

SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



President's Message

My Fellow Lions

First of all, I'm most saddened to announce the passing away of Lion Dulcie Sing MBE, a fine Lion, former District officer, former member and Past Secretary of our club. May we extend to her family our deepest condolences. Let's remember Dulcie in our prayers.

On 10 December, we had our Christmas party at the Zilver Restaurant. Over 180 members and guests came and we had a wonderful time. Pages 3 - 7 have the details.

At our Board meeting held on 16 December, approval was given for Mr Samuel Kwan and Ms Lori Luo to join us as members. We are planning to have them

inducted at our next members meeting on 7 January. We extend to Samuel and Lori our warmest welcome and look forward to SERVING together with them.

Our Charity Ball 2009 is now just about two months away. I'm happy to report that preparations to date, have been rather satisfactory. We have recently received a letter from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd congratulating us and commending us for our charity efforts. The PM's letter will be printed in the Ball Commemorative Booklet to be distributed at the function on 7 March.

At this stage, we still need to sell more Ball tickets. I'll be in touch over the next few weeks to discuss your ticket needs. Alternatively,

do feel free to give me a call on 0414 330 887 or email me at tonycmcheung@hotmail.com.

We have recently received an LCI Year Round Growth Membership Excellence banner patch, together with a Letter of Congratulations from Immediate Past International President Mahendra Amarasinghe. This is the fourth consecutive year that we have won this award and we are most proud of this. See pages 8 - 10 for details.

May I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Lions
Anthony

THE LIONS CLUB OF
SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Lion Dulcie Sing
- Christmas Party 2008
- Welcome to new members
- Charity Ball 2009
- LCI Year Round Growth Membership Excellence award 2007-8

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Sydney Chinese Lions at Christmas Party 2008

Charity Ball 2009

Invitation

雪梨華人獅子會慈善餐舞會二零零九
THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.
CHARITY BALL 2009



supporting
St John's Ambulance
Australia (NSW)
and its services
to the community

Saturday, 7 March 2009

Parkside Ballroom

Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour

6:30pm pre-dinner drinks

7:00pm function commences

\$168 per person

(incl. pre-dinner drinks, 3-course dinner with drinks,
entertainment, live band and dancing)

Black Tie / National Costume

RSVP

16 February 2009

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The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2009
Saturday, 7 March 2009

RSVP by 16 February 2009

Return to P.O. Box K422, Haymarket Sydney NSW 2000

For enquiries, please contact Secretary Crystal Ph: 0400 228 823 Email: ccsiu@hotmail.com

- ☐ I/We would be delighted to accept the invitation to the Charity Ball 2009 at
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour,
The cost is \$168 per person or \$1680 per table of 10.
Please make your cheque payable to "The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc."
Please reserve _____ places/tables. Amount enclosed \$ _____
(Reservations will be made and recorded on receipt of payment.)
- ☐ I/We are not able to attend but please find enclosed a donation of \$ _____

Sydney Chinese Lions Christmas Party 2008

Throughout, the party was radiant with the Christmas and Lions spirits, perhaps with a little help from the free flowing Remy Martin XO's ...

On 10 December, Sydney Chinese Lions held their Christmas party at Zilver Restaurant. Over 180 members and guests attended the function.

Amongst these, there were Lions leaders from fellow Lions Clubs including President Victor Tsang and Immediate Past President Eugenia Lieu of Sydney Pacific Lions, President Patrick Chok of Sydney Innerwest Lions, President Pearl Lin of Sydney Northwest Lions, Immediate Past President Jane Li of Hornsby Lions and Lion John Lanzky of Redfern-Waterloo Lions who doubled up as Santa Claus.

