



# Sydney Chinese Lions

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*We Serve!*

## Editorial

To some of us last month may seem uneventful. But, the European debt issue is almost behind us now. The Carbon Tax was passed by the Lower House of the Australian Federal Parliament. Most Australian companies filed their annual returns by the end of September. History progressed on with the passage of time.

The same goes for Sydney Chinese Lions. The October Information Night was a success, with 20 attendees including 8 guests. Two membership applications were received.

Notice for our AGM has been mailed to members. It will be held on Wednesday, 2 November 2011 at Zilver Restaurant at 7pm sharp.

Immediately following the AGM will be the combined November meeting of the Lions Clubs in Zone 4. The Zone now comprises 6 clubs, viz:

- Sydney Chinese
- Sydney Pacific
- Sydney Inner West
- NSW Parliamentary
- Sydney Executive Business
- Chatswood Executive Business

With members of 6 clubs attending this meeting, booking for attendance with Secretary Lion Janice Cheung (preferably by e-mail [awing83@hotmail.com](mailto:awing83@hotmail.com)) is essential.

At this Meeting, our club will be collecting the prizes/donations in support of Ball 2012. Could members please bring a prize with a value of \$50 or more to the meeting? Due acknowledgements will be given in the Ball Commemorative Booklet.

This year's District N5 Convention will be held on Norfolk Island from 25 to 27 November. One of the highlights of the Convention is the election of Second Vice District Governor 2012-13. Our Past President and current Zone Chairman Lion Dr Anthony Cheung is one of the two candidates for this position. So far some 20 members and guests have signed up for the Convention in support. Meanwhile, Lion Anthony is going around the District with his Campaign Team visiting Clubs seeking further support. Key team members include Lions Bill Wong, Jonathan Yee and Jason Zhang.

When we come back from the Norfolk Convention it will be seasonal festivities again. This year the Christmas Party is scheduled on Wednesday, 14 December 2011 at Zilver Restaurant. Again we are expecting a full house, early booking for attendance with Secretary Lion Janice is essential. Last year, we had to turn away a good number of guests as we were full to the brim.

See you all at the AGM and the Christmas Party.

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Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at October Members Meeting

# Message from our International President

## Leos: Special Members of the Lions Family

I believe our clubs will prosper if we treat members like family, and we must be extra attentive to very special members of our Lions family: Leos. We must support and guide them, care about them and love them. The relationship of Lions and Leos is like a friendship. We want the best for them and we will respectfully work with them in service on an equal basis.

I am proud to be an honorary Leo, proud to be the “world’s oldest Leo,” as I like to call myself. In Seattle, at our international convention, I was privileged to speak at the Global Leo Conference and meet Leos from around the world. Do you ever get a little down or discouraged about the state of the world? Then spend some time with Leos. Their energy and idealism is contagious. They bring a fresh energy to every endeavor. They will refresh our service mission as they grow into Lions.

It’s important we serve together with Leos and not tell them what to do. We are equal partners in service. Let us be mindful about respecting Leos and their ideas. Let us value their input and listen to what they say. We can mentor them and model a life of service.

This year in my travels I hope to meet with as many Leos as possible. I look forward to hearing their ideas and embracing their visions of service.

Lions Clubs International is supporting Leos in new and exciting ways. We will have a Leo e-clubhouse. I plan to hold a Leo/Lion summit next June at the international convention in Busan, Korea. Meanwhile, please believe in Leos and continue to serve with them. They bring many gifts to our clubs and communities and let’s continue to appreciate their presence.

**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,

As a parent and grandparent, one area of service that is especially important to me is programs that benefit our youth. Our Foundation offers this service opportunity through [Lions Quest](#). Our kids are learning more than what is printed in a textbook; they are developing vital skills that will fully prepare them for their teen and adult years. I've witnessed the success of this program from my home state of North Carolina, USA, to Thailand.

Lions in these areas and around the world know the value Lions Quest has for kids. It's exciting that this program continues to grow each year, and this is only possible because of you, Lions. Just last month during our Lions Quest Advisory Committee Meeting, we awarded [26 grants](#) for more than US\$1.2 million—a new record! Three of these grants are for France, the Republic of Georgia and Slovenia to begin the program, bringing the total number of Lions Quest countries to 69.



LCIF Chairperson  
Sid Scruggs III

We are also working with new partners and organizations to help us in our expansion efforts. In August, a training workshop was held for 31 teachers and personnel from Joint Base Lewis McChord, a U.S. military installation in the state of Washington. These educators will use Lions Quest to positively impact the lives of kids whose parents have been repeatedly deployed for active duty. With grant funding from the [U.S. State Department](#), we will adapt Lions Quest materials for use in Africa and expand our programs in five countries. And many Lions have successfully partnered with their local governments and ministries of education. In Lithuania, for example, the Lions received a 500,000 Euro grant from the European Union to expand the program nationwide.

We are eager to work with you, and I encourage you to appoint a Lions Quest chairperson in your district, if you do not have one, to help lead this effort locally. I invite all of you to learn more about this important program during the area Forums, where we will have a Lions Quest seminar or training. If you are unable to attend, all of these materials will be available on our new [LCIF Web site](#).

