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Editorial

For Australians, June is the first winter month. It is also the month the financial year ends. For Lions, as all new offices will commence on the first day of the fiscal year, they all hold their Changeover functions around this time of the year.

Lions Clubs International is having its Annual Convention in Hamburg on the American Independence Day weekend. This year, in Hamburg, Lion Barry Palmer AM will be installed as the first Australian International Presi-Congratulations to dent. Lion Barry and to all Aus-tralian Lions. We, Sydney Chinese Lions, wish Lion Barry and Lion Ann a pleasant year ahead when Lions all over the world will "Follow our Dreams" and have them fulfilled.

At the District Changeover, Lion Warren Latham will take over the position of District Governor from Lion Greg Dunn. Lion Dr Anthony Cheung JP will then take up from Lion Warren the elected office of First Vice District Governor of District N5.

Lion Anthony, while continues to be the Public Officer of Sydney Chinese, passes the Immediate Past President's office to Lion Mei Cheng JP. Over her 4 years'

at the helms, Lion Mei made great contributions to the Club. Both Lion Anthony and Lion Mei will continue to play an active role in the Club as they have vouched to provide strong support to the new President Lion Jason Zhang. Sydney Chinese Lions, let us all welcome, embrace and support our new President Lion Jason.

Other changes to the Board of Directors and the Office bearers are detailed in the meeting minutes. Taking this opportunity we express our special thanks to Lion Janice Cheung, the retiring Secretary. For the past 3 years, Lion Janice delivered all duties of the Secretary's portfolio with great finesse and skill.

Over 230 Lions and guests attended our Club's 2013 Changeover Dinner on 5 June at the Zilver Restaurant. Other Clubs in or out of the District will be having their respective Changeover functions in June and July. As a Club we need to attend and show our support to a number of other Clubs. Please help support these functions. When President Jason or IPP Mei invite you to attend, please respond favourably whenever possible.

Finally, our Club has decided that instead of the Annual

Health Talk Day, we are going to hold an Annual Health Expo Week 2013 from 28 September to 5 October. Featuring Cantonese only presentations on Saturday, 28 September and Putonghua only on 5 October at Club Central, Hurstville. Lion Dr May Wong has been appointed as Chair of the Organizing Committee. Watch this space for further details.

By Lion Henry Leung

Special Points of Interest:

Lions International Annual Convention in Hamburg

Lion Dr Anthony Cheung JP steps up as First Vice District Governor of Districct N5

Sydney Chinese Lions (SCL) Change Over diner 2013

Lion Mei Cheng steps down as Club President after 4 years

Lion Janice Cheung completes her term as Club Secretary after three years

Welcome to Lion Jason Zhang as new Club President and his 2013~14 Board of Directors

SCL Annual Health Expo 2013



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Message from International President Madden

Dear Lions,

As I near the end of my term as International President, I want to first say thank you to the district governors and club presidents around the world for the tremendous support you have given me throughout the year.

This year I challenged you to expand your community service by including a new initiative – the Reading Action Program (RAP). Your response has been overwhelming. To date, Lions have participated in over 65,000 RAP projects, impacting the lives of 6 million people around the world. RAP has been so successful, the Board of Directors has extended it as a major service project for the next 10 years. That is personally gratifying to me not only as a Lion but as a former educator.



International President Wayne Madden

You embraced my theme "In A World of Service" in so many ways. Linda and I had the opportunity to visit many of you this year, and witness first-hand what Lions are doing to change people's lives. And that is exactly what we are doing. We are changing people's lives. We are giving the underserved a chance for a new beginning, and we are doing it each and every day of the year.

I never imagined growing up in a small town in Indiana that I would one day not only have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of others, but to lead the world's largest service club organization and the global leader in humanitarian service – Lions Clubs International. I am forever grateful and sincerely humbled by the outpouring of love and support for Linda and me.

I've been encouraging you to apply for the District Governor Team Excellence Award and Club Excellence Award. Be sure to download the form and apply after your year is over (but no later than 30 September 2013).

Please express my sincerest appreciation to the Lions in your clubs and districts. Our world is truly a world of service and this year you have helped make the world better through your selfless acts of kindness shown to others.

