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We Serve!

Editorial

The Town Criers are shouting in front of Town Hall "Last call for Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball tickets". That is, if these were the days before digital and wireless communications.

At the time of writing this Editorial, just a week before the 2012 Charity Ball on Saturday, 24 March, more than 400 tickets are presold. The seating plan is being revised for the umpteenth time. It is the only fundraising function of the year for the Sydney Chinese Lions but it is shaping up to be an evening most entertaining and enjoyable.

This year, the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is the beneficiary of the Charity Ball. The Guests of Honor are naturally the Immediate Past International President (IPIP) Lion Sid Scruggs III and his lady Lion Judy. Lion Sid is also the current Chairperson of LCIF. It will be a good opportunity for the Sydney Chinese Lions and their guests to meet the Chairperson couple.

What Sydney Chinese Lions can do to contribute to the smooth running of the event is to provide your guest name lists to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible. From past experience this

measure will definitely save a lot of time for your guests at the reception table and quite a few embarrassing moments too.

Earlier at the March Members Meeting, elections for the 2012-13 Board of Directors and Office-bearers were held in line with the By-laws of the Club. Congratulations to Lion Mei Cheng on being re-elected as President of the Club again. Details of other names and positions can be found on Page 6 of this Bulletin.

Sydney Chinese Lions in conjunction with DG Lion Steve Coleman are organizing a Tree Planting Project. This is in response to International President Lion Wing-Kun Tam's call for global planting of trees. 500 trees will be planted on Crown land managed by the Dundundra Falls Reserve Trust at Terry Hills. A Plaque Unveiling Ceremony will be held on site on Sunday, 20 May 2012. All N5 Lions are welcome to participate in this project by subscribing to a tree at \$20. Up till now we have about 100 subscriptions. Those intending to support this very meaningful project please ring Lion William Wong on 0407 266 896 or email him at wjw2086@gmail.com.

The Zone 4 meeting for the March quarter was held on 17 February. It was a successful event attended by some 60 members from 5 Clubs in the Zone.

Finally, Sydney Chinese Lions are reminded that in accordance with our Club's tradition in recent years, **there will be no Club meetings in April**. The next Members Meeting is on Wednesday, 2 May 2012 at 7:00 for 7:30 pm at the Zilver Restaurant.

Be seeing you all at the Charity Ball.

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Lions attending the Zone 4 Meeting on 17 February 2012

Message from our International President

Dear Lion,

One of my goals as international president is to meet club presidents. To date, I've been privileged to meet with 7,000 of them from dozens of nations. Are you impressed? Well, as I like to joke, I have only 38,000 more to go!

Those numbers attest to the size and scope of our association. But numbers can't match what is in the heart. The heart of a Lion is what makes us special. We believe we can make a difference in people's lives. Our belief in We Serve is enabling us to bring happiness and opportunity to others.

The power of our belief is why I decided against revising my goal to plant 1 million trees. Since we smashed that goal long ago, good-hearted Lions ask me, "Should a new target be set?" I've been telling Lions they've not only planted trees but planted a seed in their heart. Lions believe as never before, and the new target is hidden in their hearts. Lions will decide how far we go with the tree planting. Let's continue to plant trees and demonstrate to one another and the entire world the power of belief and the power of we.

In these next few months until the end of this Lions year, please also continue to invite people to be Lions, to partner with Leos on projects and to nurture young people, our most precious resource. Most of all, resolve to care for fellow Lions like family members. At club meetings ask them how they and their family are. Visit or call when they are sick. Look for job leads if they are unemployed. The strength of our association is a result of the warm relationships among Lions. The more we care for one another the more we will retain our members and serve together effectively. If Lions can help others, we definitely can help Lions, too. That's what being a family is all about.

I invite you to witness and enjoy the Lions' family when we gather in great numbers in June at the international convention in Busan, Korea. We will reveal the final tally of trees planted as well as engage in all the wonderful traditional events such as the flag ceremony, the parade and the swearing-in of the new president. Lions will show one another the power of belief and the power of "we."