Serving today for a better tomorrow,

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

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LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs III as Associate Member on 25 October 2009***



The President and Members  
of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.  
Request the pleasure of your company to attend their

## *Christmas Party*

on Wednesday, 14 December 2011

7:00 for 7:30pm

at **Zilver Restaurant** 同樂軒

Level 1, 477 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000

**\$50** per person

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

RSVP Secretary Janice Cheung  
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By 30 November 2011

### ***Congratulations***

*to Lion Jasmine Wong and Raymond  
on the birth of their baby girl Kiara!*

### ***A Gentle Reminder***

*Please bring in to the 2 November meeting  
a raffle prize with a minimum value of \$50  
to support our Charity Ball 2012.*

# Message from Charity Ball 2012 Chairperson

My Fellow Sydney Chinese Lions Members

As you may be aware, our club's Charity Ball 2012 is scheduled for Saturday, 24 March 2012. Similar to the past seven years, the Ball will be held at the Parkside Ballroom of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, arguably the best venue in Sydney to hold a ball.

This time round, instead of picking a local charity as Major Beneficiary, the Board has resolved to support the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), our own Lions' foundation which provides emergency relief and humanitarian service worldwide.

Key LCIF personnel will be attending the Ball to support. They are led by LCIF Chairperson Lion Sid L Scruggs III and wife Lion Judy Scruggs. Representing Multiple District 201 will be LCIF Multiple District 201 Coordinator PDG Nigel Jeny and wife Lion Genevieve Jeny. We certainly look forward to welcoming them to our midst next March.

At present, preparations for the Ball is proceeding in earnest. The Ball Steering Committee has met a few times and the Sponsorship Packages have now been finalised. These packages are now published on our club's website at [www.sydneychineselions.org.au](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au). To date, a number of long time Sponsors have been approached and their consent to continue with their sponsorships have been sought.

Unfortunately our recent discussions with the Australian International Conservatorium of Music regarding entertainment has not been fruitful. We are now looking for suitable alternatives.

One of our current major tasks is to assemble prizes for the silent auction and raffle. In this regard, we are seeking the support of all members. We sincerely hope that each member could bring in a prize valued at \$50 minimum for the raffles and/or a prize valued at \$300 minimum for the silent auction. It would help if you could bring in the prizes between now and our club's Christmas Party on 14 December. Like previous years, all of the prize contributions will be duly acknowledged in the Ball Booklet.

No matter how big or small our contributions are, they are invaluable. Do remember, these contributions are like droplets of water, together they form a mighty ocean of service and will help make Charity Ball 2012 another success for our club.

Warm regards

Anthony Cheung  
Chairperson, Charity Ball 2012 Organising Committee  
Sydney Chinese Lions



# Sydney Chinese Lions Information Night

15 October 2011

**Current Membership of Sydney Chinese Lions:**

**129 Active Members**

**5 Associate Members**

**Associate Members:**

**International President  
Wing-Kun Tam**

**Immediate Past International President  
Sid Scruggs III**

**International First Vice President  
Wayne Madden**

**International Second Vice President  
Barry Palmer**

**Past International Director  
Tapani Rahko**

**New Members since 1 July 2011**

**SEVEN**



**On 12 October, Sydney Chinese Lions held their third Information Dinner meeting in the 2011-12 Lions Year at Zilver Restaurant.**

Similar to the two previous Information Dinner meetings held in August and September, there were 2 purposes of the meeting. First, it was to raise awareness of Lions and Sydney Chinese Lions. Second, it was to recruit more quality members. Again, 12 club members were invited. They were requested to bring a guest or two to the meeting.

Some 20 members and guests attended the meeting. 1st Vice President Jason gave a brief welcome speech as President Mei was overseas. Zone Chairman Anthony made a couple of presentations introducing Lions and Sydney Chinese Lions to the guests.

Soon after the start, the meeting progressed to relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Both members and guests were engaged happily in conversation and enjoying each other's company.

Towards the end of the evening, 2 completed membership application forms were received. Many of the other guests indicated that they were seriously considering of joining the club in the near future.

Following the success of the August, September and October Information Dinner meetings, a fourth one is being planned. It will be held on Friday, 4 November at Zilver. A fresh batch of 12 members will be invited.



**Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at October 2011 Information Night**



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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 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 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](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au)

## Upcoming Events

Function/Organizer	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost
AGM 2011 Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Chinatown  After five	Wednesday 2 November 2011  7:00pm sharp	Free of Charge
Zone 4 Meeting Hosted by Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Chinatown  After five	Wednesday 2 November 2011  7:30pm	\$30 per person for dinner
District N5 Convention LCI District 201N5	Norfolk Island  <b>NO TIES please!</b>	25-27 November 2011	Register at Accreditation at Norfolk
Christmas Party 2011 Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Chinatown  After five	Wednesday 14 December 2011  7:00 for 7:30pm	\$50 per person/\$500 for a table of 10