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Editorial

This year, our Christmas Party fell on 9 December. The function was held at Zilver Restaurant and it was a full house. Over 300 members and guests got together to celebrate. The night's program was packed, complete with dance performance, carol singing, disco dancing and Santa appearance. Everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to IPP Dr Anthony Cheung on his being installed as Honorary President of the club at the Party. A detailed report of this and the Party is provided on pages 5-11.

A cognac tasting was organized specially for our members on 20 November by Rémy Martin through Suntory. It was a wonderful evening with excellent cognac, good food and great company. See pages 12 and 13 for further details.

The inaugural presentations of the Sydney Chinese Lions Teal Ribbon Scholars will take place at our January Members meeting on 6 January. Two eminent Chinese gynaecologists - Prof Xiaowen Tong from Tongji University, Shanghai and Professor Xiping Luo from GuangZhou Medical University, GuangDong have been nominated as the Scheme's Scholars. They'll be making their way to Sydney from China and giving their presentations at Zilver Restaurant that evening.

Nominations for the 2010-11 Board of Directors are scheduled on 3 February and Elections are on 3 March. We welcome members to take an active role in running the club by becoming a Board member. If you are interested, please let President Mei know about it and she'll have your name included on the Nominations List. Alternatively, you could show up in person at the Nominations meeting on 3 February to nominate yourself or have someone else nominating you. Only those who have been nominated at the Nominations meeting can be eligible for Elections on 3 March.

As you are aware, Charity Ball 2010 is set on 20 March. The Organizing Committee is working very hard in the preparations. Lt. Gen. Ken Gillespie, AO, DSC, CSM, Chief of Army has kindly agreed to attend as Guest of Honor on behalf of the Chief of Defence. Our focus now is on ticket sales. Do try to help out and support by inviting your friends and associates to come along.

Finally, a Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones from President Mei and the Bulletin Editorial Panel.

THE LIONS CLUB OF SYDNEY CHINESE INC.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Christmas Party 2009
- Rémy Martin Cognac Tasting
- Teal Ribbon Scholar Presentations
- Nominations & Elections of 2010-11 Board of Directors
- Charity Ball 2010

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Sydney Chinese Lions at Christmas Party 2009

*Season's Greetings
To you all!*

*May you and your loved ones have
a Merry Christmas and
a Prosperous New Year ahead!*

*From President Mei
The Board of Directors &
The Club Bulletin Editorial Panel*



*We welcome your contributions to this Monthly Bulletin.
Please send your article to the Chief Editor at
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A Letter from Our International President

Dear Lion Cheng,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits as we celebrate the holiday season. Margit and I wish for you and your family much happiness, great prosperity, and continued success as you share this special time with those you love - your family, your friends and fellow Lions.

It's a natural time for reflection, a time for giving thanks and for counting blessings, and of course a time for thinking about what we hope to accomplish in the New Year ahead.

Personally, I have so much to be thankful for, most especially the opportunity to serve as your international president in 2009-10. As Margit and I have traveled the world since July, we have been constantly humbled and amazed by the selfless service of Lions in bringing hope to those in need and a future to those who don't know what tomorrow may bring.

I am also extremely grateful for the way you -- the Lion leaders of the world -- have responded to this year's **Move to Grow** theme. Our results continue in a very positive direction midway through December. The strength of our service has grown by the addition of more than 12,500 net new members, the best results in more than a decade. And our network of service and fellowship has grown with the addition of 610 new clubs compared to 399 last year at this time - a 71% improvement. These are simply fantastic and remarkable results. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

We are also seeing good results in reaching out to women and family members - with a wonderful 8,074 net increase in women members since July, and with Lions serving as a family now exceeding 13% of our members. And if I count all the young faces of new members I have inducted this year in my travels, I am convinced we are also making progress in reaching out to the younger generation and tomorrow's leaders.

But as a young Lion in Finland told me earlier this year, "**President Eberhard, I wish that Lions can Move to Grow even younger.**" What he really meant is that we need to keep moving in new directions, and indeed we are. As highlighted below, clubs all over the world are moving into the future by launching modern new web sites; we are breaking new ground with [Global Youth Music Contest](#); and we are getting ready like never before to advance our identity globally with the upcoming [Lions In Sight](#) public awareness campaign this January.

As I've mentioned in my recent emails, to keep our momentum going we must continue to work even harder over the months ahead. We are nearing the halfway point of what truly could be a remarkable year in Lions history - a year in which we will serve more people than ever, grow our network when few others are growing, and move into new directions that will ensure our position as the world's premiere service organization for decades to come.

