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None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.

- Mother Teresa



President's message

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past month, I'm excited to celebrate some significant milestones in our service projects. Our Meals on Wheels initiative remains a crucial source of support for those in need in our community. A heartfelt thank you to all the donors and volunteers whose commitment has kept this project thriving for the past six years, making a real difference in many lives.

I'm also thrilled to report on the success of our "Gift of Sight" project, which is part of the Lions Global Service Area. In September 2024, we successfully completed 10 surgeries that restored vision for those in need. Special thanks to Lion Dr. Ameer Zainudeen for his unwavering dedication, which has been vital to the continuity of this initiative.

Collaboration is key, and I'm proud to highlight our partnership with the District Ladies Committee in uplifting the Dental Unit at Lady Ridgeway Hospital in Borella. The Colombo Host Club generously provided paints to enhance the hospital's environment, creating a more welcoming space for patients and their families.

I'm also excited to share that we plan to kick off Phase 2 of our period poverty project in October 2024. This initiative is vital in addressing the needs of those affected and will expand our efforts to support our community further.

President's message contd...



As a long-established club, we are committed to our membership drive. I encourage each of our club members to invite at least one potential member to join us. Your efforts in spreading the word about the impact of our work will be crucial in helping us achieve this goal.

Looking forward, increasing our brand visibility is paramount. As we continue our impactful projects, it's vital that we share our successes on social media. Regular updates will help us engage with our community, attract new supporters, and inspire others to join our mission. Your participation in promoting our initiatives online will greatly enhance our reach and visibility.

I urge everyone to get involved in sharing our events and projects on social media. Your creativity and engagement are crucial as we strive toward our shared goals.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we will continue to achieve great things and make a meaningful difference in our community.

Warm Regards,

Raj



September Service Album

Donation of Paint to Brighten the Pediatric Dental Unit at Lady Ridgeway Hospital



In response to a request from the Lion Ladies Committee, our club proudly supported the upgrade of the pediatric dental unit at Lady Ridgeway Hospital. We are excited to announce that the unit received a generous donation of 54 liters of paint, thanks to Nippon Paints and the Colombo (Host) family. The paint was handed over to Dr. Pramila Pupulawatte, Chairperson of the 306 A1 Ladies Committee, along with the hospital team.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to DG Lion Dr. Pupulawatte and PDG Lion Shyana Jayalath, whose presence at the handover added a special touch to this meaningful occasion.

A special thanks also goes to Nippon Paints for not only donating the paint but also sending their technical team to assist with painting the area. Their prompt response and dedication were greatly appreciated. Additionally, we acknowledge PDG Lion Shyana for securing this generous contribution from Nippon Paints.





Meals on Wheels – Nourishing the Needy



Our signature project, Meals on Wheels, continues to provide lunch to those in need. We are deeply grateful to Lion Dudley for his monthly sponsorship, as well as to the other Lions who ensure the success of this initiative each month. While we understand that this effort may not eradicate hunger, we take comfort in knowing that we can quell the fire of hunger, even if just for a day, for those who cannot afford a nutritious meal. This project remains a testament to the power of small, consistent acts of kindness.



Coming Up – Dates for Meals on Wheels
6th October | 3rd November | 8th December



Sponsoring Breakfast at Camilla Home

Each month, our club sponsors breakfast for the residents of Camilla Home, ensuring they start their day with a nutritious meal. This heartwarming project is generously sponsored by Lion Suranjani, whose continued support makes a difference in the lives of the home's residents. We are grateful for her dedication to this meaningful cause.



Restoring Sight Through the Gift of Sight Program



In September, our club proudly sponsored cataract surgeries for 10 underprivileged individuals, restoring their sight through the Gift of Sight program. All surgeries are conducted at the Gift of Sight Hospital in Panadura which is managed by Lions District 306A1

