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Editorial

On Saturday, 16 March 2013, Sydney Chinese Lions will be celebrating their 18th Anniversary at the Parkside Ballroom of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour. Like previous years, They are holding a Charity Ball to mark the occasion.

Following the eight very successful Annual Charity Balls since 2005, this year the Club is expecting to have a smooth running function with handsome donations. Over 350 members and guests are expected to attend the function with good food and great entertainment. There are the String Angels, the National Award winning Castle Hill RSL Youth Orchestra and the Mandarin Band providing entertainment throughout the evening.

The Major Beneficiary on this occasion is St John Ambulance Australia (NSW). The donation is made to help St John in their life-saving operations. This is

the third time that Sydney Chinese Lions have chosen St John as Major Beneficiary of their Annual Charity Balls. On the two previous years, an aggregate amount over \$100,000 has been donated. In return, St John has named one of its ambulances and the Emergency Call Centre at its Headquarters after the Lions Club.

May we wish the Club every success in its fundraising endeavors at Ball 2013.

At the March Members Meeting held on 6 March, elections for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors were held. The majority of the 2012-2013 Board members were re-elected, although many with different portfolios. Come the new Lions year on 1 July 2013, Sydney Chinese Lions will have a new President in Lion Jason Zhang. While we look forward to a new era in our Club's journey under the leadership of Lion Jason, we are grateful to President Mei for

her leadership over the past three and a half years which saw Sydney Chinese Lions scaling great heights.

There are also some new blood joining the Board, notable ones are Lion Sophie He taking up the position of Club Secretary, Lion Vicky Kuok and Lion Duncan Lin as 2-year Directors, Lion Peggy Chan as Lion Tamer and Lion Kevin Yau doubles up as Tail Twister and Deputy Legal Advisor.

A Lions year commence on 1 July and finished on 30 June in the ensuing year. The Club's new Board will take office as from 1 July this year. With the new leadership, we can all look forward to Sydney Chinese Lions growing and developing from strength to strength and to scale even greater heights.

Lion Dr Anthony Cheung

Special Points of Interest:

- > SCL Charity Ball 2013
- > St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) will be the major beneficiary of our Charity Ball 2013
- > Election of 2013-2014 Board of Directors were held
- > Lion Mei Cheng stepped down after 4 years as Club President
- > Lion Jason Zhang is elected as next Club President
- > Lion Sophie He, following Lion Janice Cheung, will be our next Club Secretary



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Sydney Chinese Lions at March 2013 Members Meeting

Message from International President Madden

Dear Lions,

In the northern hemisphere, the month of March is a transitional period. The snow has stopped falling, the temperatures are warming, and plants and trees are once again beginning to blossom. It is spring. A time many people refer to as rejuvenation. The same can be said for Lions Clubs International. March is the perfect time for clubs to invite new members, and for districts to charter new clubs to close out the year with a strong finish.



International President
Wayne Madden

This month, [clubs](#) and [districts](#) will be holding the third of four pit stops. This is the time for clubs to review their accomplishments so far this year, and plan your calendar for the remaining four months - to include activities in support of the fourth Global Service Action Campaign [Protecting our Environment](#). There is also time to participate in the [Reading Action Program](#) (RAP), or do your second or even third RAP project. And clubs can still qualify for the [Club Excellence Award](#).

Last month, district governors received an email explaining how to qualify for the [Winners Circle Award](#), which will be based on the end of March membership and club numbers. The award criteria were specifically designed so all district governors still have an opportunity to receive an award. Even districts that are currently showing negative growth can qualify for an award with just a little more acceleration.

Message from International President Madden (cntd.)

This is indeed a very busy time of the year. Club presidents and district governors have four months left in their respective terms. Keeping your engine running at high speed will ensure your year ends on a high note.

Finally, I want to urge you all to [register for the 2013 International Convention](#) in Hamburg, Germany. This year's convention is going to be one to remember. Highlights include our international parade, keynote address by former U.S. First Lady Laura Bush, and presentation of the Humanitarian Award to opera singer Andrea Bocelli. As part of his acceptance speech, Mr. Bocelli will perform live.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Hamburg. In the meantime, there is much to be accomplished. So make sure your engines are tuned up as we sprint toward the finish line!!

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne Madden



***Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted
International President Wayne Madden as Associate Member on 7 July 2011***

A Message from Chairperson

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lion,

Did you know that 33 percent of Special Olympic athletes cannot see well or are in need of different glasses, and six percent have serious untreated eye diseases? However, the 200 million people in the world with intellectual disabilities are often neglected or have limited access to doctors, trained specialist or basic health clinics. As a Lion and Chairperson of your Foundation, it gave me great pride to attend the Special Olympic Winter Games earlier this month in Korea, and witness the impact we are having through the Special Olympics [Opening Eyes](#) program.

