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Editorial

This month almost all global leaders: President Obama, Chairman Xi, President Putin came to Queensland to attend the G20 meeting. To many it is exciting that China and the USA reached an agreement on emission control. Australia and China also signed a Memorandum of Understanding to a China-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

In the universe of Lions Clubs, we have had in the opinion of many, the best ever District 201 N5 Convention held in Castle Hill, Sydney. The nine lions dance, the two pipe bands, the Jazz band as well as the Youth Wind Orchestra and the vocalists were absolutely professional. All the proceedings of the business of the Convention went smoothly. Without disappointment, most people nominated for a position were elected. Even the audited accounts of the District were approved without a single question asked.

This brings us to that the Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Chinese Lions which will be held on 7 January 2015. Notice of the AGM and copy of the audited financial reports are in the mail.

On the coming Saturday, 22 November, we are having a team participating in the annual Lions Basketball Championships hosted by the Sydney Inner West Lions Club. For further details please contact Lion President Jason Zhang.

After that, it is party time again as Christmas is around the corner. This year we will be having the December Members' Dinner Meeting concurrent with the Christmas Party on Wednesday 10 December 2014 at the Zilver Restaurant. Tickets at \$50 are selling like hot cakes. Please contact the President or the Secretary for bookings.

Last but not least, collecting of Silent Auction prizes, Raffle prizes in support of Charity Ball 2015 has already begun. Acknowledgements for donors will be made in the Ball Commemorative Booklet.

Special Points of Interest:

- > G20 meeting was successfully held in Brisbane.
- > District 201 N5 Convention was successfully held in Castle Hill.
- > SCL Annual General Meeting will be held on 7 January 2014.
- > Annual Lions Basketball Championship is hosted by Sydney Inner West Lions Club.
- > SCL Christmas party will be held on 10 December 2014 at Zilver Restaurant.



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Group photo at November 2014 Member's Meeting

A Message from International President

Lion Joe Preston

2014-15 President's Theme: Strengthen the Pride

Dear Lions,

I am inviting you to join me and Lions around the world for a special Centennial Service Challenge event.

The Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January is an international event that brings Lions around the world together for a week of service during January 10–16. It's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club to potential new members, and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

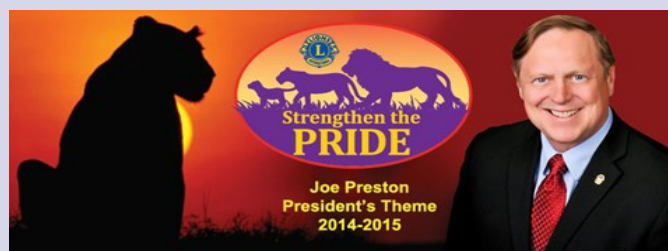
This year, I'm calling on Lions around the world to rededicate themselves to the mission of our founder and the humanitarian goals of our association. You can put your dedication into action by hosting a Worldwide Week of Service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment.

Whatever you do for the Worldwide Week of Service in January, make it a special day!

Together in service,

Joe Preston

International President



Joseph "Joe" Preston, of Dewey, Arizona, USA, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014.

A Message from Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Barry J. Palmer

Dear LCIF Coordinator,

It is my pleasure to announce, along with International President Preston, the establishment of The Chairperson's Medal. This medal will recognize district governors and district coordinators for reaching annual donation targets to LCIF, based on criteria approved by the Board of Trustees.

The International President and I understand that no goals can be accomplished alone – it takes teamwork. The work done to enhance the awareness of LCIF over the recent years has been terrific. I recognize that many individuals played an important part, in addition to the work done by the LCIF coordinator team. The support of past and present leaders, including district governors and club presidents, has played an instrumental role. This all has led to more clubs and individuals supporting the foundation – and at a much higher level.

The Chairperson's Medal is much more than an award; it is also a way to recognize the results of your daily efforts. It signifies your accomplishments toward increasing the ability of LCIF to support humanitarian initiatives throughout the world.

The Board of Trustees has endorsed strict criteria, which recognizes both significant fundraising totals and growth from the previous year. Various levels of the Chairperson's Medal correspond with annual district contribution levels. The criteria and medal design is provided as an attachment to this e-mail.

LCIF is an important component of the service Lions provide each day. President Preston and I are proud to introduce The Chairperson's Medal, which helps recognize your part in making this service a reality.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer



Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation s Clubs International Foundation



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Anthony's Tidbits

(November 2014)

My Fellow N5 Lions, Lioness' and Leos

At the time of writing this article, the long awaited N5 Convention 2014 has come and gone.

