

SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



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Editorial

Last month was Christmas in June for Sydney Chinese Lions. Their Changeover 2010 started the season of festivities.

Gifts were exchanged. Humanitarian Scholarships were presented to the winner and the runners-up. Our club Bulletin and Website both got an Honorable Mention (runners-up) in the International Contests of Lions Clubs International (LCI).

Parties were held to welcome new additions to the Sydney Chinese Lions family. We are proud and privileged to have inducted Dr. WK Tam, International 1st VP of LCI as Associate Member of the Club; joining the other Associate Members International President Sid Scruggs III and Past International Director Barry Palmer AM. Ten new Lions (JiaJie Chen, Heidi Han, Eleanor Khaw, Simon Lau, Francis Leung, William Wong, Fleur Ming Ye, Prof. Christopher

Zaslawski, Kevin Zhang and Aleisha Zhao) joined our ranks at the hands of International 2nd VP Wayne Madden.

Our old union was renewed and a new union was formed. We welcomed PID Tapani Rahko and DG Helena Rahko from our twin club Jarvenpaa Ainot in Finland. We also formed a new Twinning alliance with the San Francisco Chinatown Lions Club.

Distant relatives also called on us. Well over 12,000 Lions all over the world came to Sydney for the 93rd LCI International Convention. Between 28 June and 2 July, Sydney was a Safari Park - Lions everywhere.

On top of all the fun and excitement generated by all convention activities, Lion Virginia Lo, standard-bearer for one of the 206 flags at the Flag Ceremony said "I am proud to have participated in

such a world-wide gala function."

Fellow Lions, the last LCI Convention in Australia was held in Brisbane 19 years ago. It may well be over 20 years before another LCI Convention will be held in Australia again. Start making your travel bookings for the 94th LCI Convention in Seattle, USA to participate in and witness the ascension of Dr. W.K. Tam to the Presidency of LCI.

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Sydney Chinese Lions with International 1st VP Dr WK Tam and Guests at Changeover 2010

Congratulations
to ***Lion Sid Scruggs III***
on his Installation as
International President of
Lions Clubs International



Congratulations
to ***Lion Dr WK Tam*** on
his Installation as
International
1st Vice President of
Lions Clubs International

Congratulations
to ***Lion Wayne Madden***
on his Installation as
International
2nd Vice President of
Lions Clubs International

Congratulations
to ***Lion Simon Lau and Bing***
on the birth of their baby girl ***Iris!***

Congratulations
to ***Sydney Chinese Lions***
for winning Honorable Mentions with their
Club Bulletin & Club Website
at LCI International Contests announced at
the 93rd International Convention in Sydney.

A Letter from Our International President

July 2010

Dear Club Officer,

Congratulations on being elected to the leadership of your club. I know that you will find it an exciting and rewarding experience as, together, we encourage Lions to shine our light of service into the world and rededicate ourselves to the ideal of We Serve.

As you may know, my Beacon of Hope theme is all about service. This year we will build on our recent success by renewing and, most of all, expanding our service. To accomplish this goal, I am asking each Club to have a significant or signature service project. This type of project will define who you are in your community. No longer will we be "the best kept secret".



Each club and each member represents a light of hope to someone in need. Together, the light that shines in every one of our nearly 1.35 million Lions becomes a bright Beacon of Hope for all to see.

As you can see below, we have some exciting new activities planned to help your club shine its light even brighter and to expand its service in a world of ever growing needs.

We are just beginning our term as keepers of the light, but the lamp is already lit and there is much to be done. There are fast-approaching deadlines for us to meet. Please take note of the upcoming events detailed in this newsletter and be sure that your club is well-prepared to take part in these worldwide initiatives.

I thank you for all you have done as an active and dedicated Lion and for all you will do in the coming months as a leader of Lions.

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.***

International 1st VP Dr WK Tam

Inducted as Associate Member of Sydney Chinese Lions

On 26 June 2010, then International 2nd VP Dr WK Tam attended the Changeover Dinner 2010 of Sydney Chinese Lions. The dinner was also held in VP Dr Tam's honor. That evening, Sydney Chinese Lions had the privilege of inducting him as their 3rd Associate Member, following the Associate Memberships of International President Sid Scruggs III and PID Barry Palmer, AM.

