

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.

Changeover 2005

On 1 June, The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. celebrated their Induction 2005 when their 2005-6 Club Officers were officially installed by Lion Nigel Jenys, District Governor of 201N5. The function, held at the Port Orient Restaurant, Darling Harbour, was attended by some 200 members and guests.

In attendance, there were key 201N5 Lions figures including DG Nigel Jenys Lions' Lady Genevieve, VDG Elect Jim Ede and Lion's Lady Denys, VDG Elect Peter Mendl, Zone 5 Chairman Lion Amen Lee and Zone 6 Chairman Lion Kerry Lee. Presidents and Presidents Elect of seven fellow Lions Clubs were also out in force to support the Club. They were Sydney Pacific led by President Elect Nelson Tse, Sydney Innerwest led by President Janey Tham and President Elect Patrick Chok, Hellenic led by President Soula Petros, Sydney South led by President Frank Wong, Sydney Northwest led by Charter President Solo So and President Simon Tam as well as Sydney City led by Charter President King Lee. The Lions have come together on this occasion to uphold the spirit of Lions - that Lions and Lions Clubs the world over are all bound together into one.

Amongst the dignitaries attending the Ceremony, there were Mrs Judy Hopwood MP, Member for Hornsby representing the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Henry Tsang MLC, Cr Ernest Wong, Deputy Mayor of Burwood, Consul Haoqi Chen of the Consulate General of PRC, Mr Michael Photios, Former Minister for Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs as well as Mr and Mrs Hudson Chen.

The Sponsors for the function included Remy Martin, LAP Jewellery Manufacturer, Charles Poon Wines and Spirits Consultants and Port Orient Restaurant. Many members also generously donated presents for the raffles draw.

During the function, President Anthony Cheung played two key roles - as the Outgoing President for 2004-5 and as the Incoming President for 2005-6.

As the Outgoing President, he gave a brief account of what the Club did in the past year –

The Club's activities had a minimum of 25 hits in the Chinese Press and web. 12 Board Meetings and 12 Monthly Dinner Meetings were held. 3 of the latter were of a grander scale, namely the Changeover 2004, the Christmas Party and the Joint meeting with the 3 other sister Clubs to welcome the District Governor. Members attended over 12 dinners, 4 Changeovers and 3 Balls organized by fellow Lions Clubs and Charity organizations. The Club took part in the Chinese New Year Parade, held two press conferences and organised its 10th Anniversary Charity Ball with over 400 participants. It has also seen a net membership gain.

President Anthony reported that the Club donated quite handsome amounts to a range of charities over the past 12 months. In October 2004, they donated \$1,000 to the Millennium Foundation of Westmead Hospital, \$2,000 to CanRevive, \$1,500 to Community Care in Nepal and in May 2005, they handed over a cheque for \$22,150 to the Sir David Martin Foundation to help them support the homeless youth. During the function, they re-ran the Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship for the third year running, and awarded \$1,500 to the winner and \$300 to the two consolation prize recipients.

President Anthony thanked the community, the Chinese media, the Chinese Consulate General, political and community leaders, fellow Lions for their support. Above all, he was grateful for the relentless efforts and selflessness of the Club's Members. Personally, he was appreciative of the support of Emma his wife and Janice, his daughter. He declared with pride that over the past 12 months, at Sydney Chinese Lions, **"WE HAVE SERVED."**

Later that evening, the Winner of the Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2005 was announced and cheques presented. The Club also welcomed 4 new members – Janet Benson, Terry Condon, Kevin Lin and Crystal Siu. They were all inducted by DG Elect Jim Ede. President Anthony also presented Appreciation Certificates to members of the 10th Anniversary Charity Ball Organising Committee and the 2004-5 Club Officers.

The climax of the evening arrived when DG Nigel Jenys conducted the Induction of the 2005-6 Club Officers. President Anthony, in his role as the Incoming President, pointed out that this year, Members have elected a group of enthusiastic and dedicated Club Officers.

While the Club's activities for 2005-2006 were yet to be discussed and finalised, he believed and anticipated that these would focus on the Club's greater exposure to the community, greater compassion and assistance to the needy and the poor in the community. They will also continue their efforts in such areas as Membership and Retention, Operation and Finance Management, and Cooperation with fellow Lions.

President Anthony welcomed the new members and urged those who had not been able to become Office Bearers in the current year to take an active role and contribute to the Club's charity work by becoming Members of the range of Committees and Sub-Committees that would be set up from time to time. With the support of the New Club Officers and Members, President Anthony expressed confidence that in 12 months' time, at the Club's next Changeover Ceremony, again, they would be able to look back with pride and declare, **"WE HAVE SERVED"**.