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### Editorial

For Sydney Chinese Lions, the December Members' Dinner Meeting and Christmas Party is the biggest function of the year that is not of a fund-raising nature. The 2013 party was no doubt another success. It was a full house again. Over 330 Lions, guests from the District and other Clubs, major Charities, friends and folks gathered together to enjoy the festivity of the season. It is definitely a party not to be missed next year. Mark your diaries early - Wednesday, 11 December 2013.

Leo Ellen Watts, the Australia Leo of 2012-3, who also won the title of International Leo of 2012-13, visited Sydney Chinese Lions at the first 2013 Members Dinner Meeting held on 9 January. She was accompanied by Lion Gail Hart, District Chair of Leos; and Lion Gae Burgen, District Chair of International Youth Exchange. We are happy to see an Australian Leo winning the prestigious international title.

On Australia Day, 26 January, leaders of our Club will

join the Australian Chinese Community at a commemorative service at the Australian Chinese Ex-services Monument on the corner of Dixon and Liverpool Streets. All members wishing to attend please contact the President or the Secretary.

Nominations for the Board and Office Bearers for 2013-14 will be opened at the February Members Meeting. All members who are financial are eligible for nomination. Any Lion can nominate any Lion including himself/herself for any position. In the event that a prospective nominee is absent at the meeting, a written acceptance to Club Secretary prior to the meeting is required. Elections will be held at the March Members' Meeting. The Changeover Ceremony usually takes place in June or July.

The end of January is a time we approach the finalization of preparation work for Charity Ball 2013. St John (NSW) is again the Beneficiary of the Charity Ball this year. Sydney Chinese Lions, please do your best to help make this another success:

Firstly we need help in securing Sponsors. Then we need donations for various auction items, raffle prizes and table prizes. And we need help in selling the Charity Ball tickets. We hope to see more people supporting this function this year. The more the merrier.

*By Lion Henry Leung*

### Special Points of Interest:

- > Sydney Chinese Lions Christmas Party 2012 a great success
- > SCL Monthly Members Dinner with International Leo of 2012-3, Leo Ellen Watts, on 09 Jan 2013
- > SCL will join the Australian Chinese community in a commemorative service on Australia Day 2013
- > Nominations for Office Bearers for 2013-14 for SCL will be opened at Feb Members Meeting
- > SCL Charity Ball 2013 preparation work approaching final stages
- > SCL Charity Ball 2013 prizes donation appeal



Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at January 2013 Members Meeting

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# Message from International President Madden

Dear Lions,

By the time you read this message, 2013 will be underway in most parts of the world (the Chinese New Year is Feb 10). Traditionally, we often look at the new year as a new beginning - a new start. Many people make resolutions at the start of the year. They resolve, for example, to eliminate bad habits. And of course, they make those resolutions with good intentions. Statistics show that 49% of people around the world make a new year's resolution. Unfortunately, only 14% succeed in maintaining their resolution(s).



International President  
Wayne Madden

As we begin the new year, I'm asking club presidents and district governors to take a few moments to reflect inward. Have you achieved what you resolved to achieve at the start of your year? Have you been as effective as you had hoped to be as a club or district leader? If you have, that is great; but you are far from finished. If you are falling short, there is still time.

Right now - today - review your progress toward the Club Excellence Award and the District Governor Team Excellence Award. I've said it before, but it's worth repeating - both provide you with a roadmap for success. And ask yourself the following:

Have new members been made to feel welcome? Are they aware of club activities and been encouraged to get involved?  
Has the club hosted a new member orientation and have new members been assigned an effective mentor?  
Has the club completed a community needs assessment?  
District Governors - have you solicited nominations from clubs for the World of Service Awards? The deadline for nominations is March 1st.

At the start of my year, I asked Lions to expand our world of service to include literacy programs through the Reading Action Program. So far this year, 11,736 clubs have embraced the program and have made a significant impact in their community. In light of the Board's action to extend the Reading Action Program for the next 10 years, establishing a literacy project now can become an annual club service project. Has your club started a program? Remember too that learning and hunger are linked. Children that go to school hungry have difficulty concentrating in school. December and January are designated as Lions Relieving the Hunger campaign. There is still time participate.

# Message from International President Madden (cntd.)

We have achieved a great deal so far this year, but with 6 months to go there is still so much more we can achieve. So far this year we have 94,750 new members and 646 new clubs. That equates to thousands of hours of community service.

As we start the new year, make a resolution to finish the year strong! Famous American humorist Will Rogers once said: "If you want to be successful, it's just this simple: know what you are doing; love what you are doing; and believe in what you are doing."

