



**HERO PILOT & NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER TO HEADLINE LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SYDNEY - JUNE 28-JULY 2**

Sydney, AUSTRALIA, June 28, 2010—Chesley B. (Sully) Sullenberger III, the American pilot who landed a jet plane on the Hudson River near New York, and Wangari Maathai, winner of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize, are Sydney-bound as keynote speakers for the 93rd Lions Clubs International Convention.

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| 11am Tues June 29 | A spectacular Parade of Nation with an estimated 10,000 Lions from more than 100 countries, in national costume, will march along with floats and 20 bands, starting in Hyde Park, down Macquarie Street to finish at the Opera House. |
| 1930 Weds June 30 | Selection of the first winner of the Lions Clubs International Global Youth Music Competition in Bayside Auditorium B of the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Ten young people from around the world will compete on the violin. |
| 9:00 Thurs July 1 | 2010 Lions Humanitarian Award presentation to Wangari Maathai, an internationally known environmental, peace, human rights and democracy activist from Kenya at in the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Maathai became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize (2004). The Lions Humanitarian Award includes a grant of US\$200,000 for continuing humanitarian work. (Fr Chris Reilly was the 2009 Recipient) |
| 9:15 Fri July 2 | A keynote address by Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III , the pilot who made an emergency landing on the Hudson River, saving 155 passengers and crew, at in the Sydney Entertainment Centre. |

(NOTE only accredited media will be able to access Convention events)

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