

Prince of dancing feted on 15th anniversary

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Prince Ratnam Dancing Club celebrated its 15th anniversary last Saturday at a glittering event held at Mount Lavinia Hotel. A host of VIPs, distinguished guests and club members graced the occasion.

The ceremony was organised to honour Prince Ratnam, the founder of Prince Ratnam Dancing Club, one of the leading dancing clubs in Sri Lanka, and for service projects of the club. The ceremony commenced with the maestro dancer Prince Ratnam and charming Rukmalie taking the floor amidst applause from the vast gathering. Super pink and purple provided scintillating music while magician Ranjitha kept the audience spellbound.

The main sponsor was Ceylon Tobacco Co. Ltd. The event turned out to be a very colourful and glittering one with high praise for the



Prince Ratnam welcomes Natasha from Sri Lanka Airlines.



Queen of the Night Lakmalie with Nilango Fernando.



ASP Mahesh Perera with some of the guests.



Samitha Perera, HR Director Ceylon Tobacco Company Ltd. (extreme left) the main sponsors of the event, with guests.



Magician Ranjitha entertains guests.



Prince Ratnam with Co-organiser Rukmalie Perera
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Warm welcome for World YWCA President

Fascinated by Colombo's Colonial Vintage Guest House

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World YWCA President Susan Brennan was accorded a warm welcome by YWCA Colombo, when she arrived in Sri Lanka to attend the 20th Triennial Council of the YWCA of Sri Lanka.

Susan was delighted with her tour of the premises of the Colombo YWCA, after being received and signing the Visitors' Book. She spent some time at the International Guest House with officers of the Colombo YWCA, before returning to the Triennial Council Public meeting at which she was the chief guest.

Susan visited the first YWCA to be established in Sri Lanka at Colombo 2, set in an environmentally green, two acre land with three hostels for 140 girls from the periphery working in Colombo. The hostel provides safety, comfort and camaraderie, a multi-purpose Jubilee Hall used for dramas and concerts, social functions, meetings and sales, a Chapel, Board Room, Lounge and public Cafeteria, a Community Centre, a Day-Care Centre, a VTI and an International Guest House of Colonial



Staff of the Colombo YWCA being presented to Susan Brennan by Colombo YWCA President, Manel Abeysakera.



Susan Brennan being welcomed by President, Colombo YWCA Manel Abeysakera.



Susan with Manel Abeysakera YWCA (SL) President - Indraneela Fernando and officers of the Colombo YWCA
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Royal Commonwealth Society - Sri Lanka branch, organised an Award Ceremony, for the first time in Sri Lanka for the winners of the Commonwealth Essay competition, held by Royal Commonwealth Society - London.

There were over 400 persons, including the 126 Award winners, their parents, principals of their schools and English teachers attended the function. The winners from North to the South, and East to West of Sri Lanka met each other and interacted very well.

The ceremony was held at the Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo last week, with Project Manager, Commonwealth Essay Competition (UK) on Lion Ashroff Hussain.



Project Manager - Commonwealth Essay Competition Zoe Wilson pinning the Lapel pin of the Royal Commonwealth Society (UK) on Lion Ashroff Hussain.



Project Manager - Commonwealth Essay Competition Zoe Wilson with Royal Commonwealth Society (UK) Lion Ashroff Hussain and some of the prize winners



A prize winner receives her certificate from Secretary RCS S. Yogendranaden, President RCS Fred Medis looks on

Commonwealth Essay Competition For the first time in Sri Lanka



Rotary Club Colombo West conducted the 3rd Fruit Tree Planting Program at the CPS Boys Home at Maharagama last week.



