

# Meridian

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# President's message

To the members who were fortunate enough to be present, and to those unlucky enough to be otherwise detained, this Meridian is the commemoration of ACMAV's night of nights—the Jade Moon fundraising ball, at the glamorous Park Hyatt. On this auspicious occasion, we supported Hepatitis Victoria in their work to spread the word about Hepatitis B - a silent killer, where timely diagnosis and treatment saves lives.

The guest speaker for the evening was the Victorian Minister for Health, the Honourable David Davis. We had support from the Victorian multicultural division, Australian Indian Medical representatives, the Chinese Consulate, and many other corporations. Derryn Hinch kindly donated his time as Master of Ceremonies and we were also generously sponsored by Asian Executive (major sponsor), Mercedes Benz Melbourne (platinum), Dorevitch Pathology, HSBC and JRDuty Free (gold), and Community Financial Services (bronze).

Whilst eating a succulent 3 course meal, set around live gold fish who were surrounded by scented candles, guests were entertained by world class performers. Hoang Pham performed some beautiful Chopin and Debussy pieces on the donated Steinway concert grand piano, and Raymond Khong sang his heart out to the accompaniment of his wife, May Gavin. After a frenzied buying of a plethora of auction items including a diamond Omega watch from Hardy Brothers, John Cavill designer gown, Mercedes Benz Driver training courses, Peninsula Hot Springs Spa Package, Louis XIII Remy Martin cognac, and luxury helicopter flight with lunch to Yering Estate, we settled to dancing the night away.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the ball subcommittee including Helena Ng, Nora Lee, Chris Leung, Hanmei Pan, Lucy Dang and Quynh Le. The team was supported by our hard working band of medical students, ACMAV's administration assistant Holly Zhang, and IT guru Jason Oh. I cannot forget the most important acknowledgement- those who came and supported our event, and contributed not only to the Foundation, but also to the fun and frivolity of the night. Without your presence we would not have had such a successful evening. On behalf of the committee, we greatly appreciate your input.

I leave you now, having had our AGM for the year, where we reflected on the year that was. Chris Leung was due to step up this year, but changed his mind and extended his family once again! Now he is not allowed to step or sidle or even tip toe. So whilst he is attending to paternal duties, I will continue on as President until next year.

Many thanks to Lilia Ilina, secretary; Helena Ng, treasurer; Nora Lee, Meridian master; Jason Chuen, IT guru; James Chiu, "I can fix it", and welcome back Cheryl Oh, from a brief absence. I'm sorry to see Sally Ng and Ken Leong depart, and wish them well in their endeavours. A warm welcome, to our newly elected members—David Pan, Jomini Cheong, and Andrew Teh. I look forward to some scintillating ideas, and great times ahead.

In the theme of this year - " *Aim for the moon. If you miss , you may hit a star*" W Clement Stone



# ACMAV CHARITY BALL 2014



















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1. Guests 2. Mr Derryn Hinch 3. Park Hyatt gourmet

4. Dr Helena Ng, Dr Nicole Yap, and Con Malliadis and Helen Goulas (Dorevitch) 5. guests with Dr Chris Leung 6. Dr Panch Das

7. Dr Chris Leung, Dr Andrew Bui, Dr Jason Chuen 8. Raffle draw
9. Janice Choo (Community Financial) with winner 10. Model with John Cavill gown 11. HSBC display table 12. Dr Nicole Yap and Mr Richard Wong (Asian Executive)
13. Dr Chris Leung, Mrs Leung, Dr Nicole Yap, Dr Helena Ng 14. Dr Nicole Yap and Vivienne Trinh (HSBC) 15. Dr Nicole Yap and Tao Sheng (JR Dutyfree)

16. Mel and Waisin Cheung-Yap with Dr Nicole Yap

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Kieran Donoghue

The Hon David Davis

Derryn Hinch and Hoang Pham

The Jade Moon Ballroom

The ACMAV tradition for a blockbuster Ball has continued in style with the 2014 Charity Ball. This year's event was held at the Park Hyatt Melbourne, on September 6th. The objective was to support the Jade Ribbon Hepatitis B Campaign in the ongoing pursuit to raise the profile of this silent but deadly disease. The ballroom was lit up in a grand shade of green in line with the jade theme. The evening was MC'd by radio and television personality Mr Derryn Hinch, whose own brush with liver disease is well known. As Victoria has been the nation's launch pad for the **Hepatitis B Jade Ribbon Campaign**, it was only fitting to have the Health Minister for Victoria, the Honorable David Davis, as the lead speaker for the evening. This was



L-R: Dr Chris Leung, Kieran Donoghue, Melanie Eagle, Dr Nicole Yap

followed by the formal welcome from Dr Nicole Yap, FRACS, President of the ACMAV. This campaign for Hepatitis B eradication is not possible without the input of dedicated individuals or 'Hep Heroes' and groups. The ACMAV's Vice President Dr Chris Leung is one of these instrumental people. Under his direction, the inaugural Jade Ribbon Campaign in Australia began in March this year at Federation Square, Melbourne. Hepatitis Victoria has also been heavily involved, as has the Chinese Cancer Society of Victoria (CCSV). Melanie Eagle and Kieran Donoghue from Hepatitis Victoria provided much insight into the burden of disease in Victoria, and accepted the ACMAV's donation of ten thousand five hundred dollars to continue their excellent work. The entertainment for the evening was interspersed between the speakers, beginning







La Chaconne

May Gavin and Raymond Khong





with the beautiful La Chaconne, a Melbourne-based trio of flute, violin and cello. Later in the evening, the crowd was wowed by 2013 ABC Young Performer of the Year, Hoang Pham, who performed a selection of piano solo works on a beautiful Steinway grand piano that was specifically transported in for the night, thanks to the Exclusive Piano Group. Prior to the cortisol-fuelled auction, guests were treated to the melodies of talented duo Raymond Khong (tenor) and May Gavin (piano). The fast-paced Charity Auction headed by

Andrew Macmillan certainly kept everyone on their toes (including Committee Members!). Each table also had a live fantail goldfish in a small bowl, to be taken home by guests at the end of the night. Thanks to the many generous contributions, the Charity Raffle was also a success and we hope that all winners enjoy their prizes. To finish off the evening, the HSBC Lucky Draw Prize and the Community Financial Competition were final chances for guests to try their luck.

The ACMAV is most grateful to all the sponsors who made this event possible. A big thank you and we hope to receive your support in the near future. A full sponsor list is on page 3.

Hepatitis B is a silent disease that needs a voice- please spread the word.







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