

# Millions benefit from Lions Service Projects

- PDG Lasantha Goonewardhana

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Despite intermittent fellowship ceremonies on our part, we have rendered tremendous and uninterrupted service to the most deserving section in the Sri Lankan society. Millions have benefited from enormous service projects carried out by Sri Lankan Lions.

These sentiments were expressed by Past District Governor, Lions International District 306C-2, Lion Lasantha Goonewardhana while participating at a Multi-Service project held at Theligiawala, Hambantota, which was organised by the Lions Club of Colombo Mid City.

The multi-service project was introduced to the district by Lion Lasantha Goonewardhana when he was the District Governor in 2006-07. Following his initiative, districts, clubs and Lion ladies organised several multi-service projects on a regular basis around the country which benefited millions of needy people. This also helps Lions to enhance their image to reach grass-root level and to identify the people who are really in need of help all over the country. This program also helps Lions to change the attitude of Sri Lankans towards the Lions movement, who are always dedicated to assist people



PDG Lion Lasantha Goonewardhana with the little ones who received school books and other items.



President, Lions Club of Colombo Mid City, Lion Nishantha Goonewardhana donating a pair of spectacles to a needy person. President, Lions Club of Nugegoda, Lion Sajitha de Mel and Lion Nayana Akalanka Hettiarachchi are also in the picture

In need, PDG Lion Lasantha Goonewardhana paid a tribute to the Daily News for highlighting the enormous services rendered to the poor, by Sri Lankan Lions.

The multi-service project



Lion Dr. Col. Thusitha Liyanarachchi conducting the dental camp.

A Malaria Control educational program was conducted to educate the people to eradicate Malaria. A Dental Camp too was conducted by Lion Dr. Col. Thusitha Liyanarachchi.

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Lion Asitha Pinnaduwa was adjudged as the "The Most outstanding young person of Sri Lanka" in the Humanitarian and Voluntary Service Category at HSBC - JCI TOYP 2009 awards Ceremony organised by JCI (Junior Chambers - International) and HSBC.

The chief Guest was Chief of Defence Major General Sarath Fonseka and Guest of Honour was CEO (Maldives and Sri Lanka) HSBC Nick A. Nicolaou.

The TOYP (The Ten Outstanding Young Persons) program serves to recognise ten outstanding individuals whose personal and professional achievements in a chosen field are exemplary, outstanding and nationally beneficial. Lion Asitha Pinnaduwa, an old boy of D. S. Senanayake College, has been in the Leo movement, the youth arm of Lions International for several years. As he wanted to further involve himself in humanitarian work, he joined the Lions Club of Colombo (Host). He is presently the District Chairperson for Leos in



General Sarath Fonseka Congratulates Lion Asitha Pinnaduwa.



Lion Asitha Pinnaduwa receives his award from HSBC CEO Nick A. Nicolaou.

District 306 A1. He was the most outstanding Leo in the World. He also led his Leo club to be the most outstanding Leo Club in awards, among them are the World in 2007/08.

## Colombo West Lions donate whitecane



The Lions Club of Colombo West donated whitecane and cash to the visually handicapped at a ceremony held at the Sri Lanka Council of the Blind auditorium Colombo 2 last week. Here District Governor 306 A-2, Lion Nimal Alutuge making a presentation to a visually handicapped. Others in the picture are President, Lions Club of Colombo West, Lion Ashraff Hussain, Secretary SLCB, S. L. Hettiarachchi, Assistant Secretaries SLCB, Mangala Weerasingha, the Chairperson 306 A-2, Lion Nalin Gunasekera and members of the Lions Club of Colombo West.

## West Kirby Lions turn good Samaritan through Nuwara Eliya Lions

Lions Club of West Kirby, England donated 100 Sterling Pounds each to two poor schoolchildren of St. Anthony's College, Blackpool, Nuwara Eliya. The donation was made through the Lions Club of Nuwara Eliya and was organised by the Club President, Lion Ganeshan Vijayasagar.



Lion Joan Elliot of Lions Club of West Kirby, England presenting the cash cheque to the two students. Others in the picture are President, Lions Club of Nuwara Eliya, Lion Ganeshan Vijayasagar and Region Chairperson Lion N. Chandroo.

## Lions Club of Wattala City - 2nd Charter Anniversary

The 2nd Charter Anniversary and District Governor's official visit, to the Lions Club of Wattala City was held at the Union Ball Room, Jac Hilton, recently.

