

# Sydney Chinese Lions and their Charity Partners

Since 2005, Sydney Chinese Lions have been focussing their fundraising efforts on assisting various charitable organisations performing life saving operations. They hold a belief stemming from the Buddhist adage that "Saving a life is more precious than building a pagoda with seven levels." They realise that they lack the expertise and know how to perform these critical humanitarian operations and chose to fundraise for those who possess the right skills, links and equipment to do so.

In the Lions context, Sydney Chinese Lions are strong supporters of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). In 2015, when Lion Barry Palmer AO was Chair of LCIF, the Club donated a sum of \$40,000 supporting the first ever Australian Chair of the Foundation. At year end, Sydney Chinese Lions was recognised as one of the "Top Ten Club Donors" in worldwide LCIF donations. This donation was earmarked for supporting the Measles initiative of LCIF. It has been suggested that a Measles shot costs a dollar each. When the Club's \$40,000 donation was matched by another \$40,000 donated by the Bill Gates Foundation, Lions are happy to learn that these could buy them 80,000 Measles shots, thereby saving a potential 80,000 lives! 2015 was not the first time that Sydney Chinese



Lions have made a sizable donation to LCIF, earlier in 2012, when Lion Sid Scruggs was LCIF Chair, the Club had made another donation of \$50,000 to the Foundation.

Other life saving organisations that Sydney Chinese Lions support include St John (NSW) whom have received a total of \$161,000 to date; Australian Red Cross (NSW) with a total of \$101,000; CareFlight with a total of \$88,000; Royal Flying Doctors with a total of \$57,000 and others.



In March this year, the Club hosted their annual fundraising Gala Dinner at the Grand Ballroom, International Convention Centre Sydney. Over 500 members and guests attended. Senior staff of their Charity partners were there among many Lions and community leaders. The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW, attended as Guest of Honor. She acknowledges the vital contributions of the Club to the community over the past decade and commends its members for their dedicated and relentless efforts in SERVING.

*Behold our smiles - we party as **WE SERVE** -  
Way to go, Sydney Chinese Lions!*



*Photo featuring President PDG Dr Anthony Cheung, DG Ron Gattone (N5) & Lion Heather Gattone, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW, Lion Nigel Jeny, Leader of LCIF, Constitutional Area VII and senior staff of Australian Red Cross (NSW), St John (NSW), CareFlight and Board members of Sydney Chinese Lions.*