

SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



President's Message

My Fellow Lions

March has been quite a busy month for us indeed.

First of all, elections for the 2009-2010 Board of Directors were held at our Members Meeting on 4 March. I am pleased to report that everything went well and office bearers for all the positions were duly elected. Congratulations to all the elected members, and President Elect Mei Cheng in particular. For me, having had the honour and privilege of leading our Club for the past 5 years, I am most happy to see the presidency going to a de-

serving member who has contributed vastly to the Club throughout the past years. The election results can be found on page 2.

On 7 March, we celebrated our 14th Anniversary at a Ball held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. The function received immense support from a wide range of people and organizations and was a huge success. Pages 3 to 15 have the details.

Deadline for applying for the Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2009 is fast approaching. To date, we have received a good number of quality

applications. We look forward to the finalists presenting their cases at our Members Meeting on 6 May. We'll have a recess in April and there won't be any April Club meetings.

At our Board meeting on 17 March, approval was given for 10 persons to join us as members. They are Mr Benny Chen, Dr Lisa Cheng, Ms Janice Cheung, Mr Billy Chong, Ms Cindy Huang, Mr Eric Kwan, Ms Crystal Li, Dr Danforn Lim, Mr Alexander Lin and Ms Aleisha Zhao. Let us bid them a warm welcome!

Yours in Lionism
Anthony

THE LIONS CLUB OF
SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Elections for the 2009-2010 Board
- Charity Ball 2009
- Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship 2009
- Welcome to 10 new members



Sydney Chinese Lions at March 2009 Members Meeting

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Elections for the 2009-10 Board of Directors

To those who selflessly sacrifice their time and effort to serve on the Board of Directors, we salute them and thank them for their generous contributions.

At the Members Meeting held on 4 March, elections for the 2009-10 Board of Directors were held. The following are the results::

<i>Position</i>	<i>Elected Candidates</i>
President	Mei Cheng
Immediate Past President	Anthony Cheung (Note 1)
1 st Vice President	Jason Zhang
2 nd Vice President	Howard Shi
3 rd Vice President	Wendy Lin
Membership Chairman	Rosanda Kam
Secretary	Crystal Siu
Assistant Secretary	Irene Chau
Treasurer	Tim Yuen
Assistant Treasurer	Jasmine Wong
Two (2) 2-Year Directors	Belinda Wan, Henry Leung
Two (2) 1-Year Directors	Janet Hung (Note 2), Carl Ku (Note 2)
Tail Twister	Anna Sannibale
Lion Tamer	Robert Chu
Legal Advisor	Carl Ku

Notes:

Note 1: Anthony Cheung being the Club's President for 2008-9, shall automatically take up the position of Immediate Past President.

Note 2: Two (1) 1-Year Directors: Janet Hung and Carl Ku, being 2-Year Directors for 2008-9, shall automatically take up the positions.

Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2009

"Your commitment to providing quality service has given our association its distinguished reputation and is a **prime example** of what has made Lions Clubs International a leader in service..." **International President Al Brandel**

On Saturday, 7 March 2009, the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese celebrated their 14th Anniversary and held their Charity Ball 2009 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. This year the Major Beneficiary was St John Ambulance Australia (NSW), and the net proceeds of the function will be donated to St John in support of its services to the community—this includes its front line work in providing relief to the recent bush fire disaster in Victoria and flood disaster in Queensland.

Chartered in March 1995, the Lions Club of Sydney

Chinese Inc is the first Chinese-based club in Australia. The Lions Club motto 'WE SERVE' is the basis of every club member. During the past 14 years, the Club had raised over \$300,000 in aid of various charity organizations such as Westmead Children's Hospital; Concord Repatriation Hospital and the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation; the Giant Step program (\$10,000 in 2000); the Fred Hollows Foundation (\$28,000 in 2001); the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes (\$12,600 in 2002), the Concord Hospital Burns Unit (\$25,000 in 2004) the Sir David Martin Foundation (\$22,150 in 2005), the Aus-

tralian Red Cross NSW (\$23,000 in 2006), St John (NSW) (\$41,000 in 2007) and the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, South Eastern Section (\$57,500 in 2008). The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services; hence, they have been offering their 'Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Humanitarian Scholarship' program since 2003.