The proceedings of the three-day Convention have brought about a pleasant experience and fond memories to many. Congratulations to Lion Joanne Sim on her election as District Governor for the 2015-16 Lions Year, to Lion Dennis Halpin as First Vice District Governor and Lion Ron Gattone as Second Vice District Governor. I'm confident that our District will have an even brighter future in their capable hands in years to come.

I hope that the program that the Hosting Committee has put together served the purpose of bringing about an effective and smooth running convention.

While I am happy with the way that most of the segments went, there is one issue that I wish to address - the matter of allocated presentation time for Speakers/Presenters.

As many of us will agree, it is probably the single most difficult issue in the organisation of most Conventions. As organisers, while we strive to run a well balanced program accommodating as many Presenters as we could and providing them with as much time as they need, it is often not possible. If a time limit is not imposed, the program will either overrun and/or the Presenters at the end of the queue will miss out altogether.

For Convention 2014, like many other Conventions, a decision has been made for ALL Presenters to keep to their time limits. I, as District Governor, had to bear the unpleasant duty of stopping a Presenter when his/her allocated time was up.

I stress two points regarding what occurred at the Convention: (1) all the presenters were given the full length of their presentation times, ONLY those who exceeded their time limits were requested to discontinue (2) at this Convention, we were able to accommodate ALL of the requests by District Chairpersons and Multiple District Chairpersons to address the Conventioneers, no less than twelve of them.

I thank the majority of the Presenters for keeping to their time limits which made my job easier. To all those that I had to ask to have their presentations discontinued, I offer my sincere apologies.

After the Convention, I received much positive feed-

back and many generous remarks. I cite some of them below.

"I totally support your views and explanation (not that one was necessary but you graciously offer one) on this matter of time. The time is not there for indulgence, it is there to be shared and utilised for the benefit of all." - VDG2 Elect Ron Gattone

"Re your comments about presenters going over time. I apologise for being one of the culprits. However it was a first time experience for me and I learned a few points. I hope that you haven't received criticism for doing the right thing and keeping to time. In fact the positive side to the issue is that everyone remembers the Nurses' Scholarship Foundation presentation. What more could I wish for?" Lion Helen Rae, Chairperson, Lions Nurses' Scholarship Foundation

"... From our time at the Convention we would rate it as one of the best District Conventions we have attended. It was great 'COMING HOME'". PDG Patrick McAppion

"I reckon I might have enjoyed myself as much as you, however I didn't put anywhere the effort you put into such a GREAT CONVENTION, it's a pleasure to SERVE in DEDICATION !!!" President Ken Button of Lugarno Lions

All in all, it has been a great Convention and I thoroughly enjoyed it. We always hear of bringing about FUN to Lions functions, Convention 2014 will certainly go down in history as one the FUN Conventions with a rather high enjoyment index.

Well, now that the Convention is over, what's next? What is the next major District event? I'm happy to announce that on Sunday, 12 April 2015, we are organising yet another Lions Skills Sharing Expo. This is following the footsteps of the very successful inaugural Forum of its kind held on 6 September 2014. For those who have a message or skill to share with our fellow Lions, there is now another opportunity for them to do so at either a 25 minute or a 55 minute session. Please contact me if interested.

This is now December and the Festive Season is just around the corner. On behalf of the 2014-15 District Cabinet, Emma and I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ahead!

Lion DG Dr Anthony Cheung

2014 Lions Club Charity Basketball Fundraising Day

Event Host: Lions Club Of Sydney Inner West Inc.

Event Co-Host:

Lions Club Of Sydney Chinese Inc. & Sydney Inner West Lions Club

2014 Lions Club Charity Basketball Fun[draising] Day

Lions Open Invitation Cup



大獅賽

Saturday 22nd Nov 2014 at 1:00pm

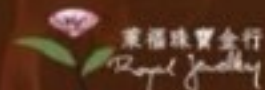
Venue: National Center Of Indigenous Excellence, 180 George Street, Redfern NSW 2016

All raised funds will be contributed to
"Follow Your Dream Foundation – Australia"
after deduction of all expenses.

Details & application forms are available from

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Sydney Chinese Lions Christmas Party 2014



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, 10 December 2014

7:00 for 7:30pm

at **Zilver Restaurant** 同樂軒

Level 1, 477 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000

\$50 per person

RSVP President Jason Zhang
by 1 December 2014

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CHRISTMAS**



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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, Care-Flight, 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
SCL Christmas Party 2014	Zilver Restaurant	7pm for 7.30pm start Wednesday 10 December 2014	\$50 per person RSVP by 1st Dec, 2014 to Jason Zhang : zzdan@hotmail.com
Charity Ball 2015	Doltone House 48 Pirrama Road, Pyrmont 2009	14 March 2015	please RSVP Cab Sec Jennifer Touzel

For bookings please contact:
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