

# SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



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## Editorial

April was the month with no Members Meeting and no Board Meeting. Some of us enjoyed a holiday month while our accountants were busy squaring up the Charity Ball accounts.

At the club's 18 May Board Meeting, it was resolved that a sum of \$43,000 to be donated to CareFlight, the Major Beneficiary of Ball 2011. A Cheque Presentation ceremony will be held, possibly at the Headquarters of CareFlight at Westmead. Stay tuned for the details if you want to have a first-hand look at the helicopters or even touching them. No helicopter rides promised.

The May Members Meeting was re-scheduled to 5 May at short notice so as not to clash with another Lions function. Thanks to the good co-ordination of the Acting Secretary and other club officers, the rescheduled Members Meeting was well supported as usual.

At the May meeting Mr Leo Lee, well known to some Sydney Chinese Lions already, was inducted as the newest Lion. Henceforth President Mei can tell other Clubs that Sydney Chinese Lions have inducted at least one Leo. The three finalists of the Humanitarian Scholarship: Mr Daniel Baker, Mr Andrew Thomas and Ms May Wong made their presentation to the adjudicators at the May meeting. The winner and runners-up will be announced on 1 June 2011.

On 14 May 2011, Sydney Chinese Lions jointly with Sydney Inner West

Lions, organized a Fundraising Dinner in support of PID Barry Palmer AM, the endorsed candidate for Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International. Dr WK Tam, First Vice President of LCI sent a Congratulatory Message to the 2 clubs via Zone Chairman Anthony Cheung. The Message was read by PID Barry Palmer AM at the dinner and was greeted by a warm round of applause.

There were 16 tables at the Fundraising Dinner with a full table from "Lei Yuen Ah Jaap" (Conference of Chinese Performing Artists) and several Corporate tables. The majority of Chinese based Lions Clubs in Sydney were represented by their respective Presidents at the function.

At the dinner, PID Palmer inducted into office the 2011-2012 Boards of Directors and Office bearers of both Sydney Chinese Lions and Sydney Inner West Lions.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a cheque for \$15,000 to PID Palmer and Mrs Anne Palmer, contributing towards the running expenses of Barry's election campaign.

Both International 1<sup>st</sup> VP Dr WK Tam and PID Palmer are Associate Members of our Club. President Mei will be leading a group of Sydney Chinese Lions to the LCI Convention in Seattle, USA from 4 - 8 July 2011 in support of both (continued on Page 10) Mei or VP Wendy Lin if you are considering joining the team in Seattle.

Prior to the LCI Convention, there will also be a Dinner Meeting with our Twin Club - San Francisco Chinatown Lions Club on Saturday, 2 July.

Finally, our next Members Meeting will be back on the usual schedule of the first Wednesday of the month. On 1 June 2011 at 7:00 for 7:30 pm, the Sydney Chinese Lions Awards Presentation Dinner will be held at Silver Restaurant. At this meeting the Winner of the 2011 Humanitarian Scholarship and the 2011 Teal Ribbon Scholars Scheme will be announced. See you all there.

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Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at Fundraising Dinner on 14 May

# A Message from Our International President

Dear Lion MEI-HA,

"We Serve."

"We Serve" is something that every Lion should say with great pride. However, our service to others is more than just a slogan or even a description of what we do.

"We Serve" is a commitment that Lions have, and that commitment defines who we are. We serve because we know we can change lives. We serve because we know we can make a difference in the world. We serve because there are needs to be met.

Our humanitarian endeavors are well recognized and stand as beacons of hope for all to see. Our service is a guiding light to our communities. In a world where many seem concerned with serving only themselves, we show our neighbors that hands-on service to others is one of the most rewarding experiences an individual can have. The simple truth is that serving those in need adds value to the lives of those we serve, and to ours.

Our efforts have helped Lions Clubs International be recognized as the world's largest service club organization. I am very proud to be a Lion and I thank you for all you do.

Serving together

**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 Cabinet Secretary Reg Walker

Lions Family

**CLUB OFFICERS - PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO ALL LIONS IN YOUR CLUB SO THEY KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT.**

In recent weeks I have had a couple of Lions question why we give website and email space to things like an offer of part time or casual work as a Census collector. From my perspective it is quite simple - some Clubs take opportunities like this as a fund raiser and with that in mind I send them off to our webmaster for publication and I include them in my monthly mailing. With offers like the Census 2011 offer the 'wages' could be paid into the club's Administration Account to offset members dues. Club members are free to participate or not, but unless you know what is available you certainly cannot participate.

## **MD CONVENTION (Launceston, April 2011)**

The Convention is over for another year and what a great time we all had. Representing our district were 82 people - 45 Delegates from 25 Clubs, 9 Alternates, 10 other Lions and 18 partners. I am pleased to report that the Notice of Motion put forward by our district was passed. The précis of Convention proceedings will be posted on the website when our tireless webmaster returns from a well deserved break.