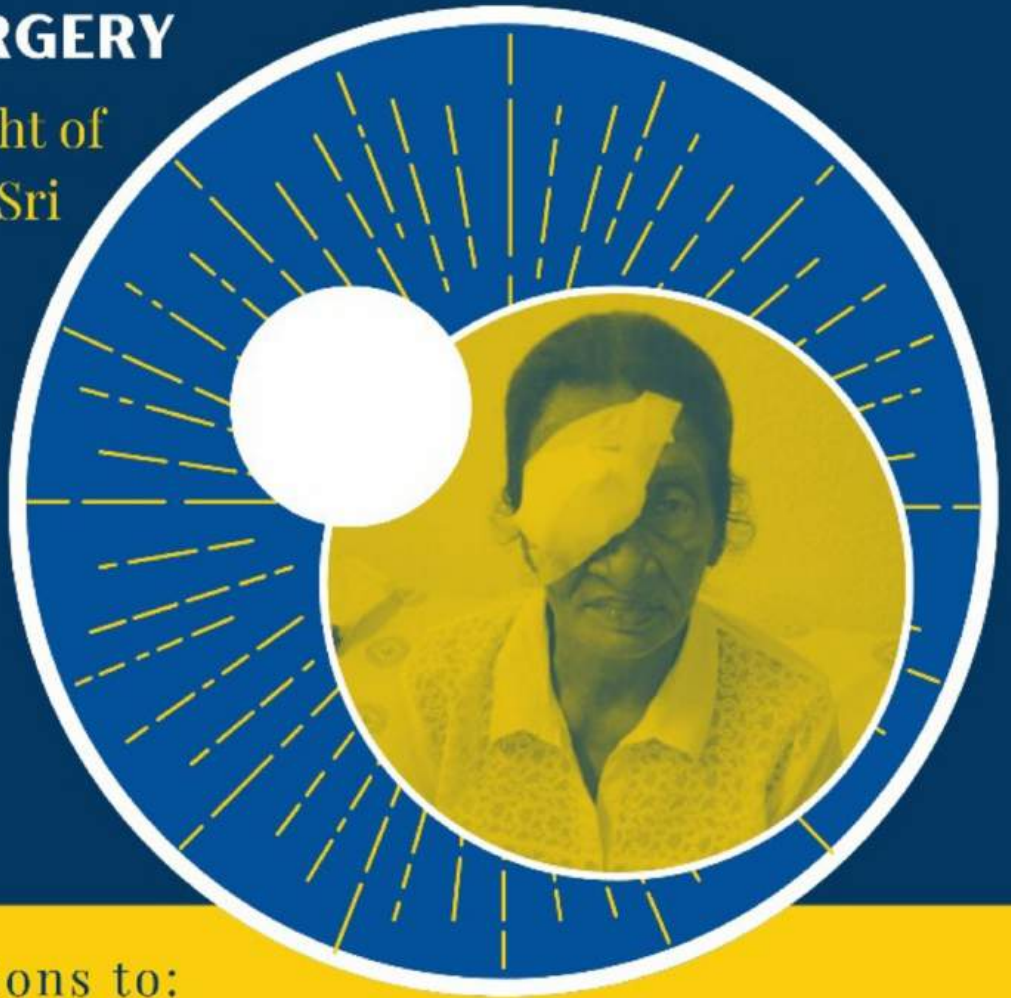
This impactful initiative is managed by Lion Dr. Ameer Zainudeen, whose dedication and diligence have been invaluable to the club. For many years, Lion Dr. Ameer has overseen the entire project, from organizing fundraising efforts to handling marketing and managing the operations of all sponsored patients. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to him for his unwavering commitment to this life-changing program.



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Confirmation of Donations to
Lion Dr Ameer Zainudeen

(+94) 777 604 993 (Whatsapp) or azainudeen@gmail.com



Surgery carried out in the state-of-the-art Lions Eye Hospital in Panadura

Updated on 25.09.2024

Secrets to Great Meetings – There’s No Reason for Them to be Long and Boring by Elizabeth Blackwell

As a Lion for 17 years, David Wentworth knows the struggle of enduring lackluster meetings. “As Lions, we run on meetings,” says Wentworth, a member of the Millard Lions Club in Omaha, Nebraska. “We have a meeting to find out when we’re going to have our next meeting.”

Dull, lengthy meetings can leave members feeling exhausted and disengaged, contributing to the fact that half of new members drop out within three years. To combat this, it's crucial to make meetings not only productive but also motivating. “If we fix our meetings,” Wentworth emphasizes, “it will have a direct impact on retention.”

So, how can we liven up those uninspiring gatherings? Here are 10 tips from Lions on how to keep meetings fresh, effective, and, most importantly, fun.

1. Plan the Mission

- Define the purpose and goal of the meeting ahead of time. Share the agenda early and ensure members come prepared.

2. Start On Time

- Respect members' schedules by starting meetings promptly, sending a signal that their time is valued.

3. Keep It Moving

- Stick to the agenda, avoid repetitive discussions, and make decisions efficiently to keep the meeting on track.

4. Motivate the Membership

- Engage members through brainstorming sessions to align on expectations, fostering a sense of ownership and purpose.

5. Reward Attendance

- Offer incentives for participation, like raffles or valuable content, to ensure members look forward to meetings.

