

SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



President's Message

My Fellow Lions

At the time of publication of this issue of Sydney Chinese Lions, Chinese New Year is just round the corner. May we all have a peaceful and fruitful Year of the Ox ahead - Kung Hei Fat Choi!

By now, I trust that all of us have received a formal notice from Secretary Crystal re: our Nominations meeting on 4 February. If you can spare the time in the 2009-10 to serve the community more, I would like to urge you to put your name forward to be

nominated to serve on the 2009-10 Board. To be nominated, all you have to do is to inform Secretary Crystal, Treasurer Tim or myself before the meeting. Alternatively, you could come to the meeting and nominate yourself.

Elections for the 2009-10 Board will be held at the March Members Meeting on Wednesday, 4 March.

Only those who have been nominated at the 4 February meeting are eligible to be elected.

Our Charity Ball 2009 is now fast approaching. Rear Admiral Nigel Coates, Commander of the Australian Fleet, has graciously accepted our invitation to attend the function with

number of quality prizes. We are targeting 8 grand prizes for the open auction, 20 prizes for silent auction, 50+ prizes for raffles and a good number of table prizes. I am happy to report that this has been achieved with flying colours. On this occasion, do look out for the prize donated by the Royal Australian Navy - a package for 2 adults on a Navy modern warship experiencing action at sea. See Page 3 for details.

At our Board meeting held on 13 January, approval was given for Ms Vicky Guo to be-

come a member of ours. Vicky, sponsored by Lion Janet Hung, is an Accounting graduate. We look forward to serving together with Vicky.

We have again received an activities update from our Twin Club, LC Javenpaa Ainit from Finland, Pages 4 - 5 have the details.

Yours in Lionism
Anthony



Sydney Chinese Lions at January 2009 Members Meeting

Mrs Vickie Coates as our Guests of Honour. Do bring your friends and associates along to the Ball to meet the Rear Admiral and support our Club.

In the course of preparing for the Ball, there are many tasks that the Ball Organising Committee has to tackle. Perhaps one of the hardest tasks was to seek and collect a fair num-

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Kung Hei Fat Choi
- Nominations & Elections for the 2009-2010 Board
- Charity Ball 2009
- Welcome to New Member
- Update from Twin Club

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Charity Ball 2009

Invitation

雪梨華人獅子會慈善餐舞會二零零九
THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.
CHARITY BALL 2009



supporting
St John Ambulance
Australia (NSW)
and its services
to the community



Saturday, 7 March 2009

Parkside Ballroom
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour
6:30pm pre-dinner drinks
7:00pm function commences
\$168 per person
(incl. pre-dinner drinks, 3-course dinner with drinks,
entertainment, live band and dancing)
Black Tie / National Costume

RSVP

16 February 2009
Secretary Crystal Siu Ph: 0400 228 823 Fax: (02) 9686 3031
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The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2009
Saturday, 7 March 2009

RSVP by 16 February 2009

Return to P.O. Box K422, Haymarket Sydney NSW 2000

For enquiries, please contact Secretary Crystal Ph: 0400 228 823 Email: ccsiu@hotmail.com

- I/We would be delighted to accept the invitation to the Charity Ball 2009 at Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.
The cost is \$168 per person or \$1680 per table of 10.
Please make your cheque payable to "The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc."
Please reserve _____ places/tables. Amount enclosed \$ _____
(Reservations will be made and recorded on receipt of payment.)
- I/We are not able to attend but please find enclosed a donation of \$ _____

Charity Ball 2009

The Navy Prize



The Royal Australian Navy is giving two adults the opportunity to experience all the thrills of life at sea on board a modern warship based out of Fleet Base East, Garden Island. Witness action below decks as sailors hone their damage control skills and then take your place on the bridge as the crew navigates the ship through the high seas. Over lunch, relax as you dine in the Officers' Wardroom. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed, and an opportunity money can't buy.

Disclaimer:

All RAN sea riding arrangements are subject to cancellation at short notice in the case of unforeseen operational requirements. Transport to and from the vessel is at the winner's expense, and the sea ride is contingent upon the winner's availability at the agreed time, together with their general fitness and mobility.

A Message from our Twin Club Järvenpää Ainot, Finland

***'We wish all of you the best and only the best for this New Year 2009!
Remembering, it is a pleasure to serve together ...'***

Dear Anthony,

It is a New Year, a new start to do lots of new and nice activities in our clubs, here in Finland, and over there, in Australia. We have started our new year with some snow and tomorrow they announced -15 Celsius, even here in south of Finland. You must have a beautiful summer, something we are dreaming...

Please find attached, few photos of our biggest fund raising activities of our club. You will see two photos of a concert we organised with Katri-Helena, popular Finnish singer. It was a beautiful concert, the town hall was full and we were proud of our hard work, Lion Tuukke was leader of this project. All the money went to the youth of the town.



***With popular Finnish singer Katri-Helena
at concert in Town Hall***



VDG Vesa Rauty with Katri-Helena

From our Twin Club Järvenpää Ainot (contd.)

In another photo, you will find Katri-Helena with VDG Vesa Rauttu. Something else, quite beautiful story, occurred as well. He proposed to his wife-to-be, on her 60th birthday, as a surprise, of course. She, Lion Terttu, replied: YES and on this very same evening, we got a new Melvin Jones member at the party. OH Love Love Love Love ...!

Then, in another serving activity, we take seniors with disability from their residence to the church. We, the Lions Clubs of Järvenpää do this event together once a year.

Another photo is our Christmas activity. All the Clubs, together, we collect used or new items for those who can't afford it. This is really a good start before Christmas Season.

This new season is full of energy with full of ideas to work hard and excitements for LC Järvenpää Ainot Club. It brings our friendship stronger.

We wish all of you the best and only the best for this New Year 2009! Remembering, it is a pleasure to serve together.

Love.

Leena LC Järvenpää Ainot



Taking seniors from their residence to church



Collecting used or new items for the poor



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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 202 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 75 Clubs with around 1,700 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 thirteen years, under the leadership of President Dr. Anthony Cheung 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 raised and donated over \$300,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John Ambulance, the Australian Red Cross, 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 encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, since 2003, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website
www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
February Members Meeting & Nominations for the 2009-2010 Board Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 4 February 2009	\$30 per person for dinner
Press Conference to promote Charity Ball 2009 Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant Club uniform	Thursday 12 February 2009	Free of charge for members
Charity Ball 2009 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour Black Tie	Saturday 7 March 2009 6:30 pm pre dinner drinks; 7:00 pm function commences	\$168 per person/ \$1,680 for a table of 10

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