## **DISTRICT CONVENTION (Norfolk Island, November 2011)**

Are you planning to join members of the district at the N5 convention on Norfolk Island during the last week in November 2011. If you would like information about what's happening, a free information pack is available by contacting the Norfolk Island Travel Centre at [lee@travelcenter.nf](mailto:lee@travelcenter.nf) Lee will put a pack in the mail for you. For those that are going and have not booked as yet please make your bookings very soon. Don't delay any further - accommodation is becoming scarce.

## **URGENT NEED FOR HOST FAMILIES**

Host families are urgently required for European youth arriving in July. The youth, both male and female, are coming from Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Netherlands and Slovenia. The first hosting is from 2-23 July and the 2nd hosting is 23-31 July. If you haven't experienced hosting before why not try it - you are sure to enjoy it. If July is not convenient there are youth requiring hosting in August. If you require any information concerning the incoming youth and are willing to host please contact Peter Adney on 02-9804-0871 or email [peteradney@optusnet.com.au](mailto:peteradney@optusnet.com.au)

## **AUSTRALIAN LIONS DRUG AWARENESS FOUNDATION:**

You are all encouraged to take a look at this article about the ALDAF program Tune In Not Out. <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/australian-it/youth-site-gets-webby-recognition/story-e6frgax-1226041206679>

## **LIONS AUSTRALIA SPINAL CORD FELLOWSHIP - A New Way to Raise Funds**

I have previously mentioned the deal with Sims Metal which allows clubs to channel sales of scrap metal directly to the fund. Many clubs already collect ring pulls and cans and some of the money raised goes to Spinal Cord Research. We hope that this new initiative will encourage other Clubs to join in - it's just so easy, no money to collect or disperse and the funds generated go straight to this great Lions Project. You will be able to recycle practically all your old metal through Sims Metal Management and the proceeds will be deposited directly into the Lions Australia Spinal Cord Fellowship account. When you take your ring pulls or any metal into Sims, all you need do is to quote the applicable Vendor Number (for New South Wales & A.C.T. this is **LION16**) and the staff will record the transaction accordingly. An indication of the market value of a number of typical household items is as follows:

Stainless steel sink [twin bowl, approx 15kg] - \$15.00

Lead Acid Automotive battery - \$5.00

Stove [approx 60kg] - \$9.00

Refrigerator [approx 70kg] - \$10.00

# A Message from Cabinet Secretary Reg (contd)

Dryer [approx 30kg] - \$4.00

Washing machine [approx 50kg] - \$7.00

Aluminium cans / ring pulls [can tabs] - \$1.30 per kg

Please note that these are examples only, based on current market prices in August and delivered to Sims metropolitan depots. In addition you can recycle brass taps, copper tubing, insulated copper wire, aluminium pots and pans, steel roofing iron, hot water systems, bath tubs, old cars, bikes, farm machinery and so the list goes on. Meanwhile progress in Spinal Cord Research continues steadily with important discoveries being made both here and overseas. There has been quite a bit of press and TV coverage in the last few months. Preliminary human trials are in hand and we await the news of these eagerly.

## COMING EVENTS

Check out our [website](#) for more information on these and other coming events:

**June 19:** Incoming Club Officers Training Day at Bankstown Sports Club. Everyone is invited. **Contact** Martin Orchard [training@lionsclubssydney.org.au](mailto:training@lionsclubssydney.org.au) or 0438 010 748

**June 25:** Frenchs Forest Lions Club's 50th Anniversary Charter night is on Saturday 25 June 2011 at Wakehurst Golf Club, Seaforth. Details are on the website. **RSVP Friday 11 June 2011** to [johncat-to@optusnet.com.au](mailto:johncat-to@optusnet.com.au)

**July 29:** DISTRICT CHANGEOVER at the multi-award winning Conca D'oro in Riverwood. Just \$58pp for a great two course meal and plenty of drinks and entertainment, it will be a great night. Nobody leaves the Conca D'oro hungry or thirsty. **Put this one in your diary NOW.**

**Sept 9-11:** Don't forget the ANZI PACIFIC FORUM is being staged at Jupiters on Australia's Gold Coast.

## SPECIAL NOTE FOR CLUB MEMBERS

### LIONS MAGAZINE

If you no longer wish to receive your copy of The Lion magazine please let me know directly at [cab-sec@lionsclubssydney.org.au](mailto:cab-sec@lionsclubssydney.org.au) and I will include your name on a list I now hold and will pass the information on to Lions Australia at Newcastle. If, on the other hand, you DO want your magazines and are not getting them the person to tell is your Club Secretary. Every Club Secretary maintains their own Club's records at LCI and that is where the mailing list comes from for all information that goes out to Lions. So if you are not getting yours, ask your Club Secretary to check. If your Secretary is unavailable or unable to download your Club Membership list then ask me - I can send Clubs a copy of the information at LCI so you can check for yourself.

