# SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS P



My Fellow Lions

Following a brief recess in April, we are now back in business. On 6 May, we had our Members Meeting attended by some 50 members and guests. At the meeting, Dr Lisa Cheng, Dr Danforn Lim and Ms Janice Cheung were inducted as new members by 1st Vice District Governor Elect John Harrison. See Page 8 for details. Also, the 3 finalists of the Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship presented their very impressive work to our members and the adjudicating panel. Details of these can be found on Pages 4-5.

On 21 May, we presented a \$60,000 cheque to St John

(NSW), following a successful Charity Ball held earlier in March this year at the Sydney Convention Exhibition Centre. This donation is a record high in our Club's 14 years' history. I wish to thank and commend all those who have worked relentlessly for the Charity Ball and collection of monies pledged after the Ball to achieve this great result. Pages 6-7 have details of the cheque presentation.

At the LCI Minneapolis Convention held on 6-10 July this year, we'll have the opportunity of electing PID Dr. W.K. Tam as International 2nd Vice President. This is the first time in the 92 years history of Lions that a Chinese person

has ever had this honour. I have the privilege of being appointed as Coordinator on the Campaign Team to help promote Dr Tam's candidacy in Sydney. A copy of my open letter to Australian Lions can be found on Page 3. At our Board meeting held on 20 May, our Club has resolved to endorse and support Dr Tam's candidacy.

At the meeting, we also resolved to extend invitations to 11 prospectives as members (see Page 9) and to donate \$2,000 in support of the research work at the Neurology Department of the Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong.

Yours in Lionism Anthony





Supporting PID Dr WK Tam as **International** 2nd Vice President 2009

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SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS

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**Donating \$60,000** 

to St John (NSW)

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Sydney Chinese Lions at May 2009 Members Meeting

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# Invitation to Changeover 2009



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#### The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.

District 201N5 of Lions Clubs International P.O. Box K422, Haymarket Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

The President and Members of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. cordially invite you to attend their

#### 2009 Changeover Dinner

on Wednesday, 3 June 2009 7:00 for 7:30pm

at Zilver Restaurant 同樂軒 Level 1, 477 Pitt St (Corner of Pitt and Hay Sts), Sydney 2000

Cost: \$45 per person

Dress Code: Lounge Suit/After 5

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### Invitation to Lions International Convention in Support of PID Dr. W.K. Tam



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My Fellow Australian Lions

23 May 2009

As you may be aware, at the Lions Clubs International Minneapolis Convention held on 6-10 July this year, we'll have the opportunity of electing PID Dr. W.K. TAM as International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the 2009-2010 Lions Year. Dr. Tam will be the sole candidate presented to the Convention for the position. When he is elected, he will become the first Chinese person to hold such an esteemed office in the 92 years history of Lions.

Dr. Tam is highly qualified for the position. At the international level, he served as International Director in 2003-5 and has been appointed by 7 International Presidents to serve on the International Board as Board Appointee 7 times. Dr. Tam also served as Member on the Executive Committee of the International Board in 2004-5. Further details of Dr. Tam can be found by clicking the following link:

#### www.tam2serve.com

As an Australian Lion with Chinese background, I for one, unreservedly support Dr. Tam's candidacy and strive to help out in his election campaign. I am hoping to put together a team of Australian Lions to attend the Minneapolis Convention, with a view to supporting Dr. Tam and being part of this very rare and memorable historical process.

For this purpose, I am writing to you to urge you to attend the Minneapolis Convention, and to join me and my team of Tam supporters from Australia.

When we are there, apart from the regular Convention activities, we could also take part in some or all of the following events:

- taking an active involvement in support of Tam during the Parade on July 7 and possibly, a get together party of Chinese Lions around the world at 8 pm
- attending the opening session on July 8
- taking part in the demonstration on July 9 morning and reception party in the evening
- voting for Dr. Tam on July 10 in the morning and attending the Victory party in the evening.

