

# SYDNEY CHINESE LIONS



## President's Message

### *My Fellow Lions*

By now, I believe that all of us will have received the formal notice of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is scheduled for Wednesday, 5 November. The notice is accompanied by the set of audited account statements of our Club for the 2007-8 Lions Year which ended on 30 June this year. At the AGM, these accounts will be considered and a vote will be taken for the Club to accept them. The AGM commences at 7:30pm. This is followed by our November members meeting. Please come and attend if you can.

At our November Members meeting, we will be joined by Ms Laila Hallam, Marketing & Communications Manager of St John (NSW). As St John is our Major Beneficiary of Charity Ball 2009, we have in-

vited Laila to come to meet with us and to briefly introduce to us the wonderful services offered by St John.

As you are aware, preparations for our Charity Ball 2009 is progressing in earnest. At our last Ball Organising Committee meeting, many nice gifts were donated by some of our members. This is indeed a flying start for prize donations and I sincerely hope other members will soon follow suite.

We are hoping to collect all of the prizes by mid November so that details of these can be properly recorded and acknowledged in our Ball Commemorative Booklet. If you wish to help promote Charity Ball 2009, an article introducing our Club and Charity Ball 2009 is published on page 2. Do pass this on to all interested parties.

Our Christmas Party 2008 is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 10 December. Please note this is the SECOND Wednesday of the month. We have shifted the party date from our usual first Wednesday of the month to the second because we wish to have the party held closer to Christmas. A copy of the invitation can be found on page 3. Please RSVP Secretary Crystal by 1 December.

Our Finnish twin, Lions Club of Javenpaa Ainot, has put together a very nice information package introducing themselves and their activities. Some highlights are reprinted on pages 4-5 with their kind permission,

See you at the AGM!

*Yours in Lions  
Anthony*

THE LIONS CLUB OF  
SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- AGM 2008
- November Members meeting
- Charity Ball 2009
- Christmas Party 2008
- News from Twin Club LC Javenpaa Ainot, Finland

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Members and Guests at October Members Meeting

# Charity Ball 2009

## Promotional Article



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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, chartered in April 1995, is the first Chinese-based Lions club set up in New South Wales, Australia.

On the Lions' Emblem, there is a lion on each of the two sides, facing opposite directions - one looks back to the past with pride, and the other looks to the future with vision and hope. This Emblem aptly describes the community work that is being done at the Club. Ever since their charter, the Club has been well supported by the community including corporate entities and small businesses, as well as private individuals. Over the past fourteen 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 three hundred thousand dollars to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service, St John Ambulance, the Australian Red Cross, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Westmead and Concord Hospitals, the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation and the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes. Thousands had reaped the benefits. The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships since 2003.

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 by political leaders, the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese media, fellow lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

To celebrate the Club's 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2009, they will feature a signature event - their Charity Ball 2009 to be held on Saturday, 7 March 2009 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. The major recipient of the net proceeds of this event is St John Ambulance Australia (NSW). The donation is made to support St John and its services to the community. The function will have all the hallmarks of a high profile charity event including entertainment, dancing and auctioning many major prizes. Some 450-500 guests are expected to attend. Dinner tickets for the Charity Ball are \$168 per person or \$1,680 for a table of ten. This includes dinner, beverages, dance and entertainment.

To help make the function a great success, sponsors and donors are being sought. For enquiries about tickets and sponsorship details, please contact President Anthony Cheung on 0414 330 887 (fax: 9686 3031) or email him at [sydneychineselions@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sydneychineselions@yahoo.com.au). Further details of the club are also available at [www.sydneychineselions.org.au](http://www.sydneychineselions.org.au).

# Christmas Party 2008

*Let's share the Christmas and Lions spirits together!*



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*The President and Members  
of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.  
Request the pleasure of your company to attend their*

*Christmas Party*

*on Wednesday, 10 December 2008*

*7:00 for 7:30pm*

*at Zilver Restaurant (同樂軒)*

*Level 1, 477 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000*

*\$45 per person/  
\$450 for a table of 10*



*RSVP*

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*By 1 December 2008*



# News from LC Javenpaa Ainot, Finland

## Similar to us, they have a wide range of functions ...

Our dear friends in Sydney

Autumn greetings from Finland and Jarvenpaa. The change in seasons is clearly evident here in Finland, the green of summer is changing into the yellow and red of autumn. Our Lions year 2008 - 2009 has begun with excitement. At the beginning of my presidency, the presidents of all the Jarvenpaa clubs (four male and two female clubs) gathered at the home of ZC Riitta-Liisa Joutsen to plan joint activities, means for acquiring new members and enhancing publicity.

