

Christmas Party 2007

On the evening of 12 December, we celebrated Christmas and partied at Zilver Restaurant. We were joined by some 260 members and guests. All of us had a wonderful time.

Many dignitaries came and supported us. Among them, there were the Hon. Philip Ruddock and Mrs Heather Ruddock, DG Carol Alderson and Lion Dean Alderson, Maj. Gen (rtd) Warren Glenny, Commissioner of St John Ambulance (NSW), VDG Elect Beryl Payne and Lion Ern Payne and others.

Many of our long time Sponsors were also there. They included Mr Henry Tang and Mrs Chillie Tang of Zilver Group, Mr Anthony Shum and Mrs Elsa Shum of Shum's Jewellery, Ms Luci Ozcan of CMC Markets and Mr Ray Michael of Triple 8 Hotel. There were also our own members who generously doubled up as Charity Ball 2008 Sponsors including Arthur and Rita Kwan, Mei Cheng and Andy Tse of Liteco Construction, Sylvia Chong of HSBC, Janet Hung of Synergy Medical and Wendy Lin of Honey Travel. Although Ms Cristy O'Sullivan of Remy Martin can't be

there due to work commitments, the complimentary Remy XO Cognac certainly helped lift the festive atmosphere of the Party.

Many fellow Lions from the District extended family turned up in droves. There were Lions from LC Hornsby, Crestwood, Sydney Pacific, Sydney Innerwest, Sydney North-west, Sydney Waratah and City of Sydney.

The Party began with Ms Michele Wong and Lion Greg Dunn leading the National Anthem. President Anthony welcomed the guests and paid a special tribute to the Ruddocks for their contributions to the Nation and the Australian Chinese communities over the past decades. The former Attorney General gave a warm response in return. Following the Remy Christmas Message, Remy XO cognac was served while an unopened Remy bottle went under the hammer for \$1,880, courtesy of LC Sydney Innerwest and Auctioneer Lion Charles Poon.

At the Party, 2 new members, Winci Guo and Karen Zhang were inducted by DG Carol. We promoted our Charity Ball 2008 and our members handed the Invitations to each of



Sydney Chinese Lions with their Special Guests at Christmas Party 2007

Favourable Party Moments



Charles our Auctioneer



With Guests of Honour—Philip & Heather Ruddock

the guests personally. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr Bill Wong of the Mandarin Club who gave us a \$5,000 donation earlier. There were birthday wishes and cake cutting for those who have their birthdays in December and January. The climax of the evening was reached in the midst of the carol singing when Santa graced his presence upon us with bells ringing. Following "Silent Night", sung with dimmed lights and waving glow sticks, the carols singing concluded with "We

wish you a Merry Christmas". We then found ourselves hugging and wishing each other Merry Christmas.

For those who wanted more action, there was the non-stop disco music. Instantaneously, the dance floor was filled with energetic and cheerful guests rocking and swaying their bodies.

The Party had a packed program that was smoothly run. Thanks to the dedication of many - Lion Howard as MC, Lion Jason as Floor Manager, Lion Tim as leader of the

money collection team, Lion Mei as leader of the XO servers' team, together with all members who supported the various teams.

This collective Serving effort of ours has not gone unnoticed. Dr Michael Campion of St John Ambulance was among 11 other St John Ambulance guests who attended our Party. Being a voluntary medical officer in the Australian army, Michael had seen military action in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. This is how he sums up the Party — it was a precisely executed battle plan.



Just a few of us



Hey there, Santa!