

Sydney Chinese Lions

Charity Ball 2008

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. celebrated its 13th Anniversary with a charity ball, on Saturday 1 March at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

The lion's share of the net proceeds raised at the Ball in 2008 is being donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (South Eastern Section) in support of the lifesaving emergency and primary healthcare services they provide to over 80% of Australia.

President RFDS SE Section John Gall OAM said, "We are so very grateful to the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc and their Ball committee under the leadership of President Dr Anthony Cheung. They put in an enormous amount of work to make this event such a great success and a delight to attend."

The live auction on the evening reached a record total of \$46,730 thanks to wonderful prizes including a QANTAS Hong Kong to Sydney Business Class Return ticket for 2, an 18ct yellow gold pendant from Linneys Pearls, and two Beijing 2008



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Olympic limited edition Omega 18ct yellow gold watches and a special prize of 4 people spending a day at the Holsworth Army Camp offered by Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, Chief of Army.

The silent auction and raffles also raised a formidable amount of over \$13,000 with prizes including dinner for four people with a personal chef, a signed cricket bat by the Australian team, Swarovski crystals and photographic portrait sessions.

President Dr. Anthony Cheung of Sydney Chinese Lions was most pleased with the results, "Our Club has been organising Charity Balls annually since I first became

President in 2004. Every year we have been successful as we receive tremendous support from the community, sponsors and members. But this year has been most exceptional, the record amounts pledged at the auctions, together with the unprecedented level of support provided by sponsors, including the cash donation of \$10,000 by Principal Sponsor Remy Martin, all helped make Charity Ball 2008 a sweet and memorable one for our member Lions as we see our collective efforts paid off handsomely. Indeed, we are proud to help keep the Flying Doctors Flying!"

The evening's entertainment included the the award-winning 50-piece strong Castle Hill RSL Youth Wind Band, sponsored by President Dr. Anthony Cheung, the Sydney New Philharmonic Choir Ensemble and dancing to Mind, Body and Soul. Their performance added a warm and classy atmosphere to the function and received great acclaim from an appreciative audience.



Some VIPs at Charity Ball 2008

Guests of Honour included Lieutenant General Leahy, Chief of Army and Mrs Lee Leahy, as well as President RFDS SE Section, Mr John Gall OAM and Mrs Gall, RFDS Board members Mrs Mitty Davies and Mr Michael Burgess and their partners.

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc., a member of Lions Club International and a not for profit community service organisation, will present the RFDS with the final donation amount in May.

Amongst a good number of prizes and souvenirs given out at the Ball, there were the 40-page full colour 13th Anniversary Commemorative Booklets. They serve as a lovely memento of the celebrations. There were 7 table prizes for each table, 53 raffle prizes, 20 silent auction prizes and 10 open auction items.

These were donated by the Principal Sponsor - Remy Martin and the Ma-



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Major Sponsor - Shum's Watches and Jewellery, 10 Sponsors and many other donors.

Over 40 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 sell-

ing, open auction ushering, silent auction prizes handling and raffle prizes handling. In particular, Lion Jason's floor management, Lion Greg Dunn's MC skills, Mr

Michael Photios' auctioning flair, VP Mei's trouble shooting, Treasurer Robert, Lion Tim & Lion Andy's money handling, Lion Carl's silent auction handling, Mr Ricky Tang's AV management and Ms Galy Tse's raffle prizes handling, were instrumental to the smooth running of the function.

President Anthony Cheung praises all members of Sydney Chinese Lions for their dedication, the time and huge effort that they have put into the fundraising project. He 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.



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