

# Lion Aluthge elected DG 306 A-2

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Lion Nimal Aluthge, member of the Lions Club of Horana/Metro was unanimously elected to the most prestigious post of Lionism, as District Governor for Lions International District 306 A-2, at the 4th Annual Convention held at BMICH on Saturday.

Lion Aluthge is a past pupil of Palanoruwa Maha Vidyalaya and Aquinas Higher Education Institute. He is a Justice of the Peace for the entire country and a life member of the Association of Justice of Peace.

Lion Aluthge is a popular social worker and religious

person in his native area of Kuda Uduwa, Horana.

He is a public officer by profession and served in many prestigious Government Institutions of Air-port and Aviation, BCC and Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd, in the capacity of Senior Executive Positions for the past 28 years. After his retirement from the last employer, ANCL, as Senior Manager, Imports and Exports, DG Aluthge entered into his own enterprise as Managing Director.

Lion Aluthge's charming wife, Lion Lady Sriyani is a Banker by profession. They are blessed with a son, Harindu who is a student of Lyceum International School, Addressing a distinguished gathering of VIPs,

Lions, Lion Ladies and Leos, District Governor, Lion Aluthge outlined his year planner which comprises of a four-point service program, Excellence in Administrative Membership Development, Community Service and Scholarship, Consolidation of Youth and Women's Activities and Environment Protection.

He requested the fullest support from every Lion to implement his service program successfully.

He thanked all past leaders, all lions of his district, fellow members of his home club, Lions Club of Horana-Metro and all Lions in general who helped him reach the zenith of his Lionistic



President Lions Clubs of Colombo West, Lion M. Ashroff Hussain greets Lion Nimal Aluthge, after he was elected District Governor, 306 A-2.

career, District Governor, Lions District 306 A-2.

Lion Aluthge is a Melvyn Jones Fellow.

He will leave for Minnesota, USA on June 26 to attend the 93rd Lions Inter-



The new District Governor, 306A2, Lion Nimal Aluthge being garlanded by Lion Ajith Ariyaratne, President Lions Club of Horana-Metro, DGs Lion Aluthge's home club. Others in the picture are from left First Lady Sriyani Aluthge and Lion Lady Sweenitha Ariyaratne. Pictures by Beverley Jansz.

national Convention where he will take oath as District Governor, District 306 A-2, for the year 2009-2010, before Lions International President, Eberhard M. Wirt.

## DG Karunasekera's 'Gemi Aruna' a resounding success

District Governor 306A2, Lion S.K. Karunasekera when he was appointed District Governor, introduced a special project named "Gemi Aruna" (Village re-awakening) where 20 rural villages with very low income families were selected from the Western and Southern Provinces.

These villages were assigned to Zones to conduct service projects jointly with the Club, based on need analysis.

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Winner of the Home Gardening Competition, H.A. Gunawardena receives his award from PDG, Lion Rohantha de Fonseka, District Governor, 306A2 Lion S.K. Karunasekera looks on.



The 2nd prize winner J. Gayani receives her award from PDG Lion Rohantha de Fonseka. Looking on is DG Lion S.K. Karunasekera.



The 3rd prize winner, G. Wijayapala receives his award from PDG Lion Neil Seneviratna. Looking on is DG Lion S.K. Karunasekera.

## Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe elected DG 306 B1

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Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe M.J.F. was elected District Governor, Lions District 306B1, at the Annual District Convention held at the BMICH last week.

Addressing a distinguished gathering of VIPs, Lions, Lion Ladies and Leos, DG Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe outlined his five-point service program under his theme "make challenge an opportunity" as Sight Conservation, Health, Youth Welfare Development and Career Guidance, Leadership Development at all levels and welfare of Internally Displaced Persons and Disaster Management.

"We who are termed "Knights of the Blind" should continue our efforts to eliminate preventable and reversible blindness, DG Lakshman Wijesinghe said.

He said that cancer is a common occurrence that can be fatal, and therefore he had arranged the required infrastructure for the clubs in his district to organize programs to educate the communities with the assistance of the Maharagama Cancer Institute.

On a back to basic level,

with special emphasis on membership revival and membership growth, I have decided to enhance the activities of the MERL program.

