

# Sydney Chinese Lions Monthly Bulletin

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Last month, some 175 Lions, guests, family and friends from Sydney, Victoria and New Zealand attended the District N5 Convention on Norfolk Island.

The highlight of the Convention was, like always, the election of the District Governor and Vice District Governors. Lion Greg Dunn, the current First Vice DG and the only candidate for District Governor 2012-13 was duly elected. Lion Warren Lathem, the current Second Vice DG and the only candidate for First Vice DG 2012-13 was also duly elected. Of the two candidates for the position of Second Vice DG 2012-2013, the Convention elected by secret ballot Lion Dr Anthony Cheung from Sydney Chinese Lions.

If the tradition holds, Lion Dr Anthony Cheung will become the Governor of District 201 N5 in 2014-15. Lion Dr Anthony Cheung is the first Australian Chinese person elected into this high office in N5. This is indeed a historical event for the District in a sense that an ethnic Chinese person is elected for the first time by the mainstream clubs delegates to be one of their leaders. The emphasis is "elected" rather than "selected".

In Australia there have been many discussions on the pros and cons of "multiculturalism" versus "full integration". Many often forget that the multifacets of ethnicity are introduced to the mainstream population through integration. " $\exists (Da Tong)$ ", the Chinese equivalence of utopia, describes of a world of same ideals. For in a world with all identifying with the same ideals,

# **Editorial**

there is no discrimination because there is nothing to be discriminated against.

Then, we can speak of no integration at all if we are only looking inside our own enclave. So it is fitting that the motto of Lion Greg Dunn, DG Elect is simply to "Reach out". Let us all then reach out to integrate the various ethnicities into the big Aussie picture. Aussie-Aussie-Aussie; Oi-oi-oi!!!

It is Christmas again. On 14 December, our Christmas Party was attended by 350 people at the Zilver Restarurant. It was a very successful function and a good time was had by all.

Next year is the year of the Dragon. This year the Chinese New Year Day, 23 January 2012 will be very close to Australia Day. On Australia Day, ie, 26 January 2012, the leaders of our Club will join the Australian Chinese Community in a commemoration service at the Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument at the corner of Dixon and Liverpool Streets. All members wishing to attend should contact the President or the Secretary.

The collection of Silent Auction prizes, Raffles prizes in support of Charity Ball 2012 will be closing soon after the Chinese New Year. Due acknowledgements will be provided in the Ball Commemorative Booklet. All donors are encouraged to contact the President or the Chairman of the Charity Ball Organizing Committee in early course.

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# Message from our International President

### Dear Lions

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony in Nairobi, Kenya, where more than 2,000 trees were planted by Lions and representatives of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). These trees are just the beginning of a new partnership between Lions and the AKDN that will result in the planting of at least one million trees in Kenya by December 2012. Think of it -- our entire worldwide goal for tree planting equalled in one nation alone!

This is certainly cause for celebration, not only because it will provide great environmental benefits, but also because growing and nurturing those trees will provide employment opportunities for young Kenyans.

It reminded me that growing and nurturing the Lions family is the most important work we do as Lion leaders. I am proud to report that

this work is going very well. More than 337district governors have qualified for Excellent First Believer awards by chartering two new clubs or achieving positive membership results, or for Superior First Believer awards by chartering five new clubs and achieving positive membership on October 31, 2011. <u>View the list at the Lions Clubs International Web site</u>.

District governors' teams share the work of growth and nurturing with the worldwide <u>Global</u> <u>Membership Team</u> and <u>Global Leadership Team</u>. The <u>Club Excellence Process</u> provides additional nurturing for Lions clubs around the world.

