



Sydney Chinese Lions

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Editorial

At the Members' dinner meeting this month we celebrated the beginning of the Chinese New Year. Five tables of Lions and friends, old and new, enjoyed not only the cutting of the suckling pig but the suckling pig as well. What a delicious way to start a New Year!

The first business of the meeting was the nomination of office-bearers for 2014~15. There is no prerequisite for nominations in our Club. Any Lion can nominate any Lion of the club, including himself or herself to any position (with the exception of Immediate Past President). As of now all the current office-bearers were nominated for their respective positions. Elections will be held at the next meeting on 5 March.

On the 20th of this month, at noon at Zilver Restaurant, a press conference will be

held to promote the annual major project of our Club, Charity Ball 2104, to the general public. All Sydney Chinese Lions who are available are welcome to join and show your support to the Chinese press in Sydney. Yum Cha style refreshment will be served at the Club's expenses.

This year, the Charity Ball is to be held at Allphones Arena, Sydney Olympic Park on Saturday, 15 March. Allphones Arena is a venue new to us but not to sports fans. There is a change in scenery from Darling Harbour to Homebush Bay but we are supporting, for the third time, Australian Red Cross (NSW).

The Red Cross is the keeper of the Geneva Conventions, or the laws of war. In peace and in war, the Red Cross is an impartial, neutral and independent organization to assist people in need, re-

gardless of nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or politics. They are active not only in blood collection but also in disaster relief, searching of war-torn families, etc.

Established in Melbourne in 1914 as the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross, the Australian Red Cross is celebrating its Centenary in 2014. We are honoured to offer our service to this worthy organization on its Centenary.

We call upon all Sydney Chinese Lions to invite as many friends and folks to the function and reserve your ticket bookings with President Lion Jason Zhang or Ball Chairman, Lion Dr Anthony Cheung by Wednesday, 26 February 2014.

By Lion Henry Leung

Special Points of Interest:

> SCL members celebrated Chinese New Year at February Members' meeting

> The election of office-bearers for 2014-2015 will be held on 5 March 2014.

> The press conference of the 2014 SCL Charity Ball will be held in at Zilver Restaurant on 20 February 2014

> It is the third year that SCL is supporting Red Cross (NSW)

> SCL members are encouraged to book the ball ticket by 26 February 2014



Group photo at February 2014 Member's Meeting

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A Message from International President

Lion Barry J Palmer AM

Dear Lion Leaders,

I'm sharing a message that I just sent to all district governors. I am asking each of them to encourage their clubs to plan a Family and Friends Month event in April, and register for the Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th. In addition to promoting Family and Friends Month in April, I'm asking you to be sure to register your club for the Lions World Lunch Relay event. It's sure to be a memorable day!

Lion Barry J. Palmer
Your International President



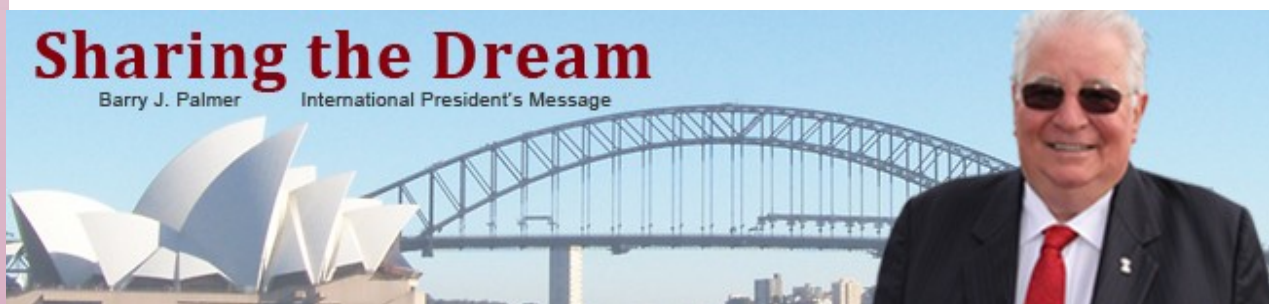
Dear District Governor,

As you continue to work hard toward achieving your district goals, be sure to take advantage of every opportunity to grow your district membership.

Family and Friends Month in April is the perfect opportunity for your clubs to showcase their great work to potential new members. Work with your clubs to plan a special event in April so family and friends can see the difference your clubs are making in the community. Promote this month-long event to your clubs today!

The Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th is a special Family and Friends Month event that gives your clubs the perfect event to promote themselves. The Lunch Relay is a day of family, food and fun that brings Lions clubs together around the world. **Ask your clubs to register for the [Lions World Lunch Relay](#)** and invite their family and friends to join them! Registered clubs can participate in special contests that encourage service and membership.

Start promoting the Lunch Relay by registering your own club. This shows your clubs how important this event is to you and your district. It's easy to register, so click on the button to get started!



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

Message from Chairperson Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Lion,

There's no better way to start the year than by saving sight and supporting youth. This January, members of the Lions Quest and SightFirst advisory committees came together to discuss new Lions projects for these programs. I am always impressed by the commitment and dedication Lions show in their project ideas towards helping their communities through LCIF grants.

The cornerstone of Lions' service is saving sight, and there are some exciting new SightFirst projects that will be implemented in the coming year. Lions and the African Institute of Tropical Ophthalmology in Mali will train ophthalmic surgeons and nurses, as well as assistant optometrists, over the course of five years. In India, diabetic retinopathy will be treated through an infrastructure development grant that enables the Lions Eye Hospital, Nidadavole, to provide diagnostic and treatment services.



In addition to these life-changing SightFirst grants, Lions Quest grants were awarded. In Virginia, USA, Lions achieved great success with a community partnership grant in 2012, implementing Lions Quest in local schools. Through a new grant, Lions will expand the program's social and emotional learning methods to new school districts. Students in 22 elementary schools in that region are already learning positive life skills through trained school counselor-taught Lions Quest classes. Now even more children will have the chance to do so, thanks to Lions' outreach and efforts.

Lions also support youth through measles-related activities. World Immunization Week in April presents an opportunity for projects that raise awareness of measles and the importance of vaccinations. You can learn more about this event below.

There are so many projects of all sizes being completed around the world through Lions and LCIF. As a Foundation, we have supported more than 11,000 grants worldwide since 1968! I encourage you to keep up the good work. In our global community, we have the power to make a difference, no matter the size of the project.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. 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 Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

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 70 clubs with around 1,650 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
Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2014 Final Debriefing	Emperor's Garden, Chinatown	Wednesday 12 March 2014	\$30 per person for dinner
Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2014	Grand Ballroom, Allphones Arena Sydney Olympic Park	Saturday 15 March 2014	\$168 per person \$1,680 for a table of 10

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