselves. The Foundations have already distributed \$9 million to worthy causes in our communities from the interest from investments and with your help the Foundations can continue to support your projects.

Yours in Lionism,

Jim Field
Chairman

DG Elvio's Epistle

September 2008 Edition

Hi Everyone, and welcome to the second of my Epistles for our Lions year 2008-2009.

A Focus on Membership
We commenced the year with a Goal to reach 2010 members by the year 2010 and set in place strategies to achieve this goal. This will require that all of us make it our personal obligation to increase membership. I am therefore issuing a challenge to each and every one of you to follow my example and sponsor at least one new member into your club. In July and August we inducted 43 new

members and still had an overall loss of 19. No doubt some of this was due to new club secretaries doing a clean up of their membership, but the stark reality is that our numbers continue to decline.

It is abundantly clear that we must arrest this downward spiral. We need to also focus on retention and remember our Lions Ethic '*To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise to build up and not destroy.*' It is no longer good enough to just say 'she'll be right.' We all must help fix this problem. I am confident that the Lions, Lion-

esses and Leos of our District have the passion to serve and to lead with distinction, so please share your passion with other service minded people and give them the opportunity



District Governor Elvio Munzone & Gae Munzone

to serve by asking them to join our great organisation.

MERL News

Since my first Epistle your MERL team has been doing overtime working on ways to help clubs grow and prosper. They ran a successful two day workshop at Bankstown and received plenty of advice on how to improve it next time. I want to assure you that the team takes notice of what you say and have been making changes so that the next sessions are even better.

District Convention

Our District Food, Wine And

Lovers Conference, commencing with the informal reception on Friday 10th October, is fast approaching. In true Lions fashion our committee is working extremely hard to ensure that it will be a roaring success. Our keynote speaker on Saturday morning will be Past International President Kajit Habanandana from Thailand and the theme for Saturday night's dinner dance is 'Back to the seventies'. The entertainment will certainly be fantastic, but the Notices of Motion will be even better. Book right now so you don't miss out on all the fun.

To register visit the District Website or contact Conference Chairman Ted Henebery on c o n v e n t i o n 2008@lionsclubssydney.org.au.

Foundation News

Our Save Sight and Health Care Foundation are there to contribute to your Sight and Health projects initiated by your Club. If you have a project that may benefit from additional financial assistance, please contact any of the Directors for advice on completing applications.

The Foundation has initiated

DG Elvio's Epistle (continued)

The Lions Community Challenge Project. I encourage your Club to participate in this activity. For full details, please visit their website at <http://www.lionsavesightfoundation.org.au> or contact District Chairman Johanna Lam on 9895 0028 or 0418 232 898. Your help WILL make a difference.

You Should Be Very Proud

On behalf of you all I must say how very proud I am of all our District achievements. However none give me more pleasure than seeing the success we are having across our district in providing Hart Walkers to assist children with Cerebral Palsy to walk with pride.

By the end of August we are able to boast that all of the requests made to N5 for Hart Walkers have been fulfilled. Not just some of the requests - ALL OF THEM. That means that nobody is waiting to get the help they so badly need and so richly deserve.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all the clubs that contributed and to particularly thank District Chairman Noel Burchmore for serving with distinction and with Pride and Passion. This is a truly outstanding result.

Hornsby is turning 50

Congratulations to the Lions Club of Hornsby which celebrates their 50th anniversary

on 19th September. What a great achievement. This Club is extremely active in their local community. Please contact Pauline Henebery at Hornsby

Meet our latest Club

Through the hard work of many we have recently seen the successful birth of the Hornsby Leo Club which came to life in



@lionsclubssydney.org.au or call her on 0416226781 for details of the Anniversary Dinner.

District Governors Visits

At the time of writing I have completed six Zone Visits and have been overwhelmed by the response I have received. It is certainly a great honour to be the District Governor of such a fine district and to be considered worthy to represent so many wonderful Lions, Lioness and Leos.

Thank you to all the *Zone Chairman, Host Clubs, Lions, Lionesses and Leos* who have assisted and welcomed Gae and I at the Club visitations, you have made our evenings most enjoyable.

July 2008. Seen here are a few of the Hornsby Leos hard at work collecting for the 'Kick a Goal for Kids' which is in aid of the Spastic Centre?

What's Next ?

Gae and I look forward to the year ahead and to meeting many, many more of you as we continue our visits. In closing I make this plea - please recognize the importance of taking to heart our Goal and Strategies and our theme and help me to reach the target of 2010 by 2010.

Until next we meet,

**Elvio Munzone
District Governor**

We Serve with Pride and Passion



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Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Food Wine & Lovers Conference District N5	Cessnock Rugby League Supporters Club	Friday-Sunday, 10-12 October 2008	"Cessnock Hospitality Package" - \$140 per person + accommodation expenses
A 3-day trip to Adelaide and Barossa Valley Sydney Chinese Lions		November - Details TBA	TBA
Christmas Party 2008 Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 10 December 2008	\$45 per person/ \$450 for a table of 10
Charity Ball 2009 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour Black Tie	Saturday 7 March 2009 6:30 pm pre dinner drinks; 7:00 pm function commences	\$168 per person/ \$1,680 for a table of 10

For bookings please contact:
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