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We Serve!

Editorial

Trees grow by the photosynthesis process and in so doing they absorb carbon from the atmosphere turning them into fiber and timber. So far no one can find any means or methods better than planting and growing trees to sequester carbon from the atmosphere.

LCI President Lion Wing-Kun Tam demonstrates his leadership "To Serve" the whole world by calling for one million trees to be planted in the current Lions year by Lions across the World.

To fulfill his obligations, Lion Stephen Coleman, District Governor of N5 takes up responsibility to push for the planting of 1,000 trees. In order to support our leaders, Sydney Chinese Lions spear-headed by Lion Bill Wong, fully supported by Zone Chairman Dr Anthony Cheung and President Mei Cheng, put together a Tree Planting Project with the Dundundra Falls Reserve Trust.

The Dundundra Falls Reserve Trust was selected for this initiative as the project is not meant to be a "plant and forget" one. The 500 trees planted are in fact part of the State government's 3-year forest re-generation project of the Dundundra Falls Reserve (near the Duffy Forest in Terrey Hills). The entire project is designed and supervised by Remi Marion, a well qualified ecologist, with a mission to protect the wild fauna in the area and to preserve its Duffy Forest character.

This project is not so much a fundraising assignment. Rather it is one to help us meet IP Lion Tam's target of planting one million trees worldwide. So far over 15 Clubs in District N5 have come on board in support. The deadline for tree subscription has been extended to the end of June 2012. Further support from

other N5 Clubs and individual Lions is more than welcome.

A brief ceremony (see report inside) was held on site on 20 May 2012 to mark the completion of the planting of the 500 trees. The full cost of the project is underwritten by Sydney Chinese Lions. Any surplus after deduction of costs will be donated to District N5 as subsidy for the production of training materials.

Let us now come back to house keeping.

Firstly, the Board of our Club resolved at its May 2012 meeting that the \$40,000 cheque presented to LCIF at Charity Ball 2012 is to be topped up by a further \$10,000 to \$50,000. The entire amount is earmarked for LCIF's newest "One Shot One Life" Measles Initiative.

Secondly, an Incoming Officers' Training Seminar for N5 Clubs will be held at Bankstown Sports Club on Sunday, 27 May. All who are interested please contact Zone Chairman Anthony for details.

Thirdly, the District N5 Changeover Dinner is to be held at the Parramatta Leagues Club on Saturday, 7 July. RSVP: President Mei Cheng who is putting together a table of 10.

Last but not least, the Sydney Chinese Lions Changeover Dinner will be held at Silver Restaurant on Wednesday, 11 July. Lion Bill Wong is the Chairman of the Organising Committee for this function and VP Lion Jason Zhang is the Deputy Chairman. To RSVP: ring Lion Bill Wong on 0407 266 896 or email him at jjw2086@gmail.com by 28 June 2012.

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DG Steve and Sydney Chinese Lions at Plaque Unveiling Ceremony

Message from our International President

Dear Lion,

We may not have known it at the time, but we had a large learning curve ahead of us when we took on our leadership duties last July. We had enthusiasm and energy on our side but we were still beginners in the positions we now occupy. Looking back on the last 10 months we can see how far we have come and how much we have learned. Now that we are equipped with this invaluable experience it is no time to allow our energy and enthusiasm to wane. We are all better leaders now than when we began our leadership year. That means that our final months in office have the potential to be our most effective.

I personally will not stop working and leading until I cross the stage at the international convention in Busan to pass the international presidency on to my successor. I ask that you do the same. Please join me in creating a strong finish to our leadership year, remembering that leading Lions in the service of others is a privilege as well as a duty.

In particular, I hope that you will pay special attention to the newest members of your Lions family. By following the [My Club, My Family](#) concept we have succeeded in reducing the number of members that leave our organization. Help advance this success into the next Lions year by contacting new members, making them feel welcome and ensuring that they receive the orientation and mentoring they need to become effective Lions.

Finally, I ask that you be generous with the knowledge you have acquired and share it willingly as you pass the gavel of leadership to your successor.

Thank you for all you have done and all you will do in your remaining time as a Lion leader.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam
International President 2011-2012



International President
Wing-Kun Tam

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

Message from our LCIF Chairperson

Dear Lion,

Judy and I recently toured Louisiana and Mississippi, USA, to see the impact Lions had on communities that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. What I saw there made me proud of all the Lions that had worked to rebuild these communities for the past seven years.

In Louisiana, USA, we visited the Chalmette High School and saw a new building where ruins stood seven years ago after the hurricane. Lions and LCIF provided this school with new buses, a computer center with a Lions logo on each computer, a medical center and a state-of-the-art library. In meeting with the school administration, I even learned that the administrative staff and teachers had formed a school Lions club after personally experiencing the great work that Lions do.

This school demonstrated the "can do" spirit of Lions that was evident in each relief project that we saw throughout the area. Lions make a difference. We stay until the work is done and this is what sets Lions and LCIF apart. We remain committed and see [disaster relief](#) through until the end. Lions in Japan, New Zealand, Haiti and many other places around the globe know this as well.

LCIF is able to remain committed to long-term projects thanks to each of you. Your donations provide relief for disasters, support youth, save sight, and save lives through our newest measles initiative. While there are many honorable causes to give to, as this Lions' year nears its end, I ask for you to consider making a special donation for the [measles initiative](#).

Through your measles donations, you can honor a community member or club member with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. There are also [opportunities for club and individual recognition](#), including banner patches to recognize generous clubs. However, the most important reason to donate to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative is that you are saving a child's life with each dollar donated.