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,

Thanks to your generous support, 10 million more children now have the chance at a healthy life. Mothers and fathers in Nepal no longer have to fear that their child will suffer from measles. These children are among those in nearly 30 other countries who will receive measles vaccinations this year through Lions' efforts.

In Nepal, I met Punya Lahke, who shared with me the burden she faced when her 23-month-old son, Bipul, had measles. Red spots covered his tiny body and she did not know what was wrong. He was fortunate to receive timely medical care and treatment.

Yet, too many other children are not as fortunate as Bipul. In fact, 450 children die each day from this disease. Even one death is too many. Lions, we have the power to ensure no other families suffer this fate. That is why we have launched [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#).

By joining with other leading non-governmental organizational [partners](#), we are giving life to **157 million children this year**. The Gates Foundation has issued a challenge to us, Lions. I am confident we can meet and exceed this challenge. The Gates Foundation will match every US\$2 we raise with US\$1, to help us meet our goal of providing US\$15 million this year.

I invite you to [hear directly](#) from William H. Gates, Sr. on the importance of our partnership program. You will also see some the impact we are having on the babies and families we have already helped. I know after viewing this heart warming video, it will inspire you to want to help even more children. It certainly had that effect on Judy and me.

To those of you who have already accepted this challenge and made a contribution, thank you. We have received several [generous donations](#) from individuals, clubs and districts, helping us to surpass **US\$1 million raised**.

Lions, [please give](#) what you can. Families around the world are counting on us. Every donation will have a great impact. Donating is easy and can be done directly on our Web site. Our funds will be combined with the funds raised by our partners, getting us closer to the goal of eliminating measles. For less than US\$1, we can vaccinate one child for a lifetime. Serving together today for a better tomorrow,

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



**LCIF Chairperson
Sid Scruggs III**

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

Ticket No.

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2012

Saturday, 24 March 2012

*As LIONS we are like droplets of water.
Together we flow onward - forming a benevolent
torrent of service in the world.*

Major Beneficiary



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Major Sponsors



\$168
per person

The Parkside Ballroom
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre
Darling Harbour

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

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Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Price incl. pre-dinner drinks, 3-course dinner with drinks, entertainment,
live band and dancing

Dress Code: Black Tie / National Costume



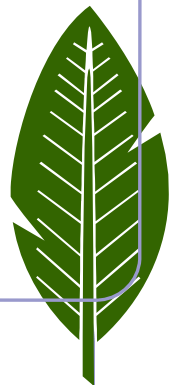
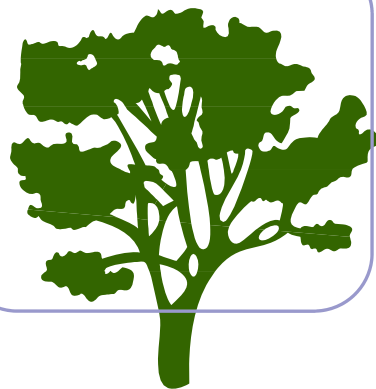
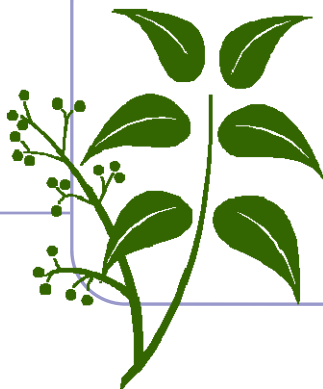
The 3-course Dinner at Charity Ball 2012



Tree Planting Project

DG Steve in conjunction with **Sydney Chinese Lions**

in response to International President Tam's call for the global planting of trees...



We are organizing for 500 trees to be planted on Crown land, managed by the Dundundra Falls Reserve Trust, at Dundundra Falls Reserve, Terrey Hills, at the corner of Aumuna Road and Larool Road - UBD page 136 - F10.

The trees are to be planted on Lions' behalf between March and May 2012 by qualified personnel. A **Plaque Unveiling Ceremony** will be held on site at 11 am on Sunday, 20 May 2012 to mark the event.