I hope that you will join me in congratulating the First Believer recipients for their success in helping to grow our Lions family. I also hope that you, your club or district will take full advantage of the nurturing opportunities provided by the GMT and GLT and the Club Excellence Process.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely

Wing-Kun Tam International President 2011-2012

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



International President Wing-Kun Tam

# Message from our

# **LCIF Chairperson**

## A Year of Generosity for LCIF

#### One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative Update

Every day a quiet storm needlessly takes the lives of 450 children. Yet for less than US\$1, we can provide life-long immunity and the chance at life. Lions, we can save **157 million children** through <u>One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative</u>, a partnership with the Measles Initiative. The Gates Foundation is challenging Lions to mobilize US\$10 million with a matching grant of US\$1 for every US\$2 raised by Lions. Last month LCIF received two large donations to help meet this challenge: US\$250,000 from Multiple District 300, Taiwan, and US\$10,000 from International Director Seiki Yamaura from Japan. All Lions are encouraged to support this program and help meet the challenge. <u>Donations</u> are eligible for MJF recognition. Many others around the world are also expressing their support. Last month International President Tam met with the President of Nepal and Vice President of Kenya, both of whom pledged their support to vaccination campaigns planned in their countries.

#### Disaster Relief Update

Nearly two years following the earthquake, <u>Lions in Haiti</u> remain committed to rebuilding lives and the economy. The nursing school is now complete in Haiti and

students will move into the facility this month. The school includes four classrooms, practice labratory and resource library. The homes being built in collaboration with the organization HELP are nearly complete. In addition to the 620 families who are benefiting from a new home, 102 Haitian construction workers are benefiting through employment from this project. Read more online about additional projects completed or underway in Haiti.

#### Lions Quest Expansion Pilot

Lions Quest continues to expand beyond typical school programs. LCIF is beginning to pilot our new Lions Quest *Skills for Adolescence Out-of-School-Time* (OST) program in six community schools in the Chicago Public School system, in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Chicago, Illinois, USA. This marks the first step in bringing Lions Quest to community centres, afterschool programs and other organizations -- the very places where Lions help youth every day. Lions Quest is eager to partner with Lions clubs everywhere to expand this new initiative. Lions continue to play a key role in expanding the program worldwide. A training was recently held for Lions leaders from South Asia. In January, meetings will be held in Europe and Africa. The meeting in Africa marks the formal launch of our US\$150,000 project with the U.S. State Department to expand the program in five countries.

#### Relieving Hunger

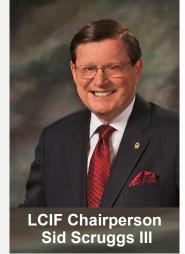
During December and January, Lions are encouraged to participate in the <u>Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action Cam-</u> <u>paign</u>. There are a number of resources available to assist in planning and promotion of activities that address local and global hunger. LCIF has awarded a number of grants for large-scale projects that fight hunger, including delivering food supplies in the Horn of Africa during a massive famine, a feeding program for 65,000 people daily in South Africa and re-establishing kitchens and food facilities following the disaster in Japan.

#### Lions Quest Continues to Grow

Are you interested in starting <u>Lions Quest</u> but don't know where to begin? There are several new materials to assist in beginning or expanding the Lions Quest program. A <u>how-to brochure</u> provides a step-by-step guide through the process. <u>Lions</u> <u>Quest: A Global Success</u> is a new video that provides positive examples of the program around the world. A <u>Community</u> <u>Partnership Grant</u> program was created to assist Lions districts and multiple districts in beginning or reactiving Lions Quest programs. A limited number of grants are available for up to US\$10,000.

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

Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs III as Associate Member on 25 October 2009









## 26-27 NOVEMBER 2011

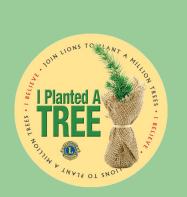




Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at Norfolk Convention

# Sydney Chinese Lions at Lions District 201 N5 Convention on Norfolk Island

Reported by Lion Henry Leung



From 26 to 27 November 2011 the Lions Clubs of District 201 N5 held their Annual Convention on Norfolk Island. The Convention comprised an Annual General Meeting for the delegates from all the clubs in the District. Each club is entitled to one delegate for every ten members on its roll.

In 1774, Captain Cook aboard *HMS Resolution* discovered the 5 km by 8 km island about 2 hours' flight to the north east of Sydney and named it as Norfolk Island in honour of his patron the Duchess of Norfolk. On 14 September 1844 the administration of the Island was passed from New South Wales to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania). In 1856, Queen Victoria granted the island to the descendants of the *Bounty* mutineers on Pitcairn Island and the Island was declared an independent Colony on 31 October 1856. By 1897 the administration of the island was returned to New South Wales. On 1 July 1920, the Commonwealth of Australia accepted Norfolk Island as its first external territory.