### Jarvenpaa clubs joint activities autumn 2008

- PuistoRock event 8/17

By attending this rock event the clubs aim at increasing visibility of Lions activities among youths. As a concrete measure we distributed free food to all attendees. If interested, youths also had the opportunity to discuss the Lions ideal and Lions activities.

- Joint get-together 9/17

This year it was our club's turn to arrange for the joint get-together of all clubs. The main responsibility for the arrangement was carried by RC Helena Rahko (whom you already know).

A few minutes later, ID Tapani Rahko explained what was new in Lions activities at home and abroad and how to develop on these activities. He also related to us that U.S. Ex-President



*Maija Vitikainen holding a concert ticket fresh from the print with Lion Tuulikki Turunen.*

*Lion President Yrjö Komulainen LC Järvenpää/Jean Sibelius (left), ZC Riitta-Liisa Joutsen (LC Järvenpää/Vennyt), VDG Vesa Rauttu (LC Järvenpää/Jean Sibelius) and Lion President Osmo Hiltnen LC Järvenpää*



# News from LC Javenpaa Ainot, Finland (contd.)

Jimmy Carter had suggested to the Nobel Committee that they award the Peace Prize to the Lion Organization. We also got to see IP Al Brandel's DVD "Everyday Heroes". Then DG Lauri Vainio offered some advice for this season and stressed the importance of cooperation.

*After Lauri Vainio's speech the members of our own club, Lion Maija Vitikainen, Lion Tuulikki Turunen and Charter President Vuokko Uimonen were awarded the Melvin Jones honors.*

– Transporting elderly people to church on 9/28.

Lions use taxis and their own cars to transport elderly people to Jarvenpaa church. Our own club mainly takes care of the inhabitants of the Pihlavisto home for the elderly, using Inva taxis. In practice this means transporting 5 - 6 persons.

– X-mas Kettle fund gathering event December 17 – 23.

For several years now Jarvenpaa Lions have assisted the Salvation Army with the Christmas Kettle fund raising. Lions act as kettle guards. With these kettles the Salvation Army raises money and gifts to bring a feeling of Christmas to people in need. This activity also contributes to creating a genuine Chrismas mood to each kettle guard. This is a very moving and rewarding experience, Lion activity at its best.

## Our own activities

Our own activities began with changing the board at a meeting at restaurant Huili in central Jarvenpaa, on 8/23. Past President Terhi Anttila presented me with the President's gavel and the club banner. The official part was brief, then the unofficial recreational part started in the sauna and the jacuzzis and by exchanging news among Lion friends. The photos tell more than a thousand words. In the background is Lake Tuusula, at the end of which lies Jarvenpaa, which means "the End of the Lake".

The most important fund raising event of the fall season is the Katri Helena concert, to be arranged on 10/9. Tuulikki Turunen will be responsible for the event (she was awarded the Melvin Jones membership at our joint meeting).

Maija Vitikainen, a music teacher, Maija has written the lyrics to many songs. The Aino Lions song that we sing after the Lion march at monthly meetings is also her handwriting.

Katri Helena, the star of our Finnish audiences since the of popularity all along. Thus plenty of donations.

With kind regards.



concert, has been entertaining 1960s, sustaining a great deal we expect a full venue with

Sirkka Nieminen  
President



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## Upcoming Events

|  | Function   | Venue/ Dress Code  | Date & Time  | Cost per person                                   |
|--|--|--|--|---|
|  | Fundraising Dinner<br>Lions Club of Sydney North-west                                    | China Grand Restaurant<br>Level 3<br>Market City, Chinatown<br><br>After 5                       | Saturday,<br>8 November 2008   | \$55 per person                                   |
|  | A 3-day trip to Adelaide and Barossa Valley<br><br>Private function organised by members | Adelaide, Barossa Valley   | 14-17 November   | \$888 per person                                  |
|  | Christmas Party 2008<br>Sydney Chinese Lions   | Zilver Restaurant<br><br>After 5   | Wednesday<br>10 December<br>2008   | \$45 per person/<br>\$450 for a table of<br>10    |
|  | Charity Ball 2009<br>Sydney Chinese Lions  | Parkside Ballroom, Sydney<br>Convention & Exhibition<br>Centre, Darling Harbour<br><br>Black Tie | Saturday<br>7 March 2009<br>6:30 pm pre dinner drinks;<br>7:00 pm function commences | \$168 per person/<br>\$1,680 for a table of<br>10 |

For bookings please contact:  
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