

# SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



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THE LIONS CLUB OF  
SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Welcoming International 1st VP Sid L Scruggs III
- Presentation of Special Plaque by St John (NSW)
- Senior Lions Leadership Institute
- Lions Training on 26 November
- Abdullah's Meywalker fitting

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## Editorial

First of all, a big and warm welcome to International 1st Vice President Sid Scruggs III and Mrs Judy Scruggs. They attended a special welcome dinner party thrown by our club on 25 October. We are privileged to have VP Scruggs inducted as an Associate Member of ours at the party, witnessed by over 60 members and guests. A big welcome also to Lions Edmand Chan, Sandy Chan, Linda Chen, Dr Siew Yi Lee, Kitty Tse, Katherine Shum and Chris Zhang who were in turn inducted by VP Scruggs into our Club as Regular Members at the party. More details on pages 3-5.

On Page 2 of this issue, the October Message of International President Eberhard Wirfs is reprinted.

On pages 6-9, information and pictures on the presentation of a Special Plaque by St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) to our club are published.

Recently, following a nomination and recommendation of District N5, IPP Anthony attended a Senior Lions Leadership Institute in Perth. He reported having a great time there. He has acquired much knowledge and developed invaluable networks. He is appreciative of the opportunity afforded to him by the District. See pages 10 & 11 for more.

On the evening of 26 November, there will be a training forum for us to learn more about Lions and our organization. It is held at 4 different venues in

Sydney simultaneously to suit Lions located in different areas. We would encourage our new members to attend the forum. It is essential to RSVP by 20 November. See page 12 for details.

An Invitation to our own Christmas Party to be held on Wednesday, 9 December can be found on page 13. Do come along with your guests to have a great time.

We received a Thank You Note from the Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel. It is reprinted on page 14.

President Mei attended a Meywalker fitting session of Abdullah on 6 October. Details on page 15.

For more info on upcoming events, please see page 16.



Sydney Chinese Lions and Guests at October 2009 Members Meeting

# A Letter from Our International President

*Dear Lion Cheng,*

*We are having an excellent start to our year, with a plus 4,080 membership growth for the first three months, compared to a minus 1,271 for the prior year. But what's even more exciting is that we are bringing Lionism to new areas and reaching out to new target markets.*

*Whether it's our new Lions club in northern Iraq, the 20 new clubs in China, or the increasing number of family, spouses and women at Lions, we are indeed working to MOVE TO GROW like never before. I am very proud of our early progress, and I owe thanks to you - the Club Leaders of the World - for your contributions to making it happen.*

*But while we have grown at the global level, the fact remains we are an organization of clubs. And we need to ensure that all our clubs, and all our Lion members, are being cared for, and nurtured, if we are to remain the world's largest and most effective service club organization in the years ahead.*

*The club is like the ginkgo tree which I adopted as the symbol of my MOVE TO GROW theme. Like the ginkgo, a club needs to be nurtured and cultivated to continue growing, it needs to stretch and move to receive sun light, and it needs to adapt to the environment around it to survive. Yet sometimes change happens slowly enough where we don't even notice it, and then we find ourselves behind.*

*This can also be true for clubs, especially older ones, where ways of working and meeting may have become routines, where activities and projects may have become a bit out dated, and where membership might have been going slowly down as a result.*

*But such challenges can be addressed, if you - the Club Leaders - create a plan and commit to action. Sometimes it's as simple as adopting a new project, or recruiting a few younger members to bring a spark of new ideas, or changing the format of your club meetings and activities to liven things up. So during the next three months, I'm humbly asking all clubs to adopt at least one new strategy to make your club even more vibrant.*

*And please, if you have seen more members leaving than joining in recent years, please get together with your board, or even hold a retreat with your club, to see if the reasons for this can be simply addressed. Please take note of tools outlined below that can help your club MOVE TO GROW*

*I look forward to hearing about your success stories about planting a new ginkgo in your club. And I wish you all the best in the meantime.*

*With cordial regards,*

*Eberhard J. Wirfs,  
International President*



**International President  
Eberhard Wirfs**



# A Message from President Mei to International 1st Vice President Scruggs & Mrs Judy Scruggs



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25 October 2009

Dear VP Scruggs & Mrs Scruggs

First of all, my sincere apologies for not being able to be here in person to welcome you. But I do have a very important business engagement in Hong Kong that requires my presence and I hope you'll kindly indulge me.