The wholehearted attention of every Lion, Lion Lady and Leo to human tragedies is the need of the hour. A process of immediate identification of the necessities of IDPs has to be implemented. Consequently the committees which are required for such implementation have to be formulated and members



The new Lions District Governor, 306B1 Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe, M.J.F. with First Lady, Dr. Anoma Wijesinghe and their daughters, Prasadi and Ruwanthi.

appointed to man such committees. Our resources should be used to alleviate as much as possible the day to day suffering of the

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## Lions Club of Alubomulla saves cattle

PDG Lion Rohantha De Fonseka and the President of the Lions Club of Alubomulla, Lion Yamana De Fonseka co-ordinated a project to hand over six cattle released from the slaughter house to six families in Janapada Village in Nawalapitiya. The project was organised by the Chief Incumbent of Welipitiya Temple, Ven. Dambugessare Chandrasiri and Ven. Naku-lugamuwe Chandima in association with the Chief Incumbent of Galamumma Temple, Nawalapitiya, Ven. Yatanuwatte Premaratna.



A Bhikkhu hands over the cattle to villagers.



P. G. D. Rohantha de Fonseka hands over the cattle to villagers.

## Lions' collective effort makes 306B2 No. 1

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The accomplishment Lions District 306B2 has made for its selection as the best Lions District in Sri Lanka is not mine alone but the collective effort of all Lions and Lion Ladies of the district, said Lion P. Jayaraajan M.J.F., District Governor, 306B2.

Lion Jayaraajan expressed these sentiments at the 4th Annual District Convention of Lions District 306B, held at the BMICH last week.

Being named as the best Lions District, is a great pride not only to me but to all Lions who joined hands with me to serve the needy, DG Lion Jayaraajan M.J.F. said. He thanked Immediate Past International President, Lion Mahendra Amarasureya M.J.F., for accepting his invitation to be the chief guest at the District Convention.

He also thanked all VIPs, Lions, Lion Ladies, Leos and other invitees for their presence which added glamour to the colourful convention.



S. Kumara, a leading businessman receives a special award for his contribution towards service projects of Lion's District 306B2, from District Governor, Lion P. Jayaraajan.

Lions Club of Colombo City being awarded a 100% M.J.F. contribution clubs banner from Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Lion Mahendra Amarasureya (extreme right). Others in the picture from left are Lion Alagendran, District Governor 306B2, Lion P. Jayaraajan M.J.F., Lion Norbert Fernando, Lion Pushpajaran, District Chairperson (Convention) Lion Baskaran, President Lions Club of Colombo City. Pictures by Beverley Jansz.



Region Chairperson, Region One, Lion Sunil Fernando receives Governor's Appreciation Award from PCC Lion Ganini De Silva. District Governor, 306 A-2 Lion S. K. Karunasekera looks on.

## Colombo West Lions conduct 'Diabrisk - Sri Lanka'

Lions Club of Colombo West in collaboration with the Diabetes Association of Sri Lanka conducted a research project to evaluate risk factors in the development of diabetes is the urban young of Colombo, between the ages of 5-40 years.

The project was conducted at the Maligawatte Young Men's Muslim Association (YMMA) last week. President, Lions Club of Colombo West, Lion Ashroff Hussain was the Project Chairman.



In the picture from left are M. Ronan, a representative of the International Diabetic Association (IDA) Belgium, M. Rawa, N.M.M. Razeen, President Maligawatte Janasa Society, M. Ashroff Hussain, President Lions Club of Colombo West, Farzana Hameed, Representative from IDA (Sri Lanka) and medical staff of the Diabetic Centre, Colombo examining patients.



Lion Anton R.E. Fernando, Consultant to District Governor 306B2 was awarded the Lion's International President's Leadership Medallion for his commitment and dedication to Lionism as a Cabinet Officer for 25 years and as a Lion Member for 34 years. The presentation was made at the Fourth Annual District Convention of District 306B2 held at Waters Edge. Here Imm. Past International President Lion Mahendra Amarasureya pinning the Medallion on Lion Fernando in the presence of District Governor Lion P. Jayaraajan.