District Governor, Lions International District 306B-2, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe MJF and First Lady, Dr. Anoma Wijesinghe were the chief guests.

The Lions Club of Wattala City comprise of a hand of young and dedicated Lions and Lion ladies who carry out many noteworthy service projects, serving the most deserving sector of our society, Chief Guest, DG 306B-2, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe said. He said that charter gives us the opportunity to take stock of the past performances and plan ahead for a better tomorrow.

DG Lion Wijesinghe paid a tribute to Cabinet Secretary, Lion Dr. Seba Jayamaha for bringing the entire



Zone Chairperson, Lion Dinesh Perera receives the President's Excellence Award 2008-09 from Past International Director, Lion Chuck Wijenathan. DG, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe is also in the picture.

important in its annual calendar. The club receives its Charter from the International Association, and is presented to the club in 'Solemn Ceremony' by the District Governor. The celebration in the presence of the elected representative of the Board, gives the event a great deal of visibility motivating physical attendance by many other clubs and well-wishers, Lion Chuck Wijenathan MJF said.

Past International Director, Lion Chuck Wijenathan MJF said, is regarded as the most



Lion Lalith de Zoysa, President, Lions Club of Wattala City donating a gift parcel to a needy family. DG, Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe is also in the picture.



Lion Lalith de Zoysa, President, Lions Club of Wattala City presenting calibrated spectacles to a student. Pictures by Beverley Jansz

## Kegalle Rotarians present sanitation unit to school

The President and members of the Rotary Club of Kegalle formally handed over the newly built sanitation unit to the children of RC Primary school at Dewalegama.

This School has over 500 students and majority of the students are attending this school from very poor families. Most of them are existing on the assistance extended to their households through the provision of Samurdi allowances.

This is the third donation of an ongoing project of the Rotary Club of Kegalle launched in the



President Seewali Abeyratne handing over the sanitation unit to the school.

year 2008/2009 to provide safe drinking water

and sanitary facilities to the rural schools.

The project was initiated and completed under the guidance of Immediate Past President Sujewa Mudalige.

A consignment of English reading books were also donated to the school library by President Seewali Abeyratne. President Seewali Abeyratne, Immediate Past President Sujewa Mudalige, Past President Banayake, Treasurer Kamal Ilagagoon, MOH-Galigamuwa Dr. Palugasewwa, Principal, Staff, Students, Parents and well wishers were present at this ceremony.

## 'Shaheena Live' Lions fundraiser on Nov. 28

'Shaheena Live' a musical extravaganza has been organised by Lions International District 306 B-1, as a fundraiser. This is the first public show of 'Shaheena Live'.

Shaheena Live will be held in association with DK Promotions at 7 p.m. on Saturday November 28 at St. Joseph's College Auditorium, Colombo 10.

Lions International District 306 B-1 is planning to carry out two landmark service projects, namely, donating a Blood Gas Analyser with facilities for electrolytes (Na, K, Ca, Mg) for the Paediatric



legge Auditorium, Colombo at 7 p.m.

Lion Dr. Seba Jayamaha said that the funds collected will be solely utilized for the humanitarian projects mentioned. Tickets for 'Shaheena Live' are available at Torana (Majestic City and Liberty Plaza) Commercial Bank Building, Wattala, Video International Nawala, and www.ticketslk.com.

The media partners for the show are Daily News, Sunday Observer, Silumina, Dinamina, Rhythim FM, and Lite FM. Further information can be obtained from telephone No. 0777-744950 or 0777-315500.



District Chairperson Swarna Soysa donating a sewing machine

## Inner Wheel District 322 Chairperson's official visit to Negombo IW

District chairperson's visit to the Inner Wheel club of Negombo, was held recently at Past President Gnanapode Croose's residence Negombo.

Club President Kanthi Fernando received the Inner Wheel District Chair-

man Swarna Soysa with the Secretary Dr. Carmel Fernando, and Treasurer Diamalie Fernando. The special feature to mark the chairman's visit to the club was donation of a sewing machine to a girl from Kochchikade, Negombo, and food items on

monthly basis to a widow from Dankotuwa.

The first food parcel for the month of October was handed over at the meeting. District Chairperson Swarna Soysa addressing the members said that she was very happy with the service projects done by

the club during a short spell of three months, and she could expect more in the future months, under the guidance of Club President Kanthi Fernando.

Vote of thanks was delivered by Vice President Swinitha Munasinghe.



District Chairperson Swarna Soysa donating food items