

Way In Network Inc 2023 Annual General Meeting

President's Report

Dear Members

As we enter to the final year of our 2021-2023 committee term, I am proud of the progress, and it is an absolute pleasure to work with such a dynamic, enthusiastic, dedicated, and hardworking committee.

I feel so grateful to be the President of Way In Network for the years of 2011-2013 and then for the last three terms from 2017 to 2023.

I want to dedicate my president report to sharing some of the exciting activities and success of these 6 years.

WIN Website

Since the launch of the website in March 2018, our secretary Faith He and member Angela Yang have kept on updated our precious visual records & recollections of the Association's achievements for the last 31 years. It also set a platform for WIN to further enhance & connect Way In Network with the other local or overseas communities. Again, special thanks to Faith & Angela for their commitment.

Fire Appeal Donation to Xiao Village & Longsheng Primary School in China

On 1st Oct 2018, we heard about the serious damage by fire to the Longsheng mountain village and the hilltop primary which some of the WIN ladies have visited in 2017. Within an appeal through our Way In chat group, we have raised \$22,500 by our members plus \$5,000 from WIN emergency fund to a total of \$27,500. Of which \$8,000 has been used to purchase emergency supplies for bedding and daily living equipment. The balance of the fund has also been used for the reconstruction project work.

WIN 27th Anniversary Charity Gala Ball "Paths of Enlightenment" WHO Bursary Program in Celebration of 2019 International Women Day

WIN was delighted to announce to be the first Australian Chinese Association to fund the W2IRED Bursary programme. This enables Australian young medical practitioners' exposure to high standard of medical research with global perspective for future medical career prospects.

Global Pandemic and Lockdown

During these two and half years, we have been challenging and indeed our whole lives have been disrupted, but we were glad that Way In ladies have remained strong as a network and have kept our focus on continuing to support our community during the toughest time.

Donation of anti-epidemic medical supplies to China, Hong Kong

The outbreak of Coronavirus began in Wuhan China and spreads rapidly and instantaneously across the world. There was an acute shortage of medical protection essentials such as protective goggles, medical masks & protective clothing.

While supporting the Chinese and Hong Kong compatriots, we also considered the needs of Australia. Without affecting the local supply, we eventually purchased following supplies by coordinating with friends from various parties and through special channels to: -

(1) Wuhan, Hubei – to the front-line medical teams of six hospitals belong to Wuhan No.1 Hospital and Huangshi Women and Children Hospital.

(2) Hong Kong – protective masks to the elderly people for free in the traditional public housing area through officers of elected councillor office.

Donation of anti-epidemic medical supplies to Health Share NSW

The spread of COVID-19 pandemic also became severe in Australia, more confirmed cases were reported every day. To support local community, Way In sisters arranged a donation of 240 protective goggles to Health Share NSW for medical staff to use in the covid testing centres.

2021 Way In Women's Empowerment Series – Safety Awareness Forum

Our Senior Vice President Jessie Xio has initiated our first Women Empowerment seminars and the first of such series was held on Wed, 16th of June 2021, focused on the importance of women's safety in our daily life.

The seminar was proudly supported by NSW Police Force, and the venue was proudly sponsored by Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Sydney (HKETO, Sydney), at The Peak, Level 5, Hong Kong House, 80 Druiitt St, Sydney.

The forum has successful held before the long lock down in NSW in June. Even with the indoor social distance restriction, we have great participation of Way In Members, Australia Shunde Women's group and Sydney Waratah Lions.

2021 Way In Women's Empowerment Series – A Date with Spring

Members of Way In Network had a Zoom Party on Sunday, 19 September 2021. This zoom party was also one of the series of Way In Women's Empowerment. Due to the lock-down, members could not meet face-to-face for more than 3 months. Thanks very much to Nicole He to initiate this zoom party and as our MC host and Mandy for the coordination of this event.

The spring brings a new beginning and make our heart singing. It was a fantastic opportunity that everyone could catch up via zoom and sharing how to stay home with a happy and healthy lifestyle.

Our senior vice president Jessie Xiao has invited Philip from Kippo Salon to join our party and sharing especially useful tips for hair caring & styling.