Nevertheless, through IPP Anthony, may I bid you both a very warm welcome. I understand you have been to Sydney before but do hope that every time you are here, you'll find extra wonderful experiences and acquire more fond memories to cherish.

This evening, for instance, you'll soon be inducted into Sydney Chinese Lions as an Associate Member of ours. As you are aware, our Club currently has a membership of 90 and is by far the largest club in N5. Your joining us is clearly adding further strength to us and a huge boost to our morale, a privilege that all our members greatly appreciate and are proud of. When we conduct our Serving projects in the future, we'll always be reminded that we have our own International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and perhaps after 2 July 2010, our own International President being closely associated with us, as one of our members. As Lions, we are privileged, and as Sydney Chinese Lions, we are even more honored.

I hope you'll have a great time this evening with your fellow members and trust your current stay in Sydney will be a pleasant and fruitful one. I look forward to meeting you again when you come to Sydney next, perhaps at the 2010 International Convention when you'll become our International President, or perhaps even before then.

Goodbye and God bless!

President Mei Cheng  
The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.  
District 201 N5

## Welcoming International 1st Vice President Scruggs!

We are happy and excited to have International 1st Vice President Sid L Scruggs III joining us as an Associate Member. Citing President Mei, "... When we conduct our Serving projects in the future, we'll always be reminded that we have our own International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and perhaps after 2 July 2010, our own International President being closely associated with us, as one of our members. As Lions, we are privileged, and as Sydney Chinese Lions, we are even more honored."



International 1st VP Scruggs' Induction into Sydney Chinese Lions



# Our Members at the Scruggs Welcome Party



**International 1st VP Scruggs inducting 7 Members into Sydney Chinese Lions**



# St John Ambulance Australia (NSW)

## 2009 Annual Awards Ceremony

*In recognition of a donation of \$60,000 to St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) in May this year, Sydney Chinese Lions were invited to the St John 2009 Annual Awards Ceremony in October to receive a Special Plaque. Led by President Mei, a number of Board members attended the ceremony. It was a solemn and memorable function.*

### Special Plaques

In recognition of generous financial support or continuous pro bono services to St John (NSW)

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.

Motorola Australia Pty Ltd.