Lions and LCIF are having an impact on the more than 300,000 athletes that have received vision screenings in more than 70 nations! Can you believe, nearly 100,000 of those screened needed corrective glasses? We are able support Special Olympics and this initiative and so many more because we serve, we are everywhere and we care.

You have seen the success that our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has brought, helping nearly 200 million children around the world by protecting them from measles. To put that number in perspective, that is the combined population of Germany, France and Italy. What an amazing accomplishment! I would like to again express my gratitude for your support and your support and efforts for the [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#).

[Our partners](#) often choose to work with our Foundation because they know the ability of Lions and LCIF to make an impact on others, and they know of our global reach and compassion. Through sight services, disaster relief, supporting youth and meeting humanitarian needs, we share our good luck and fortune with people all over the world.

No matter the size of the project, we are able to make a difference. If all these service projects can get support from Lions, we can achieve more partnership in the future, allowing us to serve the world even better.

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



Wing-Kun Tam
Chair, LCIF

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

Sydney Chinese Lions

2013-14 Board of Directors

At the Members Meeting held on 6 March 2013, elections for the 2013-14 Board of Directors were held. The following are the results:

Notes:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominated Candidates</i>
President	Jason Zhang
Immediate Past President	Mei Cheng
Vice President	Francis Leung
Vice President	Wendy Lin
Vice President	Belinda Wan
Secretary	Sophie He
Deputy Secretary	Carolyn Gan
Deputy Secretary	Emily Hung
Treasurer	Tim Yuen
Deputy Treasurer	Linda Chen
Deputy Treasurer	Kelly Xiang
Membership Chairman	Dennis Chai
Membership Director (2-Year)	Leo Lee
Membership Director (1-Year)	William Wong
Two (2) 2-Year Directors	Vicky Kuok, Duncan Lin
Two (2) 1-Year Directors	Connie Tse (Note 1), Gary Yang (Note 1)
Tail Twister	Kevin Yau
Lion Tamer	Peggy Chan
Legal Advisor	Carl Ku
Deputy Legal Advisor	Kevin Yau

Note 1: Two (1) 1-Year Directors: Connie Tse and Gary Yang, being 2-Year Directors for 2012-13, shall automatically take up the positions.

Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013

Dear Fellow Members of Sydney Chinese Lions,

Happy New Year to you all!

As you are aware, our Club's Charity Ball this year is on Saturday, 16 March 2013. I am pleased to let you know that preparations for this great event of ours is well underway. This is the ninth year in a row that we are holding the function at the Sydney Convention Centre. But this is going to be the last year that we are doing it there as the place will be pulled down for re-development in December 2013.

I wish to draw your attention to the following point:

We would like to have as many members and guests as possible attending the Ball. For this purpose, I attach a copy of our Ball Invitation. This is for you to email and circulate among your friends and associates to

- (a) promote the event and
- (b) to secure as many attendees to the Ball as possible.

Our Charity Ball is a showcase event. After your friends have attended the Ball, I sincerely believe that they will appreciate that we have got a good thing going and realize what a great a Club that we have.

If you wish to have more Ball tickets or to ask further questions, simply email Lion Bill Wong at wjw2086@gmail.com or give him a call on 0407 266 896. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards

Anthony Cheung
Past President
The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc

Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013

You're cordially invited to...



The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.
CHARITY BALL 2013

Invitation

Saturday, 16 March 2013

*Parkside Ballroom
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre
Darling Harbour*

*In a world of service
"We Serve"*

*6:15pm Pre-dinner drinks
7:00pm Function commences*

\$168 per person / \$1,680 per table of 10

*Including:
Pre-dinner drinks
3-course dinner with drinks
Entertainment
Live Band
Dancing
Fund Raising Auctions*

*Dress Code:
Black Tie / National Costume*

RSVP by
Wednesday, 27 February 2013

*Contact: Ball Chairman - Bill Wong
Phone: 0407 266 896
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Major Beneficiary



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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.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website
www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Sydney Chinese Lions April Members Meeting	Zilver Restaurant	Cancelled	N/A
Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013	Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre	Saturday 16 March 2013	\$168 per person
Sydney Pacific Lions Charity Ball 2013	Sheraton on the Park	Saturday 27 April 2013	TBA

For bookings please contact:
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