There were representatives from main stream charity organizations including Mr John Fries - President of Australian Red Cross (NSW), plus Ms Natasha Griffin, Ms Hayley Kooyman and Ms Laura Benns representing the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

There were community leaders including President Daniel Chau of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Australia) Association; President Rosa Kuo of the Taiwanese Women's Association; President Stella Ku of the Jie Ren Association; Mr Hudson Chen OAM, former President of the Australian Chinese Community Fund and Chinese Catholic Community Inc; leading Cantonese Opera Artist Madam Ka Po Wong and leader of



Sydney Chinese Lions at Christmas Party 2008

Christmas Party 2008

Ladies & Gentlemen ...

the Jasmine Chamber Chorus Madam Shu Zhu Wu.

The Club's sponsors also turned up in droves to support. There were Mr William Thompson, Brand Ambassador of Principal Sponsor Remy Martin accompanied by Mrs Sonja Thompson, Mr Henry Tang and Mrs Chillie Tang of Zilver Group, Mr Ray Michael of Triple 8 Hotel; plus club members who doubled up as sponsors - Lions Arthur and Rita Kwan, Lion Mei Cheng and Lion Andy Tse of Liteco Construction, Lion Janet Hung of Synergy Medical, Lion Wendy Lin of Honey Travel, Lion Iao Iok Wong of Clever Beans as well as Lion Milly Yang and Lion Felix Chen of Hang Fai Trading Pty Ltd.

Tail Twister Lion Howard Shi took up the role as Master of Ceremonies. The party commenced with Soloist Michele Wong lead singing the National Anthem, followed by Club President Anthony's Welcome Address. Lion Janet Hung then read Lions Purposes in English while Vice President Jason Zhang read Lions Ethics in Chinese. Mr Will Thompson presented the Remy Martin Christmas Message and Lion Charles Poon auctioned off a bottle of Remy Martin XO to Mr Ray Michael for \$1,400. Subsequent to the Invocation & Loyal Toast delivered by Immediate Past Secretary Rita Kwan, dinner began.

The party came to a crescendo with the brilliant live performance of the Jasmine Chamber Chorus, birthday cake cutting, carol singing and disco dancing. Throughout, the party was radiant with the Christmas and Lions spirits, perhaps with a little help from the free flowing Remy Martin XO's. It is often said a picture speaks a thousand words. For those who are slightly skeptical, just taking a look at the pictures published here will be enough to persuade them otherwise!



*Master of Ceremonies
Tail Twister Lion Howard Shi*



*Soloist Michele Wong lead singing
the National Anthem and Carols*

Christmas Party 2008

The Formalities



President Anthony Welcomes Guests flanked by Master of Ceremonies Lion Howard Shi

Lion Janet Hung reading Lions Purposes in English



Vice President Jason Zhang reading Lions Ethics in Chinese



Immediate Past Secretary Rita Kwan delivering Invocation & Loyal Toast



Christmas Party 2008

Their French (Remy Martin) Connection



**Mr Will Thompson -
Brand Ambassador
delivering the
Remy Martin Christmas Message**



**Wine Connoisseur Lion Charles Poon auctioning
off a Bottle of Remy Martin XO Cognac**



**Mr Ray Michael of Triple 8
Hotel, Winning Bidder of the
Remy Martin XO Cognac**



**Two Elegant Members of
our Team of
Remy Martin XO Servers -
their outfits and the
Fine Champaign Cognac
are a perfect match**

Christmas Party 2008

Memorable Moments ...



The Jasmine Chamber Chorus in full splendor at the Party



Members and Guests proposing toasts to each other



No dance floor is ever big enough for this mob - they simply used the whole restaurant instead!



United WE SERVE!

All are filled with the Christmas spirit ... Amen.



Sydney Chinese Lions

Year Round Growth Membership Excellence

***'It is clubs like yours that exemplify
the "Challenge to Change" spirit that guides our lives as Lions.'***
Immediate Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya

Having achieved Lions Clubs International's membership recruitment goals of the Year Round Growth program for the 2007-8 Lions year, Sydney Chinese Lions recently received an LCI Year Round Growth Membership Excellence banner patch, together with a Letter of Congratulations from Immediate Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya (see below).

