



Sydney Chinese Lions

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We Serve!

Editorial

Charity Ball 2012 was a tremendous success!

To begin with, more than 450 people attended the Ball. The food and beverages served were excellent. (Did anyone notice the Executive Chef actually put his name at the bottom of the Menu?) The entertainment was fantastic. Most of all, the ambience of the evening was nothing short of enjoyable.

Inside this Bulletin you can see more reports of the happenings and more photographs of the beautiful people of the evening. There are, also, full transcripts of the speeches made by Lion Sid Scruggs III, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), and Lion Barry Palmer AM, International Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International.

While the final amount of funds to be donated to LCIF is yet to be worked out by the Board after all funds raised are collected and all costs and expenses of the function are settled; the Board, nevertheless, has already presented a cheque for AUD 40,000 (2011 - \$43,000) to the Chairperson of LCIF. The Board is quietly confident that an additional cheque carrying a further donation will be issued to LCIF later.

Sydney Chinese Lions in conjunction with DG Lion Stephen Coleman and in response to the call of International President Lion Wing-Kun Tam for the global planting of trees, have put together their Dundundra Tree Planting Project. 500 trees are being planted on Crown land to be managed by the Dundundra Falls Reserve Trust at Terrey Hills.

Subscription for the planting of a tree is \$20. The Project is now well underway. A Plaque Unveiling Ceremony will be held on site at 11 am on Sunday, 20 May 2012 to mark the completion of the project. All who wish to support the project are encouraged to subscribe to a tree or two and to attend the ceremony. Please contact Lion Bill Wong at wjw2086@gmail.com or give him a call on 0407 266 896 after 12 May if interested.

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

The June Members meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 June at Zilver Restaurant. Changeover 2012 is scheduled for Wednesday, 11 July

2012 at Zilver Restaurant. Please RSVP Lion Bill Wong by 28 June.

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Sydney Chinese Lions at Charity Ball 2012 supporting LCIF

Message from our International President

Dear Lion,

You know that keeping your Lions family strong depends a great deal on inviting new members to join. But it may be even more important for clubs to hold onto those members after they become Lions.

Retaining members, new and old, takes effort but it is not complicated or difficult. Mostly, it requires paying attention to three common-sense ideas:

- Welcome
- Involve
- Nurture

(It's no coincidence that, in English, these initials spell-out "WIN." They can make your club a winner!)

"Welcome" means making new members feel welcome and a part of the group. This begins with something as simple as saying "hello" and learning new members' names quickly. It also means listening respectfully to their ideas and needs. Ask yourself the questions and follow the tips in the [My Club, My Family Pocket Guide](#). "I Believe" these simple steps can endure long-term success.

"Involve" means giving new members meaningful responsibilities from the very beginning. People become Lions because they want to take action. Members who feel that they are making a significant contribution are likely to stay. I encourage you to ask all members what they want to be involved with. Find out how your club's projects can match their skills and meet their needs.

"Nurture" includes leading by example but also means giving new members an effective orientation and involving them in the Lions Clubs International Mentoring Program. Support and encouragement from the Lions family is key during the development of new Lions members. Long term care and support keeps members involved and service ongoing. View the [My Club, My Family brochure](#) for program ideas for your Lions family.

You can also make sure that your club is making its best effort by embracing the Family Club concept and using the [four workshop guides](#) provided by Lions Clubs International as part of the [President's Retention Campaign](#).

I believe that you can use your final three months of leadership to finish with strong membership results. To do so, it is vital that district governors continue their efforts to charter new clubs in underserved areas. For club officers, it is important to continue to reach out to the community and invite new members to join. But it is equally important to pay attention to the concepts of welcome, involve and nurture that will make your Lions family even stronger. I believe you can do it!

Thank you for all you do for your fellow Lions, your community and the world.

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,

A few days ago, we marked the one year anniversary of the Japan earthquake and tsunami. I am sure that many of you, like me, were deeply struck by this tragedy. I knew that, immediately, Lions throughout the world and our Foundation would quickly respond.

Today, the relief efforts have transitioned into rebuilding efforts and the financial support has grown to more than US\$21 million. With more than 100,000 Lions in Japan, Lions continue to help those in need through long-term relief efforts. Lions' [response to disasters](#) is incredible - from the recent tornadoes in the U.S., to the earthquakes in New Zealand and Haiti, and the floods in Thailand.

Now, we need to respond to a quiet disaster that causes 450 children to die each day. Through our [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#), we can help to save the lives of 157 million children this year through measles vaccinations. It is easy for you to help these children - [for less than US\\$1](#), we can vaccinate one child for life. I want to thank you for the generous donations that we have already received.

I continue to be amazed and impressed at the positive difference we are making in the world through all of our great initiatives. Last month in Haiti, the newly constructed National Nursing School was inaugurated. More than 400 students will study there annually. [Lions Quest](#) has expanded to three new countries, teaching more students than ever the value of social and emotional skills; and [SightFirst](#) continues its inspiring work in saving sight around the globe.