**REMEMBER:** If you change your address or are not receiving your magazine the person to tell is your Club Secretary. Nobody else can help you.

### MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS

If your Club is planning to present Melvin Jones Fellowships in June and July you are urged to make application prior to June 10. Application forms and cheques are to be sent to Cabinet Treasurer Ken Nimmo.

### ALL OTHER AWARDS AND HONOURS

Of course all Lions Foundations have very worthwhile awards available so why not 'spread the wealth' and support all of your Foundations.

## SPECIAL NOTICES FOR CLUB SECRETARIES

**NEXT YEAR'S CLUB OFFICERS:** Secretary, please make sure you update the LCI website with your new club officers details including their email address so that they will receive their login details and passwords to the LCI records database for 2011-2012.

# A Message from Cabinet Secretary Reg (contd)

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP:** While you are on the LCI website please double check your membership lists. I am still receiving return slips for The Lion magazine so we still have members whose address is wrong at LCI.

**INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING DAY** has moved to 19 June. Please encourage your members to attend and put it in your diary NOW. The day is again being held at Bankstown Sports Club. This training is being run to help you do your job through the year. Everyone is invited. If you want anything in particular covered at the training just let us know. Contact Martin Orchard [training@lionsclubssydney.org.au](mailto:training@lionsclubssydney.org.au) or 0438 010 748

## DISTRICT DIRECTORY

I remind you that the ONLY current directory is available on the district website. The latest version is v1.9 dated 26 April 2011

Cheers, Reg...

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Reg Walker

Cabinet Secretary 2010-2011

Lions Australia District 201N5



# Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2011

## Scholarship Offered for the 9th Year Running Superb Quality Applications Received

For the ninth year running, The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. is offering The Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship, and applications were invited in February 2011. The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and recognise humanitarian services undertaken by university students.

This year, the humanitarian work performed by the applicants is of superb quality and greatly impressive. The reported humanitarian services performed by the applicants included volunteer work for such local charities as World Vision, the Cancer Council and MS Foundation. St John, Open Skies Foundation, 180 Degrees Consulting, White Ribbon Australia Project Futures, St Canice's Homeless Shelter, James Milson Nursing Home, Redfern Legal Centre, Ignatian Children's Holiday Camp and the Bear Cottage as well as overseas work in Cambodia, Solomon Islands, Uganda, Peru and Hong Kong. These services are all highly commendable. As such, in addition to the original award of one winner receiving a scholarship of \$2,000, the Club also offered two consolation prizes.

The adjudicating panel comprises Lion Dr Danforn Lim, Lion Eleanor Khaw, Lion Carolyn Gan, Lion Henry Leung and Lion Dr Anthony Cheung while Lion William Wong served as Coordinator of the project.



The 3 Humanitarian Scholarship Finalists at the May Members Meeting

# The 3 Finalists

**Daniel Baker** is passionate about humanitarian work and considers it a huge part of his life. In 2009 he went to Peru, South America to build classrooms and teach English in an underprivileged school. In 2010 he co-founded the Open Skies Foundation, a charity dedicated to the provision of microfinance services in Third World Countries. He has also recently become involved with 180 Degrees Consulting, and over the last year has consulted White Ribbon Australia to help curb violence against women, and Project Futures to help prevent sex-trafficking in Australia and Cambodia. In 2011, Daniel also became a volunteer with the Australian League of Immigration Volunteers (ALIV), and since then has been a camp counselor at a holiday camp for young refugees in community detention, and has participated in their 'Kids Excursion Program'. Over the years, he has also participated in Movember and the 40 Hour Famine, and has raised money for the School of St Jude.



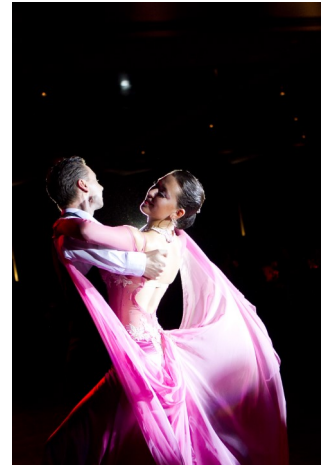
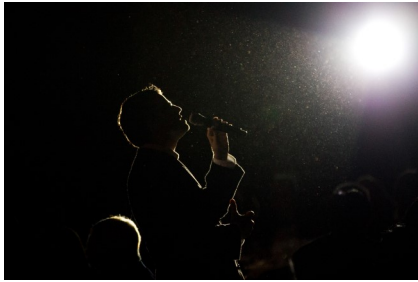
**Andrew Thomas** is from the University of Sydney. He has been involved in social justice from a young age. While still in High School, Andrew first volunteered at St Canice's Homeless Shelter and James Milson Nursing Home in North Sydney. Inspired by these experiences, he also volunteered on the Ignatian Children's Holiday Camp and coordinated the fundraising of over \$6000 for Bear Cottage, a children's hospice. In the past two years, Andrew has made two trips to Luigazi, Uganda. In 2009, he raised \$40,000 with a colleague and oversaw the construction of a classroom block, before returning the following year after securing sponsorship for many of the children at the school. Andrew also currently volunteers at Redfern Legal Centre and as an Ambassador for Opportunity International, a microfinance organization. He is currently writing his thesis on microfinance and hopes to conduct volunteer fieldwork with microfinance organizations overseas at the end of the year.



