

# 'Be first in service' Multiple District 306 Annual Convention

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Chairmanship of the Multiple Council has been a challenging task but due to the unstinted support and guidance, I received from Immediate Past International President and Chairman, Lions Clubs International Federation (LCIF), Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, it was a pleasure to be the Chairman of the Multiple Council 306.

These sentiments were expressed by Past District Governor and Chairman Multiple Council 306, Lion Mahesh Pasqual MJF addressing a distinguished gathering of VIPs, Lions, Lion Ladies and Leas at the 31st annual convention of Multiple Council 306.

Past International Directors, Past Board Appointees, Past Board

Appointees, Past Governors have always been extremely helpful. Most importantly the Council Secretary, Council Treasurer, Council members and the convention steering committee need to be congratulated on their commitment and dedication.

"I wish to recognise Immediate Past Council Chairman, Lion Sarath de Fonseka, PCC Lion Marcela Silva and PDC Lion Sarath Gunasekera for their exceptional support to make this year eventful, Lion Pasqual said.

He also paid a tribute to his Lion Lady, Senior Eye Consultant Surgeon, Lion Manel Pasqual, MJF for the support extended to him, with her very busy schedule as a medical consultant.

The IDP assistance program was a needy one and appreciated by a host of

service organisations and Lions for the Transparency displayed in the accounting and distribution of the collected goods. This has resulted in goods being received continuously and we would ensure proper distribution, Lion Mahesh Pasqual said.

Lion Pasqual paid a tribute to PDG Abey Silva for the Cataract Surgeries done at Panadura Sight First Hospital. District B1 has completed a number of Surgeries through Sight First Hospital, Hendala and District C2 has utilized the services of the Nuwara Eliya Hospital. In addition ADG Abey Silva has been instrumental in ensuring payment from International for surgeries completed.

After a lapse of several years, the multiple had organised a "Long Range" planning meeting under



Multiple Council Chairman, Lion Mahesh Pasqual delivering the keynote address.

the chairmanship of IPIP, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya.

Almost all past Governors participated and a very lively discussion took place on the future of Lionism in Sri Lanka.

Among many decisions taken, we are happy to state that we agreed on "Vision and Mission" statements.

The "Vision" said 'Be first in Service' said Lion Mahesh Pasqual MJF.

## Lions Queen Yasodara now Lion of the year



Lion Lady Yasodara (third from left) with Multiple Council Chairman Lion Mahesh Pasqual, Lion Lady Dr. Manel Pasqual and District Governor 306 A1 Lion Dr. Senerath Rekogama.

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Who said men are smarter than women? Certainly not where Lion Lady Yasodara Galappaththi is concerned. She was selected "Lion of the year" all island at the 31 Multiple District 306 convention held at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo last week, at which Immediate Past Lions International President and Chairman Lions Clubs International Foundation Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya and Lion Lady Kushlani were the chief guests.

Multiple Chairperson, Region Seven, Lion Lady Yasodara began her Lionistic career in 2003 when she joined Mataru Millennium Ladies Lion Club. Since then there was no looking back for Lion Lady Yasodara in her efforts to help the underprivileged.

In 2004-05 and 2005-05 she was appointed Chairperson (membership) Ladies Development. In 2006-07, Lion Lady Yasodara was appointed President, Mataru Millennium Ladies Lion Club. While being the President, charm-

ing Lion Lady Yasodara was selected "Lions Queen - 306A-1 at the District Convention. In 2007-08, she was appointed Zone Chairperson and in 2008-09 too she held the same position.

For the year 2009-10 Lion Lady Yasodara became the Deputy Cabinet Secretary.

It was during this period that she carried out enormous Mega service projects which benefitted a large number of underprivileged families. She conducted a Mega Health Camp at Urubokka, with 50 doctors, which treated over 10,000 people and provided medicines free.

Under the "Gama Pubuduwa" concept of District Governor 306A-1, Dr. Senerath Rekogama, Lion Lady Yasodara renovated the Ihalagoda Primary school and Buruthagaspitiya MV, provided essential item to the school including a valuable water Tank which provided pure drinking water to the villagers, provided scholarships to school children, school books etc.

Wheelchairs were gifted to 35 disabled people and a tree planting campaign was carried at Buruthagaspitiya Maha Vidyalaya. While being the Zonal Chairperson, Lion Lady Yasodara built a "Thotupola" at Rotumba village for bathing purposes. Over 100 families were benefitted. She also conducted a Mega Health Camp at Gandara Maha Vidyalaya Devinuvara where over 3000 patients were treated by 10 doctors free and medicines provided. Lion Lady Yasodara inaugurated five new Lions Clubs under past International President, and LCIF Chairman, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya's "Lions always Heroes" concept.

The service projects carried out by Multiple Chairperson, Region Seven, Lion Lady Yasodara Galappaththi for the benefit of the underprivileged are enormous and goes on and on. She is certainly a "Hero" under IPIP Mahendra Amarasuriya's concept "Lions are always Heroes".



The distinguished guests, from left, Senior Consultant Eye Surgeon, Lion Lady Dr. Manel Pasqual, Lion Lady, Kushlani Amarasuriya and Lady Lion Jayantha lan.



IPIP, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya PM JF lights the oil lamp. Looking on are Chairman, Multiple Council 306, Lion Mahesh Pasqual MJF, Lion Lady Dr. Manel Pasqual, MJF, IPCC and Lion Sarath de Fonseka, MJF.

