



Sydney Chinese Lions

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Editorial

For the FIFTH time in 8 years, Sydney Chinese Lions has been named the "Top Club" - we have recently become winners of the Year-Round Membership Growth Excellence Award of Lions Clubs International in 2012-2013. Citing Immediate Past International President Wayne Madden, "only 23 Clubs worldwide receive this distinction". For a full coverage of this wonderful achievement, see Pages 4 & 5 of our December 2013 Bulletin.

To "Reach Out" to the other Lions Clubs of our District, Sydney Inner West Lions organized a basketball tournament last month. Four Lions Clubs subsequently took part in the friendly matches. Sydney Chinese

Lions came out with a mixed team of brilliant sportsmen and sports-women. They became the second runners up. This result only stresses the fact that from our Club's point of view - "Friendship first; match results second". International President Barry Palmer, Council Chairman Gary Parker, and District Governor Warren Latham were there to root for, not any team in particular, but all the teams.

Christmas Party this year was held on the Wednesday following the AGM, on Wednesday the 11th at Zilver Restaurant. This fun-sharing rather than fund-raising function was a thanksgiving function. We are thanking the people who pro-

vide so much support to us throughout last year and over the past years. Main stream charities including the Australian Red Cross (NSW), St John (NSW), Royal Flying Doctor Service (SE Section) and CareFlight all had their table at the Christmas Party. It was also a wonderful opportunity to meet old friends and celebrate Christmas with our fellow members.

President Jason, Hon Presidents Dr Anthony and Mei, members of the Board and members of the Bulletin Editorial Panel jointly wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Successful and Prosperous New Year ahead.

By Lion Henry Leung



Members and VIP Guests at Sydney Chinese Lions Christmas Party 2013

Special Points of Interest:

Sydney Chinese Lions (SCL) named the 'Top Club' for the fifth time in 8 years

SCL won Year-Round Membership Growth Excellence Award of Lions Clubs International in 2012-2013

SCL became second runners up of the Lions basketball tournament

SCL Christmas Party held at Zilver Restaurant on 11 December 2013

SCL next Charity Ball on Saturday, 15 March 2014 at Allphones Arena, Sydney Olympic Park



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A Message from International President

Lion Barry J Palmer AM

Dear Lion MEI-HA,

Lions Clubs International would like to thank you for sponsoring Stephen T.V. Duong and welcoming the new Lion to the SYDNEY CHINESE Lions Club. Your efforts and dedication to strengthening SYDNEY CHINESE Lions Club are fully recognized and greatly appreciated. Lions dream big, and in order to accomplish our dreams, we need new members to be active in their clubs.

As a Lion sponsor, you are responsible for helping Stephen T.V. Duong build a strong foundation as a Lion and for answering any questions that may arise. LCI has created the Importance of Sponsorship Flyer to provide you with more information about your role and responsibilities. If you are not the Lion sponsor for Stephen T.V. Duong, please notify LCI at memberops@lionsclubs.org immediately.

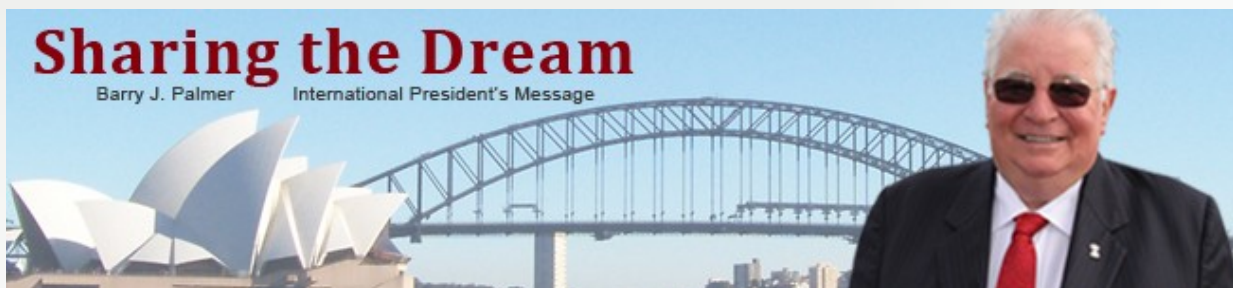


To help new Lions make the most of their club experience, we encourage them to participate in the Lions Mentoring Program. Please work with your club president to identify a mentor for Stephen T.V. Duong, which could be you or another seasoned Lion.

You have demonstrated that you understand how important it is to nurture new members, which is critical to strengthening your club, growing your membership and providing quality service in your community. You will receive credit towards earning Membership Key Awards and be recognized for your accomplishment as a Lion sponsor.

Sincerely,

BARRY J PALMER



***Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted
Lion Barry J Palmer AM as Associate Member on 5 August 2009***

A Message from Chairperson Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lions,

So much has happened in the past month. I want to thank you for the immediacy of your response to the devastating typhoon in the Philippines. With LCIF's disaster relief fund, the Foundation was able to provide US\$130,000 to the Lions of the Philippines instantly. And within less than one day, the Lions of OSEAL donated US\$370,000 towards relief efforts while gathered at a forum in Singapore.

It took one day for our organization to mobilize US\$500,000 for disaster relief in the Philippines. That is amazing. And, we continue to receive donations to LCIF for disaster relief. Thank you for your support. Every donation, no matter the size, provides help.



