Kalawana Lions renovate hospital

Lions Club of Kalawana headed by Club President Lion R. A. S. Ramanayaka and Lady Lion Shereen of District 306C2 made a huge impact on the standard of health services at Kalawana Hospital by renovating and modernizing the outpatient unit.

District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddevithana and Lady Lion Lalani were chief guests at a simple ceremony to declare open the outpatient facility.

This was an occasion for a joint programme between Lions Club of Kalawana and Janasarana Community Service Project chaired by Past District Governor Deshabandu Lion Soma Ediriisinghe where spectacles, wheelchairs, food supplements for pregnant mothers and scholarships for children were awarded at the hospital premises.

District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddevithana and Lady Lion Lalani are received by the Kalawana Hospital staff.

Janasarana Social Service Project Chaired by Past District Governor Deshabandu Lion Soma Ediriisinghe. Also in the picture District Governor of 306C2 Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddevithana and Kalawana Lions Club President Lion R. A. S. Ramanayaka with beneficiaries of the project.

First Lady of District 306C2 Lion Lalani Baddevithana and Lion Lady Shereen Ramanayaka of the Lions Club of Kalawana presenting food supplements to pregnant mothers.

'Sinha Tharu Reyak'

A star-studded evening by Lions District 306A2 at BMICH

"Sinha Tharu Reyak", a glittering musical Extravaganza, will be presented by Lions Clubs District 306A2 on Tuesday March 4 at the BMICH.

This star spangled evening with Lanka's film idols, will certainly be one of the biggest events in Sri Lanka's entertainment calendar, said Hemasiri Sellapperuma, President, Lions Club of Egodawatte.

District Governor, 306A2, Lion Kamal Seneviratne, will be the Chief Guest. All proceeds are in aid of service projects of Lions District 306A2.

Among the stars to grace the occasion are Wijaya Nandasiri, Geetha Kumarasinghe, Ranjan Ramanayake, Kamal Addaraarachchi, Sriyantha Mendis, Kusum Renu, Anarkali, Manjula Kumari, Anusha Damayanthi, Nilanthi Dias, Himali Sayurangi, Nirosha Virajini, Ravihari together with leading personalities in Sri Lanka's film and TV Industry. Dances will be directed by Sanka Prasad Peiris. Leader "Solar Hit". *BJ*

District Governor, 306A2, Lion Kamal Seneviratne

Ladies Lions Club in Galle

Inauguration of a Ladies Lions Club for the first time in Southern province was celebrated recently at Sun Shine Hotel, Unawatuna and the sponsorship of Lions of Club Unawatuna under the leadership of Lion 306A International District Lions club.

Lion Lester Aponsu District Lions Club 306A was the chief guest and many other senior Lions too participated in this ceremony.

Establishment of two distinctive Lions Clubs namely, Galle Stars and Green Stars at the same time with the Inauguration of Ladies Lions Club namely Golden Jubilee and specially Galle Ladies Club.

The unique event that took place on this particular day was the three respective clubs getting the privilege to select at the rate of 50 per of poor people having bad eye sight for each of the clubs, for eye surgery. Lion lady Shammi Ubesiri was selected charter chairperson Ladies club, Lion lady Mallika Dharmalatha former principle of Sangamittha Ladies Collage in Galle as Hony Secretary and Lion Lady Sepalika as the Treasurer were selected.

Lion Jagath Hettiarachchi Charter President of Galle Star Lions Club, Lion Ranjith Karunasena Secretary and Lion Berty de Silva Treasurer were selected.

Lion D.N. Manawadu was selected Charter President of Green Star Lions Club, Lion Sasidu Madusanka as Secretary and Lion Thushara as Treasurer of the Club.

As the chief organizer Deshabandu, Deshasakthi Lion Ravi Kalansuriya the Zonal President performed an excellent service to make

Lion Lady Shammi Ubesiri unveiling the Lion Ladies plaque

Over three decades of service by Kegalle Lions

The Lions Club of Kegalle marked its 33rd anniversary with a number of service projects.

