

Zone 4 Meeting

2 August 2011

On 2 August 2011, Zone 4 Lions of District 201N5 got together for their first Zone meeting in 2011-12. They were there to meet and welcome their new District Governor Stephen Coleman. Zone 4 held a distinct honor as it was Lion Steve's first ever Zone meeting as District Governor.

The meeting was chaired by Zone Chairman Dr Anthony Cheung and hosted by Sydney Inner West Lions held at Emperor's Garden. Members and guests from all the 5 clubs in the Zone showed up in force to support their District Governor. There were over 130 attendees at the joint gathering.

Sydney Chinese were led by President Mei Cheng, Sydney Pacific by President Eric Tam, Sydney Inner West by President Jonathan Yee,

Sydney Executive Business by President Benjamin Chow AO, while NSW Parliamentary was represented by Charter President the Hon Helen Sham Ho.

DG Stephen was accompanied by Cabinet Secretary John Daley and Lions Lady Sandra Daley. The meeting started with 1st VP Jason Zhang of Sydney Chinese lead singing the Australian National Anthem. ZC Anthony then called the meeting to order, followed by the reading of Lions Purposes by President Benjamin Chow and Lions Ethics by Past President Eugenia Lieu of Sydney Pacific. President Jonathan Yee then made the Official

Welcome, followed by Cab Sec John introducing DG Stephen. Subsequently, DG Stephen gave his Official Address. He encouraged Lions to continue to do good and to be mindful of membership retention and growth. At

the conclusion of his speech, he presented International President Tam's lapel pins to the club presidents in exchange of their club's bannerettes. After District Chairman John Chate delivered the Invocation and Loyal

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District Governor Stephen Coleman, President Eric Tam, President Benjamin Chow AO, President Mei Cheng, Charter President Sham Ho, President Jonathan Yee and Zone Chairman Dr Anthony Cheung

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Toast, dinner was served.

During dinner, Lion Serena Lee of Sydney Inner West performed a couple of English songs as entertainment. Each club president in turn gave a brief account of their club's highlights and activities. DG Stephen also conducted new members induction: Pamela Ling, May Wong, Milly Yang were inducted into Sydney Chinese while Jian Sheng Wu and Kai Meng Cheng were inducted into Sydney Inner West.

The function was capped with much fun and laughter. 2nd VP Howard Shi of Sydney Chinese did the Tail Twisting. His jokes were



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stirring and funny. For the attendees, there was an even more interesting twist installed. Quite unlike the majority of meetings and community dinners, no raffles sales were organised that evening. This meant that the attendees did not have to fork out an extra few dollars. Instead, after the Tail Twisting, each attendee was handed a free \$1.10 scratchy. One could

easily imagine the excitement in the room that followed as everyone scratched their tickets. Clearly, the excitement index was even higher for those who were lucky enough to win a few dollars!

The party ended after official group photos were taken. A big THANK YOU to President Jonathan Yee and Sydney Inner West Lions for hosting such a wonderful party and to all the presidents and members of Zone 4 clubs for supporting the function. It is envisaged that each of the other clubs will in turn host a Zone meeting in Q2, Q3 and Q4 of the 2011-12 Lions Year.



**Sydney Pacific Lions with District Governor Steve
District Officers and Club Presidents**



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Lions Clubs International

District 201 N5

Zone 4 Meeting

Tuesday, 2 August 2011

Hosted by Sydney Inner West Lions

Programme

Master of Ceremonies: Lion Dr Anthony Cheung JP, Zone 4 Chair

Australian National Anthem

Lead Singer – 1st VP Jason Zhang of Sydney Chinese Lions

Call to Order

Master of Ceremonies

Lions Purposes

President Benjamin Chow, AO of Sydney Executive Business Lions

Lions Ethics

Past President Eugenia Lieu of Sydney Pacific Lions

Official Welcome

President Jonathan Yee, JP of Sydney Inner West Lions

Introduction of District Governor

Lion John Daley, Cabinet Secretary

District Governor's Address

DG Stephen Coleman, District 201N5

Exchange of Bannerettes

DG Stephen Coleman and Club Presidents

Invocation and Loyal Toast

Lion John Chate, Chair - Peace Posters & Hearing Dogs

Dinner Served

Dinner Money Collection

Treasurer Lion Anson Chung of Sydney Inner West Lions assisted by others

Entertainment

2 English songs performed by Lion Serena Lee of Sydney Inner West Lions

Club Activities Reports

Sydney Executive Business Lions – President Benjamin Chow AO

Sydney Inner West Lions – President Jonathan Yee JP

Sydney Pacific Lions – President Eric Tam JP

Sydney Chinese Lions – President Mei Cheng JP

Induction of New Members

Pamela Ling, May Wong, Milly Yang, Kai Meng Cheng and Jian Sheng Wu

Conducted by DG Stephen Coleman

Tail Twisting

Group Photos

Reflections of 2 New Lions

My Thoughts on the Zone 4 Meeting as a New Lion

Lion May Wong writes...