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. All are welcome to the Plaque Unveiling Ceremony on 20 May.

For further details of the project, please visit the Sydney Chinese Lions website or simply click the following link:

<http://www.sydchineselions.org.au/files/project/897bb63f506d22859275ea48b8ca819f.pdf>

**\$20 TO SUBSCRIBE
TO A TREE**

**PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY
ON SUNDAY, 20 MAY 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.



Election Results of Sydney Chinese Lions Board of Directors 2012-13

At the Members Meeting held on 7 March 2012, elections for the 2012-13 Board of Directors were held. Below are the results.

Notes:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Member Elected</i>
President	Mei Cheng
1 st Vice President	Jason Zhang
2 nd Vice President	Howard Shi
3 rd Vice President	Wendy Lin
Secretary	Janice Cheung
Deputy Secretary	Carolyn Gan
Deputy Secretary	Emily Hung
Treasurer	Tim Yuen
Deputy Treasurer	Linda Chen
Deputy Treasurer	Galy Tse
Membership Chairman	William Wong
Membership Director (2-Year)	Dennis Chai
Membership Director (1-Year)	Emma Wang
Two (2) 2-Year Directors	Gary Yang, Connie Tse
Two (2) 1-Year Directors	Francis Leung (Note 1), Belinda Wan (Note 1)
Tail Twister	Dr Danforn Lim
Lion Tamer	Jonathan Wang
Legal Advisor	Carl Ku

Note 1: Two (1) 1-Year Directors: Francis Leung and Belinda Wan, being 2-Year Directors for 2011-12, shall automatically take up the positions.

A Wine Tasting Gathering - an Appreciative Bunch

Long have I heard of our President Mei's unmatched hospitality, so it's quite an honor and privilege for yours truly as a new member, to join the other lions for the first wine tasting/dinner event at her place on 9 March. After much orchestrated organizing by our beloved Wine Tasting Committee Chair Leo over the week prior to the event, we made sure to arrive on time and also equipping ourselves with our favorite bottles of red.

When our cab pulled up in front of Mei's newly renovated mansion, we rushed up the stairs with much anticipation. There she was, busy cooking up a storm for all our hungry little lions while others were enthusiastically helping - opening the wine bottles and setting the dishes on the table.

Guests started to arrive one after another and before we knew it, we all were gathering around the dinner table full of exquisite cuisines, overlooking the Parramatta water filled with colors of the setting sun in the backdrop, enjoying the breeze of what was left of this summer could bring, as if time itself wanted to stop and capture that

picture perfect moment. With that, wines were poured, glasses were clinked, and we quickly emerged ourselves into the joy and laughter the night withheld for us. In the name of fun and fabulous company, we shared jokes and a few silly laughs, and the highlight of the evening was really my dear friend Duncan's metaphoric attempt of comparing the characteristics of the wines with those of distinguished women. In the end, I couldn't really summarize the night better than the famous Italian proverb, "one barrel of wine can work more miracles than a church full of saints".

We left Mei's place feeling hugely appreciative of her generosity and hospitality. We left with old mates and new friends, and mostly, we left with a dying hope of the quick arrival of the next wine gathering, and then some.



Lion James Yang reports ...



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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 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.

Over the past 17 years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Past President & 2nd Vice District Governor Elect 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 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 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/Organizer	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost
Charity Ball 2012 Final De-briefing Sydney Chinese Lions	Emperor's Garden Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 21 March 2012	\$26 per person
Charity Ball 2012 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour Black Tie/National Costume	Saturday 24 March 2012 6:15 pm pre dinner drinks	\$168 per person/ \$1,680 for a table of 10
May 2012 Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 2 May 2012	\$30 per person
Plaque Unveiling Ceremony	Terrey Hills, at the corner of Aumuna Road and Larool Road - UBD page 136 - F10. Casual	Sunday 20 May 2010 11 am	\$20 to subscribe to a tree

For bookings please contact:
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