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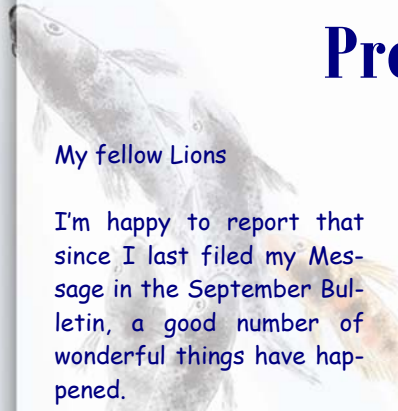
THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Visiting the Elderly at CASS
- Welcome to Lions Mani and Irene
- Handover Ceremony of Ambulance at Sydney University
- District Convention
- Day Trip to the Hunter
- Christmas Party on Wednesday, 12 December

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My fellow Lions

I'm happy to report that since I last filed my Message in the September Bulletin, a good number of wonderful things have happened.

On 22 September, some 20 of us visited the elderly at CASS. We brought the senior folks presents and

provided entertainment for them in celebration of the Mid Autumn Festival. Pages 4 and 5 provide

a detailed account of this.

On 3 October, we had our Monthly Members Meeting. As usual, we had 3 full tables filled at Silver. Mani and Irene were inducted as new members at the hands of Lion Peter Freame. In addition, Monique and Natasha from the Royal Flying Doctors were there to tell to us the services they offer.

On 13 October, our Board members and key Sponsors of Charity Ball 2007 were

President's Message

invited to the Annual Awards Ceremony of St John Ambulance, during which, we were presented with a Special Plaque in recognition of our donation and support for them. Towards the end of the Ceremony, I had the honour and privilege to handover the keys of a brand new ambulance to St John which bears a plaque specifying the vehicle is donated by our Club.



Sydney Chinese Lions at Handover Ceremony of Ambulance with Her Excellency Prof. Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW

HE Prof. Marie Bashir also attended and participated in the Ceremony. Details of this wonderful event is given on Pages 2 and 3.

On the same day, despite of our very busy schedule with St John, 8 members took the time to attend the District Conference held at Sydney Town Hall and 6 of them registered as delegates. In the capacity as Lions Mints Chairman of the District, I also took charge of a Lions Mints stall there, assisted by VP Mei, Lion Tim and Winci. I

have to thank Lion Tim heartily for volunteering to look after the stall in the afternoon at Town Hall while others were sharing the limelight at the Handover Ceremony at Sydney University.

On 21 October, VP Mei and Lion Wendy of Honey Travel jointly organised a day trip to Hunter Valley. It was a great trip enjoyed

by 50 or so members and guests. There's a Chinese article on the trip on our Website under Past

Events, kindly put together by Winci.

Looking ahead - two important dates for us to bear in mind: Wednesday, 12 December 2007 - Christmas Party at Silver; Saturday, 1 March - Charity Ball 2008 at Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. I look forward to seeing all of us there at both functions.

Yours in Lions
Anthony

Handover Ceremony of an Ambulance to St John Ambulance

On 13 October, a Handover Ceremony was held at the University of Sydney, during which under the auspices of HE Prof. Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW, the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. represented by Club President Dr. Anthony Cheung presented a new ambulance to St John Ambulance (NSW) represented by Commissioner Maj. Gen. (rtd) Warren Glenny. Earlier this year, Sydney Chinese Lions donated a sum of \$41,000 to St John following a very successful Charity Ball held on 31 March at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The amount donated on a single occasion to a single entity is the highest ever in the 12 years' history of the Club. The bulk of the donated fund was raised at the Club's Charity Ball 2007 held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on 31 March earlier this year.

The Ball was attended by some 400 members and guests. It was generously supported by 2 Major Sponsors, 7 Sponsors as well as numerous donors and backers.

The sum donated comprised a generous donation of \$10,000 made by Manchester Unity through their CEO Mr John Brogden, who made the announcement of the donation when he was giving his speech at the Ball as Guest of Honour.

The donation is to support St John Ambulance and its volunteer community programmes including its highly respected first aid services.