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne A. 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 Lions,

As I was preparing my monthly message, tragedy struck the city of Moore, Oklahoma and its surrounding communities. The pictures and stories that followed have left me both saddened and inspired. We sympathize with the grieving families, and pledge our support to those within the community seeking to rebuild. To the clubs and Lions in the affected area – your Foundation is there for you. In the coming days, I will have the opportunity to visit Oklahoma Lions. There, I will offer my support, and the continued support of LCIF.

The response to the disaster was immediate - by Lions and their neighbors. I was moved to see those who lost everything, lending a hand to help their friends, their neighbors, or even complete strangers. Lions members are part of that effort, and LCIF is there to support their relief and rebuilding efforts. International President Madden and I immediately approved a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, made possible through the generosity of Lions financial



Wing-Kun Tam Chair, LCIF

support to the Disaster Relief fund. This will be a start, but certainly not an end.

The disaster in Oklahoma and outpouring of support from our worldwide Lions' family, reminds me why I first began to support LCIF more than 32 years ago. At every point in my journey as a Lion, I supported our Foundation: as a new member, as a club president, and as a member of the Board of Trustees. As the Chairperson of LCIF, I now have the unique perspective of meeting so many impacted by the work of Lions and with the support of LCIF. I know my support of the Foundation over all these years has made a significant difference in the lives of many.

Our Foundation supports club and district initiatives in many areas beyond disaster relief. The wonderful thing about LCIF is its ability to help local Lions have a greater impact in the community they serve. With a donation to the Disaster Relief fund, you help those recovering after one of the most significant moments in their life. With a donation to the Area of Greatest Need, the Foundation has the flexibility to respond to Lions' humanitarian initiatives worldwide - both large and small.

I thank you for your past support and for your consideration of support in the weeks, months and years to come.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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Sydney Chinese Lions Changeover Dinner 2013

Programme

Master of Ceremonies: Lion Secretary Janice Cheung

Australian National Anthem Lion Duncan Lin and Lion Peggy Chan

Lions Purposes in Chinese Lion Sophie He Lion Howard Shi

> Acknowledgements Past President Lion Dr Anthony Cheung JP

Official Welcome by President Lion President Mei Cheng JP Interpretation by Lion Secretary Janice Cheung

Invocation and Loyal Toast Lion Mark Coure MP

Dinner Served

Entertainment By the Evergreen Chinese Dance Group

Induction of New Members Conducted by Lion Greg Dunn, District Governor

> Award Presentations President Lion Mei Cheng JP

Group Photos Session

Changeover Ceremony 2013-2014 Board of Directors Conducted by Lion Warren Latham, District Governor Elect

> Incoming President's Address Lion President Jason Zhang

> > Birthday Cake Cutting Lion Crystal Siu

> > > Disco Dancing

Raffles Draw Lion Vice President Wendy Lin assisted by others

2013-14 Board of Directors



Date: Wednesday, 5 June 2013

Venue: Zilver Restaurant

Number of Members & Guests Attending: 230

Key Changes in Club Officers: Lion President Mei retiring after 4 years as Club President Incoming President Lion Jason Zhang Lion Secretary Janice Cheung retiring after 3 years as Club Secretary Incoming Secretary Lion Sophie He

New Board Members: Lion Vicky Kuok Lion Sophie He Lion Kevin Yau Lion Kelly Xiang Lion Duncan Lin Lion Peggy Chan

Number of New Members inducted at Ceremony: 4

Enjoyment Index: high



Melvin Jones Award Recipients





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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 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
Cheque Presentation Ceremony to St John (NSW)	Zilver Restaurant	Thursday, 20 June 2013 12:00 noon	Free of Charge
Sydney North West Lions Changeover	Tingha Palace, Parramatta League Club	Friday, 21 June 2013 7:00pm	\$80 per person
Sydney Chinese Lions July Members Meeting	Zilver Restaurant	Wednesday, 3 July 2013	\$30 per person
District 201N5 Changeover	Blacktown Workers Club 55 Campbell Street Blacktown	Sunday, 3 August 2013	\$45 per person