To mark the Universal Children's Day and Elders' Day, Lions Club of Colombo West and Colombo Walkers' Health Club jointly arranged breakfast for the little ones and Elders at the Colombo Municipal Orphanage, Battaramulla last week. Here Past President, Lions Club of Colombo West and



President, Colombo Walkers Health Club, Lion Ashroff Hussain (centre) and President, Lions Club of Colombo West, Lion Pradeep Edirisooriya (extreme right) with the little ones at breakfast. At right, Lion Ashroff Hussain and Lion Pradeep Edirisooriya distributing

Toastmasters Simply The Best!!

On Sunday, October 26th the HNB Auditorium will be echoing to the sounds of laughter, as Division A of District 82 conducts its

annual Humorous Speech contest. Eight contestants (two from each of the Division's four areas) will be competing.

ing for the title by making a carefully timed (5-7 minute) humorous speech. The contestants are as follows:

Area 1		
Premalal Brahmanage	:	Colombo Toastmasters Club
Shanaka Fernando	:	Braybrooke Toastmasters Club
Area 2		
Chandra W. Kulathantille	:	SLIC Toastmasters Club
Nadeesh Corea	:	HNB Toastmasters Club
Area 3		
Dayan Fernando	:	Serendib Toastmasters
Palitha Dassanayaka	:	University of Moratuwa Toastmasters
Area 4		
Ramesh Schaffer	:	CIMA Toastmasters Club
Shirley Peiris	:	ICASL Toastmasters

Also being conducted at this event will be the annual evaluation contest, where the contestants are judged on the positive and constructive feedback they give to the presenter of a demonstration speech.

The contestants for this contest are:

Area 1		
Prasad Galhena	:	Colombo Toastmasters Club
Shanaka Fernando	:	Braybrooke Toastmasters Club
Area 2		
Chundika Ariyawansa	:	Sampath Bank Toastmasters Club
R. Loganathan	:	HNB Toastmasters Club
Area 3		
Dayan Fernando	:	Serendib Toastmasters Club
Bhadra Thiradeniya	:	University of Moratuwa Toastmasters
Area 4		
Lasantha Wijeweera	:	CIMA Toastmasters Club
Priyanka Mendis	:	Nations Toastmasters

Lions 306C2 Multi Service Project on Sunday at Parakumbura Pirivena

A multi-service project jointly organised by the Thalpathipitiya Lions Club and other Lions Clubs in Lions District 306C2 in collaboration with the Civil Defence Committees in Kotte, the Municipal Council of Kotte, Welikada

Police Station and the Sri Raha Dahan Pasala will be held at the Ethul Kotte Sri Parakumbura Pirivena on Sunday October 26 from 8 a.m. Highlights will include a blood donation campaign, health camp, job bank and

a municipal one day service. Former Lions Governor Deshabandu Lasantha Gunawardena, SSP Deshabandu Tennakoon and Sri Jayawardanapura, Kotte Mayor Swarna de Silva will be the chief guest.

Lions District 306C1 - celebrates 63rd UN Day

A ceremony has been organised by the Lions International District 306C1 to celebrate the 63rd United Nations Day, at the Devi Balika Vidyalaya

Auditorium on Sunday 26 October 2008 commencing at 9.30 a.m. Parallel to this meeting there will also be an oratorical contest among the schoolchildren of the

area. Professor Dr. Laksiri Fernando and Professor George Cooray both from the University of Colombo will address the meeting along with Deshamanya

British Nationals join Wattala Rotary Club

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Nimal Perera,
Wattala Group corr

were Charles Montgomery, Martin Montgomery and Sarah Henderson.

The Installation Ceremony was held under the patronage of Rotary District Governor Rtn. Nalin Fernando P.H.F. at the Holiday Inn Colombo recently.

Rotary District Governor installed the three new members with the participation of the new President of the Rotary Club of Wattala Rtn. Lal Wijeratne. Rotary District Governor Nalin Fernando said that this will be an important



Rotary District Governor Nalin Fernando installs the three new members from U. K. Sarah Henderson (extreme left) Martin Montgomery (centre) and Charles Montgomery (extreme right). President of the Rotary Club of Wattala Lal Wijeratne was also present.