These achievements have not gone unnoticed. For instance, in his letter to the Club, International President Al Brandel of Lions Clubs International writes, "... Since your club's induc-



Some VIP Guests at the Ball

Charity Ball 2009

Sponsors and Supporters

tion, the Lions in your club have worked together to improve the lives of individuals in your community and around the world. Your commitment to providing quality service has given our association its distinguished reputation and is a prime example of what has made Lions Clubs International a leader in service..."

Indeed, all these achievements have come about not only because of good leadership but also as a result of dedication and hard work of all the members. On top of this, the support given by political leaders, the Chinese media, fellow lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

This year's Ball was made possible by the generous support of its many Sponsors and Donors. Rémy Martin was its Principal Sponsor. They donated many prizes on the night. Their donated prize for auction was a bottle of Louis XIII de Rémy Martin Cognac-Diamant with 1.36 carat cognac diamond on stopper, in addition to many raffle and table prizes plus Rémy XO Cognac tasting at the Ball. Shum's Watches and Jewellery was its Major Sponsor. They donated two Omega watches. There were 7 Sponsors. Zilver Restaurant donated a "Buddha Jumping over the Wall" Banquet. Qantas donated a Sydney Hong Kong business class return ticket for two, Porsche Centre Sydney

South donated a Swarovski Porsche crystal, free weekend use of a Porsche Cayman and other valuable prizes. Many Sponsors subscribed to a Corporate Table each and made cash donations of \$2,020. They included Synergy Medical, Rita & Arthur Kwan, Liteco Construction and Honey Travel. Further, AEF Trading, Articool Designer Works, Beauty & Spa Solutions, CLJ Design, CMC Markets, Doubleland International Company, Emperor Jewellers, Epicure Personal Chefs, Heng Fai Trading Company, Hornsby Mazda, HSBC, Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel, K Square Karaoke Lounge, Lap Jewellery, Leung Wai Kee, the Royal Australian Navy, Triple 8 Hotel, Wen Hwa Pty Ltd,



Sydney Chinese Lions Celebrating Their 14th Anniversary

Charity Ball 2009

The Ball Organizing Committee



Yiu Ming Association as well as Lion Irene Chau, Lion Mei Cheng, Lion Sylvia Chong, Lion Dr M.K. Chung, Lion Rosanda Kam, Lion Stella Ku, Lion Alice Lu & Mr David Lu, Mr Ray Michael, Lion Anna Sannibale, Lion Howard Shi, Lion Crystal Siu, Lion Belinda Wan, Lion Iao Iok Wong, Lion Tim Yuen, Lion Jason Zhang, and many others also donated generously in support.

The Charity Ball Organizing Committee comprised Club President Lion Dr Anthony Cheung (Chair), Lion Irene Chau (Secretary), Lion Anna Sannibale (Assistant Secretary), Lion Tim Yuen (Treasurer), Lion Jason Zhang (Floor Manager), Lion Mei Cheng, Lion Janet

Hung, Lion Rosanda Kam, Lion Carl Ku, Lion Arthur Kwan, Lion Henry Leung, Lion Howard Shi, Lion Crystal Siu, Lion Iao Iok Wong, Lion Jasmine Wong, and, Ms Laila Hallam of St John in attendance. The Guest of Honour was Rear Admiral

Nigel Coates AM, RAN, Commander of the Australian Fleet, Master of Ceremonies was Lion Martin Orchard and the Auctioneer was Mr Michael Photios.

Each Ball ticket cost \$168. This included a 3-course dinner with drinks, brilliant musical performances by the 1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancer Band, choral singing by the Jasmine Chamber Chorus and live music dancing with Sam and the Music Man Band.

Currently, the Club's accounting team is collecting monies pledged. The final amount to be donated to St John is expected to be announced in May.



Dr. Samson Chan - proud winning bidder of the Qantas Prize

Post-Charity Ball Tidbits

An Open Letter from President Anthony to Members after the Ball

Dear All

From the bottom of my heart, may I thank all of you for your efforts and contributions which helped make the Ball yesterday evening yet another success.

It never ceases to amaze me how this collective effort of ours can time and again, steer the club to scale great heights. It is an achievement of all of us. Each and every bit of our contributions was instrumental to the construction of the overall success.

I'm still waiting for the figures to come through from Treasurer Tim but early indications of the income amounts to \$40,000+ for open auction, \$7,000+ for silent auction, \$5,000+ for raffles and \$4,000 cash donations + all related cash donations from sponsors.

Well done!

Will keep you posted of the developments.