In 1974 when Queen Elizabeth made a one-day visit to Norfolk Island, the Lions District 2016 held a Convention on the island. Since the establishment of District 201 N5 in 1977 which includes Sydney and the Norfolk Island Lions clubs, four Conventions had been held there, namely, in 1979, 1986, 1991 and 2001. Convention 2011 is the sixth Lions Convention on the island.

This year over 60 delegates registered at the Convention. Together with observers from other Districts like V2 in Victoria and New Zealand, plus guests, family and friends - over 175 people attended the Convention.

There were three Keynote Speakers. Multiple District Leo Chairman, Lion Martin Peebles talked about the development of Leos in Australia. Mr Bruce Baskerville, Site Manager of Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area of Norfolk gave a presentation on Norfolk's local history. Ms Sorrel Wilby, adventurer, author, television producer, reporter, photographer and artist shared with the Conventioneers some of her exciting and interesting experience over her 17,000 km solo ride throughout Asia and her 3,000 km solo trek across Tibet.

The AGM of the District was not convened as there were insufficient clubs present to form a quorum. The 2010-2011 financial report of the District was presented but was not adopted due to an error relating to a double entry in the audit fee. A further General Meeting of the District has to be convened on a date to be advised to approve the revised audited financial report.

At the Convention, the General Meeting of Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation was duly convened. A new member was inducted into the Norfolk

#### Island Lions Club.

The Business Session of the Convention otherwise passed various motions regarding (a) preschool Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Education and Therapy project; (b) amendment of Constitution of Lions Nurses Scholarship Foundation Limited; (c) the publication of the District Bulletin on Dis-



Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at Queen Elizabeth Lookout on Norfolk

trict Website only.

Then it came the highlight of the Convention - the nomination and election of District Governor, 1st Vice DG and 2nd Vice DG for 2012-13. Lion Greg Dunn, the only candidate for DG and Lion Warren Latham, the only candidate for 1st Vice DG easily won the hearts of the Convention and the vote of confidence with their passionate speeches. Both Lion Peter Worden of Winston Hills Lions Club and Lion Dr Anthony Cheung of Sydney Chinese Lions Club gave excellent and impressive campaign speeches for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. The voting was conducted in earnest after the speeches. But the Convention was held in suspense until the following day. Then it was announced that the 2nd Vice DG position went to Lion Dr Anthony Cheung who then became the first elected officer of Chinese descent for this key leadership position in the District. This was indeed a great historic moment for Australian Chinese Lions in N5.

The Norfolk Island Lions Clubs staged a solemn Flag Ceremony to mark the beginning of the Convention and a very touching Remembrance Service towards the closing. On Tuesday, 29 November 2011, the Norfolk Island Lions Clubs went on to arrange with the island's Forestry Department to plant 21 tree seedlings at the Cockpit Waterfall; a tree each to remember the 20 Lions and a Leo who have sadly passed away during the year.

The host clubs provided everyone at the Convention with a fantastic hospitality programme. We all enjoyed immensely the Garden Party at the Government House and the Social Night at the RSL Club. All in all, the Convention was so wonderful that we are already looking forward to attending the coming District Convention in Lithgow in November 2012.









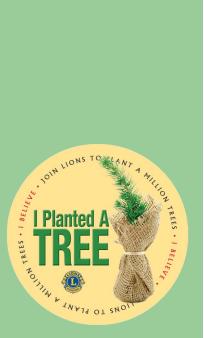
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雪梨華人獅子會一眾會員及代表出席諾福克島 201N5 區年度大會

# 首位華人榮膺國際獅子會 201N5 區候任第二副總監

## 王愛 報導



國際獅子會 201N5 區第四分域主席,雪梨華人獅子會前任會長張俊明博士在日前 舉行的獅子會 201N5 區年度大會中擊敗強勁對手 順利當選為 2012-2013 年度候任 第二副總監!也是該區歷史上當選該主要領導職位的首位華人,顯示了華人為獅 子會的努力和付出得到了主流獅子會充分的認同!

