

# Sydney Chinese Lions

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### **Editorial**

On 2 November, following the Sydney Chinese Lions AGM, we had the second meeting of the Zone 4 Lions Clubs in 2011-12. 70 Lions from the Sydney Chinese, Sydney Inner West, Sydney Pacific and Chatswood Executive Business attended the meeting. The Guest of Honor was Region Chairman Lion Dennis Halpin from St Ives Lions Club. At the meeting, 4 new members were inducted into Sydney Chinese. They are Lions Melvin Julianto, Gary Yang, Tracy Zhang and Elaine Zheng. Congratulations!

Lion Greg English, Chairman of the Australian Lions Children Mobility Foundation, made a presentation on his portfolio with special reference to the Hart Walker. A child born with cerebral palsy usually has difficulties in controlling his or her leg muscles hence is unable to walk or run. The Hart Walker is an ideal mechanical device that helps a child with such difficulties in moving about. For a young child with cerebral palsy to gain the ability to move around is really gaining freedom. Lion Greg English recommends every Lions club in our District to earmark at least a thousand dollars a year to contribute to the Hart Walker project.

Towards the end of this month, from the  $25^{th}$  to the  $27^{th}$ , the Dis-

trict N5 Convention will be held on Norfolk Island. One of the highlights of the Convention is the election of Second Vice District Governor for 2012-13. Our Past President and current Zone 4 Chairman Lion Dr Anthony Cheung is one of the two candidates running for this position. Some 20 members and guests from Sydney Chinese Lions are flying to Norfolk Island to support Lion Anthony. Bon Voyage to all and Good Luck to Lion Anthony!!!

The next event we are all looking forward to is, of course, the Christmas Party. We have all marked our diary for Wednesday, 14 December 2011 at Zilver Restaurant. Bookings for the Christmas party is filling up pretty fast. The Australian Red Cross, Careflight, together with a good number of Lions clubs have already booked their tables. To avoid disappointment, please contact Secretary Lion Janice 0414 616 017 or <a href="mailto:awing83@hotmail.com">awing83@hotmail.com</a> for bookings in early course.

Collection of Silent Auction prizes, Raffle prizes in support of Charity Ball 2012 has already begun. Due acknowledgements will be given in the Ball Commemorative Booklet.

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Members and Guests of Zone 4 Clubs at Zone Meeting on 2 November 2011

# Message from our International President

As the owner of an international cargo company, I understand all the skills, resources and assets required to successfully compete in the marketplace and deliver goods on time. How it all comes together is the result of planning, communication and execution. It happens by design, not by accident. It takes many people working together. As the owner, I am the leader. But I understand that every employee is important. Every worker has a job to do. Everyone on the payroll has a skill to contribute.

As president of Lions Clubs International, I lead 1.35 million Lions. But I understand that leadership is about ensuring the full participation and encouraging the enthusiasm of all Lions. Every Lion matters. We've been able to save millions from blindness, deliver food and water to multitudes of disaster victims and teach millions of youth life skills because Lions have believed in service and believed in the necessity of action.

It's been said that a good leader inspires others with confidence in him while a great leader inspires others with confidence in themselves. This year I want club presidents to really step forward and inspire Lions to com-



International President Wing-Kun Tam

pletely believe in themselves, to believe in the power of courage, commitment and action. I am asking Lions to step forward and take advantage of LCI's many valuable leadership training tools. Our online Leadership Resource Center can enhance the efforts of Lions leaders at the club, zone and district levels. We must identify leaders among us in our Lions family and then they must cultivate their potential through training.

This year I have been conducting many president-meets-the-presidents meetings. I want to listen to Lions, learn from you, motivate you and be motivated by you. As your international president, I have the duty to support Lions of the world, to listen to your needs, to show you I care, to make your service easier and to help your dreams come true. That's why I am meeting with presidents and why one of my themes is my club, my family.

If I am unable to visit your Lions family, I want you to know I believe in you and your capabilities as Lions. Together we can continue to change the lives of millions of people.

Wing-Kun Tam International President 2011-2012

Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted International President Wing-Kun Tam as Associate Member on 26 June 2010

# Message from our LCIF Chairperson

I would like to share with you some exciting changes to our donation procedures that will enable us to help even more people. Many of you have shared with your Board of Trustees and me interesting ideas for expanding giving opportunities to our Foundation. As a result, you can now choose from five general categories to designate your donations and receive Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition for each donation:

**Area of Greatest Need**: Donations in this category will support all program areas and allow LCIF the flexibility to supplement initiatives where additional funding is necessary or where the need is most urgent.

LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs III

**Disaster**: Donations designated here enable LCIF to direct the funds to the areas most in need following disasters in order to provide for immediate, mid and long-term

relief.

**Sight**: Donations here seek to support hundreds of sight-related activities ranging from equipping eye clinics to providing Braille computers for the visually impaired.

**Youth**: Donations in this category support the Lions Quest program and other initiatives such as educational infrastructure improvements and programs to assist at-risk youth.

**Humanitarian Needs**: Finally, donations here will fund projects that meet diverse community needs beyond sight, disaster and youth, such as the measles program, water wells and vocational training programs for the disabled.

I know you will agree with me that these positive changes will help LCIF to provide aid to even more people in need around the world. These changes are effective immediately for all future donations. <u>Donating</u> is as easy as before – details on each program can be found <u>online</u>.

I thank you for your continued support.

Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

Sid L. Scruggs, III
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs III as Associate Member on 25 October 2009

## Zone 4 Meeting

2 November 2011

The International Association of Lions Clubs

District 201N5

Zone 4

#### Club Presidents

Sydney Chinese: Lion Mei Cheng JP

Sydney Pacific: Lion Eric Tam

Sydney Inner West: Lion Jonathan Yee

NSW
Parliamentary:
The Hon
Lion Thomas
George MP

Sydney Executive Business: Lion Ben Chow AO

Chatswood Executive Business: Lion David To



On 2 November, the second meeting in the 2011-12 Lions Year of Zone 4 clubs in N5 was held at Zilver Restaurant.

Currently, there are 6 clubs in the Zone and they are:

- Sydney Chinese
- Sydney Pacific
- Sydney Inner West
- NSW Parliamentary
- Sydney Executive Business
- Chatswood Executive Business

This time around, the meeting was hosted by Sydney Chinese. Some 70 members and guests from Sydney Chinese, Sydney Pacific, Sydney Inner West and Chatswood Executive Business attended the meeting while NSW Parliamentary and Sydney Executive Business sent in their apologies. The Guest of Honor was Region 2 Chairman Lion Dennis Halpin while the Guest Speaker was Lion Greg English, Chairman of the Australian Lions Children Mobility Foundation (ALCMF).

The meeting commenced with Zone Chairman Lion Dr Anthony Cheung giving a welcome speech. Then it was the reading of Lions Ethics and Purposes. Following the Invocation and Loyal Toast made by Lion Dennis, dinner was served.

Later in the evening, the Club Presidents/Representatives reported on their club projects, Lion Greg gave a presentation on his ALCMF portfolio and 4 new members, namely, Lions Melvin Julianto, Gary Yang, Tracy Zhang and Elaine Zheng were inducted. The meeting ended on a high and jolly note after the cutting of a birthday cake by all those whose birthdays fall in November.



Members and Guests of Zone 4 Clubs Having a Good Time at Zone 4 Meeting on 2 November 2011



Speakers at Work at Zone 4 Meeting on 2 November 2011



**Newly Inducted Members and their Sponsors** 

Celebrating Birthdays





The maximum capacity for Christmas Party is 300 and the places are filling up fast.

Please book in early to avoid disappointment.

Congratulations to

Lion Dennis and Hye In on their tying the knot recently. to support our Charity Ball 2012.

#### A Gentle Reminder

Please bring in to the Christmas Party a raffle prize with a minimum value of \$50 to support our Charity Ball 2012.



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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 206 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 68 clubs with around 1,700 members. Amongst these, there are around 7 Chinese-based clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past sixteen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Past President & Zone Chairman 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 donated over \$450,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), the Australian Red Cross, CareFlight, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, Westmead and Concord Hospitals, the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation and the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes. Thousands have reaped the benefits. The club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, since 2003, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships. In 2009, they set up the 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.



## **Upcoming Events**

Function/Organizer	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost
District N5 Convention  LCI District 201N5	Norfolk Island NO TIES please!	25-27 November 2011	Register at Accreditation at Norfolk - \$140 per person
Christmas Party 2011 Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant, Chinatown After five	Wednesday 14 December 2011 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$50 per person/\$500 for a table of 10
Australia Day 2012 Australian Chinese Community Commemoration	Aus Chinese Ex-Services Monument Corner Dixon & Liverpool Streets Club uniform	Thursday 26 January 2012	Free of Charge
Charity Ball 2012 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour Black Tie/National Costume	Saturday 24 March 2012 6:15 pm pre din- ner drinks	\$168 per person/ \$1,680 for a table of 10