Our hearts go out to everyone in the Philippines. Being able to provide a meal, clean water and necessary medicine to those in need can make a huge difference. LCIF is able to help local Lions meet these immediate needs thanks to your donations. As the damage is assessed, Lions and LCIF will also assist with the long-term rebuilding of communities.

Lions are truly everywhere, and do everything when it comes to service. In the past month, I had the opportunity to travel to Ethiopia with members of the GAVI Alliance to be a part of a lifesaving vaccination campaign. It was an inspirational event to be a part of. With our partners, we are making a real difference in areas that need vaccinations most. That is why we have committed to raising US\$30 million for measles by 2017. Those funds will help save millions of lives.

Everything our Foundation does, it does for people in need. From measles vaccinations to disaster relief and everything in between, you are the reason why our Foundation is one of the most trusted foundations worldwide.

Sincerely,

Wayne Madden
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

***Sydney Chinese Lions are privileged and honoured to have inducted
International President Wayne Madden as Associate Member on 7 July 2011***

Lions Year-Round Membership Growth Award 2012-2013



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October, 2013

Ms. Mei-Ha Cheng, President
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Re: Year Round Growth Flag Set

Dear Club President Cheng:

Please accept the enclosed Lions Clubs International Flag Set with my hearty congratulations! Your club was the top growth club of its size in your constitutional area for the 2012-2013 Year-Round Growth program. This is a high honor, as only 23 clubs worldwide receive this distinction each year.

Your club's dedication to membership recruitment efforts is commendable. By adding new members, you have made the commitment to making both your local and world communities better places. I hope this honor will motivate your club to continue its extraordinary efforts.

Once again, congratulations! Best wishes as you continue making a difference in the lives of others in a "World of Service".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wayne A. Madden'.

Wayne A. Madden
Immediate Past International President

**A letter from
Lion Wayne Madden
Immediate Past
International President**



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**Lions Clubs International Flag Set Award:
2011-2012 Year-Round
Membership Growth**

Of the thousands of Lions Clubs in Constitutional Area VII located in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and the south Pacific Islands, there are only three clubs every year which receive the honor of "Top Club" in the Year-Round Membership Growth Excellence Awards. The club which has net membership growth and the highest number of Lions joining it during the year in each of the following categories is recognized by the award of a flag set:

- Under 20 members
- 21 to 40 members
- 41+ Members



Lions Eblem and Plaque on the Wooden Base



Sydney Chinese Lions Inserting Flags onto the Wooden Base

Of the three categories above, the one with 41+ members is arguably *the heavy weight class* in membership terms. Clearly, winning an award in this category would be the most difficult amongst the three as it entails keener competition in recruiting new members amongst the larger and more successful clubs within the Constitutional Area.

To date, Sydney Chinese Lions has over 120 members. In the 2012-2013 Lions Year, they have once again won this prestigious award in the 41+ members category. This is the **FIFTH** time that the club has won this award in 8 years. They first won the award in the 2005-2006 Lions Year, then again in 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.



President Jason and Immediate Past President Mei inserting the first flag – the Australian Flag



Message from Charity Ball 2014 Chairman

Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2014

**Saturday
15 March 2014**

*Grand Ballroom
Allphones Arena
Sydney Olympic Park*

My Fellow Members of Sydney Chinese Lions

As you are aware, our Charity Ball 2014 will be held on Saturday, 15 March at the Grand Ballroom of the Allphones Arena in the Sydney Olympic Park. This is a new venue as the previous one that we have been using at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre will soon be demolished to make way for an ultra modern facility. The reconstruction is expected to take 3 to 4 years and in the interim, we are planning to run our annual Balls at the Allphone Arena instead.

If you have not visited the venue before, I assure you it is an excellent venue, comparable to the Parkside Ballroom that we have become accustomed to. Parking is available at a multi level car park located next door to the venue involving just a 3-minute walk. Amongst other things, the Ball Organising Committee is looking at lighting and audio facilities at the venue, aiming at creating a festive atmosphere during the function.

Silent Auction Prizes

We encourage each Board/Committee Member to donate a prize for Silent Auction of a retail value of \$300+.

(please bring these to Board Meeting on 20 November)

Raffle Prizes

We encourage each Club Member to donate a prize for Raffle of a retail value of \$50+.

(please bring this to AGM on 4 December)

Sponsors

Sponsors are critical in contributing to the success of the Ball. Please refer prospective Sponsors to Anthony for following up.

**19th
Anniversary
Celebrations**





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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 208 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 eighteen years, under the leadership of President Jason Zhang, Past President & District Governor Elect Dr Anthony Cheung, Past President Mei Cheng 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 \$550,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), the Australian Red Cross, Lions Clubs International Foundation, 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 the well being and good health of the community, hence they have in place their annual health seminars, teal ribbon scholarships and traditional Chinese Medicine Research Scholarships.

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

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
January 2014 Members Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Lounge suit/after 5	Thursday 2 January 2014 (Not Wed 1/1/04) 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person
Australia Day Remembrance Ceremony Australian Chinese returned servicemen & Lions	Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument Crn Dixon & Liverpool Streets	Sunday 26 January 2014 10:30am	Free of Charge
February Members Meeting + Chinese New Year Celebrations Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Lounge suit/after 5	Wednesday 5 February 2014 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person
Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2014	Grand Ballroom Allphone Arena Sydney Olympic Park	Saturday 15 March 2014	\$168 per person \$1,680 for a table of 10

For bookings please contact:
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