國際獅子會 201N5 區涵括整個大雪梨地區及位于南太平洋風光旖旎的諾福克島, 包括 70 多個獅子會分會 201N5 區本年度會員大會于 11 月 26 日至 27 日在諾福克 島舉行。雪梨及諾福克島各獅子會的成員及代表近 300 人出席了此次盛會。在競選 演講中,張俊明博士用嶄新的思維詮釋了"LIONS"-獅子-的含義,賦予了獅子 會各會員更多,更新,及更廣的目標和意義,在一貫的堅持服務社會的基礎上,注 入了創新和現代的理念和元素,博得了與會代表的積極響應和熱烈赞同。選舉採取 不記名投票的方式,鑒於張博士之前對獅子會的貢獻和之後對獅子會服務的視野 和啓迪,眾望所歸成功當選為 2012-2013 年度國際獅子會 201N5 區候任第二副總 監,有望以後每年晉升一級,於 2014-2015 年度出任 201N5 區的首位華人總監!本 年度的大會還選出了 Greg Dunn 獅兄為候任總監及 Warren Lathem 獅兄為候任第一 副總監。

成員們都熱切期待著不久將來在新一届領導的帶領和指導下,獅子會為社會公益 事業做出更多的貢獻,也期待更多的愛心人士加入他們以服務社會為目的的行 列!

# Australia Day 2012

## To Fellow Lions in N5

Similar to previous years, an Australian Chinese Community Commemoration at the Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument (corner of Dixon and Liverpool Streets) will be held on Australia Day 2012 - Thursday, 26 January 2012 at 11:00am sharp.

This event is the only Australia Day Event organised by the Australian Chinese Community. We take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Australian Chinese men and women who have served/are serving Australia in the armed forces.

In 2012, we will have CAPT A Lam, LT P Chin and LT K Shi from the Army Reserves unit in uniform proudly bearing our National Flag for us. We will also have lion dance support by the Australian Chinese Youth League and singing by the Chinese Parents Association - Children with Disabilities Inc.

Traditionally, the function has been supported by Chinese-based Lions Clubs of N5. For this purpose, on behalf of the Organising Committee, I am writing to you to invite you and your members to attend the function. Do feel to pass this on to your members and encourage them to come along on that day.

Dr Victor Tsang, Event Organizer, has suggested a few points regarding the event:

- 1. Coming with your family and show your pride for our nation at the Flag Raising Ceremony (When the Australian Flag is raised, all present should face the Flag, Men should remove their hats and all should remain silent. Those in Defence uniform should salute.
- 2. Singing the National Anthem led by Children of CPA and witness a Military display by the Australian Defence Forces and the impressive salute by the Australian Chinese Youth League Lion Dance.

3. Paying tribute to Comrades and laying of flowers - Lions members should be in their Club Uniform, all Clubs attending please prepare their own flowers.

- 4. Catching up with old friends.
- 5. Taking photos with District Governor Steve and fellow Lions All Clubs please bring your Club Banner along for occasion.
- 6. Staying back for Lunch at the Arisun Restaurant at \$10 per person.

We look forward to seeing you at the ceremony. Meanwhile, if you have any queries, do feel free to drop me an email or give me a call on 0414 330 887.



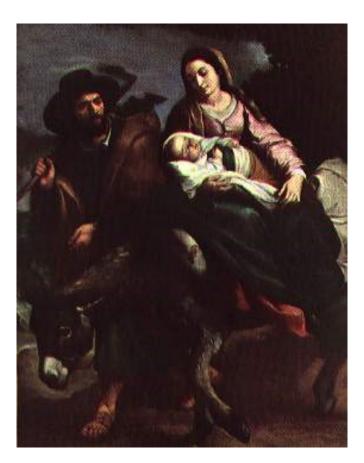


# The Sydney Chinese Lions Christmas Party in

December was a golden opportunity for members and friends to come together for a reunion. Because of the Christmas Season, the party bears an intimate atmosphere of dignity and warmth.

At the beginning of the party, the singing of the Australian National Anthem, together with the reading of Lions' ethics and purposes, cultivated a strong sense of harmony and mateship to those who were present.

