

# SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



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## Editorial

Bravo!! Another successful Charity Ball for Sydney Chinese Lions.

All the proceedings at the Charity Ball last Saturday went smoothly like clock-work. Air Marshal John Harvey, CareFlight CEO Mr Derek Colenbrander, DG John Harrison, PID Barry Palmer, and our President Mei Cheng all delivered their addresses within time.

The opening entertainment by the dance partners, DancExcite, was so elegant and beautiful that just sitting there watching them dance was most enjoyable.

Then the four tenors of the Figaro Group made us all believe that we were at an opera rather than a Charity Ball.

The Parkside Ballroom with its intelligent lighting system and its absence of columns make it second to none, at least, in Sydney. The slow cooked beef cheek main course was simply fantastic.

On top of all these what made the evening so enjoyable was of course the good company of the some 435 guests, donors, sponsors and Lions.

Personally I was amazed at the unrelenting efforts of the Organizing Committee in gathering the 1,874 prizes and souvenir items for the evening: 11 Open Auction items, 22 Silent Auction items, 84 raffle prizes, 10 table prizes for 45 tables, 1 lucky door prize, 1 special raffle prize and 3 souvenirs for each attendee.

The total amount of donations generated by all the souvenir and prizes measures the success of the Charity Ball. This figure is still subject to confirmation and receipt of monies pledged. Despite this, even at this point of time, we can still claim that 2011 Charity Ball is another success. Bravo!!! Sydney Chinese Lions,

Bravo!!!

When the final figure are ready, hopefully, some time in May, Sydney Chinese Lions will hold a Cheque Presentation Ceremony, possibly at the Sydney headquarters of CareFlight at Westmead. Further details will be announced in due course.

### Important Housekeeping notices:

No Members Meeting in April: The next Members Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 5 May 2011** at 7:00 for 7:30 pm, at Zilver Restaurant, Level 1, 477 Pitt Street, Sydney.

No Board of Directors Meeting in April: The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on 18 May 2011 at 7:00 for 7:30 pm, at Emperor's Garden Restaurant, 96-100 Hay Street, Haymarket, Sydney.

A Campaign Fundraising Dinner will be held for the LCI Board Endorsed Candidate for 2011-2 LCI International Second Vice President, PID Barry Palmer AM, on 14 May 2011 at 7:00 for 7:30 pm at Emperor's Garden Restaurant, 96-100 Hay Street, Haymarket, Sydney.

At this function, PID Barry Palmer will conduct an induction ceremony for the 2011-2012 Boards of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc and the Lions Club of Sydney Inner West Inc. All current Board Members and Board Members Elected are reminded to mark their diaries and attend this function.

Applications for the 2011 Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship shall close on the 31 March 2011. The finalists selected by the adjudicators will be invited to make their presentations at the May Members Meeting on 4 May.

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Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at March 2011 Members Meeting

# A Message from Our International President

Dear Lion MEI-HA

Service to others is our number one priority. Recognition is secondary. All Lions know that.

Consider the effect that your club or district's innovative, successful service projects can have on another Lions Club or district, perhaps one on the other side of the world. You have the power to encourage and inspire fellow Lions you may never meet face-to-face. That is why it is so important to communicate your successes to the association as a whole.

The best way to do that is by using the Service Activities Report. Please keep this in mind as you plan to take part in the fourth Global Service Action Campaign -- Protecting our Environment -- in April. Using the Service Activities Report ensures that your district can qualify for the newly established Light Keeper awards.

Being recognized as a Light Keeper is not only an appropriate recognition for the hard-working Lions of your district. It also shows Lions everywhere what can be done when we work together in service.

Lions Protecting our Environment Global Service Action Campaign is scheduled for April 2011 in conjunction with the international observance of Earth Day. I urge all Lions clubs to plan an event and take part in this global effort. Be sure to record your efforts on the Service Activity Report.

Best Wishes

**Sid L. Scruggs III**  
**International President**



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

# A Message from District Governor John Harrison



**District Governor John Harrison &  
Wife Lion Tina Harrison**

Firstly I would like to say that I have found this year to be challenging and rewarding, frustrating and energising and I hope that the new friendships that I have made will carry on in the future.

Our membership has remained fairly static with new members replacing those that we have lost. Club activity has generally remained strong with some excellent efforts in raising funds for flood, cyclone and bushfire victims. The facts are that we have lost three clubs and have no new clubs to replace them.

I have been very happy with the Zone meetings and the response of most of the Clubs to attend and mix together. Unfortunately many Clubs have steadfastly refused to respond in like manner. My inability to reach these Clubs through these meetings is disappointing.