Please see the special highlights below and share this important information with your fellow Lions. Meanwhile, I am counting on you for your continued leadership ... but please also know you can count on me. I would love to hear from you if I can help you in anyway.

With cordial regards and best wishes as you **Move to Grow**,

Eberhard J. Wirfs,
International President
Lions Clubs International



**International President
Eberhard Wirfs**



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**The President and Members
of the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.**
Request the pleasure of your company to attend their

**Inaugural Teal Ribbon Scholar Scheme
Project Presentations & Dinner**

**on
Wednesday, 6 January 2010
7:00 for 7:30pm**

**at Zilver Restaurant (同樂軒)
Level 1, 477 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000**

***\$30 per person/
\$300 for a table of 10***

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Sydney Chinese Lions – Christmas Party 2009

IPP Anthony Cheung Installed as Honorary President of the Club

At Christmas, many would celebrate the Festive Season, others would get together and spend quality time with their friends and folks. Sydney Chinese Lions found themselves doing both at their Christmas Party on 9 December, 2009.

The party was held at Zilver Restaurant, Chinatown. Yes, Sydney Chinese Lions were celebrating and yes, they were indeed among friends. The party was a full house attended by over 300 members and guests. The turnout was a record high in Christmas party attendance for the club. Apart from their own members, many District Cabinet officers and fellow Lions came to celebrate with them. The District cabinet contingent was led by DG Beryl Payne and it included Lion Ern Payne, PCC Ian Kidd, 2nd VDG Stephen Coleman, 2nd VDG Elect Greg Dunn and Lions Lady Judith Dunn as well as PDG Nigel Jeny, Ken Nimmo, Kevin Parker and Derek Margerison. Guests from fellow

N5 Lions clubs consisted of members from 15 clubs including City of Ryde, Crestwood, Kings Langley, Manly, Mt Druitt, Oatley, Redfern-Waterloo, Richmond, Sydney Central, Sydney Executive Business, Sydney Innerwest, Sydney Pacific, Sydney Waratah, Sydney West and West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook. Sydney West Lions, led by Lion Hans Jung, attended with a full table of 10 members.

Apart from fellow Lions, representatives from many organizations came and took part in the celebrations. The Australian Red Cross (NSW) was led by Mr Lewis Kaplan, Executive Officer while St John



Sydney Chinese Lions and VIP Guests at Christmas Party 2009



President Mei Bidding Members and Guests a Warm Welcome

(NSW) led by Ms Laila Hallam, Marketing Manager, attended with a full table. In addition, Mr Henry Chan, President of Yiu Ming Association came with a full table of guests, Mr Dominic Sin and Mr Benz Leung represented the Chinese Australian Services Society, Mr Hudson Chen and Mrs Eve Chen, Vice President of the Australian Chinese Community Fund, Dr Peter Wong, former MLC, Mr Daniel Chow, former President of the Australian Hong Kong Polytechnic University Alumni also came to celebrate and support.

The club's long time sponsors were also there in force. Principal Sponsor Remy Martin was represented by Mr Jeremy Church, Brand Manager and Mr Will Thompson, Brand Ambassador, Major Sponsors Shum's Watches and Jewellery was represented by Mrs Elsa Shum while Honey World Travel was represented by club 3rd Vice President Wendy Lin and Ms Sandra Wong. Other Sponsors attending included Lion Arthur Kwan and Lion Rita Kwan, Lion Andy Tse of Liteco Construction, Lion Janet Hung of Synergy Medical, Lion Henry Tang of the Silver Group and Lion Milly Yang of Heng Fai Trading Pty Ltd.

The Master of Ceremonies of the party was 2nd Vice President Howard Shi. When it was time for the proceedings to com-

mence, Lion Howard invited Ms Michele Wong to lead sing the National Anthem. On completion, Michele's beautiful voice won her a loud applause. Following Lion Howard's recognition of dignitaries present, President Mei Cheng was invited to the stage to make her Welcome Speech. She gave the guests a warm welcome and bid everyone a Merry Christmas. She also invited all those present to spend an enjoyable evening together with Sydney Chinese Lions.

Then Lion Janice Cheung read out Lions Purposes in English while Lion Dr David Wu read out Lions Ethics in Chinese. Next, Lion Charles Poon conducted an open auction of a bottle of Remy XO. The prize went under the hammer for \$1,000, generously bought by Mrs Elsa Shum. Then Mr Will Thompson presented the Remy Message and drew the Lucky Door Prize. The prize was another bottle of Remy XO and it went to William of Heng Fai Trading Pty Ltd. In total, the club received 17 bottles of Remy XOs, courtesy of Remy Martin via Suntory, the rest of the 15 bottles were all served out to the guests at the party.

