



# DEN CHATTER

LIONS CLUB OF COLOMBO (HOST)

ISSUE 2, 2017-2018

AUGUST 2017

Honoring

## THE POWER OF

# Women

In August we recognize, celebrate and appreciate the backbone of the Lions Club and the Lions movement—our Lion Ladies! That colourful and elegant group who add sass and spirit to the operations of our club. For the ‘non Lions’ reading this newsletter, a Lion Lady is the spouse of a Lion. Ladies who join the club as members are Lions, not Lion Ladies, and they too draw on the strength of the Lion Ladies to power forward.

None of the Ladies of Colombo Host have come forward to become full fledged members (as yet) instead they remain Lion Ladies and continue to wield their influence and

flex their ladylike muscle to ensure the success of the Lions Club as equal partners in all operations of the Club.

The Lion Ladies have been our best fundraisers organizing fabulous events ranging from our high society event ‘Eve’ to the first of it’s kind Car Boot Sale. The Lion Ladies have been the ones who filled our coffers and they did it with style, grace, elegance and a whole lot of ‘ladylike roar’

Every Lion will tell you that his Lion Lady played a key role in the success of his Lionistic career. In fact any Lion will tell you that it’s the Lion Ladies who are at the heart of mem-

bership retention. The Lion Ladies would always see that guests, new Lions and their spouses feel welcome and a part of the Colombo Host pride.

My memory goes back to the time the Lion Ladies were in charge of making the meetings ‘special’ Our Christmas meetings, picnics and Charters were the talk of the town. We had Lions attending the charter of the club just to take make mental notes on how we conducted our necrology ceremony.

This year too, the Lion Ladies will be in charge of meetings and special events and we look forward to them weaving their magic! Our Lion Ladies are our strength and it’s only right that we make take time an effort to thank then for their commitment in ensuring the success of our Lions Club!

THANK YOU  
LION LADIES!

### LITTLE MISS CHATTERBOX



“A STRONG WOMAN  
LOOKS A CHALLENGE  
IN THE EYE and  
GIVES IT A WINK.”  
-GINA CAREY



## 'HOPE FOR CHILDREN' - our first pediatric cancer project



Children are a gift to the world, yet every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer and less than half of the world's children have access to effective care. Children who survive cancer are often left with debilitating effects that can impact their physical development and ability to learn. That's why Lions Clubs International has made Pediatric Cancer one of the 5 key Service Areas for Lions and Leos worldwide. Lions are answering the call to expand access to life-saving treatment and support the children and families who need the most help and to work to give children with cancer a second chance at life.

In February 2016, Lion Lady Hiranya supported by then president Lion Dilshard forwarded a proposal to the Sri Lanka Medical Association of North America for funding of a pediatric cancer project in Sri Lanka. The initiative paid off with SLMANA accepting their proposal to fund the Hope for Children project. A project that would see the club donating lifesav-

ing medication and life changing prosthetic limbs to children afflicted by cancer.

Discussions with the Doctors in charge revealed that many key drugs needed for the treatment of children afflicted by cancer were often out of stock or unavailable due to the high costs of the drugs.

With SLMANA accepting our proposal the next step was to produce a video clip to be played at the fundraiser organized by SLMANA. There was a minimum commitment of US\$25K but both SLMANA and the Lions Club of Colombo Host hoped to raise more funds for this project as more funds meant the ability to help more children.

SLMANA conducted their fundraising dinner on the 1st of October 2016, where the clip produced by our club was played in a bid to raise funds ... the result was SLMANA raising & pledging US\$ 70k for the Hope for Children cancer project. This is highest value our club would be investing in a single project. Lion Tissa was at the helm when the club received the good news of sponsorship and a plan

was put in place to ensure that the operations of the project was carried out in a professional and transparent manner. Lion Lady Hiranya and Lion Dr. Mahin were put in charge and it was up to them to ensure the success of Hope for Children project.

The first donation was made in January 2017, second in April 2017 and the third in July 2017. We have donated medicines worth over Rs. 3.7 million through this project to date. Donations will be made until pledged funds are utilized.

The club is deeply grateful to Dr. Dama-yanthi Peiris & Dr. Mahendra Somatilleke of the Maharagama Cancer Hospital for their involvement in making this project a reality and our donor partner the Sri Lanka Medical Association of North America without whom this project would not have seen the light of day.

Hope for Children was awarded as one of the top 5 service projects conducted in District 306A1 during 2016/2017. [Click here](#) to download our Hope for Children sponsor video



## AN INTERESTING 'FIND' ON FACEBOOK



**gudpppl (good people) is a new social network, with a passion to make a positive meaningful impact at home and around the world through volunteerism.**

*"We are committed in recognizing, promoting acts of kindness and generosity."*

**gudpppl** connects people of all ages, skill sets and interests who want to volunteer with those who need volunteers. Their aim is to become the go-to resource (dynamic one-stop shop) for individuals and groups to find volunteering opportunities or for organisations to efficiently and reliably identify suitable volunteers who can enhance their efforts and impact.

