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Region Chairperson's Official Visit

Region Chairperson Lion Ranjith Wijesuriya paid his Official Visit to our club on Friday, September 4th. He paid a tribute to the club by stating that he learnt the A, B, C, of Lionism in Moratuwa. Lion Ranjith in fact was President in 2002/2003, and led the club with distinction. He outlined DG Lion Muthumuni de Silva’s 4 point programme for 2015/2016, and said the Governor’s theme for the year was: Dedication - The Way to Success.

At this meeting, the GLT Co-ordinator Lion Ruchira Wijesuriya addressed the Lions on the Club Excellence Programme(CEP), and challenged the Moratuwa Lions to embark on a needs Survey of the community.

Zone Chairperson Lion Claude introduced the Chief Guest Reg/Ch. Lion Ranjith, Leo President Lahiru Gayan presented the Leo Club report, Lion Nalini spoke on the Ladies’ projects and Lion Wicky presented the Accounts. Lion Michael Fernando proposed the vote of thanks.
MAL DANSALA ON POYA, August 29th - JOINT PROJECT of LEOS & LIONS

On Saturday, 29th August POYA Holiday evening, the Lions joined hands with the Leos of Moratuwa to stage a 'Mal Dansala' at the sacred Bellanwila Buddhist Temple. The Leos embarked on a separate campaign to gather predominantly white flowers. They climbed trees and parapet walls in their search for appropriate flowers. 17 Leos actively participated in this project along with PCC Lion Anver; Leo Lion Dilshan Peiris and Leo Lion Thisara Praneeth.

Pilgrim families greatly appreciated the free distribution of flowers in a 'gotta'. The flowers were distributed over a period of two hours.

Leo President Lahiru Gayan, First VP Leo Dilshan, Leo Secretary Suharshie and Leo Treasurer Minura were among the Leos who had a fun time with this meaningful project.
Nutrition to juvenile mothers & pregnant teenagers

'Masevana' is a Home for teenage mothers and pregnant juveniles, maintained by the Sarvodaya Movement. This Home is discreetly located in pleasant surroundings with large gardens and a high wall around it, along Uyana Road in Lunawa.

Due to obvious reasons the taking of photographs is not permitted and the inmates and care-givers are not visible from the road.

The Lions and Lion Ladies of Moratuwa supply a nutritious breakfast to 'Masevana', on the first Wednesday and third Wednesday of the month.

The inmates in this Home are well looked after and a lot of love and respect is showered on them. The girls are encouraged to get-on with their lives. The babies are often given for adoption and most of the juvenile mothers get back to school to complete their studies.

Currently 'Masevana' has 12 pregnant teenagers and 8 juvenile mothers who are resident in the premises with their babies. This very meaningful project was started last year under the Presidency of Immediate past President Lion Claude Amarasinghe, and with the assistance of Lion Nalini and other members of the club, it has now become a continuous project.

Nutritional programme for pregnant mothers in the Maternity Clinic of Lunawa General Hospital

This is yet another project which was commenced last year by Lion Claude and Lion Lady Nalini which is now a continuous project of the club.

A nutritious Breakfast is provided twice a month to all inmates in the Maternity Clinic of the Lunawa General Hospital.

Approximately 45 pregnant women (on both days) benefit under this programme. Immediate past President Lion Claude Amarasinghe, and with the assistance of Lion Nalini and other members of the club, it has now become a continuous project.
Viskothu Dansala at Bellanwila Temple

The Lions and Leos joined hands in a Joint Project to distribute 20 cartons of Munchee Wafer Biscuits at the popular Bellanwila Temple on Poya, Saturday 29th August. 17 Leos including President Lahiru Gayan, VP Leo Dilshan, Secretary Leo Suharshie participated. Leo Lions Thisara & Dilshan, along with PCC Lion Anver, were also present.

Bellanwila Temple was packed to capacity and the devotees, especially the old and fragile, and the younger folk, found the biscuits very welcome. The biscuits were part of a large donation received by the Moratuwa President Lion Farina Dole, from past President Lion Samitha Perera, the CEO at the 'Munchee' facility in Ranala.