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Dear Club President:

Congratulations! Your club has met the membership recruiting goals of the Year-Round Growth program for Lions year 2007-08. Please accept the enclosed banner patch in appreciation of your efforts. Membership recruitment is a team effort, and your club has demonstrated its ability to work together to achieve an important goal.

By recruiting new members into your club, you are strengthening your ability to help those in need. It is clubs like yours that exemplify the "Challenge to Change" spirit that guides our lives as Lions.

Again, congratulations on your achievement. May you successfully continue your service to others.

Yours truly,

Mahendra Amarasuriya
Immediate Past International President

***Letter of Congratulations from
Immediate Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya***

The 2007-8 Year Round Growth Membership Excellence Award

LCI's Year Round Growth Program classifies Lions clubs the world over into 3 categories -

- Clubs with 21 or fewer members
- Clubs with 22 to 40 members; and
- Clubs with 41 or more members

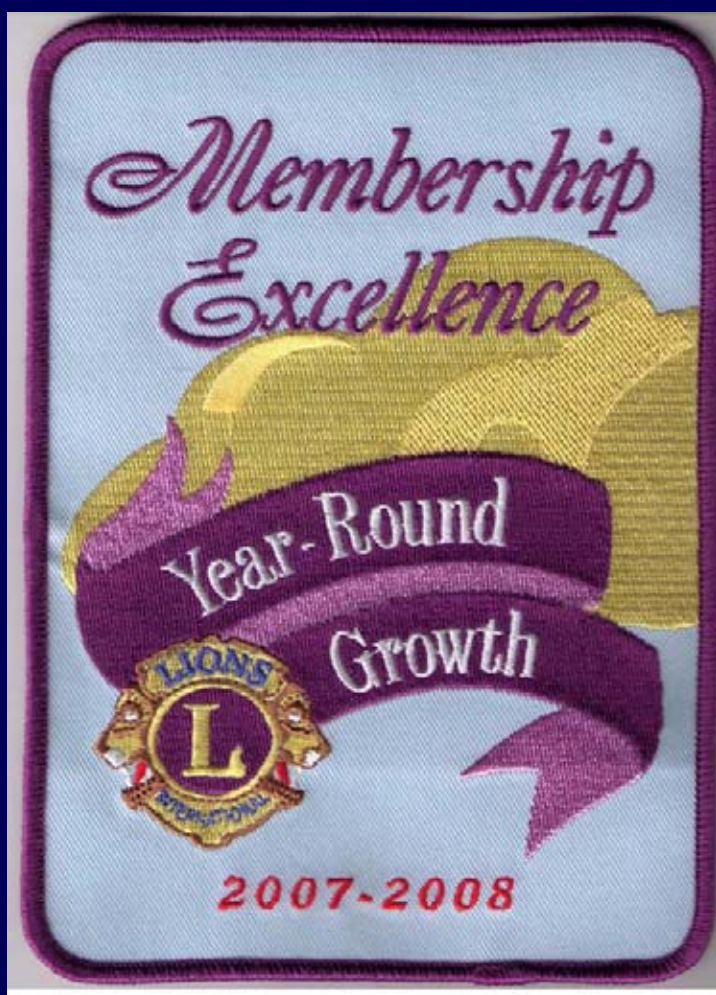
Sydney Chinese Lions currently has 60 members and belongs to the 41+ members category. For a club in this category to be awarded the honour, it has to have a positive net membership growth in a given Lions Year with a minimum of 8 new members joining the club.

As a result of the marvelous team work and recruitment efforts of its members, in the 2007-8 Lions year, the club managed to attain this very important goal. See below for the award patch that the club recently received.