The dinner was attended by some 300 members and guests. In addition to VP Dr Tam, many international Lions leaders were there - International 2nd VP Wayne Madden accompanied by Lion Linda Madden, PIP Kajit Habanananda, PID Dr Bob Coulthard and PID Barry Palmer of Australia, PID Paul Fan of Hong Kong, PID Phil Tom of USA, PID Durban Ardjo of Indonesia, and PID Tapani Rhako of Finland. Lion Chan Yaan, Secretary General of the China Council of Lions Clubs was there with a table full of DGs, PDGs and DGEs from China while PDG Larry Wong and President Grace Chang and members of San Francisco Lions took up yet another full table.

Locally, led by DG Beryl Payne, there were



VP Dr Tam Receiving Certificate of Membership

DGE John Harrison, 2nd VDGE Greg Dunn, MERLOT Chairman Doreen Moore as well as Presidents and members from a good number of clubs including Sydney Pacific, Sydney Innerwest, Maroubra, Sydney Northwest and Sydney Central.



Guests at the VIP Table



International VP Dr Tam with Members and Guests of Sydney Chinese Lions

Sydney Chinese Lions

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Club Bulletin & Club Website

International Awards

Congratulations to Sydney Chinese Lions! At the recent LCI 93rd International Convention held in Sydney, the club won Honorable Mentions (Runners up) in the 2009-10 International contests with their monthly bulletins and website.

Club President Mei was appreciative and all praises for those who helped bring about these wonderful outcomes. "Not only are we thrilled at winning the awards, they demonstrate our club's monthly bulletins and website are of world class standards. Wow, now they are even being acclaimed as pick of the crop! Those who work tirelessly behind the scene are to be thanked and commended."

In the 2009-10 Lions Year, the bulletin editorial panel comprised Hon President Dr Anthony Cheung as Chief Editor and Secretary Crystal Siu as Front Page Designer. The web team comprised 1st VP Jason Zhang as Web Master and Lion Anthony as materials compiler.

Sydney Chinese Lions have always been strong on the Monthly Bulletins and Website front. The former had received awards from Lions District 201N5 continuously since 2006. For further details, please click the following link: <http://www.sydchineselions.org.au/downloadable/bulletin240709.pdf>.



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Changeover 2010 of Sydney Chinese Lions is just round the corner. The function will be held on Saturday, 26 June at the Zilver Restaurant. Many would notice that the date this year is significantly later than previous years. This is because we wanted to match the availability of International 2nd Vice President Dr WK Tam - we are hoping to throw a party in honour of him and to have the 2010-11 Board inducted by him. At present, bookings for the function is filling up fast. If you are yet to RSVP, please phone Secretary Crystal on 0400 228 823 to see if there is any room left.

As you may be aware, the 93rd LCI International Convention is held in Sydney from 28 June to 2 July. It is very rare for an international convention to be held in our own backyard. Quite a number of us have already registered for the convention. If you wish to join us then, please give Secretary Crystal a ring and she'll be happy to assist you to register.

On Thursday, 1 July at 12:30pm, a twinning ceremony between the Lions Club of San Francisco Chinatown and us will be held at the BaySide Lounge of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. The ceremony will be conducted by VP Dr Tam. Do come along and support. Again, RSVP Secretary Crystal is vital.

On 24 May, led by President Mei, Lions Jason Zhang, Henry Leung and Anthony Cheung attended the Grand Opening of St John House at Burwood. The ceremony was officiated by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia. It was very well attended, with the top brass of St John together with their key supporters and friends. See Pages 3-5 for further details.

Communications Room
Privately Sponsored by The Lions Club of Sydney District 201N5

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The Emergency Communications Centre at St John House

Front Page of the June 2010 issue of Sydney Chinese Lions

Earlier, their website had received another Honorable Mention at the LCI International contest in the 2006-7 Lions Year. Click <http://www.sydchineselions.org.au/downloadable/Award%20Winning%20Web%20Site.pdf> to see a more detailed story on this.

Sydney Chinese Lions

**"Your club was the top club of its size in your constitutional area
for the 2008-2009 Year-Round Growth program.**

This is a high honor ..."

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March 22, 2010

Mei-Ha Cheng
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**A letter from
Lion Albert Brandel
Immediate Past
International President**

Dear Club President Cheng:

Please accept the enclosed Lions Club International Flag Set with my hearty congratulations! Your club was the top club of its size in your constitutional area for the 2008-2009 Year-Round Growth program. This is a high honor, as only 21 clubs worldwide receive this distinction each year.