I thank you for continuing to support the efforts of LCIF. Together we are making a huge difference in the world.

Serving together today as a beacon of hope,

Sid L. Scruggs, III
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



**LCIF Chairperson
Sid Scruggs, III**

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LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs, III as Associate Member on 25 October 2009***

Thanks are due to
Lion Henry Leung for his painstaking
efforts in compiling the **Editorials**
for the **Sydney Chinese Lions Monthly**
Bulletins since July 2009.

His astounding knowledge and keen
perceptions are truly inspirational,
admired and appreciated by all.



A Gentle Reminder:

The 2012-13 Membership fees
are due on 30 June 2012.

We encourage you to pay at your earliest convenience.

By Direct Transfer: **BSB: 012 071**

A/C Number: 197614021

A/C Name: The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc

By Cheque: in favour of **The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc**

Post cheque to **PO Box K422, Haymarket NSW 2000**

An Invitation

The Club Bulletin welcomes contributions from members. If you
have written something interesting about the club, please share
it with us and forward it to sydneychineselions@yahoo.com.au.



N5 Lions



Tree Planting Project

In response to International President Tam's call for the global planting of trees, in conjunction with DG Steve, Sydney Chinese Lions have recently organised a Tree Planting Project for N5 Lions. This involved 500 trees to be planted on Crown land, managed by the Dundundra Falls Reserve Trust, at the corner of Aumuna Road and Larool Road, Dundundra Falls Reserve, Terrey Hills.



The trees were planted on Lions' behalf between March and May 2012 by qualified personnel, supervised by Remi Marion, an ecologist working for the Trust.

N5 Lions are encouraged to participate in the project by subscribing to a tree at \$20 each despite no actual planting by Lions is involved. Names of tree subscribers will be acknowledged on the Sydney Chinese Lions website. The full cost of the project is underwritten by Sydney Chinese Lions and all surplus will be donated to District N5 earmarked for the subsidy of training materials production.

To mark the completion of this meaningful project, a Plaque Unveiling Ceremony was held on site on Sunday, 20 May 2012. It was attended by DG Steve, Mr Andrew Sutcliffe, Chairman of the Dundundra Falls Reserve Trust, and some 20 Lions. At the Ceremony, Zone 4 Chairman Dr Anthony Cheung acted as Master of Ceremonies. DG Steve, President Mei and Chairman Andrew were invited to give brief presentations. To date, in support of the project, over 15 Lions Clubs have subscribed to trees and their contributions were duly acknowledged.

Other N5 Clubs wishing to come on board to support the project are most welcome. The deadline for tree subscriptions has now been extended to 30 June 2012.



For tree subscriptions and/or enquiries, please email Lion Bill Wong at wjw2086@gmail.com or give him a ring on 0407 266 896.



Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2012

On Saturday, 24 March 2012, The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc celebrated their 17th Anniversary. They featured a signature event - their Charity Ball 2012 - which was held at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. This was the eighth year in a row that Sydney Chinese Lions have been holding this major event at this prime venue in Sydney.

Distinguished lions from the Sydney Chinese Lions Club played perfect host yet again this year and greeted all guests on their arrival. It wouldn't be someone's fault to misjudge the event to be a model contest as guests all dressed to impress, however, it once again reflected the importance all guests have placed on this annual charitable function. As hands were shaken, friends were acquainted, guests entered into the ballroom and sat down at their tables one by one. The marvelous entertainment throughout the function, excellent food and enjoyable company of all fellow lions created a magical night that was truly unforgettable.

However, despite all cheers and laughter, we were also inspired by the message that Guest of Honor LCIF Chairperson Lion Sid Scruggs III shared during the night, and his dedication to fight the threat of measles children were facing in less developed countries. He stressed that some 450 children suffer death daily simply due to lack of

vaccination, such alarming numbers saw all 450 lions generously responded to his calling, and as a collective effort, an initial cheque of \$40,000 was presented to the Chairperson by the end of the night. In addition, the Board subsequently forwarded an additional cheque carrying a further donation of \$10,000 to LCIF, making an aggregate total of \$50,000.

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, 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 135 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



Lion James Yang
reports ...



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, 2nd Vice District Governor Elect and Past 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 \$500,000 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 offered its humanitarian scholarships between 2003 and 2011. 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.

The club secured support from many organisations and individuals for Charity Ball 2012: Major Sponsors Shum's Watches and Jewellery and Honey World Travel; Sponsors Central Equity, DFS Galleria and DIOR, Grand Jewellery, Heng Fai Trading Company P/L, Hornsby Mazda, InvoCare, Lions Rita & Arthur Kwan, Liteco Construction, Porsche Centre Sydney South, Zilver Group, together with many Donors and

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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 performance by the Three Tenors Under Cover and dance performance by the Chungwa Youth Art Group, plus live music dancing with the Mandarin Band.

Those who wish to seek more information about Sydney Chinese Lions are most welcome to access their website at www.sydneychineselions.org.au.



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Visit us at our Award Winning Website
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Upcoming Events

Function/Organizer	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost
June 2012 Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 6 June 2012	\$30 per person
Incoming Officers Training Forum District N5	Bankstown Sports Club Greenfield Parade, Bankstown Club uniform	Sunday 27 May 2012 9 am	Free lunch provided
District Changeover District N5	Parramatta Leagues Club Formal/Club uniform	Saturday 7 July 2012	\$50 per person
Sydney Chinese Lions Changeover 2012 (meeting on 4 July cancelled) Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 11 July 2012 7:00 for 7:30 pm	\$50 per person