Regards
Anthony

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CHARITY BALL

From: **Warren Glenny** (warrenglenny@bigpond.com)

Sent: Monday, 16 March 2009 10:18:57 PM

To: Anthony Cheung (tonycmcheung@hotmail.com)

Dr Anthony Cheung JP
President
Sydney Lions Chinese

Dear Anthony,

Please accept my congratulations to you and your committee for what again was an outstanding Ball.

The Club is to be commended for its ongoing support to deserving charities.

The members of St John are grateful for the donations from the Club but also because the support is seen by St John members as tangible recognition of their volunteer service to the community.

I would be grateful if my personal gratitude could be extended to your committee not only for the support they have given to St John but also for the many courtesies extended to me.

Sincerely
Warren

Warren Glenny
Commissioner
St John Ambulance Australia (NSW)



**A Thank You note from
Maj. Gen. (rtd) Warren Glenny,
Commissioner,
St John Ambulance Australia
(NSW)**

27/81 Woodlands Avenue
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10 March 2009

Dear Anthony

Just a small note to express Tina's and my appreciation to you and your Lions Club members for inviting us to be your guests at your Ball last Saturday night.

It was a memorable evening and the organizers are to be congratulated for achieving a great mix of entertainment, speeches, fund raising and food.

I must also tell you that with the true membership of the Burwood Lions Club being 30-35 your Club now has the largest membership in District 201N5 and I also believe that the average age of your members would be the youngest. Quite an achievement!

I look forward to continuing our discussion after I have visited at your Club and Board meetings.

Yours sincerely


JOHN HARRISON

A Thank You note from
Lion John Harrison,
1st Vice District Governor Elect
District 201 N5

Lion Tina Harrison Drawing Table Prizes,
assisted by MC Lion Martin Orchard



Lion John Harrison Addressing the Party

Post-Charity Ball Tidbits

The Dignitaries

**Many Dignitaries Graced the Ball
with their Presence and Helped out with Various Tasks**





The Winning Bidders



Porsche Swarovski crystal bought by
Mr Peter Tsang at \$1,100



Lion Charles Poon Accepts Prize Donated by
Epicure Chefs on behalf of Mr Joseph Pang
whose Winning Bid was \$1,800



Omega
Diamond Dial
Lady's Watch
bought by
Lion Andy Tse
at \$4,300



Omega
Lady's Watch
bought by
Ms Janice
Cheung
at \$2,000



Ms Belinda Leonard - proud winner of
the Navy Prize at \$7,000



**Silk Painting
bought by
Aleisha Zhao
at \$2,000**



**Lion Virginia Lo Spent \$9,000 on the
Louis XIII de Diamont**



**\$3,800 was the price that
Dr and Mrs Anthony Yeung
Paid for the Zilver
“Buddha Jumping Over the Wall”
Banquet**



Dr Samson Chan won the Qantas Prize at \$11,000

**Thanks to the generosity
of the bidders, the total
fetched in the
Open Auction amounted to
a hefty \$42,000.**

Helpers at the Ball

Thanks to the many people who selflessly helped out at the Ball.
Some of them were caught in action here.

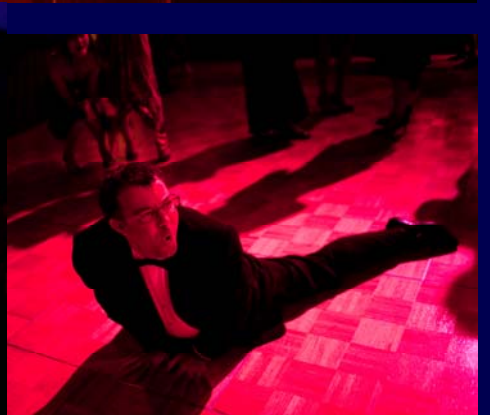




Those Happy and Memorable Moments

Yes, there was plenty of joy and laughter at the Ball.
The photographers did a great job in capturing some of those moments.







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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 fourteen 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
	Information Development Forum District 201 N5	Bankstown Sports Club	Sunday 29 March 2009	Free of Charge
	Charity Ball 2009 Sydney Pacific Lions	Sheraton on the Park Black Tie	Saturday 18 April 2009	\$168 per person
	May Members Dinner Meeting Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 6 May 2009 7:00 for 7:30 pm	\$30 per person for dinner

For bookings please contact:
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