



Sydney Chinese Lions

We Serve!

Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2012

In Support of Lions Clubs International Foundation



Sydney Chinese Lions at Charity Ball 2012 supporting Lions Clubs International Foundation

President Mei's Speech at Charity Ball 2012

Good evening, Chairman Sid and Lion Judy, International Second Vice President Barry and Lion Anne, distinguished guests, friends and members,

Are you enjoying the party?

Welcome everyone, particularly our VIPs and sponsors.

At Sydney Chinese Lions, we have plenty to celebrate this year, notables and highlights for our club are:

- Maintaining high membership of over 138
- The average age of members is getting younger
- Lion Dr Anthony Cheung, our Past President, our Zone Chairman, has been elected as the 2nd Vice District Governor, and we did enjoy the trip to Norfolk Island. Congratulations to Lion Anthony, you are our great mentor.

And of course, we continue to develop new projects and offer awards. These include our Humanitarian Scholarships, Teal Ribbon Scholars Scheme, Public Health Talks, Traditional Chinese Medicine Scholarships, Wealth Management Seminars and the currently in progress Tree Planting program involving the planting of some 500 trees.

For achievements:

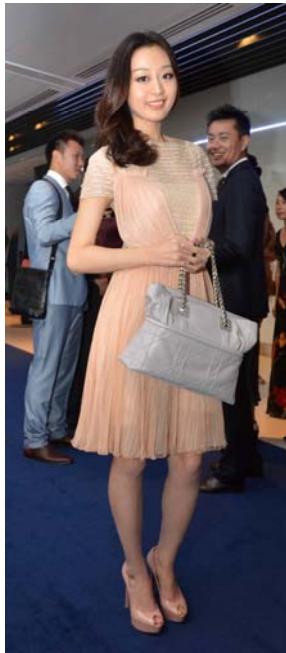
Collectively throughout the years, our donation to good causes now exceeds \$450,000, and is all because of you – our members, sponsors, and generous guests. This is YOUR achievement!

Tonight, with your help, we hope to add to the total to reach a new bench mark of over half a million dollars. I want to thank our long, long list of sponsors, donors and advertisers. But most importantly, I want to thank you all in advance for buying a lot of raffle tickets, for bidding the silent auction items, and for generously bidding the many splendid items at the open auction.

Tonight, the 2012 Charity Ball is to support the Lions Clubs International Foundation. They are well known worldwide for blindness prevention, youth support, disaster relief, diabetes treatment and prevention of many other diseases.

Finally, on behalf of Sydney Chinese Lions, I thank you all for your support and your generosity. Do have fun and enjoy the party!





LCIF Chairperson Lion Sid Scruggs III's Speech at Charity Ball 2012

Lion Greg, thank you for a very kind and generous introduction.

Ni Hau! [How are you?] Good evening. It's quite an honor for me to be here this evening and my wife Lion Judy. Sydney has quite a special place in our hearts and our lives. It seems like it was just a short 2 years ago that we came to this city and we were inducted as the 94th International President. It was truly a highlight of our lives as we were here with some of our children and we are reliving some wonderful memories. I think this is our seventh trip to Sydney, a marvelous city. But more than that, it is so marvelous, because of the citizens and the Lions here. As you can imagine, it has been our privilege to travel the world as your Ambassador and serving not only as an Officer of the Association but now as Chairman of the Foundation. We've been privileged to be in almost 84 countries and representing our Association and now the Foundation.

Tonight, I'm so privileged to be here representing the Foundation and I want to thank each of you, beginning with first of all, District Governor Steve, Club President Mei, Dr Anthony for putting this together again for one more year as a Charity Ball and raising money for humanitarian efforts. And tonight we are dedicating these monies, your gifts, to combat measles. In 2001, Bill Gates sat in his office and he realized there was a scourge that needed to be attacked, and that was measles. Because he sees in 2001, over 1,000 children were dying everyday because of measles. Through the efforts of the new millennium Gates Foundation working with the UNICEF, United Nation's Child Foundation, the World Health Organization, numerous pharmaceutical companies, we have been able to reduce that number to 450.

But ladies and gentlemen and my fellow Lions, as we are sitting here enjoying one another's fellowship and the wonderful meal, and the lovely entertainment that we've seen so far, that this time tomorrow night, we must realize that 450 children will have died because of measles. And so we wanted to join the fight, join those other organizations that are going after and fight to eradicate measles. I was privileged to be in Nepal just a couple of weeks ago, to kick off our portion of the fight against measles. Tonight our Second Vice International President Barry Palmer and Anne, were also in Nepal shortly thereafter. As I stood there with Lion Judy and we welcomed the mothers that were coming in with their children, and holding those precious children in our arms, as they receive their vaccination, we realize that that child would not be a statistics, that child would not be one of the 450 that would perish because of measles. And so tonight I ask you, along with members of the Sydney Chinese Lions Club, please be generous. Because you see for ONE dollar will provide one shot to save one child. And tonight, you are gathered here as Miracle Makers. You will make a miracle in the life of a child through your generosity, because every dollar that you have given, every dollar that you pledge, every dollar that you bid will save one life. As I hope you will understand that truly you are somebody's hero because you are making a difference in their lives. And for those people that cannot say Thank You, I'm here as their Spokesperson to say Thank You – Thank You for saving my child; Thank You for making a difference in our lives because your generosity in doing something that I was not able to do for my child – you are providing that shot that will save my child's life.