I thank you for your continued support.

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*

President Mei's Speech at Charity Ball 2012

Good evening, Chairman Sid and Lion Judy, International Second Vice President Barry and Lion Anne, distinguished guests, friends and members,

Are you enjoying the party?

Welcome everyone, particularly our VIPs and sponsors.

At Sydney Chinese Lions, we have plenty to celebrate this year, notables and highlights for our club are:

- Maintaining high membership of over 138
- The average age of members is getting younger
- Lion Dr Anthony Cheung, our Past President, our Zone Chairman, has been elected as the 2nd Vice District Governor, and we did enjoy the trip to Norfolk Island. Congratulations to Lion Anthony, you are our great mentor.

And of course, we continue to develop new projects and offer awards. These include our Humanitarian Scholarships, Teal Ribbon Scholars Scheme, Public Health Talks, Traditional Chinese Medicine Scholarships, Wealth Management Seminars and the currently in progress Tree Planting program involving the planting of some 500 trees.

For achievements:

Collectively throughout the years, our donation to good causes now exceeds \$450,000, and is all because of you – our members, sponsors, and generous guests. This is YOUR achievement!

Tonight, with your help, we hope to add to the total to reach a new bench mark of over half a million dollars. I want to thank our long, long list of sponsors, donors and advertisers. But most importantly, I want to thank you all in advance for buying a lot of raffle tickets, for bidding the silent auction items, and for generously bidding the many splendid items at the open auction.

Tonight, the 2012 Charity Ball is to support the Lions Clubs International Foundation. They are well known worldwide for blindness prevention, youth support, disaster relief, diabetes treatment and prevention of many other diseases.

Finally, on behalf of Sydney Chinese Lions, I thank you all for your support and your generosity. Do have fun and enjoy the party!





LCIF Chairperson Lion Sid Scruggs III's Speech at Charity Ball 2012

Lion Greg, thank you for a very kind and generous introduction.

Ni Hau! [How are you?] Good evening. It's quite an honor for me to be here this evening and my wife Lion Judy. Sydney has quite a special place in our hearts and our lives. It seems like it was just a short 2 years ago that we came to this city and we were inducted as the 94th International President. It was truly a highlight of our lives as we were here with some of our children and we are reliving some wonderful memories. I think this is our seventh trip to Sydney, a marvelous city. But more than that, it is so marvelous, because of the citizens and the Lions here. As you can imagine, it has been our privilege to travel the world as your Ambassador and serving not only as an Officer of the Association but now as Chairman of the Foundation. We've been privileged to be in almost 84 countries and representing our Association and now the Foundation.

Tonight, I'm so privileged to be here representing the Foundation and I want to thank each of you, beginning with first of all, District Governor Steve, Club President Mei, Dr Anthony for putting this together again for one more year as a Charity Ball and raising money for humanitarian efforts. And tonight we are dedicating these monies, your gifts, to combat measles. In 2001, Bill Gates sat in his office and he realized there was a scourge that needed to be attacked, and that was measles. Because he sees in 2001, over 1,000 children were dying everyday because of measles. Through the efforts of the new millennium Gates Foundation working with the UNICEF, United Nation's Child Foundation, the World Health Organization, numerous pharmaceutical companies, we have been able to reduce that number to 450.

But ladies and gentlemen and my fellow Lions, as we are sitting here enjoying one another's fellowship and the wonderful meal, and the lovely entertainment that we've seen so far, that this time tomorrow night, we must realize that 450 children will have died because of measles. And so we wanted to join the fight, join those other organizations that are going after and fight to eradicate measles. I was privileged to be in Nepal just a couple of weeks ago, to kick off our portion of the fight against measles. Tonight our Second Vice International President Barry Palmer and Anne, were also in Nepal shortly thereafter. As I stood there with Lion Judy and we welcomed the mothers that were coming in with their children, and holding those precious children in our arms, as they receive their vaccination, we realize that that child would not be a statistics, that child would not be one of the 450 that would perish because of measles. And so tonight I ask you, along with members of the Sydney Chinese Lions Club, please be generous. Because you see for ONE dollar will provide one shot to save one child. And tonight, you are gathered here as Miracle Makers. You will make a miracle in the life of a child through your generosity, because every dollar that you have given, every dollar that you pledge, every dollar that you bid will save one life. As I hope you will understand that truly you are somebody's hero because you are making a difference in their lives. And for those people that cannot say Thank You, I'm here as their Spokesperson to say Thank You – Thank You for saving my child; Thank You for making a difference in our lives because your generosity in doing something that I was not able to do for my child – you are providing that shot that will save my child's life.

