



The monthly board meeting along with the monthly regular meeting was held on 29th of August, 2020 at Kreation Hotel and restaurant, Colombo 3.

On this occasion we had our Zone Chairperson Lion Roshan Rodrigo along with his Lady Hearty as chief guests.

Zone Chairman revealed 'the secret'

Guests were welcomed by Lion Ashok along with fellow lions. President Lion Thayaparan and Lady Vigneswary handed over the Betel leaves to Zone Chairman and to Lady respectively. After national anthem was played, Pledge of Allegiance done by Lion P Sivaraj. Lion Thayaparan welcomed the Chief Guest of the night. The event was hosted by Lion Selvaraj.

Lion Selvaraj introduced Zone Chairman Roshan Rodrigo for the members and guests. He mentioned that he and Lion Roshan were known each other for a long time.

Lion Kumaran announced the board decisions to the members. On his announcement, he mentioned about the NIMH mattress project and Literacy day projects and invited the members to take part in the events.

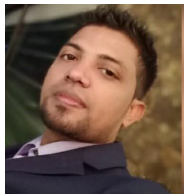
The next agenda was Recognition of Women in Lionism. Along with Lady lion Hearty, four women were honored with a token of appreciation. It was a fun-filled event as the tokens

were given by their spouses with a hug or a kiss!

The directory of the club was ceremonially released on the occasion by the Chief Guest. This time, the directory was slightly big and had a multi colored cover. The very first E Newsletter (the prior edition of Kural) and Black book or log book were also taken to the notice of the Chief Guest.

Address by the Chief Guest, Zone Chairman Roshan Rodrigo was high-

New Members



Lion J Lakshan was the first new comer of the year of 2020/21. He was sponsored by Lion Thayaparan. Lion Lakshan was brought up from Colombo.

He is a businessman and owns a shop at Gunasinhapura.



Lion Vigneswary is known by the club members as she's wife of Lion Thayaparan and had taken part in many events which were organized by the club.

She's a fashion designer by profession and now managing both the family and her career.



Lion Yoga, wife of Lion Kumaran. She voluntarily had engaged in a couple of activities of the club. She is the Chief coordinator of Prashanth Hospitals In-

formation Centre, which is functioning at Royal Hospital, Wellawatta.

Recognition of Women in Lionism



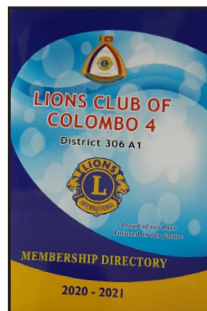
Recognition of women in Lionism is a tradition which occurs in the month of August, every year. This year, four women were recognized by the club.

(L-R) New member Lion Lady Vigneswary, wife of Lion Thayaparan, Lady Lion Susila, wife of Lion Ashok Kumar, Hearty, spouse of Zone Chairman Roshan Rodrigo and new member Lion Lady Yoga, wife of Lion Anandakumaran were recognized at the event.

ly appreciated by the participants. The reason was, he in his address, revealed the secret to how to maintain the balance in the



family and in the Lionism. He had elaborated some valuable points which we always miss out!



Club Directory

He congratulated the President and the club members for the tremendous service activities those we were engaged, especially the NIMH mattress project and the proposed Education project. He never missed to mention about the Black Book & the E newsletter which was designed as a magazine.

Lion Roshan insisted that clubs should come forward to work together so that we could make big changes in the lives of fellow being.

With the very short vote of thanks of Lion Kumaran, the event was ceremonially concluded for fellowship and dinner.



International Day of Charity **5**

8 International Literacy Day

21 International Day of Peace

Int'l Day of Sign Languages **23**

World Tourism Day **27**

29 Int'l Day of Awareness of Food Loss & Waste

The Black Book of Lions

Maintaining a 'Black Book' was a tradition of Lions Club for a long long time. But, it's quiet doubtful that most of the clubs don't have it in practice.

