People are the lifeblood of any organization or institution. The name, logo, slogan and everything else means absolutely nothing if not for the actions of the people, and the Lions Club of Colombo (Host) is no different.

Since 1958 countless members have walked through our hallways of time and worked to embody all that is the Lions Club of Colombo (Host) Some stayed for a little, some stayed longer, some moved out and others were there until their last breath. However, during their time they put their heart and soul to ensure that the club that introduced Lionism to the country walked the talk of our motto ‘We Serve’ ... the result ? 60 years of unbroken service with millions of rupees invested in timely and rewarding in service projects, leadership & volunteer opportunities for members, a vibrant Leo Club and most importantly friendship and camaraderie for the Lions and Lion Ladies to enjoy.

Today as we step into our 60th year of service we have recognized that an infusion of healthy ‘lifeblood’ is needed to ensure continuity of our bloodline of service. We have identified the need to induct at least 15 new members to the club within the next 3 years and bring them in to play an active role in the operations and administration of the Lions Club.

We hope all members will actively invite friends and family to join our club as well as play an active role in making our guests and new Lions feel welcome.

a few facts

Chartered 15th April 1958 at the Galle Face Hotel
Charter President Lion Col. C P Jayawardena
Our longest serving Lion
Lion Zoeb Anverally since April 1958

Our first project was to introduce White Canes for the use of those sight impaired by donating 500 white canes.

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The meeting in June saw Gayan being inducted as a Lion by Lion Sepala Amarasuriya whilst the new Board for 2017/2018 was installed in office by Lion Sisira Jayalath.

It was heartening to have many Lions and Lion Ladies attending the event along with several prospects who we hope will join the club in the near future.

Our gracious hosts Lion Dudley and Lion Lady Vijitha made everyone feel at home and treated us all to a scrumptious meal.
News from our Leo Club

Aligning with the motto ‘We Serve’, the Leo Club of Colombo (Host) had an active 48th year of service during 2016/2017.

Among the service projects the club has done during the fiscal year, ‘Spotlight on Children’ projects are those we were most involved in. The projects included “A Book to Bring a Smile” for the children at H/Kirindagama Primary School in Tissamaharama, “Love Cures”, “Christmas Celebration” and “Punchi Ape Aluth Aurudda” with the children in the CCC House at Maharagama Cancer Hospital, “Movie Eve with Angels and Fairies” for the differently abled kids at DDRG Kelaniya and “Sisil Pan Dansala” with the Rathnalana Blind School.

Of these, “A Book to Bring a Smile” has won the Best Spotlight on Children and the Best Project for Infrastructure Development project awards at the 12th Annual District Conference of Leo District 306 A1 where the Leo Club of Colombo (Host) was recognized as the 3rd Most Outstanding Omega Leo Club in the district. Also the project was adjudged 1st runner up of the Most Outstanding Spotlight on Children projects at the Centennial Leo Multiple Awards ceremony of Leo Multiple District 306. We will continue with the same enthusiasm in the new year under the leadership of Leo Aajitha Ratnayake.

The Centennial Walk was the last Lions event attend by Lion Basheer. He was proud to have been a part of the parade that and greeted all those who spoke with him even though he could not see them.

He is seen here with his lovely Lion Lady Sanow the (then) 1st International Vice President Lion Naresh Aggarwal, PIP Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya and PID Lion Sunil Watawala
Lion Dilrukshan in a certified professional marketer for Asia Pacific region.

We welcomed Dilrukshan and Gayan to our pride in June this year. Lions Clubs International carried out a special campaign to induct members as a part of the 100th year celebrations and we are happy that our club was able to participate in the worldwide initiative.

Introduced by Lion Asitha, Lion Dilrukshan was inducted as a Lion by PIP Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya at the Mass Induction Ceremony on the 7th of June.

Currently working at Softlogic Life as the Senior Manager-Distribution, he counts over 10 years working experience in the services sector involved in multiple challenging roles in Sales and Marketing. He is a MBA holder from University of Wales and an Ordinary member of Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) and Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM).

Lion Gayan Samarasekera was introduced to the club by Lion Sumudu and was inducted at our June meeting.

Having worked at Etisalat from the time of his internship, he went on to start his own company Mylinex International in 2011. The company is a solutions provider to telecommunications companies both locally and internationally.

A gold medalist from the University of Peradeniya he was an island wide top ranking student in Electrical and Electronics Engineering. Gayan was inducted as a Lion by Lion Sepala Amarasuriya.

Welcome Lions Dilrukshan Fernando & Gayan Samarasekera
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The Global Service Framework focuses the efforts of Lions and Leos on five service areas with the goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

LIONS SERVICE AREAS

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LCI Forward, meeting the challenges of the next century of service through our motto ‘We Serve’

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