Sudler & Hennessey

### Community Service Awards

#### Great Saves by Members of the Community

Serge Carlesso

Lend Lease Qld

Warren Gardiner

Lend Lease Qld

Jack De Lange

Virgin Blue

Daniel Phillips

Virgin Blue





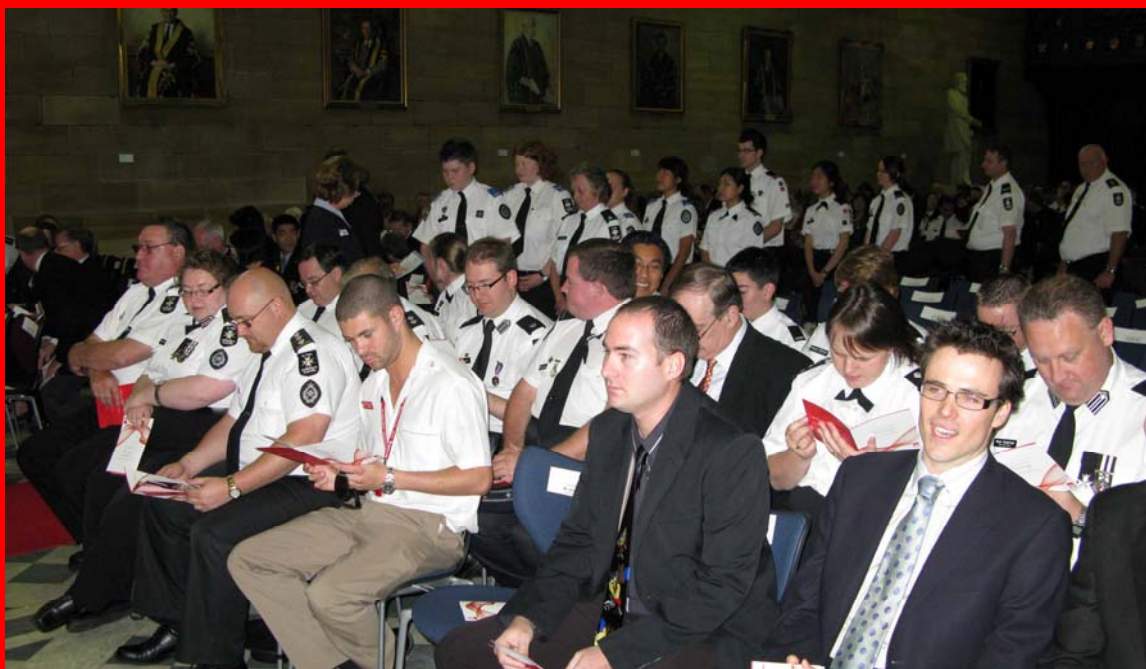
## At the St John Awards Ceremony



President Mei & IPP Anthony receiving a Special Plaque from Dr Neil Conn, AO, Chancellor of St John Ambulance Australia at the Ceremony



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# The Senior Lions Leadership Institute 2009-10

*Being nominated by District N5, IPP Anthony attended a Senior Lions Leadership Institute in Perth in mid October. There he met up with 6 facilitators, including PDG Carol Alderson and 38 fellow faculty members. At the Institute, there were ample opportunities for Anthony and others to polish up on skills relating to such topics as Change Leadership, Presentation Skills, Lions Programs, Diversity, Creative Thinking, Conflict Resolution, Communication, We Serve, LCIF, Supporting Teams, Project Management and Mentoring. Anthony reported that he had learnt much while having a great time there. The ties he has developed with other participants is most invaluable. He greatly appreciates the District's nomination of him for the Institute.*



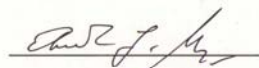
## Leadership Certificate

Presented by  
The International Association of Lions Clubs  
to

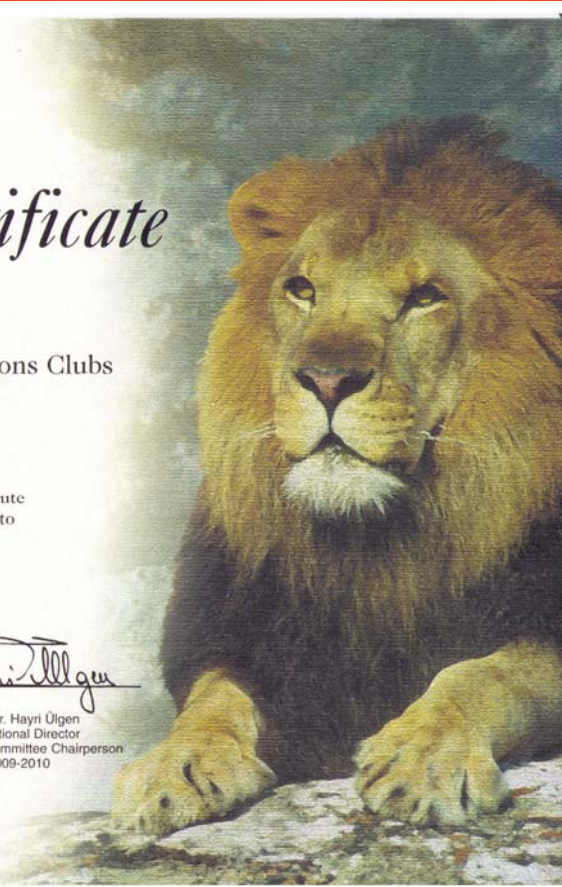
**Anthony Cheung**

for participation in a  
2009-2010 Senior Lions Leadership Institute  
and in recognition of your commitment to  
cultivating quality leadership.



