



Sydney Chinese Lions

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Editorial

By now, all Lions Clubs had their Change Over functions and DG Anthony and Lions Lady Emma had their first official visit to The Sydney Chinese Lions Club at the August members meeting.

The theme of “our” DG, “Servicing in Dedication” calls us to put our whole-hearted dedication to servicing the needy. Nevertheless, it is always advantageous to first sharpen our tools by improving our skills related to club affairs and servicing. To this end a Skills Sharing Expo has been organized (details in a separate flyer). All Lions are encouraged to support this Expo and thereby enhance their skills.

Sydney Chinese Lions jointly with various health practitioner organizations

are going to hold a Health Expo for both the Mandarin and Cantonese speaking public. Please refer to details elsewhere in the newsletter and mark your diaries.

Lions annual fees are due and payable as of 1 July. We would like to remind all Lions to keep your Lions membership financial at your earliest convenience so that the accounts can be prepared well before the District Convention.

The District Convention this year comes back to Castle Hill, Sydney after it has been held outside Sydney for several years in a row. More than usual attendance is therefore expected. We are the hosting club for this Convention and many of our Lions are quietly working hard on

the preparation for this Convention. It is shaping up to be an entertaining and enjoyable event. First timers to a District Convention will be particularly welcome. It is a District Convention not to be missed. Please reserve your Convention attendance with President Jason Zhang or Secretary Sophie He.

By Lion Henry Leung

Special Points of Interest:

- > A Skills Sharing Expo is organized for all Lions members
- > SCL is organising a Health Expo in coming October
- > Lions annual fees are due and payable as of 1 July 2014
- > The District Convention this year will be hosted at Castle Hill



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Group photo at August 2014 Member's Meeting

A Message from International President

Lion Joe Preston

2014-15 President's Theme: Strengthen the Pride

I wanted to share my August message to club leaders with you...

This year, I want to focus on strengthening our clubs, our service and our association. To do this, I'll be sharing valuable information and resources with club leaders throughout the year. I am asking for your help in working closely with your clubs. Please read the message below and check out the information on the new Blueprint for a Stronger Club and the Club Excellence Process (CEP). Together, we can strengthen the pride!

Together in service,

Joe Preston

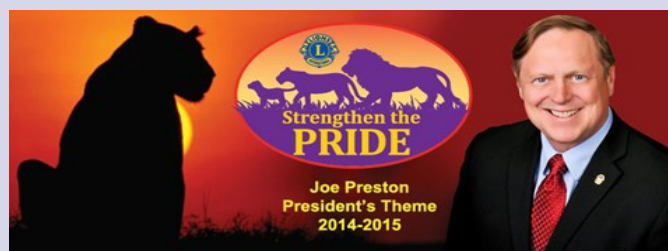


Dear Lion Leader,

Lions are international leaders in humanitarian service because of clubs like yours and leaders like you. A club with strong leaders and engaged members can make a real difference in the community.

One of the keys to strengthening your club is creating a plan for success early in the year. The new **Blueprint for a Stronger Club** can help you develop your plan in three simple steps. The Blueprint helps you assess your club, establish goals and identify the steps to achieve them so your club can stay on track for a successful year. When you submit your Blueprint goals, your club will be recognized with a special Presidential Certificate.

Joe Preston



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 Lion,

When I became president of Lions Clubs International, it was a dream come true. Now, I am honored to follow another dream as Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Foundation is a vital part of Lions' international service efforts, so I am looking forward to seeing what we can achieve this year with support from LCIF. Last year, LCIF set a goal to raise US\$35.7 million in funding to meet Lions' humanitarian needs worldwide. I am proud to say that you hit that mark! More than ever, Lions are involved in service projects to meet the needs of their communities. LCIF has seen an increase in requests for disaster relief assistance in recent years; Lions Quest continues to expand around the world, reaching more students than ever; we continue to fight preventable blindness, including from diseases like trachoma and river blindness; and we continue in our commitment to our partners at the GAVI Alliance in fighting measles, among many other humanitarian projects. Your contributions have helped people all around the world by providing disaster relief, saving sight, preventing measles, supporting youth and meeting humanitarian needs. To be able to help even more people, we have a new goal to raise US\$38.3 million for LCIF and I know that we will be able to achieve it. In fact, I am going to challenge you to set the goal even higher! What if every Lions club donated US\$100 per member to LCIF? We would raise US\$136 million - imagine all of the good that could be done with those funds! As Lions, we can do almost anything. By working together, we can help each other to follow our dreams for a better world. You can make a difference, and LCIF can help.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer Chairperson,

Lions Clubs International Foundation



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FOUNDATION**

A Message from District Governor

Antony Cheung

Anthony's Tidbits

My Fellow N5 Lions

First of all, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for giving me the honour and privilege to Serve as your District Governor for the 2014-15 Lions Year.