## DG Lion Jeyaraajan bags most awards at Multiple District Convention



DG Lion P. Jeyaraajan, MJF presenting his financial report for 2008-09.

District Governor, 306B2, Lion P. Jeyaraajan, MJF bagged the most number of awards at the Multiple District 306 Convention held in Colombo last week.

Council Treasurer for Multiple Council 306, for 2008-2009, District Governor 306B2, Lion P. Jeyaraajan MJF said that this great achievement was due to the unstinted support extended to him by his Lion Lady, Shamala and all Lions and Lion Ladies of District 306B2.

Council Treasurer for Multiple Council 306, for the year 2008-2009. DG Lion P. Jeyaraajan submitted his financial report to Lions at the Multiple District 306 Convention.

DG Lion Jeyaraajan received a thundering applause from a packed



DG P. Jeyaraajan receives the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) award from IPIP, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, MJF. Looking on is Multiple Council Chairman, Lion Mahesh Pasqual, MJF. Pix. Beverley Jansz



DG Lion P. Jeyaraajan MJF receives the award for membership growth (extended 11 Lion Clubs) from IPIP, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, MJF. Looking on is Multiple Council Chairman, Lion Mahesh Pasqual, MJF.

when his Lions International District 306B2 was adjudged the best Lions district.

## Wickramasinghepura Lions excel at 4th Annual DC 306 C1



President Lions Club of Wickramasinghepura, Lion Vernon Dabara receiving one of the awards from Past District Governor and Board Appointee Lion Gratian Gunawardena. The District Governor of 306 C1 Deshabandu Lion Diresh Hettiarachchi Looks on.

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The 4th Annual Convention of Lions International District 306A1 was held on a grand scale at the BMICH, with Immediate Past International President, and LCIF Chairman, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya MJF as the Chief Guest. At the head table from left are Past District Governor and Director, Carsons Hotels Lion Paddy Withana, MJF, IPIP Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, MJF and District Governor 306A1, Lion Dr. Senerath Rekogama. Pix. Beverley Jansz

## Rs. 170m grant for Govt.

# DG Diresh bags Lions Best All-island Award

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When I gifted ambulances and Fire Engines worth over Rs. 170 million with foreign aid, to President Mahinda Rajapaksa and Army Commander, Gen. Sarath Fonseka, I never expected any recognition or award.

It was just another service project to regain Sri Lanka from terrorists, said District Governor 306C1, Deshabandu Lion Diresh Hettiarachchi MJF, JP.

He expressed these sentiments to the Daily News when he was presented the award for the Best Service Project All Island, at the 31st Annual Multiple District 306 Convention held at Galadari Hotel.



District Governor, 306C1, Deshabandu Lion Diresh Hettiarachchi MJF, JP receives the award for the Best Service Project, all island, from IPIP, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya. Looking on are Multiple Council Chairman, Lion Mahesh Pasqual, MJF, and District Governor, 306A2, Lion S.K. Karunasekera.

Another significant feature was that his Lion Lady Chandima Hettiarachchi



First Lady Chandima Hettiarachchi receives her award for the Best Service Project in District 306C1, from IPIP, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya. Looking on are Multiple Council Chairman, Lion Mahesh Pasqual MJF, and District Governor 306A2, Lion S.K. Karunasekera MJF.

the award for the most-outstanding service project of District 306C1, led by Dis-

trict Governor, Deshabandu Lion Diresh Hettiarachchi, MJF JP.

## PCC Lion Cassian Fernando's service to Camilla landed

Lion Lady Kushlani Amarasuriya who was the chief guest at the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Camilla School, Mattegoda, the biggest continuous service of the Lions of Sri Lanka, paid a tribute to Past Council Chairman Lion Cassian Fernando, MJF.

Lion Cassian Fernando is the Secretary to the Camilla Trust, providing yeoman service to the disabled inmates of the school, for the past 25 years.



Lion Lady Kushlani presents a token of appreciation to PCC Lion Cassian Fernando MJF (extreme left) for his 25 years service to Camilla School. Looking on is Chairman of the Camilla Trust, District Governor 306A-2, Lion S.K. Karunasekera MJF.

## Sponsorship letter for the Blood Donation by JCISL Bambalapitiya

The Junior Chamber International (Jaycees) is a worldwide federation of young professionals and entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 and 40. The national organizations federated to Junior Chambers are active in more than 8000 chapters in 123 nation territories. This non governmental organization, which is the third largest service organization in the

world, found in Mexico City.

The mission of JCI is to contribute to the advancement of the global community by providing the opportunity for young people to develop leadership skills, social responsibilities, fellowship and entrepreneurship necessary to create positive changes. The Junior Chamber International Sri Lanka (JCISL),

established in 1954 is a non-governmental organization affiliated to the Junior Chamber International, which has around approximately 200 members currently. There are 11 Chapters around the country which we (JCI Bambalapitiya) is one of them. We have intended to organize a Blood Donation Project at Vajirrama Temple Colombo-4, on Saturday July 4,

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This goodwill, life saving project is organized as a community event for our JCISL Bambalapitiya chapter to serve the people for timely availability of blood for emergency, obstetric and other cases sealing up in the country and also to bring out the young talented Leaders to serve the nation for a good worthy cause. We expect consider-

able number of donors participation for this event. Therefore we solicit your kind cooperation to fulfill our need as sponsorship as follows.

\* Advertising this event to the public on Local News Papers from 30th June till 3rd July 2009. In Sinhalese and English languages both. For any further clarifications, please contact Ms. Kavita 777339080.