As for me, Dr Anthony Cheung's proposal for us to give each other a hug is still fresh in my mind. The simple hug instantly melted down all the barriers and brought warmth to the audience. The moment that people





started embracing each other made me realize the amazing power of a hug, and the actual closeness among friends and Lions members.

After the party, we may forget the gifts we have received, or the food we have shared with others, but we will always remember the warmth of the hug from our family members, friends, and colleagues that extend to us acceptance, friendship and solicitude.

Besides this, the Christmas party was quite a big harvest for me. The formal membership induction ceremony was brief but exciting. Wearing the Lions lapel badge, and the feeling of being welcomed radiating from the eyes of fellow Lions instilled in me an instantaneous sense of belonging and pride.

The entire evening comprised one climax after another. The singing of the Christmas carols lit up everybody's faces. We were soaked in a joyous atmosphere filled with happiness.



Hand in hand and heart to heart, we enjoyed the music, we danced and cherished the moment. Such a splendid and

cheerful party leaves everyone with infinite joy. We simply can't wait for the next Sydney Chinese Lions party to come.

By Lion Olivia Luo





雪梨華人獅子會於12月舉行的聖誕晚會是一個不可多得的大團聚。今年 的聖誕晚會蕴藏着一份高貴氛圍,也因為將至的聖誕節透出濃濃的温情。 聚會開始,振奮激昂的國歌和鼓舞人心的獅子會精神將强烈的凝聚力傳 遞給在場的每一位。

令我記憶猶新的是張俊明博士的建議,小小的 擁抱頓時溶化了所有的陌生,帶給全場一陣暖 流。擁抱的瞬間我才體會到擁抱的關懷力量那 麼大,人與人之間的距離原来那麼近。也許我 們記不清得到的禮物,忘記了分享過的佳肴,





但記憶猶新的是來自家人、朋友、同事:被接纳、被包 容、被關愛的擁抱。

不僅如此,獅子會的聖誕晚會讓我收穫頗豐。正式的入 會儀式,簡單却令人激動不已。戴上獅子會徽章,看到 場下大家歡迎鼓勵的目光,心中頓時充满歸屬感和自豪 感。

整場晚會高潮迭起,聖誕歌大聯唱點亮了每一個人的笑臉,情不自禁的 朋友們牵起彼此的手,在舞蹈中盡情享受着音樂,享受 着這一刻。

這樣精彩又令人感到温暖的夜晚,讓人無限留戀,也更 令人憧憬下一個更加美好的獅子會相聚!



### 羅喆 報導

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Congratulations to Lion Anthony Cheung on his election as Second Vice District Governor of District 201N5 for 2012-13.

You're cordially invited to ...

RSVP by Wednesday, 7 March 2010

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torrent of service in the world.

As LIONS we are like droplets of water. Together we flow onward-forming a benevolent

# 澳洲雪梨華人獅子會慈善餐舞會2012 The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2012

Saturday, 24 March 2012

The Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour

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

\$168 per person / \$1,680 per table of 10 (incl. pre-dinner drinks, 3-course dinner with drinks, entertainment, live band and dancing)

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Black Tie / National Costume

A Gentle Reminder Please contribute a raffle prize with a minimum value of \$50 to support our Charity Ball 2012.



## The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.

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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 68 clubs with around 1,700 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.

first of these Chinese-based clubs chartered in April 1995. Over the past sixteen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Past President & Zone Chairman 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 minfful 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.



# **Upcoming Events**

Function/Organizer	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost
January 2012 Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 4 January 2012 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person for dinner
Australia Day 2012 Australian Chinese Community Commemoration	Aus Chinese Ex-Services Monument Corner Dixon & Liverpool Streets Club uniform	Thursday 26 January 2012 10:45 am	\$10 per person for lunch
Chinese New Year Gathering Sydney Chinese Lions	Sydney Tower Restaurant Shirt and Tie	Wednesday, 8 February 2012 12:00 noon	\$50 per person
Charity Ball 2012 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention & Exhibition Cen- tre, Darling Harbour Black Tie/National Costume	Saturday 24 March 2012 6:15 pm pre din- ner drinks	\$168 per person/ \$1,680 for a table of 10