My journey started in my campaigning for VDG2 in 2011 and this continued through the N5 Conventions at Norfolk, Lithgow and Bathurst, accentuated at the LCI International Convention held recently in Toronto when I was inducted as District Governor.

As DG this year, my only goal is to help create a favorable environment in our District to facilitate the advancement of Lionism so that we can better Serve our community.

Over the next 12 months, to Serve our Clubs and our membership, I envisage that there will be a huge demand on my time, effort and resources. In the spirit of ***Serving in Dedication*** (my Theme) I have committed to attending to this task without reservations.

Anthony's Tidbits in *Sydney News* is the most important channels that I have to communicate with you on a regular basis. I do not intend to provide you with detailed and comprehensive accounts on what I may have done and where I may have visited over the course of the two months in each reporting period. But rather, I'll be writing about a selection of points of interests of these in a somewhat light hearted manner to make interesting reading.

Let me begin with the Seafest organised by Cronulla Lions. In June, I accepted their invitation to attend the function. Cronulla Lions is one of the very, very few remaining all male Clubs in N5. No sooner had I sat down, I found that all the 300+ attendees were all male. Before I had time to wonder why, there came around eight young ladies criss crossing the room doing party chores like selling raffles, serving drinks, sitting on guests' laps and chatting with them, etc. It was quite a cold day but the ladies braved the low temperatures by wearing the barest minimum. For me it was an eye opener indeed. That day, Cronulla Lions celebrated their 30th Anniversary of running the Seafest. Later, I learnt that they netted \$30,000 on the day. The amount will be used for purchasing much needed equipment for the Children's Hospital. To have lots a fun and do lots a good, this is what we Lions do best - Go, Cronulla Lions, Go!

A Message from District Governor

Antony Cheung Continued

Before the Toronto Convention, DGE from the world over had to get together to received a 3-day training prior to being sworn into office. As there were some 780 DGEs in total, we were divided into 28 groups. I was in Group 25, together with 20 Americans, 2 fellow Australians and several Indians and Pakistanese. It was a great networking experience. The intriguing thing is that I later found out that the Americans had all received intensive training prior to Toronto - over the course of the past two years, they had got together for 8 separate weekends to learn their trade. So invariably when our group got together at Toronto, they would have viewed all the newcomers including all those of us from downunder with curiosity and interest. Nevertheless, we gelled pretty well and worked closely with each other throughout the training. We all fared rather well and made a lot of friends. We were invited to a good number of receptions during the Convention. We attended the Pennsylvanian, Georgian, German and Belgian Receptions, to name a few. A DG Jim Ott from Pennsylvania likes our green Aussie Lions tie so much that he had left me with a \$50 note asking me to buy and send him one!

Of course, the most precious moment to me was on the final day of the Convention, when newly inducted International President Joe Preston asked our partners to take off the "Elect" ribbon attached to our DGE dinner badge. At the moment when the ribbon was taken off, we were DGEs no more. *This was it!* We were the DGs and our Cabinet Officers for 2014-15 were deemed to have taken office from that point of time onwards.

By the time this issue of *Sydney News* is published, the District ChangeOver will have come and gone. There are three other District events that I wish to draw your attention to and hope that as many of us as possible will be able to attend.

(1) Lions Skills Sharing Exp + Farewell Dinner to International President Joe Preston on Saturday, 6 September at the Castle Hill RSL Club - RSVP Cabinet Secretary Jennifer.

(2) Lions Information Nights held at 6 different areas/locations in Sydney on the same evening - probably Thursday, 9 October (to be confirmed).

(3) District Convention 2014 on 14-16 November at Castle Hill RSL Club, registrations at Convention2014@lionsclubssydney.org.au

Please check the District's new look website for further details of the above events, courtesy of new Webmaster Lion Alex Maitland.

Postscript: Why *Anthony's Tidbits*? In yester years, I put together and presented an English learning program at a local Cantonese radio station entitled *English Tidbits*. Since then, the word Tidbits has a fond spot in my heart. So Lions, it's *Anthony's Tidbits* for now and the next ten months.