So it's with great appreciation that we're here tonight. I'm so honored to be here. And you can imagine as we have been able to travel the world the last 4 years, as an Officer of our Association, we have been recipients of many honors. But I would tell you quite honestly, one of the greatest honors that has been bestowed upon me is when this Chinese Lions Club asked me to become Affiliate [Associate] Member - and I'm so proud in association with this Lions Club. Because what you are doing tonight, is the epitome of what Lions do – WE SERVE – we serve those in need. Tonight you are part of that service. Whether you wear the Lion's badge or you are a friend of the Association, or you happen to be a Sponsor – Thank You for making a difference, because truly you are a Change Maker. Last year, my International President theme was a Beacon of Hope, and I really thought that each of us has that gift inside of us and as we share the love we have, in sharing our bounty, we are making a difference, we are becoming a Beacon of Hope. So thank you so much in making that light shine around the world.

Thank you so much. Xie Xie! [Thank you!]



International Second Vice President Lion Barry Palmer's Speech at Charity Ball 2012

Ni Hau! [How are you?]

My objective tonight is very brief. Our Chairman has said it all - what the Foundation is all about.

But I'm also an Affiliate [Associate] Member of the Sydney Chinese Lions Club. I've been a member there for quite some time.

But tonight I just want to compliment and pay homage to Sydney Chinese Lions Club, the work that they do in the community, in the general community as well as the Chinese community - they, across the board, and the support that they give to worthwhile organizations. They have done through this charity Ball, for many, many years.

And I hope that in the future they will all continue on with the work that they have done in the past to make this world a better place, and in particular, Sydney and New South Wales, a better place to be living in.

So thank you, President Mei. Thank you Chairman Anthony, and to all the members of the Sydney Chinese Club, the 133+, I thank you for the contributions you are making, everyday, to this country and to this organization.

Thank you all very much!



A Report from Chairperson of Charity Ball 2012

My Fellow Sydney Chinese Lions Members

This is the eighth year in succession that Sydney Chinese Lions have been running their annual Charity Balls at the Parkside Ballroom of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Similar to previous years, the event has been an astounding success.

This has come about as a result of the relentless effort and generous contributions of Sydney Chinese Lions members, fellow Lions, sponsors, major charities, community leaders and the Chinese media.

This year, the Club has selected Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) as the Major Beneficiary. At the function, Club members welcomed to their midst Lion Sid Scruggs III, Chairperson of LCIF and Lion Judy Scruggs as well as Lion Barry Palmer AM, International Second Vice President and Lion Anne Palmer. While the final amount to be donated is yet to be decided by the Club's Board, a cheque for an initial amount of \$40,000 was presented to Chairperson Sid at the Ball. The Club is very much indebted to LCIF Multiple District Chairperson PDG Nigel Jeny for his invaluable contributions and support at the Ball preparations.

The support of sponsors was a vital factor contributing to the success of the function. There were 2 Major Sponsors: Shum's Watches and Jewellery and Honey World Travel plus 9 Sponsors - Central Equity, DFS Galleria/DIOR, Grand Jewellery, Heng Fai Trading Company Pty Ltd, Hornsby Mazda, Lions Arthur and Rita Kwan, Liteco Construction, Porsche Centre Sydney South and Zilver Group.

Some 450 members and guests attended the Ball. Many leading charities were there in force to support the Club. These included the Australian Red Cross, CareFlight, Karitani, the Royal Flying Doctor Services and St John. Each of them subscribed to a full table attended by their senior officials.

Entertainment included dance performance by the Chungwa Youth Art Group, an amusing singing gig delivered by the Three Tenors Under Cover and live dancing music provided by the Mandarin Band.

All those who attended the Ball would agree that it was a smooth running and classy function, with guests enjoying themselves in a warm and amicable atmosphere.

Throughout the past years, Sydney Chinese Lions have set out to organise high profile functions like their annual Charity Balls, not only to serve the community through the monies they raise, but also to demonstrate to the community at large that there exists in Australia a group of dedicated individuals of ethnic Chinese origin who have this resolve, capability and staying power.

Through the series of successful Balls held since 2005, the Club has raised and donated to date, in excess of \$400,000. It gives me great pleasure to report that we are on our way to attaining the above noble goals.

Warm regards

Dr Anthony Cheung, JP
Chairperson, Charity Ball 2012 Organising Committee
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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 \$500,000 to a number of charities including Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Flying Doctors, 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, between 2003 and 2011, 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.

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Upcoming Events

Function/Organizer	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost
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 2012 11 am	\$20 to sub- scribe to a tree; Closing Date: 20 May 2012
Lions Gala Dinner Follow Your Dream Foundation	Marigold Restaurant Corporate attire/National costume	Saturday 26 May 2012	\$80 per person
Incoming Officers Training Forum District N5	Bankstown Sports Club Greenfield Parade, Bankstown Club uniform	Sunday 27 May 2012 9 am	N/A