

Sydney Chinese Lions

Charity Ball 2007

On 31 March, Sydney Chinese Lions featured their Charity Ball 2007 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. As witnessed by many, the event was an overwhelming success.

Some 400 guests attended the function. It was a fun-filled and colourful event. John and Lucy Brogden were their Guests of Honour, DGE Carol Alderson accompanied by husband Dean were Special Guests, Benjamin Chow AO acted as Auctioneer while PDG Ray Cook took up the key role as Master of Ceremonies.

An award-winning 50-piece strong Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Band, fully sponsored by the Castle Hill RSL Club, performed at the Ball. Their performance added a warm and classy atmosphere to the function and received great acclaim from an appreciative audience. Their accompaniment of the National Anthem, sung by Lion Rita Kwan, started the evening's proceedings with style.

Amongst a good number of prizes and souvenirs given out at the Ball, there were the 36-page full colour 12th Anniversary Commemorative Booklets. They serve as a lovely memento of the celebrations. There were altogether 4 souvenirs for each attendee, 10 table prizes for each table, 36 raffle prizes, 15 silent auction prizes and 9 open auction items.



These were donated by 2 Major Sponsors - Remy Martin and OMEGA, 7 Sponsors and many other donors.

Over 45 Sydney Chinese Lions members turned up at the Ball and all had a great time. Many were involved in various teams performing a whole range of tasks that evening including, guests greeting and reception, dinner money collection, raffle tickets selling, open auction ushering, silent auction prizes handling and raffle prizes handling. In addition, Lion Simon Leung's floor management, Lion Arthur Kwan and VP Mei Cheng's trouble shooting, Roger Leung's AV management were instrumental to the smooth running of the function.

The Major Beneficiary of the Ball was St John Ambulance (NSW). They were out in force supporting the func-

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tion, led by Vice Chancellor Dr. Neil Conn, NSW Chairman the Hon. Peter Collins and NSW Commissioner Maj. Gen. Warren Glenny.

Amongst the big ticket donations, there was a generous donation of \$10,000 made by Manchester Unity, through their CEO - Mr John Brogden.

After collection and calculation of monies pledged, on 16 May, Sydney Chinese Lions announced an amount of \$41,000 to be donated to St John Ambulance (NSW). The formal presentation would be held at a Media Conference on 29 May.

President Anthony Cheung heartily thanks all members of Sydney Chinese Lions for the time and huge effort that they have put into the fundraising project. He further points out that without this selflessness in Serving collectively as a team, they won't be able to achieve success at this very high level year after year.

More photos of Charity Ball 2007 can be found at the Club's website: <http://www.sydchineselions.org.au/PhotoGallery.html>.



Some VIPs at Charity Ball 2007