They were instrumental in constructing houses for the needy, conducting medical clinics for the elderly twice a month by Lion Dr. Sylvia Perera, presenting valuable scholarships to the underprivileged, home garden projects to beat the cost of living, poverty alleviation schemes, conducting medical clinics on a regular basis, eye-screening programmes and many more humanitarian projects during the past 33 years.

District Governor, 306 B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual paid a tribute to all members for the service rendered to uplift the standards of living of the underprivileged for over three decades.

The District Governor paid a special tribute to President, Lion A. L. M. Hashim, Lion, K. A. D. Dharmasena, Lion Francis Siyambalapitiya, Lion Punya Karunatilleke, Lion Winston Peiris, Lion Maithree Athurupahana and Dr. Lion Lady Sylvia Perera for their dedicated services rendered to the Lions Club of Kegalle for the past 33 years.

Home Garden Project, encouraging people to grow vegetables and their own food items, to beat the cost of living. Here Lion Lady Samarasinghe advises villages on the garden projects.

Here District Governor, 306 B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual presents a specialised "Walker" to a little one. Club President, Presidential Councillor Lion A. L. M. Hashim, Vice District Governor, Lion P. Jeyaraj and Lion Lady Samarasinghe and also in the picture

Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial Laying of the Foundation stone for Billewa School Kitchen Project

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial commenced their Social Service Project, which focused on the provision of facilities to provide food under hygienic conditions to school children of Billewa Vidyalaya, Thanthrimale in the District of Anuradhapura. President Lasantha Wickramasooriya together with the members of the club laid the foundation stone on 29th November 2007. Once the phase 1 of the project is completed, the Club intends to enhance facilities in providing safe drinking water to the same school.

Launching of a New Website by the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial

The website of the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial was launched on 9th January 2008 with the presence of the District Governor Rtn Thariq Thulba and the Assistant District Governor Rtn PP. K. Thiru.

Grandpass Lions join hands with SLTBCF

Lions Club of Grandpass, District 306B2, joined hands with the Sri Lanka Tennis Ball Cricket Federation (SLTBCF) to introduce Tapeball Cricket to Sri Lanka. This sport is very popular in Pakistan.

To mark the occasion, an all island Tapeball tournament was organised by Grandpass Lions Club in association with the Sri Lanka Tennis Ball Cricket Federation, at Shalika Grounds, Narahenpita.

Here District Governor, 306B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual presents the trophy to the joint winners, Asela Fernando, Captain, S.C. Anuradhapura and Robinson Fernando, Captain, Super Youth SC, Dankotuwa. Chairman, Tournament Committee, Chithrasena Muttiah is also present.

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Lions District 306A2 donates Eye Care Unit

Lions Club International Foundation commonly referred to as the "LCIF" is the funding arm of International Association of Lions Club.

During the tenure of office of District Governor 1994/95 Lion Gamini de Silva of Lions Club International District 306A identified an urgent need at the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital and forwarded a Project Report to the "LCIF". After a careful study a sum of US$ 85,000 to fund an Eye Ward and surgical equipment for an Eye Care Unit, was approved. Lions District 306A (Now District 306A2) constructed a building for same and Eye Care Unit consisting of fully equipped theatre and a ward with 20 Chrome plated beds & bedside cabinet were gifted to the government a few years ago for the benefit of the Eye patients who seek treatment at Karapitiya. Now the Lions are planning to enhance the facilities on the recommendation of the Consultant Eye Surgeon.

This Eye Care Unit is being serviced by a Management Committee of Lions comprising following members, Past Council Chairman, Dr. Pandu Liyanage (Project Chairman)

International President, Mahendra Amarasuriya (Advisor)

Past Council Chairman, Lion C.W. Gunawardana (Grant Administrator)

Past Council Chairman, Lion Gamini de Silva (Project Coordinator)

Vice District Governor, Lion S.K. Karunasekera (Project Secretary)

At the request of the Consultant Ophthalmologist Dr. Taraka Kusaladhamma further items of surgical instrument were presented to this unit and a passenger van to transport patients from outreach areas. This unit is dedicated for patients suffering from partial blindness due to cataract.

Further improvements to this unit is being discussed with Minister of Health Nimal Siripala de Silva, by the Project Committee of Lions Clubs International District 306A2.

