



UWEEI Executive Committee and Guest-of-Honour, Mr Lee Yi Shyan, accompanied by Young UWEEI members, do the Young UWEEI cheer.

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Passport Young UWEEI



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IT WAS an event to celebrate the young.

The venue: Gotham Penthouse at trendy Clarke Quay, which has recently undergone an extensive facelift.

United Workers of Electronic and Electrical Industries launched its youth chapter, Young UWEEI, at the nightclub on 20 January 2007 to much fanfare.

The event organised by the 47,000-strong union, which represents workers from the electrical and electronics industry, attracted a 500-strong crowd, the majority of whom were 35 years and below.

An enthusiastic hip-hop dance by nine Young UWEEI members to the raucous beat of Gwen Stefani’s *Wind It Up* kicked off the event.

Guest-of-Honour, Minister of State for Trade and Industry and UWEEI Advisor Lee Yi Shyan stuck a sticker on a Young UWEEI passport, signifying its launch.

The passport works by rewarding members with free tickets to future events.

Young UWEEI members will get a stamp for every youth activity they participate in. On accumulating every three stamps, the member will be eligible for a free ticket to upcoming Young UWEEI event.

To sweeten the deal, existing UWEEI members who introduced new members to the union as part of the event received an additional \$5 incentive, on top of the \$10 incentive they would usually get.

The union signed up 62 members before the event as a result of this scheme.

Young UWEEI Chairman Jason Lee, 31, explained: “We want to rope in more members for UWEEI events and activities. We’ll nurture those with leadership potential so they can come forward to serve and at the same time, ensure leadership renewal.”

In 2006, it organised a movie night and a LaserQuest outing for its youth members. Next on its horizon: a visit to its adopted charity – Moral Home for the Aged – on 24 February 2007.

As soon as the music hit the air, party-goers swarmed the dance floor, boogie-ing to the beat of Mambo No.5 and other dance tunes.



Quality Assurance Assistant Annie Chin, 25, who won a DVD player in a lucky draw, decided to attend the bash after being invited by her former colleagues from NEC Semiconductors Singapore.

The pretty lass was previously an NTUC Member but promptly signed up again after the event.

“It’s an exciting event so I think future events will be just as fun,” she said.

Young UWEEI Vice-Chairman Sukartini Mohd Mawar, 36, said: “The crowd is very happening, something that we expected. Our aim is to get different kinds of people to interact. After all, this is our big event that we hold annually to foster closer bonds together.” ■

they are not alone and we get them to share with us their problems so as to understand the child. We learn more about parenting skills and behavioural strategies and so are able to cope better. So it’s quite encouraging.”

SPARK holds sharing sessions with parents on the first Saturday of each month at the Child Guidance Clinic at the Health Promotion Board.

All the speakers emphasised that it was important for parents to seek help for their children as soon as possible.

Madam Jacquelyn Ang, 36, a housewife and mother of four, whose second son, 11, is autistic, has some advice for parents: “The faster you seek help for the child, the better. You still need to grieve but just take the first step of seeking the help of a support group and that will give you encouragement to go forward. The subsequent steps will be easier.”

Boon Lay PAP Community Foundation Principal Ong Li Li attended the event with 30 of her teachers. She has 1,200 students in the five branches at her constituency.

“It’s useful because we are pre-school teachers. We do face students who are hyperactive but their cases are mild. It’s good for our teachers to gain knowledge in this,” she said.

NTU students Ting Kai Ling, 22, Pam Fang, 22, and Jason Tan, 24, decided to choose a voluntary cause as part of their final year project and approached Young NTUC for support last year.

“We wanted to raise greater awareness of learning disabilities especially among parents and care-givers and get rid of the social stigmas still attached to the disabilities,” said Miss Fang.

NTUC Youth Development Unit Assistant Director Steve Tan said: “After speaking to them, we found their passion infectious and that they were really in the project with their hearts. We decided to help them out with the logistics of planning the event and hosting it. We are proud that the event was successful with overwhelming response. Young NTUC welcomes all opportunities to work with youths who want to make a difference to society and their lives. After all, we are a labour movement for all!” ■

Calling All Bowlers...



Represent Your Union/Cooperative in the NTUC Club Inter-Union Bowling Cum Masters 2007

NTUC Club will be organising the bowling tournament at Orchid Country Club. It will be divided into men and ladies categories with Team and Individual Masters events.

The Team event will be held on Sunday, 11 March 2007 between 9 am and 2 pm with bowlers from the team of four bowling 3 games each. The Individual Masters event will be held the following Sunday on 18 March 2007 between 9 am and 2 pm with qualified individuals bowling 9 games.

Registration is to be made on the official entry forms sent to all the unions and cooperatives and submitted before Friday, 16 February 2007. The fee is \$120 per team registration.

The tournament is open to Ordinary Branch, General Branch, Associate Members and one management staff and staff of cooperatives affiliated to NTUC. The top 20 current National Ranking bowlers are not allowed to take part.

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