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CLUB RETREAT & BBQ @ BUNTZEN LAKE *By Kitty Chiu, Bulletin Editor*

Our club held its club retreat & annual BBQ @ Buntzen Lake in Port Moody this year. The atmosphere was spectacular and the weather was perfect – ‘warm with a nice breeze’. The turnout was overall a success as 12 members attended altogether. For our retreat, we invited Past Zone Chair Ellie Chan from Vancouver Shaughnessy Lions Club to be our facilitator. President Alvina and Secretaries Sophia and Lap did a great job planning the event and fed us well with burgers, hotdogs, salads and much more. Although we did not get to play any games as we had anticipated, but we all still had a great bonding time. For the retreat, President Alvina and Secretary Sophia put together a very thorough agenda. We all were given a survey which we have to return at our first meeting in September. We discussed about what are our expectations of the club; how we can retain members and increase membership; what type of meeting format is preferred; how can we

develop more public exposure via social media; and possibly twinning with another club. As we do annually, we try to plan out what events we will do for the year. Events upcoming and who will be responsible for planning and when it will happen are all listed here below:

- Sep: Badminton Fundraiser for BC SPCA – Carlo/Bonnie
- Oct: Open House – Brenda/Kitty
- Nov: Clothing Drive for Covenant House – Leanna/Lap
- Dec: Curling Fundraiser – Sophia/Conan
- Dec: TWECs Visitation - Conan
- Jan: Tree Chipping – Lap/Sophia
- Others TBC: CNY Plant Sale, Tree Planting, UGM Easter Dinner

All in all we have a great year ahead of us. As long as we work as a team and “Believe” as per International President’s motto, we can make every event a success!

Below: President Alvina and Secretary Sophia presents a token of our appreciation to PZC Ellie Chan for sharing her knowledge with us at our Club Retreat this year! Thanks Ellie!



DID YOU KNOW?

Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness – it’s part of our history as well as our work today. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects – including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

*BIG GROUP SHOT - Back row: Biston Cheung, Karen Poon, Conan Leung, PP Jason Lau, President Alvina Seid, Past Zone Chair Ellie Chan, Bonnie Yan, PP Lap Cheung
Front row: CP Kitty Chiu, Sophia Kong, Brenda Ip, Carlo Hui*

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. TAM COMES TO YVR

By Lion Jason Lau


District 19A had the honour of hosting an appreciation dinner for our newly minted International President, Dr. Wing-Kun Tam on August 22, 2011. Co-chaired by PDG Henry Ng & 2nd VDG Peter Cheng from our sponsor club, our club had the opportunity to contribute to the evening in running the reception desk and the raffle draw. It was a well-attended event with Lions dignitaries present from across BC and Northern US. We were treated to various presentations including the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the chartering of the Burnaby Moscrop Leo Club and a substantial donation to LCIF. The highlight of the evening was an engaging speech given by IP Tam, talking about his experience as a younger Lion and his aspirations for his year as President. As the 'baby' of his club, he had joined the Lions family to 'do his duties', such as filling up and presenting over 400 goody bags with seemingly worthless items as gifts to very appreciative seniors. It would take an experienced Lion from his club to reveal to him that the reason for the seniors' gratitude was not the value of the gift, but the gesture itself. It's definitely something to keep in mind, as a group of young lions ourselves, that small gestures can lead to unexpected and great results, and as Dr. Tam says, "It is better to give than to receive". Having been the 'baby' of his home club and inspired by the support he received from his fellow Lions, IP Tam is promoting "My Club, My Family", a philosophy of running and maintaining a successful club through member involvement, care, instilling a sense of worth and ultimately creating a family atmosphere. In addition, only 6 weeks into his term as International President, IP Tam's goals are well on their way of being fulfilled. He has initiated a goal of planting a million trees and already more than 300,000 have been planted. In fact, his District Governors around the world, including DG Linda of 19A, are aspiring to plant an astonishing 4.79 million trees! Tying everything together is IP Tam's personal motto "I BELIEVE". Often asked why his theme for the year is not "WE believe", he explains that every great river, like the Yellow River in China, starts out from a single droplet of water. Lions Clubs stemmed from



such a 'droplet', founder Melvin Jones, whose actions and vision helped create the 'river' of Lionism which is changing the world. IP Tam believes that by encouraging each individual Lion to embrace the belief they can make a difference, by the end of his term his success will be that as an organization we can collectively say "We Believed".



'I Believe, I Can' Appreciation Dinner
In Honour of
Lions Clubs International President
Dr. Tam Wing-Kun



Hosted by
Lions Clubs International
District 19A

Date: August 22, 2011, Monday
Location: Burnaby Hotel
1911 Columbia Road, Richmond BC
Registration: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (open)
Tables of 10 at \$800
Single seats at \$80
Cheques payable to: District 19A Lions (IP Dinner)
Dress code: Club and/or business attire
Black tie optional

One of IP Dr. Tam's themes of the year is 'President to the President'. All District Club Presidents will be invited to give the appreciation by IP Dr. Tam.

Net proceeds from this dinner to benefit LCIF



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Saturday, August 27:
Vancouver Cathay Lions Club's annual BBQ @ South Arm Park in Richmond (Garden City and Williams) from 11am-2pm

Wednesday, September 7:
General Meeting #1 @ HKYK Hotpot Seafood Restaurant @ 6:30pm

Saturday, September 10:
District 19A Banner Passing @ Fraser Court Restaurant @ 6pm

... kindly RSVP to Secretary Sophia Kong if you have not already done so.

BIG CONGRATS TO IPP KEVIN

Our IPP Kevin Tam tied the knot with his gal Virginia on August 20th in Vancouver. Vows were witnessed by friends and family at St. Augustine's Church followed by a beautiful reception at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel in celebration of their marriage. Congratulations to Kevin & Virginia! Here's to a happy life together!



Please stay tuned for our next issue...