

# Welcoming International 1st Vice President Scruggs!

**Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and thrilled to have International 1st Vice President Sid L Scruggs III joining them as an Associate Member. Citing President Mei, "... When we conduct our Serving projects in the future, we'll always be reminded that we have our own International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and perhaps after 2 July 2010, our own International President being closely associated with us, as one of our members. As Lions, we are privileged, and as Sydney Chinese Lions, we are even more honored."**

Some 60 Lions members and guests of Sydney Chinese Lions turned out for a glittering reception banquet at Zilver Restaurant on 25 October 2009 to welcome International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sid L Scruggs III and Lion Judy Scruggs. It was a very enjoyable and memorable evening as VP Scruggs was inducted into the club as an Associate Member.

VIP attendees also included PID Barry Palmer and Mrs Anne Palmer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor John Harrison and Lion Tina Harrison, IPP Dr Anthony Cheung and Lions Lady Emma Cheung, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jason Zhang and Secretary Crystal Siu, as well as Lion Henry Tang and Lion Chillie Tang from the Zilver Group.

The delightful banquet began with a loud and warm applause as VP Sid Scruggs and Mrs Judy Scruggs stepped into the function room. Jason Zhang, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, took up the role as Chair and made an official welcome to all the guests and members. President Mei sent in

her apology as she had an important engagement overseas. IPP Anthony read out her message to welcome the Scruggs. Lion Janice Cheung then read Lions Purposes in English while Lion Dr David Wu read Lions

extension chairperson, district governor and international director. In recognition of his service to the association, VP Scruggs has received 4 Lion of the Year awards, the 100% Club President Award, 8 New Club Extension Awards, the Governor of Excellence Award, the Key of Nations Award, an International President's Leadership Award, 8 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor LCI gives to its members.

Next, Sydney Chinese Lions were privileged to have VP Scruggs inducted as an Associate Member of the club, which was jointly conducted by IPP Dr Anthony Cheung and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jason

Zhang. After receiving an affectionate welcome by all Sydney Chinese Lions present, VP Scruggs gave a heart-warming response in return. He said, "*The greatest honor that can be bestowed on any Lion in coming to a club like this is to be called a friend ... I thank you for welcoming me in to your club as an Associ-*



**International 1st VP Scruggs' being Inducted into Sydney Chinese Lions by 1st VP Jason Zhang**

Ethics in Chinese. IPP Dr. Anthony Cheung then took the floor to introduce Vice President Scruggs.

VP Scruggs is a retired US commercial airline pilot. He has held many offices within the International Association of Lions Clubs, including club president, multiple district

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ate Member ... I consider this as an extreme honor to be a part of this club. Your reputation has gone before you, for the things you have been involved in ... And I want to thank you, for what you're doing in this community, by the example that you are setting, and for allowing me to be a part of this. I will covet it, I will put the membership [certificate] up in my office in Oak Brook, and every time I come to Sydney, I will be sure to bring my name card. I will look forward to be able to attend many meetings with you. I look forward to having you participating actively in the demonstration that will come in just a few short months as we go from here ... Thank you very much, from Judy and myself. It's an honor for us to be here. Xie Xie! (Thankyou)" Mrs. Judy Scruggs also expressed her appreciation and she hoped everyone could continue to offer great service to the community. Following the Invocation & Loyal Toast delivered by PID Barry Palmer, dinner was served.

Later that evening, VP Scruggs inducted 7 new members into the club. They were Lion Edmand Chan, Lion Sandy Chan, Lion Linda Chen, Lion Dr Siew Yi Lee, Lion Katherine

Shum, Lion Kitty Tse and Lion Chris Zhang. During the induction, VP Scruggs gave a detailed description of the symbolism of the Lions Emblem and led the new members in making their pledge to Lions and the club. VP Scruggs provided the members with a sneak preview of what the acronym LIONS might stand



**International 1st VP Scruggs' receiving his Member's Name Card from IPP Anthony of Sydney Chinese Lions**

for - Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service. Echoing Lion Judy Scruggs, he further encouraged all members to continue serving to the best of their ability.

Subsequently, all the new members of the Club including VP Scruggs got together to cut a "Welcome Cake" that was specially prepared for

them. They did so as everyone in room repeatedly chanted the Lions motto "We Serve!" It was evident that the Lions roar came from the bottom of the heart of everyone present and this brought the party to yet another crescendo,

The evening's entertainment included performance by a Chinese Guzheng soloist. This added an amiable and classy ambiance to the function and was greatly appreciated. The finale came with the raffle draw. Among a good number of raffle prizes given out, the first prize was a bottle of Remy Martin XO Cognac. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG John Harrison helped out as our sole VIP raffle drawer. Towards the end, when it was time to draw the major prize, under the watchful eye of all, somehow Lion Tina Harrison's ticket was drawn. It was simply magic and the outcome couldn't have been better scripted. How lucky can the Harrisons be!

Throughout, the party was radiant with warmth and friendship; joy and laughter lined with intimate chats were commonplace. With the intake of more new members, Sydney Chinese Lions Club is poised to even better serve the community in the foreseeable future.



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**International 1st VP Scruggs with Mrs Judy Scruggs, VIP Guests and Senior Members of Sydney Chinese Lions at his Induction into the Club**



# Sydney Chinese Lions at the Scruggs Welcome Party



**International 1st VP Scruggs inducting 7 New Members into Sydney Chinese Lions**





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International 1st VP Scruggs & Lion Judy Scruggs with Sydney Chinese Lions & Guests