The [gudpppl](https://www.gudpppl.com/) social footprint is arguably more important now than ever before. For example, when applying for universi-

ties and/or jobs, most organisations ask for volunteer experience and want to see people actively contributing to improving their communities. As an individual or Organisation/Corporate, the positive social impact you make through gudpppl in your communities will help you build your Social CV on [gudpppl.com](https://www.gudpppl.com/).

gudpppl has been steadily progressing and expanding since its inception in November 2016. The Gudpppl mobile app was launched on the 21st of April 2017, and the organization aims to go global in the near future, thus expanding its database of causes and volunteers.

*"GUDPPL gives you the opportunity to be a 'GUD' person by doing 'GUD' deeds, thus creating a society of 'GUD PPL' – GUDness comes a full circle!"*

We encourage everyone, to share and like our page on FB. We also have our gudpppl app available to download on iOS and Android.

Sign up with us to start the new 'social footprint' in Sri Lanka

**Website :** <https://www.gudpppl.com/>

**FB :** <https://www.facebook.com/slgedpppl/>

**Twitter :** slgedpppl

**Instagram :** gudpppl\_global

*By Erandi Narangoda, COO, gudpppl*

SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN  
US WHEN WE CELEBRATE  
OUR 60TH BIRTHDAY!

**21st April '18**

LIONS CLUB OF COLOMBO (HOST)  
1958 - 2018



**60 years of service. 60 years of changing lives. 60 years of creating bonds of friendship. 60 years of empowering people to become a better version of themselves!**

The Lions Club of Colombo Host invites Lions from near and far to join us in our 60th celebrations which will see District Governor Lion Wilson Wijegunaratne & Lion Vajira gracing the occasion as Chief Guests and PIP Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya & Lion Kushlani as our special Guests of Honour.

*Please save the date and join in the festivities which is not merely the 60th Anniversary of our club but the 60th Anniversary of Lionism in Sri Lanka!*





## LINKS

Our club online - <http://leonirupacmbhost.wixsite.com/lionscolombohost/>

Lions Club International - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>

Lions District 306A1 - <http://lions306a-1.org/>

Find us on  
facebook

[www.facebook.com/colombohostlions/](http://www.facebook.com/colombohostlions/)



SAVE THE  
DATE TO  
MEET AT LION  
TISSA'S @ 8  
PM



## THE POWER OF WE ... International President's theme for 2017/2018

### THE POWER OF WE

The "Power of We" underscores that my power comes from you, and your power comes from me. I cannot lift a car, but together we can. One person cannot educate a village, but a group of like-minded people can. As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller.

**If all of us come together, then the impossible becomes possible.**

### "WE SERVE" ALSO HIGHLIGHTS OUR MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY – CONNECTIVITY.

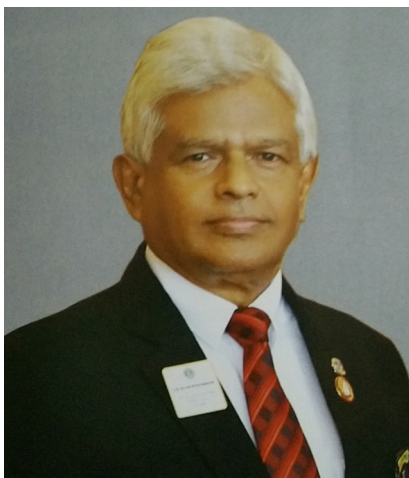
We are connected to each other as Lions and to the communities we serve. In a chain, each individual link combines to form an unbreakable line. If our chain has 1.4 million strong links, that becomes a powerful force for good.



*Lion Naresh Aggarwal*  
**Lions Clubs International President**

“ TOGETHER: We will harness the power of we. We will commit to action. We will leave the world a better place for all. ”

## Our District Governor's theme for 2017/2018



*Lion Wilson Wijegunaratne*  
**District Governor**  
**Lions Clubs International District 306A1**



“ SUSTAINABLE EXCELLENCE IN ADMINISTRATION  
SUSTAINABLE EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL SERVICE  
SUSTAINABLE EXCELLENCE IN BRAND IMAGE ”



LIONS CLUB OF COLOMBO (HOST)

# Book drive

Please join us in our initiative to collect new/nearly new Sinhala books, simple English books and educational toys to be donated to knowledge libraries being set up in rural Sri Lanka.

Call Lion Dilrukshan on 0773515922  
for further details

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS OF BOOKS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION  
8, BAMBALAPITIYA DRIVE, COLOMBO 4 (C/O DULMI GUNATILEKE)

We will be collecting donations until 15th August. The knowledge library complete with books donated by you will be declared open on 25th August in Dutuwewa in the Anuradhapura District.