At this stage, rooms are still available at the Hilton Hotel, the Convention Headquarters. The rates are USD150 per night for single occupancy and USD75 per night for dual occupancy. However, the rooms are in high demand during the Convention period and are expected to be booked out soon. To avoid disappointment, you'll have to book through me as soon as you can.

The Convention Registration Fee is USD150 and the cost of the Hero's Dinner is \$120. So if you are staying 5 nights, arriving 6 July and leaving on 11 July, you would have to spend USD1,020 on accommodation, registration and the dinner for single occupancy or USD645 for dual occupancy.

If you wish to join me and my team of Tam supporters, please give me a call on 0414 330 887 or email me at tonycmcheung@hotmail.com.

Warm Regards

Lion Dr. Anthony Cheung JP Coordinator Campaign Committee For

Dr. Tam for International 2nd Vice President 2009

Dr. W.K. TAM for International 2nd Vice President 2009

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## Scholarship Offered for the 7th Year Running Response Overwhelming

For the seventh year running, The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. is offering The Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship, and prospective candidates were invited to submit their applications in February 2009. The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and recognise humanitarian services undertaken by university students.

This year the response to the Scholarship offer was again overwhelming. The quality of the applications was very impressive. The reported humanitarian services performed by the applicants included volunteer work for such local charities as the Australian Red Cross, Mission Australia, St John Ambulance, St Vincent de Paul Society, Cancer Council, Oxfam, overseas work for remote and poor villages in Uganda, South Africa, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, and others. These services are all highly commendable. As such, in addition to the original award of one winner receiving a scholarship of \$2,000, the Club also offered two consolation prizes of \$1,000 each.

The adjudicating panel comprises Lion Dr. Anthony Cheung, Lion Sylvia Chong, Lion Anna Sannibale and Lion Arthur Kwan. The selected finalists are Mr Dominic Bowen, Ms Annabelle Chauncy and Mr Adam Long.



Scholarship Finalists with Adjudicating Panel and 1st Vice District Governor Elect John Harrison at May Members Meeting

#### The 3 Finalists

Mr Dominic Bowen is from the University of New South Wales. For many years he has been providing disaster and humanitarian assistance in a variety of complex environments around the world. As a founding member of Australian Aid International (AAI), a non-government humanitarian organisation, he provided invaluable coordi-

nation and management expertise in the aftermath of the 2005 Pakistan earthquake, deploying relief to Kashmir to assist with emergency response immediately after the disaster. In mid 2006, he was deployed to Indonesia, taking part in the management of humanitarian programs for the provision of medical aid, health professional training, medical-clinic reconstruction and the re-building of a school over there. He conducted medical training with Burmese refugees and medics along the Thai-Burmese border. He also volunteered as an unpaid trainer in disaster simulation and training exercises in Northern Thailand, an initiative that aimed at improving the skills of humanitarian responders from Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Singapore, Mongolia, New Zealand and the Philippines. Recently, he conducted workshops in Timor-Leste to teach ways on how to be best prepared for emergencies and disasters. In the foreseeable future, he would be ready to jump in and assist should any countries in our region require uncompanies.



be ready to jump in and assist should any countries in our region require urgent humanitarian assistance.

Ms Annabelle Chauncy is from the University of Sydney. She has always been involved in humanitarian aid work. Back in 2001-03, she was school leader of Youthbeat - a youth project which addressed drugs, alcohol, and other youth problems. In 2007, she travelled to Kenya and Uganda on a self-funded three month volunteer program, living in a remote village, teaching over 50 children in a mud hut, and renovating a small orphanage



there. Recognising education as a means to breaking the poverty cycle, she undertook the voluntary role of Project Manager of Hands of Help's Uganda and facilitated volunteers on a school construction project. Since 2008, together with another co-founder, she created United Future Foundation (UFF), a non-profit organisation. UFF is planning to build a primary school/vocational training centre in Uganda in July 2010, focussing on children and youth with limited access to education. Their goals are expansive and aim at benefitting the whole community, offering sustainable and free education for disadvantaged individuals such as orphans, HIV/Aids victims and school drop-outs. UFF has received sponsorships from a number of professional firms, as well as the Ugandan High Commission in Canberra. These sponsorships will ensure the

viability and perpetuation of the project. Annabelle will continue to work on a pro bono basis for UFF to undertake humanitarian services for those in need.

