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ANNUAL TREE CHIPPING EVENT By *Lion Lap Cheung, PP*

On the first weekend of 2012, the Vancouver Cathay New Century Lions Club held their annual Christmas Tree Chipping for Charity fundraiser at the overload parking lot of the Cyclone Taylor Kerrisdale Ice Rink. As with many years passed, the event brought new experiences that added to an already impressive list of memories shared by many members of the club. Dining in fine style, members were treated to a more elaborate meal of Korean marinated short ribs and Lemon Garlic Herbed Chicken instead of our standard fare of hot dogs and instant noodles. Lion Kevin added an additional touch this year by actually making Macaroni and Cheese with nothing more than a butane stove. Sharing in our meal, the operator of the Davey Tree Chipper Roley (short for Roland) also participated in our tree throwing contest, clearly demonstrating some of his own technique. This year was also the first time we were visited by a photographer from the Vancouver Sun and Province. Not to be outdone, thanks to Lion Karen's persistence we were also able to place an ad in the Georgia Straight. With the help of countless volunteers, our club was able to raise over \$1400 towards the Third World Eye Care Society (TWECS) and the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, collected over 4 boxes of non-perishable food for the Vancouver Food Bank and chipped 206 Christmas Trees in the process. Though the weather was not the best that we have seen, it was far from being the worst, and through it all the most important thing was that everyone had a memorable time and lots of fun.



Above: Members from Day 1 AM shift / Members from Day 2 AM shift / Our tree chipper Roley from Davey Tree.
Below: Members at work – setting up the sign, moving the trees, tossing the tree and taking all collected food to the nearest food bank drop off.

COME MEET US!

Our club meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from September to June.

If you are interested in meeting us, please send us an email - info@vancouverlions.com.



DRAGON BRINGS LUCK TO US! *By Secretary Sophia Kong*

We gather together with Vancouver Cathay Lions at Fraser Court Seafood Restaurant for another year of Chinese New Year Celebration. It was an evening of fun with good food and songs. A very surprising gift was given by 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Peter Cheng to all our members. He came to our table like Santa Claus and gave away phone cases to those who own an iPhone. Thank you Uncle Peter! Vancouver Cathay New Century warmed ourselves up by gathering together. There were 14 of us and we cozied up in 1 big round table. We spiced things up a little by also having 2 new members inducted that evening by PDG Henry Ng. Let's welcome our newest additions - Wendy Yau sponsored by CP Kitty Chiu and Patricia Fu sponsored by PP Jason Lau. After the induction ceremony, PDG Henry Ng called upon 2nd VDG Peter Cheng to present the "Membership Key Award to CP Kitty Chiu. We concluded the night with some great prizes. Some of our members were so lucky that they went home with more than 1 prize. The luckiest member was our PP April Wong who won 3 prizes. How lucky!

WHAT'S THE MEMBERSHIP KEY AWARD? Membership Key Awards recognize individual Lions who invite new members. A Lion can earn their first membership key by inviting two new members and may earn up to seventeen keys. Each key is designed to reflect the number of new members a Lion has sponsored.

EVE OF CHRISTMAS EVE *By Lions Lap Cheung, PP*



On the eve of Christmas Eve, the Vancouver Cathay New Century Lions Club gathered at Lions Lap and Leanna's house to celebrate the holidays at the end of another wonderful year. Early on, the choice of venue had only been narrowly secured after a promise that our new potential member, Wendy Yau, would bring her son Carter to the party was made. Suffice it to say Carter came and all had a great time. Members dined in fine style with a huge potluck spread capped with Lion President Alvina's famous JELLO Cheesecake. Our Charter President Kitty led the festivities with games of Pictionary, a gift exchange, and a quiz about Christmas Carols. Even with all the activities during the evening, Lion President Alvina found time to squeeze in a meeting! Amongst the members, guests that attended included Lioness Linda Li and her partner Gerry, along with friend of Lion Secretary Sophia, James.

Please stay tuned for our next issue...



Above: Induction ceremony of new members Lions Patricia Fu and Wendy Yau with their sponsors PP Jason Lau and CP Kitty Chiu. Below: The prizes our members won that evening - ranging from Lions paraphernalia to wine and much more.



DID YOU KNOW?

Our Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF has been launched! Now Canadians who wish to make a personal donation to LCIF in support of the fund or in support of specific causes (Tsunami, Floods, Fires, etc.) will be eligible for a Canadian Tax Deductible Receipt for donations channelled through this fund. LCIF is pleased to have authorized this fund, in generosity of the efforts of Canadian Lions.

UPCOMING EVENT...

April 20 & 21, 2012:
District 19A Spring Conference @
Executive Inn Burnaby

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