

# Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2009

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On Saturday, 7 March 2009, the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese celebrated their 14th Anniversary and held their Charity Ball 2009 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. This year the Major Beneficiary was St John Ambulance Australia (NSW), and the net proceeds of the function will be donated to St John in support of its services to the community—this includes its front line work in providing relief to the recent bush fire disaster in Victoria and flood disaster in Queensland.

Chartered in March 1995, the Lions Club of Sydney

Chinese Inc is the first Chinese-based club in Australia. The Lions Club motto 'WE SERVE' is the basis of every club member. During the past 14 years, the Club had raised over \$300,000 in aid of various charity organizations such as Westmead Children's Hospital; Concord Repatriation Hospital and the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation; the Giant Step program (\$10,000 in 2000); the Fred Hollows Foundation (\$28,000 in 2001); the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes (\$12,600 in 2002), the Concord Hospital Burns Unit (\$25,000 in 2004) the Sir David Martin Foundation (\$22,150 in 2005), the Aus-

tralian Red Cross NSW (\$23,000 in 2006), St John (NSW) (\$41,000 in 2007) and the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, South Eastern Section (\$57,500 in 2008). The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services; hence, they have been offering their 'Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Humanitarian Scholarship' program since 2003.

These achievements have not gone unnoticed. For instance, in his letter to the Club, International President Al Brandel of Lions Clubs International writes, "... Since your club's induc-



Some VIP Guests at the Ball

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tion, the Lions in your club have worked together to improve the lives of individuals in your community and around the world. Your commitment to providing quality service has given our association its distinguished reputation and is a prime example of what has made Lions Clubs International a leader in service..."

Indeed, all these achievements have come about not only because of good leadership but also as a result of dedication and hard work of all the members. On top of this, the support given by political leaders, the Chinese media, fellow lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

This year's Ball was made possible by the generous support of its many Sponsors and Donors. Rémy Martin was its Principal Sponsor. They donated many prizes on the night. Their donated prize for auction was a bottle of Louis XIII de Rémy Martin Cognac-Diamant with 1.36 carat cognac diamond on stopper, in addition to many raffle and table prizes plus Rémy XO Cognac tasting at the Ball. Shum's Watches and Jewellery was its Major Sponsor. They donated two Omega watches. There were 7 Sponsors. Zilver Restaurant donated a "Buddha Jumping over the Wall" Banquet. Qantas donated a Sydney Hong Kong business class return ticket for two, Porsche Centre Sydney

South donated a Swarovski Porsche crystal, free weekend use of a Porsche Cayman and other valuable prizes. Many Sponsors subscribed to a Corporate Table each and made cash donations of \$2,020. They included Synergy Medical, Rita & Arthur Kwan, Liteco Construction and Honey Travel. Further, AEF Trading, Articool Designer Works, Beauty & Spa Solutions, CLJ Design, CMC Markets, Doubleland International Company, Emperor Jewellers, Epicure Personal Chefs, Heng Fai Trading Company, Hornsby Mazda, HSBC, Indo-Chinese Elderly Hostel, K Square Karaoke Lounge, Lap Jewellery, Leung Wai Kee, the Royal Australian Navy, Triple 8 Hotel, Wen Hwa Pty Ltd,



Sydney Chinese Lions Celebrating Their 14th Anniversary

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## The Ball Organizing Committee



Yiu Ming Association as well as Lion Irene Chau, Lion Mei Cheng, Lion Sylvia Chong, Lion Dr M.K. Chung, Lion Rosanda Kam, Lion Stella Ku, Lion Alice Lu & Mr David Lu, Mr Ray Michael, Lion Anna Sannibale, Lion Howard Shi, Lion Crystal Siu, Lion Belinda Wan, Lion Iao Iok Wong, Lion Tim Yuen, Lion Jason Zhang, and many others also donated generously in support.

The Charity Ball Organizing Committee comprised Club President Lion Dr Anthony Cheung (Chair), Lion Irene Chau (Secretary), Lion Anna Sannibale (Assistant Secretary), Lion Tim Yuen (Treasurer), Lion Jason Zhang (Floor Manager), Lion Mei Cheng, Lion Janet

Hung, Lion Rosanda Kam, Lion Carl Ku, Lion Arthur Kwan, Lion Henry Leung, Lion Howard Shi, Lion Crystal Siu, Lion Iao Iok Wong, Lion Jasmine Wong, and, Ms Laila Hallam of St John in attendance. The Guest of Honour was Rear Admiral

Nigel Coates AM, RAN, Commander of the Australian Fleet, Master of Ceremonies was Lion Martin Orchard and the Auctioneer was Mr Michael Photios.

Each Ball ticket cost \$168. This included a 3-course dinner with drinks, brilliant musical performances by the 1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancer Band, choral singing by the Jasmine Chamber Chorus and live music dancing with Sam and the Music Man Band.

Currently, the Club's accounting team is collecting monies pledged. The final amount to be donated to St John is expected to be announced in May.



Dr. Samson Chan - proud winning bidder of the Qantas Prize