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### Editorial

At the next Members Dinner Meeting in the coming month, Sydney Chinese Lions will be having their annual Change Over Dinner. It is a function to mark the handing over from all "current year" to "coming year" office-bearers. The dinner will be held on 5 June 2013 at the Zilver Restaurant with a 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start. Tickets are \$50 per head and booking is essential, through Secretary Lion Janice Cheung, at the latest by 28 May.

Taking this opportunity we would like to express the gratitude of all members of Sydney Chinese Lions towards President Mei for her enthusiastic and unrelenting efforts working for the Club for not one, nor two nor three, but four long years. Sydney Chinese Lions led by President Mei collected over the past 4 years in excess of \$200,000 donations to various charities. Beneficiaries include St John Ambulance (NSW), Lions Clubs International Foundation, Australian Red Cross (NSW), CareFlight and others.

Under the helm of President Mei the number of Sydney Chinese Lions members almost doubled from 70 in 2009 to 130+ today. During this period she presided over a range of existing and new service projects for the Club: The Humanitarian Scholarships, the Teal Ribbon Scholars Scheme, the Traditional Chinese Medicine Research Scholarships in conjunction with the University of Technology and Science, the Annual Health Public Forum as well as the Finance and Investment Management Forum.

Clearly, replacing President Mei is

not an easy task. Fortunately we have Lion Jason Zhang coming forward to carry the baton. President Mei will stay on as Immediate Past President to offer Lion Jason support.

We would like to express our gratitude to Lion Janice Cheung who will have completed her term of Club Secretary three times over. The secretarial team under her care made significant contributions towards the management of the Club's business over the past three years. Indeed, Secretary Janice and her team performed the secretarial tasks with dexterity and professionalism.

Also, Sydney Chinese Lions are grateful to the entire 2012~2013 Board of Directors and office-bearers for their dedicated service throughout the last Lions year.

The 2013 Charity Ball was another success. Despite the high Australian Dollar and the receding mining boom it was well patronized by over 350 Lions and guests. The function is expected to make a small profit. Treasurer Lion Tim is currently collating the figures. The 2013 Charity Ball Financial Report is expected to be out shortly. By then at a joint sitting of the new and old Boards, the amount to be donated to St John Ambulance (NSW) this year will be decided. As usual, a press conference will be held for the Cheque Presentation Ceremony on a date to be announced.

This year, the Incoming Officers' Training Forum for District N5

Clubs will be held at the Bankstown Sports Club on Sunday, 26 May. All club officers are invited to attend. All those who are interested please contact Second Vice District Governor Lion Dr Anthony Cheung for details.

Finally, Sydney Chinese Lions wishes to extend a very warm welcome to President Elect Lion Jason Zhang and his 2013~14 Board of Directors. Welcome, welcome on **BOARD!**

by Lion Henry Leung

### Special Points of Interest:

- > Sydney Chinese Lions (SCL) Change Over dinner 2013
- > Congratulations to SCL for a successful Charity Ball 2013
- > Lion Mei Cheng steps down as Club President after 4 years
- > Lion Janice Cheung completes her term as Club Secretary after three years
- > Incoming Officers' Training Forum for District N5 Club Officers on 26 May
- > Welcome to Lion Jason Zhang as new Club President and his 2013~14 Board of Directors



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Sydney Chinese Lions at May 2013 Members Meeting with District Governor

# Message from International President Madden

Dear Lions,

Throughout the year I've drawn analogies to sports in my speeches and messages. Consider this - many baseball games are won with 2 outs in the 9th inning, there have been a number of World Cup soccer matches decided in extra time, and yes - many auto races are decided during the last lap of the race.

We are quickly approaching the end of the year, our "last lap" of the race. By now you have held all of your pit stops, you have hopefully done your community needs assessments, participated in the Reading Action Program and Global Service Action Campaigns, attended or soon will attend your district and multiple district conventions, and completed your qualifications for the Club Excellence Award or District Governor Team Excellence Award. In short, you have completed the necessary steps that should ensure a successful year.

But if history is an indication, we know that much can happen in the last two months of the year. June is particularly significant with regard to adding new members and new clubs as well as keeping members. Here is the reason:

23% of new clubs are chartered in May/June  
18% of total adds occur in May/June  
BUT - 30% of drops occur in May/June

The above statistics are an average over the past three years of comparative data. But clearly, the percentages cited paint a clear picture that the months of May and June are crucial to whether or not we have a strong finish to our year-long race.

With that in mind, and considering the above quote from Yogi Berra, we still have work to do.

Club presidents - have you surveyed your members? Have you engaged your new members? Member satisfaction is all-important to the overall health of a club. It determines whether a member stays, or a member



International President  
Wayne Madden

# Message from International President Madden (cntd.)

leaves. The new Membership Satisfaction Guide is a valuable resource all clubs should consult on a regular basis.