**May Wong** is from the University of New South Wales. She has been involved with humanitarian work since high school, assisting in charity fundraisers for World Vision, the Cancer Council and MS Foundation. She was also a St John's representative for her local division which involved public awareness events aimed at school-age children. In 2006-2007 she founded the ESLM classes organised by CSSS- a project which involved English classes for children who come from migrant backgrounds. From 2007 onwards, she shifted her focus towards medical efforts in concordance with the completion of her degree in Medicine. In 2009, she travelled overseas and hosted a Toys Fair Day for children with Multiple Sclerosis and raised HK\$15,000 and was an expo ambassador for the Hong Kong Social Welfare Department. As a medical student, she believes that a fundamental part of her efforts is through health promotion to the general public. She is actively involved in medical research, and published an article in oncology in an international journal this year. She hopes that such involvement will benefit the larger community more effectively. In the next 12 months, she plans to undertake an 8 week placement in Cambodia and the Solomon islands, in particular with the MOEI (Migrant Outreach Education Initiative) at Battambang.



# At Charity Ball 2011





# 雪梨華人獅子會

## 慈善餐舞會2011

有賴各位，二零一一年慈善舞會順利完滿結束。

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。當晚場面盛大。我們有幸請到澳洲皇家空軍元帥 John Harvey, CareFlight 行政總監 Derek Colenbrander, John Harrison (DG) 及 Barry Palmer (PID)。當然不少得我們雪梨華人獅子會會長 Mei Cheng 及全體核心會員。

經過致詞和祝酒後，舞會正式開始。第一個節目是由來自 Dancexcite 的表演者為我個表演美妙的拉丁舞。他們精采的舞姿吸引着在場每一位在場人士。很多來賓都走到較前面為置近距離欣賞和拍。美味的香草三文魚頭盤也敵不過他們的舞姿。

第二個表演就是 Figaro 的四位歌唱家為我獻唱幾首經典歌曲。他們的現場演唱簡直可以用完美無瑕來形容。他們的表演亦令我們仿似置身雪梨歌劇院一樣。他們更挑選出一首歌來作出拍賣，為我籌得一些額外的金錢。實在感激他們四人。

吃過精心挑選，以上等牛肉做成的正餐後。大家都正在等我們的拍賣時間...這一年的籌款拍賣反應比往年好很多。撓投人士比往年更熱烈。某些物品更達到比預期所高的價位。在此亦特別鳴謝所有贊助商。

綜合在下觀察及歷年經驗，這次的慈善舞會可算是最具娛樂性。本

人在舞會期間，不時都打探到絕大部份來賓都覺得非常開心。很多人還逗留至舞會完全完結後，才依依不捨地離開。這也令我們得到很大的鼓勵。希望我們明年可以更上一層樓，給予各位來賓一個更難忘的晚上。

以下有一些朋友是不得不題的。他們雖然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 及 Yasmine 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

***Congratulations***  
***to Lion Carolyn Gan and James***  
***on the birth of their baby boy Lachlan!***

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See you all there.

***We sincerely thank Lion Henry Leung for compiling the Bulletin Editorials in the 2010-11 Lions Year.***

***We welcome your contributions to this Monthly Bulletin.***  
***Please send your article to the Chief Editor at***  
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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 75 Clubs with around 1,750 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, 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 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.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website  
[www.sydneychineselions.org.au](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au)

## Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Awards Presentation Dinner and June Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Lounge suit	Wednesday 1 June 2011	\$50 per person/\$500 for a table of 10
Incoming Officers Training District 201N5	Bankstown Sports Club Greenfield Parade, Bankstown	Sunday 19 June 2011 9:00am to 4pm	Free of Charge
LCI 94th International Convention Lions Clubs International	Seattle, Washington, USA	4-8 July 2011	Registration fee: US\$200
District Changeover District 201N5	Renoir Room Conca D'Oro Function Centre Belmore Road, Riverwood	Friday 29 July 2011 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$60 per person