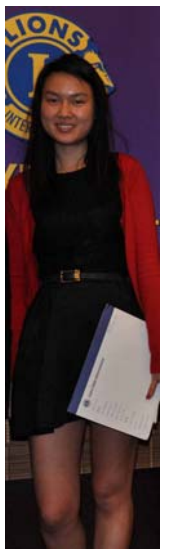
Located at Emperor's Garden Seafood Restaurant, the Zone Meeting took place above a bustling Chinese Restaurant where customers ordered crabs over countless bottles of Tsing Tao beer. This was a contrast to the formalities of the Zone 4 Meeting upstairs where the congregation of more than 130 Lions took place. The speeches from District Governor Stephen Coleman and Club Presidents of the 5 clubs in the Zone reminded me that I was about to be inducted into an organisation with much prestige and global reputation.

Members from all of the 5 clubs in the Zone attended the function, demonstrating how Lions Clubs is an active group in all parts of Sydney. I was overwhelmed by the hospitality towards my induction and the induction of four other members. After making the Lions Pledge led by DG Stephen, existing Lions came forward and warmly shook our hands one by one.

Lions is a dynamic gathering of individuals from all walks of life who are united under the common goal of serving the needy and the general community. On the night I met a plastics surgeon, an optometrist and an architect, who all fervently support the purposes and ethics of Lions.

To offset the formalities of the event, a 'tail twister' provided some jokes and humour to finish the night. I am humbled to be part of Lions as I am confident that it will be the beginning of a long relationship, at least facelifts and reading glasses will be more accessible now.

Lion May Wong is a final year Medical student at the University of NSW. She was inducted into Sydney Chinese Lions on 2 August 2011 by DG Stephen Coleman.



Lion 凌晨 Pamela Ling was inducted into Sydney Chinese Lions on 2 August 2011 by District Governor Stephen Coleman

感恩与责任

又是一个星期二的傍晚，华灯初上，皇冠酒楼二层的圆桌上早已铺上了白色的桌布，摆好了洁净的餐具。宾客们络绎不绝，其乐融融。相逢、握手、拥抱、问候，尽情享受团聚的喜悦。我微笑着走在他们中间，注视着这一切，虽然这已经不是我第一次参加狮子会的晚宴了，然而对我而言今天却是个特别的日子。

今天，是我正式加入狮子会的日子。回顾过去，每一次参加狮子会慈善活动的情景历历在目。第一次，是作为志愿者的角色参加一年一度在悉尼会议中心举办的慈善餐舞会的。一切的一切对我而言都是那么新鲜，盛装出席的人们、美仑美奂的灯光、令人眼花缭乱的节目还有精致美味的食物。就像进入了大观园，强烈的新鲜感刺激着我的眼球，冲击着我的内心。狮子会，对我而言，是一个五彩斑斓的世界，而我像一个孩子一般，探着脑袋，透过门缝，好奇地注视着外面的这个世界。

第二次参加狮子会晚宴，想到要和很多朋友重聚，心底流淌着温暖和愉悦。作为留学生的我，远渡重洋来到异国他乡，心底最需要的还是一种归属感。亲不亲，故乡人，在蓝眼睛白皮肤的世界里，有一个小群体是专属于黑眼睛黄皮肤的炎黄子孙的。每个月都会有个小小的聚会，在这里，重逢老朋友，相识新朋友，时而谈笑风生，时而倾诉衷肠，似乎永远有说不完的话题，时间总是过的很快。此时，狮子会之于我，好似一个大家庭，兄弟姐妹们之间相互关爱，相互照顾，虽然身在异国，我在这里却感受到了浓浓的真切的情谊。

今天我站在台上，接受入会仪式，手捧着证书，宣读着誓言，成为了正式的会员，心中除了激动之外，更多感受到的是肩上的责任和义务。怀着感恩的心态去生活，珍惜现在拥有的一切，勇敢创造属于自己的一片天空。与此同时，不要忘记身上肩负的使命，尽自己最大的能量去回馈社会。滴水之恩当涌泉相报。在这个世界上，有一些人饥寒交迫，有一些人贫困潦倒，有一些人身体残缺，有一些人病入膏肓。他们是社会中的弱势群体，需要每个人的关爱和帮助。伸出我们的援手，设身处地地为他们提供服务，减轻他们的痛苦，增加他们的快乐，是我们义不容辞的职责所在。

凌晨



District Governor Steve Inducting 5 New Members into Sydney Chinese Lions and Sydney Inner West Lions at the Zone 4 Meeting on 2 August 2011