

## **Way In Network Inc - Annual General Meeting**

### **President's Report for 2017 – 2018**

Dear Members

On behalf of the committee. it gives me great pleasure to report and highlight on the main activities for the first year of our term of office for 2017-2019.

Thanks to support and contribution from all Members, our term could be described as both fruitful and exciting. A variety of local and overseas activities were organized to contribute to our charity mission, sharing & developing the networking, to make our community a better place.

I am deeply grateful to our Honorary President Dr Helen Sham Ho, our Honorary Advisors – the Past President Florence Chau JP & Linda Tang JP for their guidance & advice.

It is with a sense of satisfaction when I outlined some of the activities and successes of the past season.

#### **AGCF & Way In Network Post- Doctoral Research Fellowship Grant**

In Oct 2017 we have visited the post-doctoral fellowship grant recipient - Dr Dane Cheasley at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne to share with his research work.

Dr Cheasley currently holds a full- time position at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre as a Postdoctoral Fellow, working on genetic and genomic studies of interval breast cancers and rare ovarian cancers. He has also held a postdoctoral research fellowship position at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne.

The funded research was selected for an oral presentation at the 2018 Canadian Conference on Ovarian Cancer Research, which was held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada from May 26-29. The conference was amazing and brought together the entire spectrum of world-class ovarian cancer researchers and clinicians; with interests in discovery-based, translational, clinical and population-level research. (attached the research project 12-month report from Dr Cheasley)

#### **2017 Way In Network Elderly Luncheon**

Special thanks to the event chair – Florence Chau & all members to their dedication and contribution to the success of this annual signature event. With the surplus of this event, we have sponsored the ACCA for the 2018 senior week celebration at their Parramatta branch. We have also donated \$5,000 to support the Indochinese Aged Care Services.

#### **2017 Christmas Party at Fisher & Paykel Experience Centre**

A sincere thank to Faith He & June He for organising the premium home appliance centre for the culinary experience and a wonderful venue to celebrate the festival.

#### **2018 International Women Day & Launch of WIN Official Website**

Way In Network has celebrated International Women's Day 2018 with an event filled by both meaningful proceedings & fun.

Way In ladies believe in achieving gender parity through our daily actions & achievements, with that we could influence & inspire more women to the belief of their ability too.

The launch of the official website marked a milestone of the development of Way In Network. The website has not just provided precious visual records & recollections of the Association's achievements in the last 26 years; it will also provide a bridge to further enhance & connect Way In Network with the other local communities.

Special thanks to Faith & Angela for their commitment to complete this outstanding task.

Moreover, Way In Network had sponsored 2 female exchange students from University of Hong Kong to Sydney; Lok Ching Kwan & Hoi Lam Cheung for their remarkable academic results. Ms Linda Tang, the President of Hong Kong University Alumni Association NSW had put forward this initiative, and the great coordination work of getting Kwan & Cheung on board to Sydney.

After the official ceremony, we have prepared programmes to showcase and enhance women's wellbeing, there was Yoga demonstration by Master Eddy Cheung who had especially flown back to Sydney from Hong Kong for our special occasion.

### **2018 Way In Network Women Health & Wellbeing Seminar**

We have invited Councillor Craig Chung of Sydney City Council to be our keynote speaker who has offered great support and also sponsored the venue for hosting this seminar.

Our privilege to have Dr Lisa Cheng to present her topic "Healthy Ladies Love Thyself" & Ms. Rosanna Ng to share with us how to "Be a Forever Beautiful Women".

This seminar focuses on the awareness of women's health and share how to strengthen and how to improve the quality of our lifestyle.

Special thanks to committee member Ms Mandy Van JP as our MC, the organising committee – Vice President Daisy Lam, Secretary Rosanna & Faith Tan for their dedication and hard work. Our event sponsor Australian Xin Hui Culture Centre for sponsoring the raffle prizes.

### **In Support of ACCLAIM Medical Research**

Dr Helen Sham Ho, the Honorary President of Way In Network, she not only announced the establishment of ACCLAIM, she also chaired the gathering of community support.

With her appeal, Way In Network members have donated \$25,000 to support the ACCLAIM joint research project by the University of Sydney and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The joint lab has a good international collaboration network, such as the Chinese Academy of Chinese Medical Science (CACMS), University of Manchester, and Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Dr Josiah Poon has organised an afternoon tea meeting with Way In Network ladies to thank for their support towards this project. He was excited to share the first project began with the study on "stroke". Preliminary results hinted that stroke patients with CM treatment had better clinical outcome. Studies on other diseases (dementia, cancer, gastro— intestinal disease etc.) are on the pipeline.

Dr Poon said "Chinese Medicine is a heritage that China offers to the world. Its unique medical principles and approaches cannot be found elsewhere. It is our strong belief that we still have plenty to learn and her much potential are yet to be discovered. The outcome is going to be beneficial to everyone. We have the confidence that the community shares our visions and dream."

We have also participated in many local government authorities visits & international conference: -

### **NSW Parliament House Visit**

On 8th of February 2018, Mr Mark Coure MP has extended an invitation to our members for a morning tea at the Parliament House, highly commend our outstanding charity projects and set up an influential figure within the Australian Chinese community.

### **Sydney City Town Hall Visit**

On 26th April 2018 Cr Craig Chung of Sydney City Council has extended a morning tea invitation to Way In ladies. He has arranged a tour with the historic council chamber and shared with us the community services projects.

### **International Women Forum Hosted by The Shunde Worldwide Friendship Association**

We have extended our women's network at the International Women Forum in May 2018 at Vancouver Canada. We have presentation our charity mission for the last 26 years and encourage more women's contribution towards their local communities.

### **Sponsorship & Support**

Throughout the year, members of the Way In Network have been sponsoring and supporting the local charity organisations: -

- SSMRF 10 years medical research fundraising dinner at NSW Parliament on 29/9/2017
- SCSC & TVBA charity dinner on 15/10/2017
- Support S.A.L.T Ending Human Trafficking & Slavery event on 5/11/2017
- ANHF fundraising dinner on 16/12/2017
- Sydney Chinese Lion charity ball on 3/3/2018
- China Vision 2018 Qingxin Mission fundraising dinner on 24/3/2018
- Lion Club of Sydney Pacific 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Ball to support WHOS on 28/4/2018
- Indochinese Aged Care Services 15th Anniversary fundraising dinner on 29/4/2018
- Can Revive 23rd Anniversary Fundraising Dinner on 16/6/2018
- Australian Chinese Buddhist Society Charity Concert on 7/7/2018
- ACYEU Charity Gala Dinner in support of White Ribbon Australia program on 28/7/2018
- AGCF Cindy Sullivan Memorial Racing Day fundraising luncheon on 4/8/2018
- The welcome reception dinner for the Faculty of Medicine of HK University on 19/8/2018

### **Newsletter & Communication**

Three newsletters have been issued in Oct 2017, February and July 2018 respectively. Every issue was a testimony of the great collaboration among the entire editorial team. In each issue of the newsletter, we have covered our committee message, recent events, upcoming events and members' news. These productions serve as good records of mission of Way In Network. I would like to record our sincere appreciation to Vice President Felicia Hon for graphic and mail out of newsletters; Faith He & Angela Yang for hosting of our website 'www.wayinnetwork.org.au'.

I would also acknowledge the unfailing support behind the scene; our dedicated secretariat & treasury team; the significant governance support from the Vice Presidents Jessie Xiao, Felicia Hon, Daisy Lam and Public Officer Monica Chu.

Thank you all once again and may we continue to embrace our charity mission together.

**Annie Tang JP - President (2017-2019)**