The Black Book is considered as a record book which contains the detail of activities, meetings, special events of the club. As the time changes, now it's all digitalized. Though, the Black Book is still considered as a classic practice of Lions!

Under the guidance of Lion Selva, the book has rediscovered.



Board meeting was start by 6.30 pm. Lions NS Thayaparan (President), HMR Ellepola (Secretary), P Sivaraj (2nd Vice President), A Ashokkumar (Club Service Chairperson), S Selvaraj (Club Administrator), M Pushparaj, K Suthes Kumar (Asst. Treasurer) and T Anandakumaran (Asst. Sec.) were present.

Board meeting



President Lion NS Thayaparan welcomed the officers followed by meeting of minutes of last (July) meeting read by Lion Ellepola. It was accepted.

Then the officers got down to business. The project of donating 100 specially made mattresses and pillows to the inmates of National Institute of Mental Health was undergoing. It was decided to have the event on September

8th at the hospital premises.

Lion T Anandakumaran proposed a project on education which is one of the five global causes Lions Club takes care. The idea was to support 10 students from underprivileged families by arranging them tuition classes with a well-qualified teacher. The project was proposed as an observance

of International Literacy day which falls on 8th of September each year. The project was approved.

Lion K Suthes Kumar had initially donated a sum of Rs.65,000/- for the repairing work of the library furniture of Vidyadeepa Maha Vidyalaya, Giriulla. After discussing some more projects of the future, the board meeting was concluded.

On our pre project visit to Vidyadeepa Maha Vidyalaya in the month of July, we had identified some essential needs of the school. Building new toilets, establishing a new water tank, replacing two units of computer and repairing the furniture of the school library were among them.

ject worth was nearly one million rupees. Though, the club members decided to give it a try because all these projects would benefit more than 400 students of the school.

In the meantime Lion Suthes Kumar, who is the project Chairman, with the help of his known sources was able to collect a sum of Rs.65,000.

August, 2020.

After receiving the money, the Principal acted immediately. He found the suitable team for the repairing work.

Twenty plus cushion chairs were there in the library. All of them were in an unusable condition. Four spacious tables also had fully damaged boards on the top. So, new cushions and special cloth material were purchased. The top boards of the tables were replaced with new boards.



Lion Suthes

Apart from repairing these furniture, two newspaper desks were newly made for the students to encourage their reading habit. The teachers and staff of the school also could get benefit from these.

Repairing work has been completed at a cost of Rs.250,000/- with the support of other members of the club. The library has now got a new light and the students and teachers are very happy, the Principal said.

For us, this is just a beginning, a first step towards the benefit of the students! In the same manner, we are hopefully looking forward to fulfilling the other needs of the school in the next couple of months.

The First Step!



Quotations for the above projects were sent by the school Principal after a couple of weeks. The total pro-

He, with the approval of the Board, had donated it for the repair work of the school library in the month of



SEP 8: Donate 100 specially made mattresses and pillows along with Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia club and Dist.306 A2 to the National Institute of Mental Health, Mulleriyawa.

SEP 18: Funding ten students from underprivileged families for extra tuition classes.

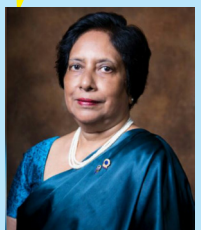
SEP 29: Regional Chairperson Visit at Kreation Hotel and Restaurant, Colombo 3!



What was the real challenge you faced in Lionism in your leadership time?

I believe that Administration & Service have to be equally strong for the District to progress and also to sustain. In that aspect to get a sound administration going in the clubs was the biggest challenge I faced. That was the reason behind having minimal District projects, was important. So that the membership had the resources, time & the personnel to do club projects.