Mr Adam Long is from the University of New South Wales. In early 2005, in the wake of the Boxing Day tsunami, he worked on a pro bono basis with a charitable organisation called International Volunteers for Peace for 3 months, managing volunteers travelling to Sri Lanka to aid in the clean up and rehabilitation of affected communities. In the same year, he travelled to the Philippines building houses with Habitat for Humanity In-

ternational for a month. He also joined Engineers Without Borders Australia and founded the Development Education and Leadership Program - a work experience and short term volunteer program that equips students and young professionals to involve themselves further in the development of long term volunteering. Since then for many years he was involved in leading the management team in the day-to-day running of the Program. To date, 90 people have travelled on this program to the Philippines, Cambodia and India undertaking humanitarian engineering work there. Recently, he spent four months as a social enterprise consultant in the Philippines, helping disadvantaged communities develop their own businesses. Currently, he is assisting a Philippines non-governmental organisation in the development of an electric vehicle infrastructure to



improve the Philippines public transport system for environmental and humanitarian purposes.

## The Cheque Presentation Ceremony

On 20 May, Sydney Chinese Lions presented a \$60,000 cheque to St John (NSW).

The amount represents a record high of donations that the Club has ever made to a charity organisation.

The function was well attended by the Club's members, the Chinese media as well as representatives from St John (NSW). The St John (NSW) team comprised Maj. Gen. (rtd.) Warren Glenny, Commissioner; Mr Sean Gavin, CEO; Ms Laila Hallam, Marketing & Communications Manager; Ms Helen Khoudair, Marketing Assistant and Mr Guilherme Feijo, Marketing Partner - Community.

The Club's sponsors were also there in force. Principal Sponsor Remy Martin was represented by Mr Jeremy Church, Brand Manager and Mr Will Thompson, Brand Ambassador from Suntori; Major Sponsor Shum's Watches and Jewellery was represented by Mr Anthony Shum and Mrs Elsa Shum; and the various Sponsors were Honey Travel - Wendy Lin, Liteco Construction - Mei Cheng, Arthur and Rita Kwan, Synergy Medical - Janet Hung and the Zilver Group - Henry Tang. Qantas and Porsche Centre Sydney South extended their apologies.



**Members & Guests at Cheque Presentation Ceremony** 

# Sydney Chinese Lions St John (NSW) & Sponsors





Presenting a \$60,000 Cheque to St John (NSW)













## **Our New Members**

A warm welcome from all of us to
Lion Dr Lisa Cheng, Lion Dr Danforn Lim and Lion Janice Cheung
who were inducted as our newest members
by 1st Vice District Governor Elect John Harrison
at our May Members Meeting















# New Members Soon to be Inducted

On 20 May, approval for membership was given by the Board of Directors to the following 11 persons:

Mr Ted Chen
Mr Nick Dan
Ms Fanny Mei Fang Huang
Ms Hui Lin Huang
Ms Rosa Kou
Ms Lilian Li
Ms Connie Tse
Ms Galy Tse
Ms Shirley Tse
Mr Winston Tu
Ms Jessica Zhang

We bid them a warm welcome and look forward to SERVING together with them.



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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 \$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

### **Upcoming Events**

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
June Members Meeting + Changeover 2009  Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant  After 5	Wednesday 3 June 2009	\$45 per person
Changeover Dinner  Lions Clubs of Sydney Central	Zilver Restaurant  After 5	Friday 5 June 2009	\$60 per person
International Convention  Lions Clubs International	Convention Centre, Minneapolis, U.S.A.	6-10 July 2009	See Page 3 for details