What is fascinating is that this is the fourth year in a row that Sydney Chinese Lions has been presented with this award. In the three preceding Lions years, ie, the 2004-5, 2005-6, 2006-7 Lions Years, under the leadership of their long serving President Dr Anthony Cheung, the club managed

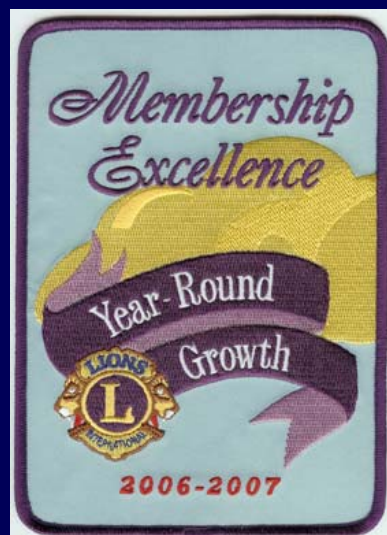
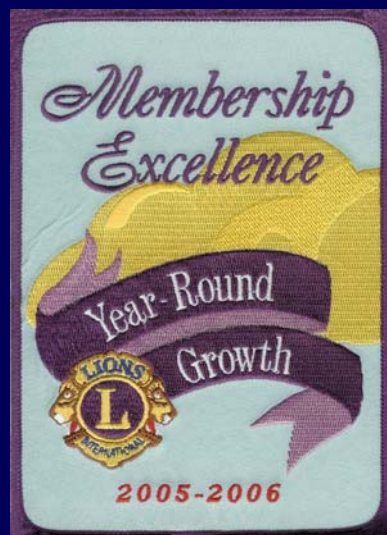
to attain LCI's Year Round Membership Growth goals year after year. They are proud to be recipients of this award for the fourth consecutive year.

In the 2005-6 Lions Year, the club actually became the top club in the 41+ members category in Constitutional Area VII, which comprises the thousands of Lions clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and the south Pacific Islands, that added the greatest number of new members and exhibited positive net growth. They were presented with a flag set award by LCI in recognition of their great effort and



**Year-Round Growth
Membership Excellence
Award Banner Patch
(Lions Year 2007-8)
presented to
Sydney Chinese Lions**

Year Round Growth Membership Excellence 2004-5, 2005-6 & 2006-7



**Flag Set Award
Presented to
Sydney Chinese Lions
by LCI in 2005-6 for
being the "Top Club"
in the 41+ Members
Category -Year Round
Membership Growth in
Constitutional Area VII**



excellent achievement.

Over the past years, Lions membership worldwide, including Australia and Sydney, has unfortunately seen a decline. These Membership Excellence awards that Sydney Chinese Lions receive is evidence that the club has, against current trends, been strong and successful in membership growth in a consistent manner. This gratifying outcome is a function of good leadership as well as relentless efforts and dedication of the club's members. Clearly, the range of successful charity projects run by the club throughout these years contributed significantly to promoting Lionism to the community at large and helped attract a good number of quality members to their fold.

Upon receiving the 2007-8 Year Round Growth Membership Excellence Award, the club's members were thrilled and excited. President Anthony said, "We are most honoured to receive this recognition of our team effort. All along, we have endeavoured to Serve the less fortunate in our community in the spirit of Lionism. We understand the importance of adding as many quality members as possible to our rank and file. The strength of our club is the sum strength contributed by our members. Insofar as membership growth goes, we won't just sit on our laurels. We are aiming at achieving the Year Round Membership Growth goals this year as well. With the wonderful momentum that we're having at present, I'm more than hopeful that we'll get there!"



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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 202 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 75 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 thirteen years, under the leadership of President 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 raised and donated over \$300,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John Ambulance, the Australian Red Cross, 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.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website
www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

	Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
	January Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 7 January 2009	\$30 per person
	Press Conference to promote Charity Ball 2009 Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Club uniform	Thursday 12 February 2009	Free of charge for members
	Charity Ball 2009 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour Black Tie	Saturday 7 March 2009 6:30 pm pre dinner drinks; 7:00 pm function commences	\$168 per person/ \$1,680 for a table of 10

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