It created more bonding among the members. If the District engaged the best personnel in District projects, the Club would be the loser. It is important for the DG to concentrate and spend more time on administrating both the District & Clubs, than traveling for projects. The Past Leaders, Line officers, Cabinet Officers should be participating at the projects. Future Leaders are given the opportunity, encouragement and exposure when following this process. Not everyone would follow this process.



PDG Lion Chandani Withana
Dist. Governor
2018/19

In the month of July, President Ln. NS Thayaparan along with Lns. N Janarthan, K Suthes Kumar and T Anandakumaran, visited Camilla School, Mattegoda, which is dedicated by Lions for the welfare of children with special needs. The prior goal of the visit was to identify the essential needs which the Club of Colombo 4 could fulfil.

Other than Ln. Janarthan, it was the first visit for the remaining three. It was a heart-melting experience for them to see how the children suffer from their ailments. I hope that the children would not feel their own pain; but, we did! It was not just another day!

We felt so embarrassed. The eyes of the children made us feel so sorry about them. At the same time, we realized how fortunate we are! But, it doesn't worth or makes sense to fortunate to live a healthy and wealthy life, if we couldn't help the needy who are living in the same society we live!

Therefore, a couple of our members took the responsibility to feed the children along with the staff of Camilla school for two days. The days were 17th and 18th of August.



Not just another day...



17th was a Monday and therefore, none of us could visit Camilla school to take part in the event. But, the next day, 18th, President NS Thayaparan and Ln. K Suthes Kumar visited there during the lunchtime.

Though they were a little late, the whole children were waiting for their arrival. They reached there by 12.20 and immediately the lunch was served to the innocent children. Giving things away or donating money would not give you the satisfaction of serving. You have to be there with them, for them who need

the assistance.

Therefore, the Club of Colombo 4 is organizing a 'Shrama Dhana' to clean the school campus and other related services which we can do.

The Shrama Dhana will take place on Saturday 24th of October. We would like to have our monthly board meeting and General meeting in the school Auditorium. 1st VDG would take part in the meeting session as Chief Guest. Therefore, we would like to invite all members to take part in this special event with their family members. So that we can support the children by all means. Definitely, it will not be just another day!



Lt. Ln. Sena Fernando, the Charter President of LC Colombo 04, had been a Commissioned officer of Sri Lanka Navy, & by profession is a Marine

President, in 1994. Heavily motivated with the MOTTO, "WE SERVE" he went into action by holding a SENIOR CIZENS DAY for the first time in any Lions District, in the island; under the distinguished patronage of His excellency, the Late J. R. Jayawardane, the first President of Sri Lanka.

gawila in 2001 with the assistance of the SL army.

As a senior lion now in retirement, he feels proud that he did a good job and for having a capacity to resolve many challenges he faced with equanimity, to reach a consensus, through a process of discussion, at all times; keeping politics,

We Served!

**Lt. Ln Sena Fernando
- Charter President**

engineer. In retirement, he worked as a Senior Manager in Jon keels, responsible for Warehousing in Tea, rubber, & other local produce; as well as the officer in Charge of Transport, Maintenance, & Security; Still Later, he functioned as Deputy Director in Charge of Security, maintenance & Transport at the Institute of Bankers, Sri Lanka, (IBSL)

Joining Lionism through the now defunct LC of Bambalapitiya in 1993, is attributable to a chance Meeting with Late Lion Fowzie, of that Club. Once that was liquidated, Ln Fernando was instrumental in in forming a NEW Lions Club- LC of Col 04, with 32 members; to be its Charter



This Project 'SENIOR CIZENS DAY, was destined to be an Annual Event.

Among the other Projects he pioneered in the Club were several Mega Multi Service Medical camps (at kunchuttuwa & Kukulegamama in the Anuradapure District, 1995 & 96); and at Sun-



ethnicities, and religion outside the ambit. The message he has for the present generation is; LI-ONS Movement is the best forum to practice the Principles behind the Lions Motto, "WE SERVE"; but never serve for awards, positions, medals or recognition.

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