Take another look at the requirements for the Club Excellence Award—specifically the membership requirement. It says, "The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club..." Remember - you must achieve all requirements. Have you fulfilled the service requirement? There is still time to engage in a community project, like the Reading Action Program.

District governors - now is the time to survey the clubs in your district. You should also review the requirements for the District Governor Team Excellence Award.

Your actions, and your success during the months of May and June will determine whether we struggle to the finish line, or take a victory lap in Hamburg!

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne Madden

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# A Message from Chairperson Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lions,

When I have the opportunity to visit projects that are completed with the help of Lions Clubs International Foundation, I am always impressed with the range of humanitarian needs that are met. Lions believe in helping their communities and the world in so many different ways.

I was able to visit several projects in India this month, including the Lions Calcutta Greater Vidya Mandir School. The school provides an education to children who may not have such opportunities otherwise. Last year, LCIF awarded Lions a grant to help expand this school, allowing it to raise the enrollment capacity from 980 students to 1,400.

Through this project, Lions are not only serving and supporting the young people in their communities, they are also meeting a humanitarian need by providing educational opportunities. I know how important these opportunities can be for a child's development. As my father told me when I was young, you cannot keep your wealth and health forever, but only knowledge for the rest of your life.

Lions in India not only showed me this school, but also brought me to the B. B. D. Bagh blood bank at the Marwari Relief Society hospital in Kolkata. There, Lions ensure that blood donations are properly managed. Also, the capacity of the blood bank was increased through new equipment from an LCIF grant.

This notable and needed project caused me to reflect on the greater accomplishments of LCIF: Lions come together to accomplish something great and make a difference for many people worldwide. As the needs for humanitarian service evolve with time, so too must Lions and LCIF. And, I believe that we are. Thank you for your support and efforts to help people in need!

Sincerely,  
Wing-Kun Tam  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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Chair, LCIF

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# The Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013

The Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013 was successfully held on 16 March at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. It was attended by some 350 members and guests.

All enjoyed a sumptuous 3-course banquet with non stop supply of drinks throughout the evening. They were also entertained by performances featured by the String Angels and the national award winning Castle Hill RSL Club Youth Wind Orchestra. Guests danced to the music put together by the Mandarin Band conducted by Sam the Music Man.

Feedback received has been most positive and encouraging.

This year's Major Beneficiary is St John Ambulance (NSW). At this point of time, the Treasurer's team is still diligently collecting moneys pledged and collating the figures. It is expected that the task will be completed shortly and the quantum of donation to St John will be then decided by the Club's Board and announced.

All members of the club and the Charity Ball 2013 Organising Committee are to be commended for their dedication and hard work.



Sydney Chinese Lions at Charity Ball 2013

After having successfully held their Annual Charity Balls at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre for nine consecutive years since March 2005, Sydney Chinese Lions will have to look for an alternative venue for this high profile event in 2014. This is because the Centre will be pulled down some time later this year for reconstruction into a ultra modern convention and exhibition facility.

Over the past 12 months, the Ball Organising Committee has been busy trying to look for another suitable venue.

After a good deal of work on research and on site visits, it has now been decided that next year's Charity Ball is to be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Allphones Arena inside the Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush. The date has also been set - Saturday, 15 March 2014. So please mark this date in your diaries and make a head start in drawing up your guests lists for the party.

# Sydney Chinese Lions Changeover Dinner 2013



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*The President and Members  
of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.  
request the pleasure of your company to their*

## *Changeover Dinner 2013*

*on Wednesday, 5 June 2013  
7:00 for 7:30pm*

*at Silver Restaurant 同樂軒  
Level 1, 477 Pitt St (Corner of Pitt and Hay Sts), Sydney 2000*

*Cost:  
\$50 per person/  
\$500 for a table of 10*

*Dress Code: Lounge Suit/After 5*

*RSVP*

*by 28 May 2013*

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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 207 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 71 clubs with around 1,650 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 seventeen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Past President & 2nd Vice District Governor 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 \$500,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), the Australian Red Cross, Lions Clubs International Foundation, 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 the well being and good health of our community, hence they have in place their annual health seminars, teal ribbon scholarships and traditional Chinese Medicine Research Scholarships.

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[www.sydneychineselions.org.au](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au)

## Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Incoming Officers' Training Forum for District N5 Clubs	Bankstown Sports Club	Sunday 26 May 2013 8:45am	Free of Charge Please contact Lion Dr Anthony Cheung for details
Sydney Chinese Lions Changeover Dinner 2013	Zilver Restaurant	Wednesday 5 June 2013 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$50 per person
Sydney Inner West Lions Charity Ball	Le Montage, Leichhardt	Saturday, 8 June 2013 6:30pm	\$160 per per- son
Sydney North West Lions Change Over	Carlingford Village	Friday, 21 June 2013 7:00 pm	TBA