

The Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013

The Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2013 was successfully held on 16 March at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. It was attended by some 350 members and guests.

All enjoyed a sumptuous 3-course banquet with non stop supply of drinks throughout the evening. They were also entertained by performances featured by the String Angels and the national award winning Castle Hill RSL Club Youth Wind Orchestra. Guests danced to the music put together by the Mandarin Band conducted by Sam the Music Man.

Feedback received has been most positive and encouraging.

This year's Major Beneficiary is St John Ambulance (NSW). At this point of time, the Treasurer's team is still diligently collecting moneys pledged and collating the figures. It is expected that the task will be completed shortly and the quantum of donation to St John will be then decided by the Club's Board and announced.

All members of the club and the Charity Ball 2013 Organising Committee are to be commended for their dedication and hard work.



Sydney Chinese Lions at Charity Ball 2013

After having successfully held their Annual Charity Balls at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre for nine consecutive years since March 2005, Sydney Chinese Lions will have to look for an alternative venue for this high profile event in 2014. This is because the Centre will be pulled down some time later this year for reconstruction into a ultra modern convention and exhibition facility.

Over the past 12 months, the Ball Organising Committee has been busy trying to look for another suitable venue.

After a good deal of work on research and on site visits, it has now been decided that next year's Charity Ball is to be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Allphones Arena inside the Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush. The date has also been set - Saturday, 15 March 2014. So please mark this date in your diaries and make a head start in drawing up your guests lists for the party.

Feedback from our Guests

Dear Mei,

Genevieve and I wish to thank you and the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese for inviting us to your Charity Ball. We enjoyed ourselves very much, the atmosphere and entertainment were first rate. I especially enjoyed being your mc and working beside Jason and Eric on the night.

Everyone associated with the organising of the night has the right to be very proud of a wonderful success. It was so obvious how much everybody enjoyed the event.... and it was an event.

Thank you and congratulations to the organising committee and members of Sydney Chinese Lions Club.

Best wishes

PDG Nigel Jeny
LCIF MD201 Co-ordinator

Anthony

Thanks for this follow up e-mail and I can assure you and your members the Chief thoroughly enjoyed himself on Saturday evening. I'm also glad the raffle for the prize went off well. No problem with the numbers for the visit - 10 people it is. I'll let Lieutenant Colonel Stuttgart know...

B.N. (Ben) James
LTCOL
Military Assistant to Chief of Army

Hi Anthony,

On behalf of Suntory, Remy Martin and our guests, many thanks for a delightful evening on Saturday night to celebrate the Sydney Chinese Lions Club Charity Ball 2010!

I trust that the support from your members and guests will assist the Red Cross with the wonderful activities they conduct here in the community.

As always it was a pleasure seeing you and your wife, along with all your members for an enjoyable evening.

I look forward to catching up again soon.

Kind Regards,

Jeremy

Hi Anthony,

What a successful night it was at the Ball on Saturday everything was perfect and every item was addressed to perfection. Anthony you have done it again congratulation.

I have attached my little prayer that you requested on the night. Hope to catch up soon.

Regards,
Therese

Hi Anthony

I hope you are well and have had a good earned rest.

The Charity Ball was a wonderful night; we all take our hats off to you and the committee and feel very honoured to be the Beneficiary of this amazing event you host so wonderfully...

Kim McQuirk
Australian Red Cross (NSW)

There's excellent coverage of the Sydney Chinese Lions Charity Ball 2010 in the Chinese Media. Of particular interest is the article below first posted on the Xinhuanet News Website:

http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2010-03/21/content_13213220.htm

Amazingly, the article was subsequently re-published on hundreds of websites around the world. On 28 March 2010, a Google search of the title of the article with the exact wording returned over 1,000 results!

澳大利亚军方代表称赞华人慈善组织公益为民

新华网悉尼3月20日电（报道员胡萌）国际慈善组织澳大利亚悉尼华人狮子会20日晚在悉尼举行庆祝成立15周年慈善活动。澳大利亚陆军总司令肯·吉莱斯皮作为澳方三军代表，称赞该华人慈善组织公益为民，为社会作出贡献。

吉莱斯皮致词说，悉尼华人狮子会自1995年成立以来，积极从事华人社区福利工作以“我们服务”为宗旨，为社会弱势群体及众多慈善机构慷慨赞助并捐募善款超过35万澳元（1美元约合1.57澳元），令上千民众从中受惠。该会还十分注意鼓励华裔青年参与社会公益服务，并为此专门设立了“悉尼华人狮子会公益奖学金”以示支持。吉莱斯皮表示，目前澳军方也为青年军人设立了“我是澳大利亚军人奖学金”，希望广大优秀的华裔青年能够进入军队，更多地了解澳大利亚军人文化。

悉尼华人狮子会荣誉会长张俊明表示，作为在澳大利亚新州成立的第一个华人狮子会，过去的15年间在全体会员的努力下，已为澳大利亚皇家飞行医生医疗队、澳大利亚红十字会以及圣约翰急救队等众多慈善机构提供赞助和捐款，为促进中国和澳大利亚医护人员间的交流作出贡献。

据了解，当晚所募善款将赠与澳大利亚红十字会新州分会，为全澳和亚太地区弱势群体及无助人士提供援助。澳大利亚新州多元文化事务部部长迈克尔·弗特斯、中国驻悉尼总领馆科技参赞何馥香以及逾500位各界人士出席了此次活动。

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