Your club's dedication to membership recruitment efforts is commendable. By adding 31 new members, you have made the commitment to making both your local and world communities better places. I hope this honor will motivate your club to continue its extraordinary efforts.

Once again, congratulations! Best wishes as you continue making a difference in the lives of others.

Sincerely,

Albert F. Brandel
Immediate Past International President



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**Lions Clubs International
Flag Set Award:
2008-2009 Year-Round
Membership Growth**

At Sydney Chinese Lions' Changeover 2010, International 1st Vice President Dr WK Tam presented a Flag Set Award to the club on behalf of Lions Clubs International.

The Club was the top club in Year-Round Membership Growth in the 2008-2009 Lions Year (the 41+ members category) in Constitutional Area VII which comprises all Lions Clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and the South Pacific Islands.



Sydney Chinese Lions inserting Flags onto the Wooden Base

As Immediate Past International President Al Brandel puts it, "It is a high honor..." All the members of Sydney Chinese Lions are proud of the award and thrive to do even better in future years.

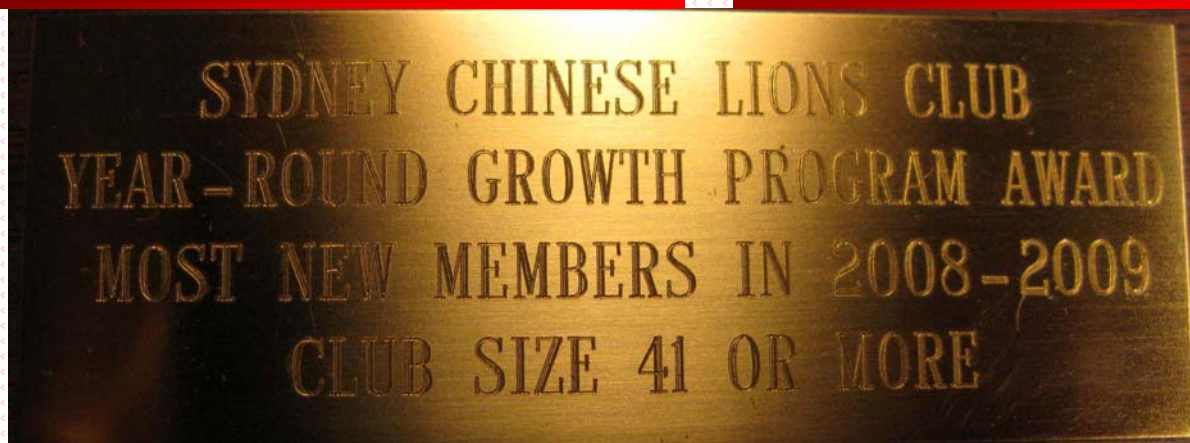
This is the second time in the club's 15 years' history that they have received this award. In the 2005-6 Lions Year, they received an identical award for topping Constitutional Area VII in membership growth that year. Since 2004, Sydney Chinese Lions have seen net membership growth every year.



Lions Eblem and Plaque on the Wooden Base



International 1st VP Dr Tam Presenting the Flag Set Award to Sydney Chinese Lions



Donating
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to



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THE POWER OF HUMANITY

On 15 July, at a Press Conference held at Zilver Restaurant, Sydney Chinese Lions presented a cheque for the sum of \$30,000 to representatives of the Australian Red Cross (NSW) - Mr Lewis Kaplan, Executive Officer. Other Red Cross representatives present were Miranda Sears and Sue Johnston. Members of Sydney Chinese Lions and many of their long time sponsors and supporters were also there to support. The function was co-hosted by President Mei Cheng JP and Hon President Dr Anthony Cheung JP.

The donation comprises the major portion of net proceeds of the Sydney Chinese

Lions Charity Ball 2010 held earlier this year. The donated fund is to help Red Cross improve the lives of vulnerable people in disadvantaged local communities around Australia and Asia Pacific. The Charity Ball was the signature event of the Sydney Chinese Lions in celebration of their 15th Anniversary. It was held on 20 March 2010 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. The function had all the hallmarks of a high profile charity event including entertainment, dancing and auctioning many major prizes. It was attended by over 450 guests. The Guest of Honor was Lt Gen Ken Gillespie AO, Chief of Army, representing the Chief of De-



At the Cheque Presentation Ceremony



Mr Lewis Kaplan
Receiving
the
\$30,000
Cheque



Mr Anthony Shum
Major Sponsor

fence. The Master of Ceremonies was PDG Nigel Jeny.

