CENTENNIAL WALK

First International Vice President U/Nareshi Aggarwal from Delhi, India, spearheaded the much awaited Centennial Walk held on the bright and sunny morning of March 11th. There was a galaxy of past and present leaders and their spouses together with Lions, Lion Ladies and Leos from our multiple District 306. Past International President U/Mahendra Amarasiriya added further dimension to the event with his participation.

The Walk commenced from Nelum Pokuna, Colombo and concluded at the same venue. This was followed by a Lions meeting held at the open air theatre. It was a successful venture which will be remembered by all those who participated in the event.

It is my pleasure to send this message to be published in our news bulletin as we are reaching the end of another successful Lionistic year.

Our district has performed exceptionally well this year in most areas. My grateful thanks go to all the Lions and Lion ladies who have given their utmost support to me to carry out all the programmes effectively.

I am very happy to note that most of the clubs planned and finished their projects according to my Three-Point Programme. And we have conducted a large number of district projects very successfully, starting from the Siyawas Gee Abhimani fund raising project followed by Sinha Charika, White Cane Day, Differently Abled Day, World Children’s Day, Lions Family Day and Diabetes Day.

Our Lion Ladies completed many projects including a very successful Lion Ladies get-together. There will be a well-organized New Year celebration as an upcoming project in April.

Even though I started my Lionistic year with a plus growth, we faced unexpected dropouts and cancellation of clubs. Nevertheless, thanks to 6 new clubs extended and the re-activation of a few clubs, we hope to increase our membership to a stronger level before the end of June 2017.

My sincere thanks go to all the club members who supported and helped me to achieve my target. We hope that the Centennial District Convention held on the 29th and 30th of April 2017 will be a memorable one.

While thanking all the Past District Governors, Cabinet officers, Lions and their able spouses who have been pillars of support during my tenure of service, I conclude by wishing you all good luck, good health and continued success.
January

1st contribution to the Power of 20 program by Lion Chandani Wihana.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Hikkaduwa.

Third Cabinet Meeting at Ramadia Ranmal Hotel, Moratuwa.

Diabetic screening & blood pressure checking project for Elders Society Ganga-Panadura by the L/C of Panadura.

A project at Ovitigama Karunarathe Elders Home. Hair cutting & bathing of elders, providing meals & gifts - a project by the L/C of Matara Millenium Ladies.


Project at the School of the Blind in Ratmalana. Organized by the L/C of Moratuwa Orient.

An Eye screening camp & providing of new spectacles was carried out by Zone 04.


Donated exercise books to Methodist GTM School, Kollupitiya. A project by the L/C of Kollupitiya.

An evening with the children of the Deaf & Blind School, Ratmalana. Provided them with dinner, t-shirts, track bottoms & gifts.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Wellawatte.

Donated Medicine to Maharagama Cancer Hospital. A project by the L/C of Colombo Host.
February

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Panadura Golden Jubilee.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Talalla Heroes.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Weligama City.

Governor’s visit & honoring of Past Governors by the L/C of Galkissa Centennial.

A "Kolakanda Project" at the Gift of Sight Hospital, Panadura organized by the L/C of Panadura Heroes.

A Dental Clinic & an Eye Screening camp organized by the L/C of Aluthgama-Bentota.

Donated an Artificial Limb to a cancer victim from Nawalapitiya at the Friend-In-Need Society. A project by the L/C of Kollupitiya.

Expanded the library of Methodist College, Panadura. A project by the Leo Lions of Panadura Central.


Blood Donation and Health Camp at Maharagama Nursing Home. Organized by the L/C of Galkissa Centennial.

A "Kolakanda Project" at the Gift of Sight Hospital, Panadura organized by the L/C of Panadura Heroes.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Panadura Mahawila.

Handing over a new home to a destitute family. House constructed by the L/C of Panadura Golden Jubilee.
Inter School Band Competition held at Attidiya A.P.Liyanage Grounds.

“Jeewithaya saha Saundaryaya” musical show was held at Panadura Town Hall organized by the L/C of Wadduwa Central to help visually handicapped children.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Wadduwa.


Legacy Projects by the L/C of Panadura Heroes. Opening of a new name board & bus halt in Panadura.

Donating of hearing aids at the Gangula-Temple, Panadura. Project by the L/C of Panadura Heroes.

Sing-Along with Annesley Malewana at Fingara Club organized by the L/C of Calkissa Centennial.

Scholarships for the needy children of the area – by the L/C of Tangalle.

“Super Star” singing competition organized by the L/C of Weera Puran Appu Pura Creators.

Inauguration of a new Leo Club at Tangalla Balika Vidyalaya sponsored by the L/C of Tangalle.

Power of 20 - The first till handed over to DG when he visited the Charter Ceremony of the L/C of Panadura Golden Jubilee.
12 Sign Boards with instructions for safety, fixed & displayed in the Moratuwa area. A project by the U/C of Moratuwa Weerapuran Appu Pura Creators.

