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A Big Thank You to All who have generously supported us in this Appeal!

Following the devastating 7.8 scale mega earthquake in Sichuan, China on 12 May 2008, people all over the world, especially those of ethnic Chinese origin have rallied together and contributed selflessly endeavoring to provide relief to the victims and quake affected zones. In New South Wales alone, to date, over \$4 million have been collected by the Consulate General of the Peoples Republic of China in Sydney and over \$7 million have been forwarded to the Australian Red Cross Sichuan Earthquake Appeal.

Sydney Chinese Lions have also put in much effort in fundraising for the relief. At the Club's Changeover Dinner on 4 June, at our invitation, Ms Miranda Sears, Donor Relations Manager and Ms Kimberly Gire, Chairman of the Overseas Support Group of Australian Red Cross came along to our assistance with 2 volunteers - Cassandra Rees and Joni Milne. They came equipped with special Sichuan Earthquake Appeal envelopes and promotional materials.



President Anthony presenting a \$15,000 Cheque to Mr John Fries, Chairman of Australian Red Cross (NSW) for the Sichuan Earthquake Appeal, flanked by VP Mei Cheng and Australian Red Cross Officials

During the function, an appeal was made to members and guests for donations. As a result, a total of \$15,000 was raised. This comprised \$3,465 (broken down as \$1,840 cash donations, cheques of \$25, \$500, \$300 and a credit card donation of \$800) collected on the night, further donations of \$2,000 from Lion Lao lok Wong, \$1,500 from Lion Wendy Lin, \$1,000 from Lions Rita and Arthur Kwan and \$500 from Lion Patricia Du. These, plus a \$5,000 donation made by the Club together with net proceeds of the Changeover dinner, made up the total amount.

Subsequently, at a dinner function hosted by NSW Premier Morris Iemma held at the Parliament House on 26 June 2008, attended by Ambassador Zhang and Consul General Qiu of PRC and community leaders, President Anthony and Vice President Mei presented a \$15,000 cheque to Chairman John Fries of Australian Red Cross (NSW).

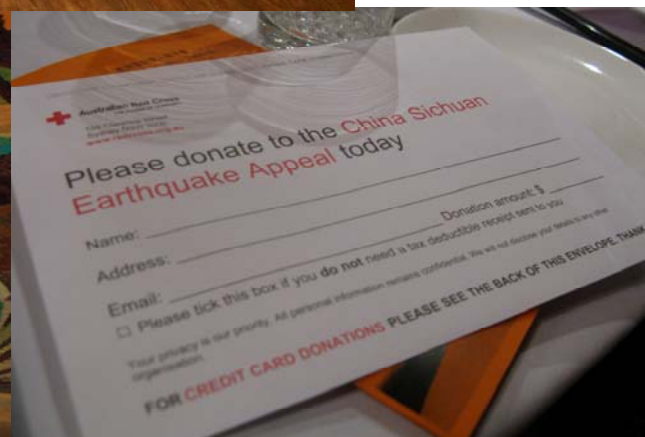
Chairman John Fries is no stranger to the Club. Also in his capacity as Chairman of Australian Red Cross (NSW), at the Club's Charity Ball 2006 held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre in March 2006, John delivered a touching speech to the party which helped raise over \$23,000 then.



Kimberly Gire and Miranda Sears of Australian Red Cross (first and second left, back row) with Sydney Chinese Lions at the Club's Changeover 2008



Cheque Presentation at Premier's Dinner at Parliament House



Red Cross Sichuan Earthquake Appeal Envelope