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So it's with great appreciation that we're here tonight. I'm so honored to be here. And you can imagine as

we have been able to travel the world the last 4 years, as an Officer of our Association, we have been recipients of many honors. But I would tell you quite honestly, one of the greatest honors that has been bestowed upon me is when this Chinese Lions Club asked me to become Affiliate [Associate] Member - and I'm so proud in association with this Lions Club. Because what you are doing tonight, is the epitome of what Lions do – WE SERVE – we serve those in need. Tonight you are part of that service. Whether you wear the Lion's badge or you are a friend of the Association, or you happen to be a Sponsor – Thank You for making a difference, because truly you are a Change Maker. Last year, my International President theme was a Beacon of Hope, and I really thought that each of us has that gift inside

of us and as we share the love we have, in sharing our bounty, we are making a difference, we are becoming a Beacon of Hope. So thank you so much in making that light shine around the world.

Thank you so much. Xie Xie! [Thank you!]



International Second Vice President Lion Barry Palmer's Speech at Charity Ball 2012

Ni Hau! [How are you?]

My objective tonight is very brief. Our Chairman has said it all - what the Foundation is all about.

But I'm also an Affiliate [Associate] Member of the Sydney Chinese Lions Club. I've been a member there for quite some time.

But tonight I just want to compliment and pay homage to Sydney Chinese Lions Club, the work that they do in the community, in the general community as well as the Chinese community - they, across the board, and the support that they give to worthwhile organizations. They have done through this charity Ball, for many, many years...

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And I hope that in the future they will all continue on with the work that they have done in the past to make this world a better place, and in particular, Sydney and New South Wales, a better place to be living in.

So thank you, President Mei. Thank you Chairman Anthony, and to all the members of the Sydney Chinese Club, the 133+, I thank you for the contributions you are making, everyday, to this country and to this organization.

Thank you all very much!



A Report from Chairperson of Charity Ball 2012

My Fellow Sydney Chinese Lions Members

This is the eighth year in succession that Sydney Chinese Lions have been running their annual Charity Balls at the Parkside Ballroom of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Similar to previous years, the event has been an astounding success.

This has come about as a result of the relentless effort and generous contributions of Sydney Chinese Lions members, fellow Lions, sponsors, major charities, community leaders and the Chinese media.

This year, the Club has selected Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) as the Major Beneficiary. At the function, Club members welcomed to their midst Lion Sid Scruggs III, Chairperson of LCIF and Lion Judy Scruggs as well as Lion Barry Palmer AM, International Second Vice President and Lion Anne Palmer. While the final amount to be donated is yet to be decided by the Club's Board, a cheque for an initial amount of \$40,000 was presented to Chairperson Sid at the Ball. The Club is very much indebted to LCIF Multiple District Chairperson PDG Nigel Jeny for his invaluable contributions and support at the Ball preparations.

The support of sponsors was a vital factor contributing to the success of the function. There were 2 Major Sponsors: Shum's Watches and Jewellery and Honey World Travel plus 9 Sponsors - Central Equity, DFS Galleria/DIOR, Grand Jewellery, Heng Fai Trading Company Pty Ltd, Hornsby Mazda, Lions Arthur and Rita Kwan, Liteco Construction, Porsche Centre Sydney South and Zilver Group.

Throughout the past years, Sydney Chinese Lions have set out to organise high profile functions like their annual Charity Balls, not only to serve the community through the monies they raise, but also to demonstrate to the community at large that there exists in Australia a group of dedicated individuals of ethnic Chinese origin who have this resolve, capability and staying power.

Some 450 members and guests attended the Ball. Many leading charities were there in force to support the Club. These included the Australian Red Cross, CareFlight, Karitani, the Royal Flying Doctor Services and St John. Each of them subscribed to a full table attended by their senior officials.

Entertainment included dance performance by the Chunghwa Youth Art Group, an amusing singing gig delivered by the Three Tenors Under Cover and live dancing music provided by the Mandarin Band.

All those who attended the Ball would agree that it was a smooth running and classy function, with guests enjoying themselves in a warm and amicable atmosphere.

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Through the series of successful Balls held since 2005, the Club has raised and donated to date, in excess of \$400,000. It gives me great pleasure to report that we are on our way to attaining the above noble goals.