Lions Movement Comes of Age in the Chinese Australian Community

Ever since the first Chinese Australian Lions Club was chartered in District N5 (Sydney) in 1995, to date, there are some eight Chinese Australian-based Lions Clubs with over 300 members. Currently, the total number of Lions in N5 is around 1,670. This means that one out of every 5 or 6 Lions in Sydney is a Chinese Australian.

On 19 July 2014, over 350 members and guests from the eight Chinese Australian-based Lions Clubs got together for an unprecedented Joint Clubs ChangeOver Dinner. It was a hugely successful and memorable occasion for all those who attended.

The participating Clubs were Sydney Chinese, Sydney Pacific, Sydney Inner West, Sydney North West, Sydney Waratah, Sydney Central, Western Sydney and Chatswood Executive Business. The function was officiated by Immediate Past International President and Chair of Lions Clubs International Foundation Lion Barry Palmer, our very own Australian Past International President. PIP Wing Kun Tam had plans to come as Guest of Honor but had to extend his sincere apologies last minute as his flight was held up by inclement weather in Beijing. Other VIPs attending the Ceremony included Council Chairman Lion Warren Latham and wife Marilyn, together with the majority of members of DG Anthony's Team and their partners.

Representing the Presidents and members of the eight Clubs, President Jason Zhang of Sydney Chinese Lions made this remark in his Welcome Speech, " ... Tonight we celebrate THREE milestones ... First, the successful completion of his Year of Service of the first Australian International President of Lions and his commencement of Office as Chair of the Lions Clubs International Foundation in Lion Barry. Second, the commencement of his year of Service of the first Chinese born District Governor of our N5 District in Lion Anthony. And third, the commencement of their year of Service as Board Members of the eight Clubs in our soon to be inducted Board Members..."

In addition to inducting the new Boards of Directors of the eight Clubs, Lion Barry also inducted 15 new members into Lions during the function.

There were many "happy customers". After attending the dinner, Lion Helen Loseby-Bowles, Editor of Sydney News wrote, " Chris and I thank you for inviting us to the Changeover Dinner tonight. It was a great success and I'm sure a lot of hard work went into the organisation of such a special event. Well done."

Lion Elizabeth Lessells, Chairperson of Youth of the Year Program says, " I would like to thank you and the Chinese Lions Clubs of Sydney for a wonderful dinner last night. The organisation, atmosphere, food, entertainment were great. They combined to make an interesting and enjoyable evening. "

Indeed, the Lions movement has come of age with the Chinese Australian community in Sydney. For Lion Anthony who is the first Chinese Australian District Governor of N5, this is a dream come true. This historical event is a marvelous outcome of months of hard work between him in conjunction with leaders and members of the Clubs.

Through the positive energies generated at the Joint ChangeOver, a convincing message is relayed to the general public. This helps to promote Lionism and hopefully, will attract more like minded individuals to join our ranks and files and become Lions.

Sydney Chinese Lions Health Expo 2014



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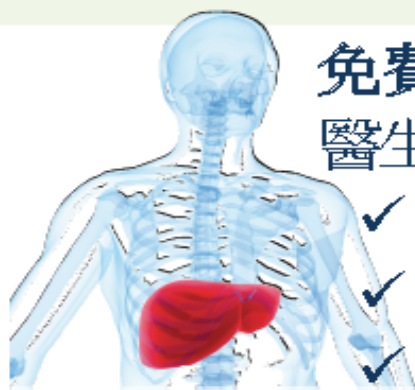
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9:30am - 1:30pm (上午9 点半至下午1 点半)

11:30am - 3:30pm (上午11 点半至下午3 点半)

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醫生諮詢有關

✓ 血壓

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Dr Michael Suen (外科医生) 大腸癌

Dr Muh Geot Wong (腎科醫生) 糖尿病及腎病: 體徵和症狀

Dr Amanda Wang (腎科醫生) 高血壓

Dr Tony Kuo (耳鼻喉醫生) 常見耳鼻喉疾病與保健

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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
A Skills Sharing Expo of N5 Lions	Castle Hill RSL Club	Wednesday, 3 September 2014	please RSVP Cab Sec Jennifer Touzel
SCL monthly members meeting	Zilver restaurant	Wednesday, 3 September 2014	\$30 per person
Sydney Chinese Lions Health Expo 2014	St John (NSW) 9 Deane St, Burwood 2134	Wednesday, 18 October 2014	FREE

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