

BBQ with Lions—Danger Free & Absolute Fun

Prior to this BBQ activity, I have been invited by Lion Emily Hung, my boss, to several functions organized by Sydney Chinese Lions, for example, their Charity Balls 2009 and 2010. I have also witnessed how the Lions club has been contributing to a range of community work in Sydney, like organizing public health talks and making sizable charity donations. But this was the first time that I was invited to their casual outdoor activity.

This BBQ party at Putney Park did impress me a lot. To me, a successful party involves three basic elements. Firstly, it's good people. Although I only knew a handful of people at the beginning of the gathering, all those there treated me in a genuine friendly and caring manner. Lions of Sydney Chinese come from differing career backgrounds. Many of them are elites in their own professions. It comes strongly across to me that this organisation culminates much talent with wisdom and thoughtfulness. The Lions treat each other equally as brothers and sisters, with mutual respect while embracing intimacy.

The second element of a successful party is of course good food. The organisers prepared lot of yummy food (trust me, there was enough to feed at least 200 people!). Some people brought along authentic home-made dishes like Korean style marinated beef to share with all. It was nice to try different cuisines and exchange jealously guarded secret recipes. Delicious food

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empowers a party with quality, and it also shows how much energy and effort the organizers have devoted to the serving of their fellow members. Last, but by far not least, is the atmosphere. We had beautiful weather, an exclusive BBQ site, happy chit chats, a family-like feeling (some members brought along their lovely babies and kids and they were really cute), good food, cool beer and a relaxing mood. These all came together to create an ideal and comfortable atmosphere for the party. It was in the thick of all these when I felt an urge in me and I decided to join Sydney Chinese Lions as a member. I hope to join the other Lions in devoting and contributing some of my time and effort to the community. Serving with all these good people is definitely a great honour for me.

A big thank you to Sydney Chinese Lions for hosting such a wonder party. And thanks to Emily for inviting me to the party and the club as well. I will try my best to help better serve the club and the community.