Warm regards

Dr Anthony Cheung, JP
Chairperson, Charity Ball 2012 Organising Committee
The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc



雪梨华人狮子会

2012年度慈善晚宴随感

2012年3月24日，雪梨华人狮子会成功举办2012年度慈善晚宴。当晚盛况空前，莅临的贵宾包括国际狮子会基金主席 Sid L. Scruggs III 及夫人、国际狮子会第二副总会长 Barry J. Palmer AM 及夫人等。雪梨当地侨界知名人士等多有列席。众多嘉宾争相竞拍，成功为国际狮子会基金预防麻疹病痛运动募集四万元善款。这场晚宴再一次体现了雪梨华人狮子会服务社区的伟大理念，相信这一善行义举将福泽广大社区中需要帮助的病童。

说起来，这是我第三度参加雪梨华人狮子会的慈善晚宴。之前两次我都是以客人身份来“Enjoy”的，但这次是我加入狮子会以来真正“involve”的。正因如此，我才发现衣香鬓影华丽盛景的背后，凝聚了那么多狮子会成员的分工协作和共同努力。主办活动

就像一台巨大的机器，其运转流畅与否取决于每一个零件是否高度契合，环环相扣。慈善晚宴组委会主席 Anthony 张俊明博士带领下的组委会高效统筹，完美借助狮子会成员们各自不同的专业背景，汇集众人智慧和能力，合力推出这样一台隆重而成功的慈善晚宴。作为宾客看到的，是整场晚宴华美庄重而不失欢乐趣味，而我作为参与者看到的，是一个又一个环节的顺利衔接，和所有幕后工作人员对于细节的整体把握。虽然我只略尽了绵薄之力，但能与这样一群热心公益、积极工作、热情付出的狮子们一起合作，实在与有荣焉。



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Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2012

On Saturday, 24 March 2012, The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc celebrated their 17th Anniversary. They featured a signature event - their Charity Ball 2012 - which was held at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. This was the eighth year in a row that Sydney Chinese Lions have been holding this major event at this prime venue in Sydney.

Distinguished lions from the Sydney Chinese Lions Club played perfect host yet again this year and greeted all guests on their arrival. It wouldn't be someone's fault to misjudge the event to be a model contest as guests all dressed to impress, however, it once again reflected the importance all guests have placed on this annual charitable function. As hands were shaken, friends were acquainted, guests entered into the ballroom and sat down at their tables one by one. The marvelous entertainment throughout the function, excellent food and enjoyable company of all fellow lions created a magical night that was truly unforgettable.

However, despite all cheers and laughter, we were also inspired by the message that Guest of Honor LCIF Chairperson Lion Sid Scruggs III shared during the night, and his dedication to fight the threat of measles children were facing in less developed countries. He stressed that some 450 children suffer death daily simply due to lack of vaccination, such alarming numbers saw all 450 lions generously responded to his calling, and as a collective effort, an initial cheque of \$40,000 was presented to the Chairperson by the end of the night. In addition, the Board subsequently forwarded an additional cheque carrying a further donation of \$10,000 to LCIF, making an aggregate total of \$50,000.

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 206 countries and geographical



Lion James Yang
reports ...



areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 75 clubs with around 1,750 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. Today, the club's membership stands at 132 and in terms of membership numbers, the Club enjoys top ranking amongst all Lions clubs in the District.

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 its charter, the club has been well supported by the community including corporate entities and small businesses, as well as private individuals. Over the past sixteen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, 2nd Vice District Governor Elect and Past 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 \$500,000 to a good 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 between 2003 and 2011. In 2009, the club also set up the Inaugural Sydney Chinese Lions Teal Ribbon Scholars Scheme to promote and facilitate experience sharing between medical doctors and medical personnel of the People's Republic of China and Australia. 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 Chinese media, fellow lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

The club secured support from many organisations and individuals for Charity Ball 2012: Major Sponsors Shum's Watches and Jewellery and Honey World Travel; Sponsors Central Equity, DFS Galleria and DIOR, Grand Jewellery, Heng Fai Trading Company P/L, Hornsby Mazda, InvoCare, Lions Rita & Arthur Kwan, Liteco Construction, Porsche Centre Sydney South, Zilver Group, together with many Donors and Advertisers including Chinese Ginseng & Herbs Co Pty Ltd, CityIndex, CLJ Design, Dr Tasos Nicolaou, East Ocean Restaurant, Emperor's Garden Restaurant, Lion Belinda Wan, Lion Dr Danforn Lim, Lion Dr Lisa Cheng and Lion Emily Hung, Lion Henry Leung, Lion Iao Iok Wong, Lion Lok Yee Siu, Mizuya, Lion Scarlet Fung, Umi Sushi and others.

Dinner tickets for the Charity Ball were \$168 per person or \$1,680 for a table of ten. This included a 3-course dinner, with drinks throughout the evening, brilliant musical performance by the Three Tenors Under Cover and dance performance by the Chunghwa Youth Art Group, plus live music dancing with the Mandarin Band.

Those who wish to seek more information about Sydney Chinese Lions are most welcome to access their website at www.sydneychineselions.org.au.