Leo Kaushalya Silva was the Project Chairperson.
District Governor's Advisory Committee Meeting

Zone Chairperson - Zone 5 in Region 2, Lion Claude Amarasinghe, held the District Governor’s 2nd Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 23rd September 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Moratuwa Club Lions Activity Centre in Koralawella, Moratuwa. The meeting was presided over by Z/C Lion Claude, and all 4 clubs in his Zone, namely Moratuwa, Moratuwa Orient, Moratuwa Moratumulla and Moratumulla Mid Town, were present and were well represented.

All four club Presidents were present and reported on membership growth, club projects, participation in District projects, servicing of Leo clubs etc. The meeting was followed by fellowship and dinner hosted by Z/C Lion Claude & his spouse Lion Nalini.

A unique feature of this Zone is that all four Club Presidents are females. Perhaps this is a “first”, not only in District 306 A1, but in the entire Multiple District.

Moratuwa is led by Lion Farina Dole, Moratuwa Orient has Lion Jayanthi Silva Rodrigo as President, Moratuwa Moratumulla is led by Lion Manjula Merryam and Moratumulla Mid Town has Lion Yuthika Maddumabandara as its Leader.

Zone Chairperson Lion Claude posed for a historic photograph with the four Lady Presidents.
ESCO Very Special Peace Arts Festival.

ESCO REHAB SRI LANKA, based in Egodauyana, Moratuwa, staged the Very Special Peace Arts Festival on September 19th & 20th, at their Headquarters. 23 Institutions from all over the island participated in a variety of competitions and demonstrated that they are indeed differently able. The around 400 participants and their Teachers and chaperones were provided travel expenses, all meals and accommodation for the 2-day event.

The winning teams and individuals performed at the 'Baudhha Mandiraya' in Moratuwa on the 19th afternoon, with Minister Eran Wickremaratne as Chief Guest, and Mr Santosh Kumar, Country Manager for MasterCard in Sri Lanka & the Maldives, was the Guest of Honour. MasterCard was the principal sponsor. National Savings Bank, Alliance Insurance, the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Amana Bank were also generous sponsors.

Lion President Farina donated Rs 10,000/- and PCC Lion Anver, who is also the Chairman of ESCO REHAB, played a major role in obtaining sponsorships.
District Sing-A-Long Planning Meeting

A planning meeting of 'September Melodies' the District fund-raiser, was held at the residence of the Advisor to the Lion Ladies Programme, Lion Farina. DG Lion Muthumuni participated along with Project Chairperson Lion Iroshi Binduhewa and Secretary L/Lady Devika Smith.

District Sing-A-Long @ BMICH

The Ladies of District 306 A1 staged a Sing-A-Long Fund-raiser @ the BMICH Banquet Hall with the popular Lankika & the Golden Chimes, on Sunday, 20th September.
Keep the Date Free

39th Charter Celebrations
Lions Club of Moratuwa

Saturday, 7th November 2015

Ramadia Ranmal Holiday Resort,
Gorakan, Moratuwa.
7.00 p.m.

Chief Guest:
Dist. Governor Lion Muthumuni De Silva
& First Lady Lion Shanthi

Live Band, free ‘Scotch’
& mouth-watering bites
- Moratuwa style

Reservations
Tickets : Rs. 1,750/- per head

Charter Chairman : Lion Shihaan - 077 1286159
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Editor's Comment:

Here we are with Volume 3 of 'Moratuwa Buzz' - the September issue of the Moratuwa Club e-Newsletter. The first two issues were released in the course of the current month itself, but the September issue was slightly delayed because the Editor is on vacation in the United States. It is an interesting time in the US with the White House race around the corner. Current indications are that the confident and experienced Hillary Clinton will overcome the Bernie Sanders challenge to get the nomination from the Democrats, while the flamboyant Donald Trump will beat Dr Carson to the Republican nomination.

In the absence of President Lion Farina, the first Vice President Lion Shihaan Burah has ably steered the club using his vast Middle East experience. Lion Shihaan is also Chair of the 39th Charter Anniversary Celebrations, and along with his able committee preparations have already been made for an outstanding Charter at the Ramadia Ranmal Holiday Resort on Saturday, 7th November 2015, commencing at 7.00 pm. District Governor Muthumuni de Silva & First Lady Shanthi will be the Chief Guests, and International President (2007/2008) Mahendra Amarasuriya will grace the occasion as Guest of Honour.

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