Including donations of \$23,000 made in 2006, \$15,000 in 2008 and \$1,000 earlier this year, Sydney Chinese Lions have donated an aggregate sum of \$69,000 to Red Cross in recent years.

The club has been successful in securing support from organisations/individuals for Charity Ball 2010: Principal Sponsor Remy Martin; Major Sponsors Shum's Watches and Jewellery and Honey World Travel; Sponsors

Zilver Group, Synergy Medical, Porsche Centre Sydney South, Liteco Construction, Lions Rita & Arthur Kwan, Heng Fai Trading Company P/L, HSBC, Hornsby Mazda and Northside Star (Mercedes-Benz); Donors and Advertisers include Royalty Vacation, NSW Tien Hau Temple Inc, Mizuya, Lion Scarlet Fung, Lion Iao Iok Wong, Lion Dr Danforn Lim and Lion Dr Lisa Cheng, I-Me Group, InvoCare, Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel, Eternity Aust Group P/L and Emperor Jewellers Co P/L, Emperor's Garden, CLJ Design

and CityIndex.

Dinner tickets for the Charity Ball were \$168 per person or \$1,680 for a table of ten. This included a 3-course dinner, with drinks throughout the evening, brilliant musical and dance performances by the Australian International Performing Arts High School (AIPAH) and the Oriental Dancing Group and live music dancing with the Mandarin Band. Those who wish to seek more information regarding Sydney Chinese Lions are welcome to access their award winning website at www.sydneychineselions.org.



Sponsors: Lion Rita Kwan (Rita & Arthur Kwan), Lion Chillie Poon of Zilver Group, Ms Anita Hung of Synergy Medical & Lion Sylvia Chong of HSBC

Sydney Chinese Lions TWINS with San Francisco Chinatown Lions

On 1 July 2010, at the Bayside Lounge of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, International Vice President Dr WK Tam conducted a Twinning Ceremony for the Lions Clubs of Sydney Chinese and San Francisco Chinatown Lions.

A good number of members from the two clubs attended the function. In addition, DGE Beryl Payne and Lion Payne, DGE John Harrison and Lion Tina Harrison of 201N5, together with Council Chairman Emil Kantola of MD4, California,

USA and Lion Yvonne, DGE Ken Ibarra of 4C4 and Lion Amy Fink as well as DGE Mike Simonini of 4C4 and Lion Jayne were there to support.

The proceedings began with Hon President Dr Anthony Cheung of Sydney Chinese Lions Calling the Ceremony to Order and PDG Larry Wong of SF Chinatown Lions making a Welcome Speech. Then International VP Dr Tam conducted a brief but solemn Twinning Ceremony with President Mei Cheng of Sydney Chinese and President Grace Chang of SF Chinatown exchanging their Twinning



International 1st VP Dr WK Tam, members of Sydney Chinese Lions and San Francisco Chinatown Lions and Guests at Twinning Ceremony

Sydney Chinese Lions Twinning with San Francisco Chinatown Lions



Banners. In his speech to the two clubs that followed, VP Dr Tam showered the clubs with praises and warm words of encouragement. After souvenirs and club badges were exchanged, the ceremony was concluded.

Members of both clubs were excited at the twinning alliance. They were grateful to VP Dr Tam and Lions leaders of their Districts and Multiple Districts who took the time to attend the ceremony to support them. They will endeavour to further strengthen the ties between the two clubs. Meanwhile, a return visit to San Francisco by Sydney Chinese is being planned for June 2011.





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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 6 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based Clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past fifteen 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 \$400,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), the Australian Red Cross, 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 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.

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

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Zone Meeting, August Members Meeting and new District Governor's Visit Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 4 August 2010 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30
Charity Ball 2010 Way-In Network	TBA Formal	Sunday 12 September 2010 7:00 for 7:30pm	TBA
Visiting Elderly Homes Sydney Chinese Lions	Indo-Chinese Elderly Homes Club uniform	Sunday 19 September 2010 TBA	N/A
Health Talk Day Sydney Chinese Lions	UTS Club uniform	Saturday 30 October 2010	N/A

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