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THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

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My fellow Lions

I am happy to report that we had a wonderful Christmas Party on 12 December. It was attended by some 260 members and guests. DG Carol and the Hon. Philip Ruddock attended as our Special Guests. The Party was supported by many of our Sponsors, fellow Lions and fellow Com-

munity leaders. Winci Guo and Karen Zhana were inducted as our new members and extend to them our warmest welcome. Please see pages 2-3 for details of the Party.

nominated by either letting the Nominations Committee, comprising Secretary Crystal, Treasurer Robert and myself, know about your intentions and we'll incorporate your name into the Nominations List or nominating yourself at the Nominations meeting from the floor.

On Sunday, 10 February, we'll be participating in the Chijust round the corner. It falls on Saturday, 1 March 2008. To date, we have secured a Principal Sponsor — Remy Martin and 11 Sponsors-Zilver Restaurant, Synergy Medical, Shum's Watches & Jewellery, Rita & Arthur Kwan, Qantas Airways, Porsche Centre Sydney South, Liteco Construction, HSBC, Honey Travel, CMC Mar-

> kets a n d BHC. We are still working on others and your help in selling the Ball tickets is most important.

Presi-



Santa & Michele lead singing Christmas carols at Christmas Party

Nominations for the 2008-9 Board of Directors will be held at our February Members Meeting while the elections will be held at our March Meeting. Due to the Chinese New Year, the February meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, 4 February. I would like to encourage you to consider taking up a Board position next year. You could be

nese New Year parade organized by the Sydney City Council. We'll be wearing our new yellow club T-shirts which cost \$5 each. Please contact VP Simon if you wish to purchase one.

The District is organizing a Race Evening on Thursday, 31 January. This promises to be an exciting PR event for Lions. Page 5 has the details.

Our own Charity Ball 2008 is

dent Terhi Anttila of LC Järvenpää Ainot, Finland

sent us a Christmas Message. She and her club bid us a Merry Christmas. There's a picture of her and her fellow club member Lion Maija on Page 4.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours in Lions Anthony



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 could'nt 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 Northwest, 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 XO 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 Ball Invitations to each



Favourable Party Moments



Charles our Auctioneer

With Guests of Honour—Philip & Heather Ruddock

of the guests personally. Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mr Bill Wong of the Mandarin Club who gave us a \$5,000 donaearlier. There birthday wishes and cake cutting for those whose birthdays fall in December and January. The climax of the evening came in the midst of the carol singing when Santa graced his presence upon us with bells ringing. Following the "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 that evening. 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!

A Letter from President Terhi Anttila of LC Järvenpää/Ainot



President Terhi Anttila with Santa

Dear lions friends

You can find attached two pictures about our Christmas party.

Another picture is about Maija who is singing whenever it's possible and here she sings to Santa Claus and the other picture is about me sitting at Santa Claus

Merry Christmas to you all.

Terhi Anttila President LC Järvenpää Ainot



Lion Maija singing to Santa

An Invitation to Charity Ball 2008 -**Sydney** Chinese Lions



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THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC. CHARITY BALL 2008

The Parkside Ballroom 6:30pm Pre-dinner drinks
7:00pm Function commences
\$168 per person
(Incl. pre-dinner drinks, 3-course dinner with drinks, entertainment, live band and dancing)





The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2008 Saturday, 1st March 2008

RSVP by 16th February 2008 Return to P.O. Box K422, Haymarket Sydney NSW 2000 Enquiries: Secretary Crystal Siu Ph: 0400 228 823 or Email: ccsiu@hotmail.com

Lions Night at the Races from DG Carol Alderson

This is your opportunity to be part of our very own Lions Night at the Races at Canterbury Park on Thursday 31st January, 2008 where we have the chance to sponsor the full 7 races plus the prestigious Camel Cup. Letters will be sent to our Foundations offering sponsorship. This Public Relations project will mean that our name and Logo will be televised to over 1.5 million people nationally, appear in printed material and our name will be heard on radio, but we need your help. We are asking that each club donate a minimum of \$200.00 to this promotion. (Cha's payable to District 201N5 together with notice that donation is towards Lions Night at the Races). The PR promotion is in response to your question "What are we doing about PR" so we hope that you all get behind this promotion. We are working hard to ensure this is an exciting and fun filled night, further information will be sent to all Clubs regarding the dinner on the night but for now, please discuss at your next Club meeting as time is short, forward your PR contribution (more than \$200 will be most welcome) to our Cabinet Treasurer and stay tuned for further updates and promotion.

This venture involves Lions Clubs having the naming rights to all 8 races, eg Sydney Lions Handicap. There will be 2 ten metre long signs on the main straight, full page advertisement for our sponsored races, 30 second TV commercials on TVN / SKY channel which reach over 1.5 million people in Hotels and Clubs and another 700,000 in their homes via pay TV. We will also be provided with a sash for the winning horses with our Logo on it.

On the night there will also be a dinner so we can sit in comfort and watch our races while taking part in some auctions, raffles celebrity guests and of course judging of the Best Dressed Couple, Best Ladies Hat and Best Mans Tie for a bit of fun.

This promises to be an exciting and fun night and will hopefully lead to it being an annual event so please show your support for this initiative of your District with the net proceeds going towards the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Please ensure this is notice is tabled at your next board meeting as we need your commitment in December.

LIONS Night at the Races Thursday 31 January 2008

The District Governor and the 201N5 Cabinet request the pleasure of your company at our Lions Night dinner and event of 8 races including Camel Cup

Place: Canterbury Park, King St Canterbury

Time: 6.30pm (gates open from 6pm)

Cost: \$150.00pp or \$1500.00 for a table of 10

Pre-dinner drinks and canapés on arrival, 3 course dinner including drinks.

Dress: Lounge suit / after five

There will be judging of the best dressed couple, hat and tie by a celebrity guest in addition to fundraising.

Proceeds to the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

RSVP: Monday, 14 January 2008.

Contact Carol Alderson 0412397106

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The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. is a member of Lions Clubs International, an international non profit community service organization, upholding a common motto "WE SERVE". Today, there are Lions Clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 80 Clubs with around 1,800 members. Amongst these, there are around 7 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based Clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past thirteen years, under the leadership of President Dr. Anthony Cheung and other Past Presidents, in conjunction with the relentless effort of its members, and on top of all these, the generous donations and sponsorships received from the community, the Club has raised and donated over two hundred thousand dollars to a number of charities including St John Ambulance, the Australian Red Cross, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, Westmead and Concord Hospitals, the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation and the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes. Thousands had reaped the benefits. The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, since 2003, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships.

Visit us at our Award Winning Website
www.sydneychineselions.org.au

Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
LIONS Night at the Races District 201N5	Canterbury Racecourse Canterbury Park King Street, Canterbury Lounge suit/After 5	Thursday 31 Jan. 2008 6:00 for 6:30pm	\$150 per person/ \$1500 for a table of 10 RSVP by 14 January
February Members Meeting & Nominations for 2008–9 Board Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Monday 4 Feb. 2008 7:00 for 7:30pm	\$30 per person
Charity Ball 2008 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre Formal/National Costume	Saturday 1 March 2008 6:30 pre-dinner drinks; 7:00 function commences	\$168 per person/ \$1680 for a table of 10 RSVP by 16 February