Dinner began soon after DG Beryl had conducted the Invocation and Loyal Toast. Traditionally, over dinner, a group of senior Lions of the club would go around the ta-



DG Beryl Payne Delivering the Invocation & Loyal Toast



President Mei Installing IPP Anthony as Honorary President of the Club

bles, proposing toasts to the guests and thanking them for their support. This time was no exception. Led by President Mei, the group of senior members got up from their seats and diligently went around performing this pleasant task. In addition to proposing toasts and thanking their guests, they also wished them Merry Christmas.

During dinner, there was a brilliant dance performance entitled the Red Lantern featured by the Oriental Dance Group. The four artists danced gracefully and professionally and earned themselves a warm applause from an appreciative audience. The colour of their costume and prop blended in well with the décor of the stage and was a perfect match.

In the later part of the evening, MC Lion Howard invited President Mei to go up stage again. This time it was for a Special Presentation. When President Mei was on stage, Lion Howard announced, "Following precedents set by many Lions clubs worldwide, including the USA, United Kingdom, the Peoples' Republic of China, Egypt, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Australia, our club's members have recently voted to create the Honorary Title of Honorary President and to bestow it on our long serving Immediate Past President Dr Anthony Cheung, JP, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the club in the past years." He then invited IPP Anthony to go on stage

where he was presented with a certificate of Hon. President by President Mei. Next all the members present went forward to congratulate their newly installed Hon. President and a group photo was taken.

Hon. President Anthony then delivered a Vote of Thanks. He began his address with these words, "President Mei, DG Beryl, Fellow Lions, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is an honor and privilege to be given the title of Honorary President by the club. However, I consider it an even greater honor and privilege to be given the opportunity to be President of this great club of ours over the past 5 years, from 2004 to 2009. Collectively, we have achieved a great deal. But our achievements have come about, only because of the dedication and support of all our members and the community at large..." He then went on to thank the club's sponsors, community leaders, the media and fellow Lions who have been providing the club with continuous support.

Then there was a birthday cake cutting ceremony. Members whose birthdays fall in December were accompanied by other members and they all congregated around the 15-pound birthday cake for the brief ceremony.

Next, Ms Michele Wong was invited back to the stage and she led sing a number of Christmas carols. She was joined by Santa



Will & Jeremy of Remy Martin Drawing Lucky Door Prize

when she sang Silent Night. The lights of the restaurant were dimmed. In the dark, the guests were singing and waving their glow sticks. Many made their way to the dance floor while moving and swinging with the music. The atmosphere was tender and warm. One really had to be there to feel it! The last song in the sequence was *We Wish You a Merry Christmas!* By this time, the mood of the party had reached yet another electric crescendo. Nearly everyone joined in with the chorus. When the singing was over, the guests sprang to their feet. They were all hugging each other and wishing each other Merry Christmas!

Before the hugging had subsided, from the loudspeakers came the sound of heavy metal music and drum beats. It was time to hit the dance floor! Before too long, the dance floor was packed with guests dancing to the fast beat disco music. From the photos, one could easily tell that the dance floor was hardly big enough for the crowd!

Raffles draw began at 10:30pm. It was done smoothly and the first prize - two economy Sydney New Zealand return tickets generously donated by VP Wendy Lin of Honey World Travel went to Mr Jeremy Church of Suntory.



Did Santa actually come all the way from the North Pole to be with the Lions?



Feedback from members and guests overwhelmingly indicate that the party was smoothly run and enjoyable. Citing Lion Genevieve Jeny, "I look around at all the tables, everyone's smiling and happy!"

The Christmas Party Organizing Committee is greatly thrilled and encouraged by this. They are particularly grateful for the selflessness and diligence demonstrated by members of Sydney Chinese Lions which was instrumental to the success of the function. They also vow to continue to do a good job the next time round.



Sydney Chinese Lions at Birthday Cake Cutting



**Mrs Elsa Shum (middle) -
Auction Winner of Remy Martin XO**



Master of Ceremonies - 2nd VP Howard



**William (1st right) -Winner of
Remy Martin XO Lucky Door Prize**



Lioness Janice reading Lions Purposes



**Mr Jeremy Church - Winner of the
Sydney NZ return air ticket for two**



Lion Dr David Wu reading Lions Ethics



Raffle Prizes and Remy Martin XOs





Cognac tasting the Rémy Martin way



A couple of weeks ago on a hot Friday night, we had the privilege of having our long time Principal Sponsor, Rémy Martin, featuring a Cognac tasting in one of the private rooms at Zilver Restaurant in Chinatown, Diana Liu reports.