6. Break Up Routines

- Change seating arrangements or mix things up by inviting members from other clubs to prevent stagnation.

7. Get Everyone Talking

- Involve members by encouraging them to speak, share ideas, or personal stories, creating a more dynamic atmosphere.

8. Have Fun

- Include time for socializing and playful activities like "Happy Dollars" or a Tail Twister, while balancing fun with the meeting's objectives.

9. End on a Positive Note

- Conclude meetings by summarizing key decisions and leaving members with a sense of accomplishment and enthusiasm for future projects.

10. Meet Between Meetings

- Maintain communication outside of formal meetings through phone or email, showing members they are valued and cared for.



Making meetings fun!

The September meeting wrapped up on a fun note with a lively game of charades, where members let their creativity shine. Split into teams, participants took turns acting out famous movies, books, and phrases without speaking, relying solely on gestures and expressions. Laughter filled the room as everyone eagerly guessed the answers, with some acts being solved in seconds while others needed some humorous guesswork. This engaging game not only brought out a playful spirit but also highlighted how adding activities like charades can make meetings more family-friendly and fun for all.

Share your fun meeting ideas with Lion Raj.





You're invited
Lions Club of Colombo (Host)

family picnic

Sunday, October 20th
Sunny South Bungalow,
Madapatha

Hosted by Lion Inu & Lion Lady Farida
Akberally

RSVP To Lion Erandhi 077 361 6487



important

Our Membership Drive is On! Invite One to join the Colombo (Host) Pride

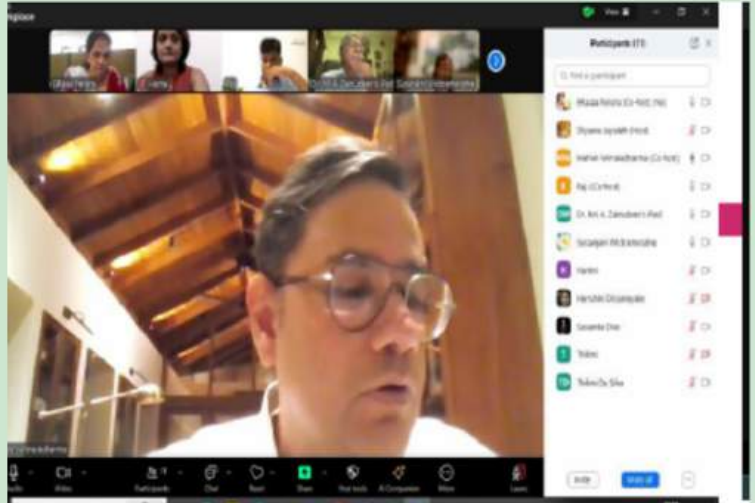
This year, we are calling on all club members to invite at least one family member or friend to join our vibrant Lions Club.

Spearheaded by Membership Chairperson Mahin and Club President Raj, this drive aims to grow our club's impact and reach. Share the contact details of your potential members with Mahin or Raj, and the membership team will take it from there.

In the month of September, we conducted an orientation via Zoom for Lion prospects who had attended our club meetings & projects. The orientation introduced the prospects to Lions International, Lionism in Sri Lanka, the Lions Club of Colombo (Host) as well as the advantages and commitments of being a Lion.

We were thrilled to have many of our prospects join us, including one from overseas.

We look forward to welcoming them to the Colombo (Host) family.



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Reach Out and Have Fun While Serving!

Hello Everyone,

As we continue our journey as Lions, it's important to remember that our mission is not just about service; it's also about connection, camaraderie, and fun. Volunteering brings us together, but it's the bonds we forge that truly enrich our experiences.

Being a Lion means actively reaching out to others in our community, but it also means reaching out to each other. Let's encourage a spirit of friendship and teamwork in our service projects. When we collaborate, share ideas, and laugh together, we not only enhance our impact but also make the process enjoyable for everyone involved.

We have a fantastic opportunity to do all this at our upcoming October meeting, which will be our family picnic. This gathering will not only allow us to connect with our fellow Lions but also bring our families into the fold, creating a fun atmosphere filled with laughter and togetherness.

Moreover, let's not forget to invite potential members to join our fun! Sharing the joy of being a Lion can inspire others to become part of our vibrant community. Together, we can showcase that service doesn't have to be serious all the time; it can be a delightful experience filled with friendship.

As we reach out, let's ensure our time spent serving is enjoyable. After all, when we find joy in what we do, we create lasting memories, deepen our connections, and inspire others to join our cause.

Here's to making our Lion journey fun while making a difference!



Little Miss Chatterbox
Editor