The main factor behind the District's failure to form new clubs has been the decision of Bede Long to step back from the position that he has held for many years in the MERL team. His drive and enthusiasm has been sorely

missed and I am sure other Districts have suffered as well.

Sydney with a population of some 4.5 million people, or 20% of the Australian population, has a Lions membership of about 1,750 which is only 5% of the Australian Lions family.

In many respects our Lions District is tired. New and old members do not attend the excellent Orientation and Incoming Officers Training Programs. It is difficult to recruit Zone and Region Chairs and many of our older and experienced Clubs and members cannot be bothered to send delegates to our Convention. There is a continuing attitude that 'we've already done that'. This attitude is passed on to new members in the Clubs who follow the example set by older members.

How do we overcome this lethargy? The average age of a Lion is 64. The Australian average age is 37.

We must form new Clubs! We must attract younger members! We must look at what we do! We must change our image! We must be more versatile!

I am sure that Lions Clubs International must be looking at the same problems. Perhaps the new GLT and GMT teams can provide the impetus for change.

My comments are in no way meant to disparage the wonderful work that Lions perform and the results that they achieve. My concern is to see that our organisation will continue and expand in the future.

Recently I have been privileged to see two examples of what Lions can be. I visited Norfolk Island and was struck by the friendly attitude of this isolated community and in particular with members of the two Lions clubs. The Lions clubs raised \$6,350 with a bucket collection at the only roundabout on the island. If the population of Sydney had responded in similar manner we would have raised \$15 million. The second occurred at a Region Final for the Youth Of The Year competition hosted by the Georges River Lioness Club. During the self introductions all of the Lioness ladies spoke of the friendship and support that they had found in the Club. By comparison the Lions, both male and female, spoke of their position and years of membership in their Club. What are we missing?

I encourage you to continue to **'Be The Change You Want To See'**.

**John Harrison  
District Governor**

# Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2011

On Saturday, 19 March 2011, The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc celebrated their 16th Anniversary. They featured a signature event - their Charity Ball 2011 - which was held at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. This was the seventh year in a row that Sydney Chinese Lions have been holding this major event at this prime venue in Sydney.

The major recipient of the net proceeds of this event was CareFlight. Money raised will help CareFlight in their life-saving operations as the next life they save could be yours. The function bore all the hallmarks of a high profile charity event including entertainment, dancing and auctioning many major prizes. Some 450 guests attended. Air Marshal John Harvey AM of RAAF attended as Guest of Honour on behalf of Air Marshall Mark Binskin AO, Chief of Air Force. The Club's Hon President Dr Anthony Cheung JP acted as Master of Ceremonies.

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 205 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 1,750 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 126 and in terms of membership numbers, the Club enjoys top ranking amongst all Lions clubs in the District.

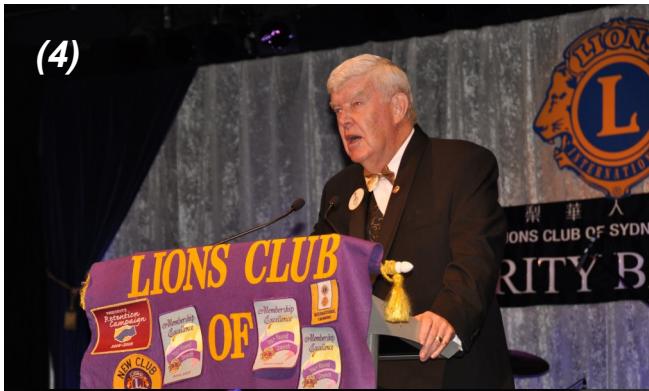
On the Lions' Emblem, there is a lion on each of the two sides, facing opposite directions - one looks back to the past with pride, and the other looks to the future with vision and hope. This Emblem aptly describes the community work that is being done at the club. Ever since its charter, the club has 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, Hon. 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 \$400,000 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 since 2003. 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.