For those of us who consider ourselves cognac connoisseurs, we'll know that Rémy Martin Cognac is crafted exclusively from grapes from the heart of Cognac the Grande and Petite Champagne crus. Rémy Martin is not just any Cognac though - it is one of the oldest most respected Cognac houses and only major house to specialize in producing Fine Champagne Cognac or above.



By the time Sydney Chinese Lions and guests had arrived, it was around 7:30pm, and one could hear the odd stomach rumbling as we waited patiently for the Rémy Martin representatives Jeremy and Will to arrive. Suddenly, right on cue, in walked two gentlemen, tall, good looking and well-dressed - a bit like the Rémy Martin VSOP bottles that they were carrying. Attention turned to the two representatives as they commenced putting several bottles of Remy cognac on a table in the middle of the room.



**Mr Jeremy Church
Brand Manager**

As we sat in our chairs, a short presentation began. We were enlightened with a story about the history of Remy Martin. We learnt that the companies long and rich history since founded in

1724 by Paul Emile Rémy Martin, a French vine grower.

Next, several glasses were placed on our tables, three for each person, one for each cognac. Firstly was a comparative tasting of Rémy



**Mr Will Thompson
Brand Ambassador**

Cognac tasting the Rémy Martin way



Martin VSOP (Very Special Old Pale) - one served at room temperature and the other served frozen. Although both VSOP's showed the richness of Fine Champagne Cognac, the different temperatures highlighted subtle flavours possible from within the same glass of cognac. Finally, Rémy Martin XO Excellence (Extra Old), which is a blend of over 350 different eaux de vie within each single bottle with an average of 23 years was served.



After downing a good number of glasses over good food and good company, we decided to head off to K2 Karaoke Bar in Capital Square



to sing the night away. Although Jeremy and Will were not the best of singers, the night will be long remembered for the Cognac tasting, the Rémy Martin way.



**The Appreciative
Rémy Martin Cognac
Connoisseurs**



The Sydney Chinese Lions

Teal Ribbon Scholar Scheme 2009

Lions' Object:

To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest

***To partner with individuals and organizations to improve our community
and to help those **We Serve*****

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Teal Ribbon Scholar Scheme is proposed with a view to supporting mainland public health/medical professionals to further their professional development or research in Sydney Australia for the diseases of ovarian cancer, uterine cancer, cervical cancer, food allergies, sexual assault, substance abuse, polycystic ovarian syndrome, pain and distress disorder (includes PTSD), obsessive and compulsive disorder, dissociative identity disorder, Tourette syndrome and fragile X syndrome. The objectives of the Scheme are to facilitate experience sharing between mainland and local workers, to enhance technical exchange on diseases management and prevention, and to encourage collaboration and networking.

This year we have received many applications stemming from different Provinces in China. The vetting committee members of the Scheme include Lion Dr Danforn Lim JP (Chairman), Lion Dr Anthony Cheung JP, Lion Dr Lisa Cheng JP, Lion Janet Hung JP and Lion Eileen Zhang. After three rounds of the selection process, two eminent Chinese gynaecologists - Professor Xiaowen Tong from Tongji University, Shanghai and Professor Xiping Luo from GuangZhou Medical University, GuangDong were selected to receive the Scheme's Scholar title as well as the scholarship funding to support their participation in the Scheme.

To fulfill part of the Scheme's prescribed conditions, both Prof Tong and Prof Luo will arrive in Sydney on 3rd January 2010. Each of them is expected to deliver two presentations in English while in Sydney. Besides, they will also be visiting the Faculty of Medicine of the University of New South Wales to discuss future collaboration projects. The public presentation sessions are scheduled to be held in the evening of Wednesday, 6th January, 2010 at 7pm at Zilver Restaurant, Chinatown in Sydney.



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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 205 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 75 Clubs with around 1,700 members. Amongst these, there are around 6 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese Lions is the first of these Chinese-based Clubs chartered in April 1995.

Over the past fifteen years, under the leadership of President Mei Cheng, Hon. 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 donated over \$350,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, St John (NSW), 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 have 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
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Upcoming Events

Function	Venue/ Dress Code	Date & Time	Cost per person
January Members Meeting & Sydney Chinese Lions Inaugural Teal Ribbon Scholar Presentations Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 6 January 2010	\$30 per person for dinner
February Members Meeting & Nominations for 2010-11 Board of Directors Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 3 February 2010	\$30 per person for dinner
March Members Meeting & Elections for 2010-11 Board of Directors Sydney Chinese Lions	Zilver Restaurant After 5	Wednesday 3 March 2010	\$30 per person for dinner
Charity Ball 2010 Sydney Chinese Lions	Parkside Ballroom Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre Formal/National Costume	Saturday 20 March 2010	\$168 per person/ \$1680 per table of 10

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