The Ambulance Donated to St John by Sydney Chinese Lions

At the Ceremony



President Anthony Handing the Keys to the Ambulance over to Commissioner Warren Glenny

"We were completely honoured that the Lions chose us to be the benefactor of their ball. Their support and generosity has meant that our volunteers can continue to provide first aid at community events and continue in the tradition of helping the sick and those who are in distress."

St John volunteers provide over 400,000 hours of first aid duty each year in NSW. They treat approximately 31,000 casualties each year and spend over 90,000 hours refreshing their training and advancing their first aid and advanced life support skills.

Over the past 12 years the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese has raised over \$150,000 in aid of various charity organisations including Westmead Children's Hospital, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Sir David Martin Foundation and the Australian Red Cross.



Subsequently, the Board of St John Ambulance (NSW) resolved to name a new ambulance after the Club. There would be a plaque in the vehicle acknowledging that the vehicle being donated by the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese inc.

On 13 October, at the Handover Ceremony, the keys to the ambulance were presented to Commissioner Warren Glenny at the front of the University's Great Hall immediately following St John's Annual Awards Ceremony.

Commissioner Warren Glenny comments:



Sydney Chinese Lions at the Handover Ceremony

"These achievements come as a result of dedication and hard work of all the members. On top of this, the support given by political leaders, the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, fellow Lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital," said Club President, Dr. Anthony Cheung.



Sydney Chinese Lions Receiving a Special Plaque at the hands of Governor of NSW

Visiting the Elderly at CASS

On 22 September, some 17 members of Sydney Chinese Lions visited the Elderly at the Headquarters of CASS in Campsie. They were warmly received by CASS' senior management team including Mr Brian Wong, Acting President, Ms Bee Koh, CEO and others. They brought along gift packs and provided entertainment for the elderly there.

The day was the Saturday just preceding the Mid-Autumn Festival, the second most important festival in the Lunar Calendar. It was rather fitting to have a party for the senior folks on that day. 50 elderly folks came to the party. Among them, there was a senior gentleman who was 90 years of age and an elderly lady who was 88.

The party began with MCs Ivan and Crystal inviting Mr Brian Wong, Acting President of CASS to deliver a Welcome Speech. Then President Anthony of Sydney Chinese Lions introduced the visiting Lions members. He also donated a cheque for \$2,000 to Acting President Brian on behalf of Sydney Chinese Lions as a token of their appreciation of the wonderful work CASS has been performing for the community. Acting President Brian responded by presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the Club. Next, Ms Bee Koh gave a Vote of Thanks which was followed by an official group photo.

The entertainment program then commenced. There were golden classics of the 50s', 60s' and 70s' sung by Lions Rita, Belinda, Mei, Sylvia, Crystal and Anthony, 2 Italian Opera numbers performed by Lion Howard, Cantonese Opera favourites by Lions Simon, Rosanda and Mei, interesting Quiz conducted



Sydney Chinese Lions with Senior Officials of CASS at their Campsie Headquarters

Memorable SERVING Moments



The Elderly at CASS



President Anthony presenting a \$2,000 cheque to Acting President Brian Wong of CASS

by Lions Janet and Simon. The finale was a song entitled Friends, chanted by all Sydney Chinese Lions present.

Following the entertainment, the Lions presented their gift packs to the elderly and served them snacks and drinks. The elderly thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a great time.

It was a wonderful and rewarding SERVING experience for the Lions. It is something that they cherished and look forward to doing again in the not too distant future.



SERVING Moments at CASS to be Cherished

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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 200 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 80 Clubs with around 1,800 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 two hundred thousand dollars to a number of charities including 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 had 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.

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Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
November Members Meeting & AGM Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant/ After 5	Wednesday 7 Nov. 2007 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person
Region Meeting District N5	Zilver Restaurant/ After 5	Thursday 8 Nov. 2007 7:00pm	\$30 per person
Silver Dinner: St John Ambulance	Westin Hotel/ Formal	Tuesday 13 Nov. 2007 7:00pm	\$275 per person RSVP by 24 October
Christmas Party Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant	Wednesday 12 Dec. 2007 – 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$45 per person

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