Legend of photos:

- (1) President Mei Cheng JP
- (2) Air Marshal John Harvey AM
- (3) PID Barry Palmer AM



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*Legend of Photos:*

- (4) District Governor John Harrison
- (5) Mr Derek Colenbrander, CEO CareFlight
- (6) Dr Anthony Cheung JP, Master of Ceremonies
- (7) Air Marshal John Harvey and Auctioneer Mr Michael McCaffery at Open Auctions
- (8) The Figaro Group performing



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The club has secured support from the following organisations/individuals for Charity Ball 2011: Major Sponsors Shum's Watches and Jewellery and Honey World Travel; Sponsors Zilver Group, Porsche Centre Sydney South, Liteco Construction, Lions Rita & Arthur Kwan, Heng Fai Trading Company P/L, Hornsby Mazda, Northside Star (Mercedes-Benz), DFS Galleria, Christian Dior, Linneys and Central Equity, together with many Donors and Advertisers including NSW Tien Hau Temple Inc, Mizuya, Lion Scarlet Fung, Lion Iao Iok Wong, Lion Dr Danform Lim, Lion Dr Lisa Cheng and Lion Emily Hung, Lap Jewellery, I-Me Group, InvoCare, Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel, Grand Jewellery, Emperor's Garden Restaurant, East Ocean Restaurant, CLJ Design and CityIndex.



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Dinner tickets for the Charity Ball were \$168 per person or \$1,680 for a table of ten. This includes a 3-course dinner, with drinks throughout the evening, brilliant musical and dance performances by Dancexcite, singing performances by Figaro and live music dancing with the Mandarin Band.



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Those who are interested in seeking more information regarding Sydney Chinese Lions and their Charity Ball 2011 are welcome to access their award winning website at [www.sydneychineselions.org.au](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au).



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# *At Charity Ball 2011*



# 雪梨華人獅子會

# 慈善舞會2011

有賴各位，二零一一年慈善舞會完滿結束。

這次活動非常成功。當晚有超過四百五十人出席。各人盡興之餘，同時亦為 CareFlight 籌得可觀數字。以下有一些朋友是不得不提的。他們並非雪梨華人獅子會會員，但他們的參與令我們得到極大的幫助。他們分別是(排名不分先後):

為我們表演精采專業拉丁舞的 **DancExcite**。

為我們作出高水準獻唱的四人男子組合 **Figaro**。

還有一班整晚為這慈善舞會奔波勞碌的志願人仕，他們分別是(排名不分先後):

**Alphonsus FOK** (321 Photography Studio)

**Grace LU** (321 Photography Studio)

**Graeme CURRY**

**Joyce MA**

**Kai Yan XIAO**

**Lian LIU**

**Pamela LING**

**Ricky TANG**

**Roy CHENG**

**Sarah CHEN**

**Vivian TUNG**

**Jasmine WONG**

本人代表本會誠心多謝以上各位。希望大家繼續支持雪梨華人獅子會。

See You 再見!

虎年獅子座 (蔡獅虎)



Sydney Chinese Lions at Charity Ball 2011

# Election Results of 2011-12 Board of Directors

At the Members Meeting held on 2 March 2011, elections for the 2011-12 Board of Directors were held. As each of the available positions had only one nominee, all the nominees were elected unopposed. The following are the elected Board Members:

**Notes:**

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominated Candidates</i>
President	Mei Cheng
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Jason Zhang
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Howard Shi
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Wendy Lin
Secretary	Janice Cheung
Deputy Secretary	Carolyn Gan
Deputy Secretary	Emily Hung
Treasurer	Tim Yuen
Deputy Treasurer	Linda Chen
Deputy Treasurer	Galy Tse
Membership Chairman	Dennis Chai
Membership Director (2-Year)	William Wong
Membership Director (1-Year)	Crystal Siu
Two (2) 2-Year Directors	Francis Leung, Belinda Wan
Two (2) 1-Year Directors	Robert Chu (Note 1), Dr Janet Hung (Note 1)
Tail Twister	Dr Danforn Lim
Lion Tamer	Jaco Chan
Legal Advisor	Carl Ku

Note 1: Two (1) 1-Year Directors: Robert Chu and Dr Janet Hung, being 2-Year Directors for 2010-11, shall automatically take up the positions.





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## Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
April Members Meeting April Board Meeting  Sydney Chinese Lions	CANCELLED	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Charity Ball 2011  Sydney Inner West Lions	La Montage  Formal/National costume	Wednesday 4 May 2011  7:00pm function commences	Dinner: \$150 per person/ \$1,500 for a table of 10
May Members Meeting  Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant  After 5	Thursday 5 May 2011  7:00am to 7:30pm	\$30 per person for dinner
Fundraising Dinner in Support of PID Barry Palmer AM & Induction of 2011-12 Boards of Sydney Chinese and Sydney Inner West Lions  Sydney Chinese & Sydney Inner West Lions	Saturday, 14 May 2011  Lounge suit	Saturday 14 May 2011  6:30 for 7:00pm	\$80 per person/\$800 for a table of 10