  
Eberhard J. Wirts  
International President  
2009-2010

  
Prof. Dr. Hayri Ülgen  
International Director  
Leadership Committee Chairperson  
2009-2010





# At the Institute





## **INVITATION**

### **New Members & Interested Lions/Lionesses/Leos Forum**

Date: Thursday, 26th November 2009

Time: 6.45 for 7.15pm start. The Forum will end by 8.45pm

Fee: Free of charge

Venue: Choose from the following venues nearest to you:

- 1) **Baulkham Hills Sports Club**, 11 Renown Road, Baulkham Hills

Speaker: Elizabeth Lessells

Bookings: Jennifer Touzel – 9636 7318 or [jennifer@touzel.id.au](mailto:jennifer@touzel.id.au)

- 2) **Belrose Bowling Club (The Belrose Room)**, 146 Forest Way, Belrose

Speaker: Martin Orchard

Bookings: Peter Mendl – telephone 9427 5510 or [organ@lionsclubssydney.org.au](mailto:organ@lionsclubssydney.org.au)

- 3) **Bankstown Sports Club**, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown

Speaker: Ken Nimmo

Bookings: Kevin Parker – telephone: 9586 1742/0414 404 395 or  
[pr@lionsclubssydney.org.au](mailto:pr@lionsclubssydney.org.au)

- 4) **Rembrandt Dutch Club**, 87 Dunheved Circuit, St. Marys

Speaker: Ian Cavanagh

Bookings: Steve Coleman – telephone: 0414 980 560 or  
[vdg2@lionsclubssydney.org.au](mailto:vdg2@lionsclubssydney.org.au)

The Forum will cover:

- A brief history of Lions
- What is expected from a Lions member, and the benefits, obligations, rights & privileges of membership
- The role & structure of the International Association
- The role & structure of the Multiple District
- The role & structure of the Lions District, touching on the responsibilities of the DG, Region & Zone Chairmen and District Chairmen
- Details of members' dues.
- The Purposes & Ethics

**RSVP: to the appropriate contact by Friday 20th November 2009**





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*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, 9 December 2009  
7:00 for 7:30pm*

*at Zilver Restaurant (同樂軒)  
Level 1, 477 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000*

*\$45 per person/  
\$450 for a table of 10*



*RSVP*

*Secretary Crystal Siu  
Mobile Phone: 0400 228 823  
email: [ccsiu@hotmail.com](mailto:ccsiu@hotmail.com)*

*By 30 November 2009*



# A Thank You Card from the Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel

Following our visit to the Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel on 5 September, the Hostel has graciously sent us a Thank You card below. Members who went for the visit report that it has been a meaningful and pleasant experience.



澳洲雪梨華人師公會：  
感謝貴會的光臨，  
帶給長者們無限歡樂時光  
更感謝貴會的慷慨捐款。  
僅此致以最深的謝意！  
謝！謝！

Thank you





# Abdullah's Meywalker Fitting

On 6 October, the long awaited Meywalker for Abdullah which Sydney Chinese Lions part sponsored was finally ready to be fitted. President Mei took the time to visit Abdullah at his Auburn home at the fitting. She witnessed the happiness radiating from the young boy's face as he found the extra freedom of movement with the new aid.

*Well done, Lions!*



**Young Abdullah  
with his newly  
fitted Meywalker  
- the grin on his  
face is most  
touching!**



**President Mei, Abdullah and Lion  
Noel Burchmore, District Chairman  
of Australian Lions Children Mobility  
Foundation at the Meywalker Fitting**



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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 205 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 fifteen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, IPP 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 \$350,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), 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](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au)

## Upcoming Events

	Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
	AGM & November Members Meeting  Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant  After 5	Wednesday 4 November 2009	\$30 per person for dinner
	District Convention  District 201N5	Bomaderry Bowling Club 154 Meroo Road Bomaderry	13 - 15 Novem- ber 2009	\$120 for full registra- tion & hospitality package; accommodation extra
	Cognac Tasting  Remy Martin	Zilver Restaurant  After 5	Friday 20 November 6:30pm	Free of charge (limited to the first 25 places)
	Lions Training Forum  District N5	Various venues (see page 14)	Thursday 26 November 2009	Free of charge
	Christmas Party 2009  Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant  After 5	Wednesday, 9 December 2009	\$45 per person / \$450 per table of 10

For bookings please contact:  
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