With that in mind, have a wonderful new year. You ARE making a difference in a world of service.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden  
International President

*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 Lion,

Every year at this time, I send my personal greetings to you, the members of my Lions family. This year is no different, except I want to take the extra time to reflect on what we have accomplished together through our Foundation. Thanks to your donations and your service, we have met needs all over the world and made a great impact in many people's lives.

Together, we met the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge grant to raise US\$10 million for measles. Through this major accomplishment, we helped vaccinate 157 million children against measles in 2012.

Lions also provided disaster relief worldwide following typhoons, flooding, tornadoes, wildfires and other disasters this year. One recent example is Superstorm Sandy in the US. Many Lions gave generously, and even Lions who were affected by the storm were out serving their communities the next day.

In addition to disaster relief, Lions and LCIF have been continuing to fight preventable blindness. When I was in Thailand for the 10 year celebration of Sight for Kids with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, I was able to see the impact that a simple vision screening can have in a child's life. It is easy to see why organizations like Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Bausch + Lomb, The Carter Center and more partner with us in our efforts to save sight.

Our Foundation has also supported youth in many ways during this year. The Lions Quest program is continually growing to help provide children with positive life skills. The U.S. State Department is helping the program expand in Africa, while the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is working with Lions Quest curriculum in Central Asia and Southeastern Europe.

I am amazed at all the different kinds of service that we are able to provide together. Though I have been Chairperson of our Foundation for just six months, it is easy to see all the good that we have accomplished this past year, and every year since the Foundation was created. All of our accomplishments are because of your generous donations. I invite you to see the impact your donations have made by viewing this video.

As this year ends, I look forward to a new year full of service and caring. Though we always pray for no disaster and diseases in this world, they still happen. Please continue your support to LCIF so that we can strive for a better world to live in with no disaster and diseases in the coming future.

**Sincerely,**

**Wing-Kun Tam**  
**Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation**

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



# **A Message from Past President Dr Anthony Cheung**

**My Fellow Members of Sydney Chinese Lions,**

**Happy New Year to you all!**

**As you are aware, our Club's Charity Ball this year is on Saturday, 16 March 2013. I am pleased to let you know that preparations for this great event of ours is well underway. This is the ninth year in a row that we are holding the function at the Sydney Convention Centre. But this is going to be the last year that we are doing it there as the venue will be pulled down for re-development in December 2013.**

**I wish to draw your attention to the two following points:**

**(1) We would like to have as many members and guests as possible attending the Ball. For this purpose, please find on the next page a copy of our Ball Invitation. This is for you to email and circulate among your friends and associates to (a) promote the event and (b) to secure as many attendees to the Ball as possible. Our Charity Ball is a showcase event. After your friends have attended the Ball, I sincerely believe that they will realize what a great a Club that we have and appreciate that we have got a good thing going.**

**(2) At this stage, we are still very much in need of raffle prizes. I urge you to support the Ball by donating a raffle prize or two, each to a value of \$50+. To ensure that your donation is properly acknowledged in the Ball Booklet, please let us know no later than 25 January.**

**If you wish to donate a prize, to have more Ball tickets or to ask further questions, simply give Lion Bill Wong a call on 0407 266 896 or email him at [wjw2086@gmail.com](mailto:wjw2086@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you soon.**

**Warm Regards**

**Anthony**

# Invitation to Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013

*You're cordially invited to...*



The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.  
**CHARITY BALL 2013**

*Invitation*

*Saturday, 16 March 2013*

*Parkside Ballroom  
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Darling Harbour*

*In a world of service  
"We Serve"*

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

*\$168 per person / \$1,680 per table of 10*

*Including:  
Pre-dinner drinks  
3-course dinner with drinks  
Entertainment  
Live Band  
Dancing  
Fund Raising Auctions*

*Dress Code:  
Black Tie / National Costume*

**RSVP** by  
*Wednesday, 27 February 2013*

*Contact: Ball Chairman - Bill Wong  
Phone: 0407 266 896  
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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 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](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au)

## Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
Sydney Chinese Lions February Members Meeting	Zilver Restaurant	Wednesday 6 February 2013 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person
Australia Day Commemoration Service	corner of Dixon and Liverpool Streets	Saturday 26 January 2013	Free of charge
Membership Skills Stage II Lions District N5	Beronia Grove 49 Rawson Street Epping	Saturday 23 February 2013	Free of charge
Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013	Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre	Saturday 16 March 2013	\$168 per person