She also invited Alex, the manager from Christian Dior Cosmetics Bondi Westfield to share with skin care and make-up tips.

We also had our internal guest speaker, our secretary Rosanna Ng Physiotherapist, to showcase a 10-minute fitness or relaxation session.

Also, our general affair officer Lisa Harris has prepared a power point presentation with her exceptionally beautiful orchids, sharing with us the planting tips for different category of orchids.

It was a happy and successful Zoom Party; all the attendees enjoyed the precious moment of e-gathering during this special time.

2022 WIN 30th Anniversary “Journey of Our Pearls” Charity Gala Ball

As an important milestone event of reaching our 30th Anniversary, we have organised the “Journey of Our Pearls” to celebrate our 30th Anniversary on 30th April 2022.

We were so grateful to receiving the overwhelming contribution from all our sponsors and donors to the “Journey of Our Pearls” – Way In Network 30th Anniversary charity event.

The committee has nominated fourteen beneficiaries to receiving a total donation of \$65,000. In addition, we have raised another \$25,000 fund for the flood appeals to Salvation Army in Hawkesbury and Lifeline in Lismore for the most affected areas in NSW.

2022 Salvos Multicultural Gala Award

It’s an honour for Way In Network to receive the award at 2022 Salvos Multicultural Gala for the Social Advocacy Award.

I would like to express my gratitude to the founding President the Hon. Helen Sham Ho, all past presidents and members who have walked through this 30 years of charity journey. We have built a solid foundation together with our unique culture and shared values to reaching out to those less advantageous in the community.

Senior Recreational Gathering In Celebration of Lunar New Year 2023

As a tradition of WIN, we have been hosting senior vegetarian luncheon annually. Unfortunately, of the covid, this annual event has pended for 3 years. With the ease of the impact of Covid, and approaching the Chinese New Year times, we promptly decided to host this smaller scale of event to bring them all the happiness and celebration to our senior. We were very grateful to GCAA Health to co-hosting this event.

Way In Network Mother’s Day Charity Luncheon 2023

Way In Network was delighted to celebrate 2023 Mother’s Day with a charity network luncheon that shows the greater love beyond our love for family and reaches out to support two very worthy beneficiaries: namely Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation and The Westmead Institute for Medical research Foundation. They are competing with time through vigorous research and technologies in the hope of offering solutions to many fatal illnesses. The success of this event again must pay tribute to our generous donors, corporate sponsors, my fellow Way In ladies, community friends and media.

Way In Network Naming Plaque at ANHF New Gordon Nursing Home

In recognition of the charity donation from Way In Network, Faith He & Milly Yang – the sitting room 20.05 has been named under Way In for our contribution.

Network Morning Tea with NSW Police Sydney City Area

Way In Network had the pleasure of joining the NSW Police for a wonderful morning tea in July. Heartfelt thanks to Superintendent Martin Fileman APM and the multicultural liaison Sam and their team for providing the opportunities for our member and the associated women association to come together to celebrate women empowerment and making us feel so welcome with the great community support.

This network morning tea also raise awareness to prevent and to assist women impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, racial discrimination.

Participation & Support

Throughout the years, thanks to members of Way In Network who have participated the community activities and great support to sponsoring the charity events.

Appreciation

On behalf of Way In Network, our greatest appreciation to Philemon Lam FCA for providing independent audit report to our annual financial report. Thanks to Brenda Xiao to coordinate with the accounting information.

I would also acknowledge the unfailing support behind the scenes; our dedicated secretariat team Rosanna Ng & Faith He and our treasurer June He.

Also, thanks for the significant support from the Vice President team - Jessie Xiao, Felicia Hon, Daisy Lam, and Public Officer Eugenia Lieu. The dedication and contribution from our committee members and continued great support from all Way In members.

Last but not the least; thanks to the guidance support from our Founder, Honorary President Hon. Dr Helen Sham-Ho OAM JP, our Honorary Advisors Florence Chau & Linda Tang.

In closing I wish all the best to the incoming President and the committee team and may we continue to embrace our charity mission together.

Annie Tang JP

President of Way In Network 2011-2013, 2017-2023