Health Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva, at a discussions with Lions, from left PCC Dr. Pandu Liyanage, PDG Lion Paddy Withana PCC Lion Gamini de Silva and Acting Director Health Services.

SLAAPS - Charity Project

The Sri Lanka Association of Administrative & Professional Secretaries (SLAAPS) in its Annual Project towards Charity, donated 100 bed sheets, apples, ice cream and chocolates to two Homes (Ladani) Orphanage at Katuneriya and Ladani Orphanage, Thambarawila, Marawila which consisted of 236 children.

The Homes are run by

At left
Ruani Goonetilleke - Immediate Past President Hyacinth Fernando, Project Chairperson Claudett de Silva - President 2007 Kamani de Silva - Committee Member Kumari Herath Vice President, Lorna Caldera, Committee Member with the Little ones at Ladani Orphanage, Katuneriya, Marawila. Little ones of Ladani Orphanage, Thambarawila, Marawila.

Lions appeal for Kid Care Home and Resident School

We the Lions have come to the aid of the poor children of Kid Care Home and Resident School, Ragama, who have no homes, no parents and extremely poor with a single parent. (mother) We have built a Resident School for them well equipped with all facilities to give them equal opportunities. We need assistance from those who would like to be their foster parents for 250 such children. You can help them to be better citizens.

Without your support it is difficult to reach our goal We who can afford must reach out today, said, Lion Graetian Gunawardene, Chairman, Board of Trustees. If you wish to support a particular child under 10 years from a known poor family, you can do so. Most of the criminals and underworld gangsters have been created due to our neglecting these children in their early childhood, Lion Gunawardene said.

Please write in if you wish to help.

Lion Graetian Gunawardhana, Email:gg@hands-group.com, Chairman Board of Trustees, Tel: 2593386, Kid Care Home & Resident School. Fax: 2581281

& Past District Governor 306B2, No. 9, Ramya Road, Colombo - 4.

Toastmaster Second Club Officer Training Programme

Division A - District 82P

The Second Club Officer Training Programme of Division A, District 82P was held recently. It was organized by the Assistant Division Governor Education and Training, Toastmaster Chrishanthi Emmanuel, with the support of Toastmaster Cal Seneviratne.

Seventy two Club Officers and nine prospective office bearers attended this programme.

There were also two Gavel Club Office bearers and four prospective office bearers present.

Special mention should be made of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Club, which had all seven officer bearers present, and of the two enthusiastic prospective office bearers of a club which is yet to be chartered.

The programme was a full day's event and began with a message from District 82p's Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, Toastmaster A Balraj. During the course of his message, Toastmaster Balraj emphasized the need for quality, as against mere numbers. He also reminded the officers of the significant dates of Division and District events.

The Division Governor, Toastmaster Darshana Welikala, then facilitated presentations by each Club President on their respective club's progress in the DCP. This was interspersed with knowledge sharing and pledged of support for each club by the Division.

As refreshments were served during the presentations, the officers were kept energized until the break for lunch. Meal time gave all those present a chance to network with other club officers and share experiences.

In the afternoon two educational sessions were held. The first was on maintaining standards and enhancing the quality of club meetings, and was presented by Toastmaster Yukthi Gunasekera. Toastmaster Rajiv Goonetilleke then presented a session on the Club Officer roles. As almost all clubs in the Division select officers to serve a 12 month period, this presentation was to help existing club officers bearers to refresh their understanding and review their roles, as much as to give prospective officers a preview of what they could expect if they took up office in the year 2008/2009. Toastmaster Balraj also spoke briefly of a workshop on evaluation, which would be held later in the year.

After a question and answer session, the programme was concluded by Toastmaster Chrishanthi Emmanuel.

Toastmaster Gavel Clubs

Children between the ages of 15 and 23 can now join the Toastmaster Gavel Club. Please contact T.M. Waruna Singapuli for details on 2439291/0714018228

Aerobics Toastmaster Club

The Club meets every first Friday and 3rd Friday at 6 p.m. at the Girls Friendly Society. Please contact T. M. Romayne Diasz on 0722248827 25757528.