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A \$15,000 Prize offered by the Chief of Army

Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC, Chief of Army and Mrs Lee Leahy graced our Charity Ball 2008 on 1 March as Guests of Honour. They didn't come empty handed. Indeed, the General kindly offered a very rare prize for us to auction off - a package for 4 people to spend a day at the Holsworthy Army Camp with the commandos of the 4th Battalion, complete with a ride on a Black Hawk helicopter above and around Sydney. It was the third time in Australian history that a prize like this was offered. Bidding for the prize was passionate. Within seconds, it went from \$2,000 to \$3,000, then \$4,000 and \$5,000. Auctioneer Michael Photios then invited General Leahy to go up stage for a brief interview re: the Army and the prize. No sooner after the interview, the bidding shot on from \$5,500 to over \$10,000. Eventually, the prize went under the hammer for a hefty \$15,000, compliments of our long time supporter - Dr. A. Nicolaou - rather fittingly, a guest invited along by Lion Howard Shi, our own Tail Twister.



Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, Mrs Lee Leahy, Mrs Nicolaou, Dr. A. Nicolaou, President Dr. Anthony Cheung (from right to left)

At Charity Ball 2008, on behalf of all Sydney Chinese Lions, President Anthony played host to the guests and VIPs. As Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC, Chief of Army and Mrs Lee Leahy were the Guests of Honour, President Anthony had the pleasant task of keeping them company.

It is often said, a picture speaks more than a thousand words. Take a look at the pictures and judge for yourselves if the President was up to the task.



Post Ball Tidbits

An Open Letter from President Anthony to Members after the Ball

Dear All

I'm sure all of us who were at our Charity Ball last night HAD A BALL!

For a grand function like yesterday's, the proceedings went reasonably smoothly. The money raised, pending collections from pledges, has been most encouraging. The Open Auctions alone fetched a record \$46,730. The very special prize offered by Lieut. Gen. Peter Leahy, coupled with the auctioning flair of Michael Photios, certainly helped lift the game.

If we add the silent auction amount of \$8,435, the raffles money of \$5,780 and the \$10,000 donation made by Remy Martin, we have a total income of \$70,945 at the Ball.

This is yet another record high for our Club. I wish to thank all of you, particularly those who contributed greatly last night, for your selflessness and dedication in SERVING.

Now the accounts team will have to focus on collecting the monies pledged and I'll keep you posted of the progress. Hopefully, some time in May, we'll be able to announce the amount to be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Regards
Anthony

Lions Clubs International
DISTRICT 201N5
The Lions, Lioness and Leo Club of Sydney & Norfolk Island

Carol Alderson JP

District Governor
2007-2008



Sydney Chinese Lions

Thank you all for another sensational night and congratulations on your commitment to the RDFS.

Carol

A New Sensation



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6th March 2008*

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Dear Anthony,

Thank you for the wonderful evening Lynne & I spent with you and your fellow Lions at the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Charity Ball on Saturday night.

The hospitality extended to us, members, supporters and staff of the Royal Flying Doctor Service was terrific and we are indeed honoured to be your nominated charity for 2008.

I congratulate you, your members, sponsors and donors for the professional and generous support which made the event such a success. You can be proud of the excellent fund raising result you achieved - a testament to all your hard & dedicated efforts.

We look forward to recognising your club's contribution to help keep "The Flying Doctor Flying" at an appropriate time & venue.

Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely, John Gall.

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Mr John Gall OAM, President of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (South Eastern Section) with Mrs Lynne Gall at the Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2008

Mr John Gall OAM presenting his speech at Charity Ball 2008



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**Monique, Bonnie and Natasha of
the Royal Flying Doctor Service**



Anthony you and your team are an absolute inspiration! Congratulations on the most successful Ball I could have imagined. Thank you so much for your time, energy, efforts and laughter.

I had a great time at the Ball. Everyone was so warm and hospitable.

Thank you for helping to keep the flying doctor flying!!! I look forward organising a handover ceremony with as many Lions as possible in attendance and buying a piece of vital medical equipment with the funds.

Take care - you deserve a rest now!

Monique - RDFS

Dear Anthony

I really enjoyed working with you and the Ball organising committee over the past 9 months. Thank you all for your hard work and enthusiasm, it is very inspiring! I had a wonderful night on Saturday and received lots of positive feedback from our supporters. Thank you for helping to keep the Flying Doctor Flying!

Best wishes
Natasha
RDFS

Dear Anthony

Thank you and your amazing team for such a brilliant night! We are overwhelmed by your support and so appreciate all the hard work and planning that went into making the night such a huge success. Please extend my thanks and best wishes to your team. We look forward to seeing you all at our 80th Anniversary celebrations on 18 May!

Warm regards

*Bonnie Harris
Donor Development Coordinator
Royal Flying Doctor Service (South Eastern Section)*

Good morning Anthony.

Congratulations and thank you from Kerry and myself on your generous hospitality during the Ball.

What a wonderful night !

I am so pleased we were able to assist you in raising a record amount of money for charity. We look forward to participating in many more events with your Club.

*Regards,
Kerry and Mark.*



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