Governor's visit to the U/C of Kataragama Bogahapallella.

Centennial Walk (more details & visuals on the front page of the bulletin).

Health Camp organized at the Road Development Authority in Tangalle organized by the U/C of Tangalle.

Golden Jubilee Charter Celebration of the U/C of Panadura.

Donated building materials for house construction to a needy family. Organized by the U/C of Tangalle.

Charter Celebration of the U/C of Unawatuna.

Fundraiser Musical Show with Nalin Perera & Marians by the U/C of Kotelawalapure.

Joint Charter Celebrations of the U/C of Tangalle & the U/C of Hambanthota Golden Jubilee.

Charter Celebration of the U/C of Galkissa.

Charter Celebration of the U/C of Ambalanthota Metro.

Charter Celebration of the U/C of Wadduwa Diamond Stars.

Dengue awareness & eradication program at Dharga Town by the U/C of Dharga Town United Creators.
Inauguration of a new Leo Club at Prince of Wales College (Leo Club of Cambrians), Moratuwa sponsored by the L/C of Moratuwa Weerapuran Appu Pura Creators.

Beach Cleaning project at the Panadura beach by the L/C of Moratuwa Weerapuran Appu Pura Creators jointly with the Leo council & Leo Club of Cambrians.

Curtain Workshop conducted in the Horana area by the L/C of Moratuwa Eliya Diamond Stars.

Golden Jubilee Charter Celebration of the L/C of Moratuwa Ratmalana.

Ayurveda Healthcare Programme (South) was held at Athkada Rajamaha Temple in Wawahanamunduwa, Matale.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Kaluwamodara Moragalla.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Wadiuwu Central.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Kalutara Central.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Matara Millennium Ladies.

Inauguration of the Leo Club of Moratu Eliya Centennial.

Charter Celebration of Panadura Heroes & Inauguration of the new club Panadura Centennial.

Blood Donation Camp at Dickwella by Zone 18.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Ruhunu Millennium.

The inmates of Panadura Wekada Elders’ Home were taken to see the stage drama “Loransge Manemall” organized by L/C of Panadura Golden Jubilee.

April

01.04.17
Joint Charter Celebration of the L/C of Sirimal Uyan, L/C of Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Diamond Stars & the L/C of Dehiwala Mt. Lavinia Orient.

Programme to celebrate International Womens’ Day at Dhakshinarama Maha Vihara, Mt Lavinia.

Inauguration of New Leo Club of Dehiwela-Mt.Lavinia Orient Centennial.

02.04.17
Charter Celebration of the L/C of Dickwella.

07.04.17
Charter Celebration of the L/C of Aluthgama Bentota.

21.04.17
Charter Celebration of the L/C of Colombo Host.

22.04.17
Charter Celebration of the L/C of Ambalangoda Central.

29.04.17 & 30.04.17
Annual District Convention – District 306A1
The Strength of the Lion Ladies Enhancing the Strength of the District

Message from the Chairperson of the District Ladies Committee
Lion Devika Gunawardena

I am grateful to my band of L/Ladies for their dedication and loyal support.

I am also very appreciative of all the hard work that went into the numerous service projects undertaken and successfully carried out. Working with you all has been a wonderful experience.

Thank you dear L/Ladies and good luck with all your future endeavours!

LADIES FUND RAISER

CAMILLA DAY

Spending an evening with the inmates of the Camilla Home, Mattegoda. Performances by the inmates, entertainment, live music, gifts & meals.

Project Chairperson: Lion Bhakthi Jayasundara
Co-Chairperson: Lion Lady Ramani Galage

SIYAWAS ABIMANI VANITHA SUWA SEWA PROGRAMME

A seminar on ‘women’s health care, prevention and wellness’ & clinic for blood pressure testing, Diabetic screening & cancer screening - At The Child and Mother Care Centre - Moratuwa

Project Chairperson: L/L. Padmini Wijerathne
Co-Chairperson: Lion Manjula Mariyam

SIYAWAS ABIMANI SISU NENA WADUMA

Promoting reading ability among school children - distributed reading books to the school library of St. Mary’s College, Kollupitya.

Project Chairperson: Lion Nandani Canegoda
Co-Chairperson: Lion Dayani Kumaraperuma

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS’ DAY

Alms giving for Buddhist Nuns at YMBA, Rambalana.

Project Adviser: Lion Devika Gunawardena
Project Chairperson: Lion Jeewa Bindu Hewa
Co-Chairperson: Lion Thushara Wimalasuriya

Cookery demonstration by Nestle, Social Etiquette by Ms. Sanjeeewani Weerasinghe & Fashion / Bridal Show at Ramada Ranmal Hotel, Moratuwa.

The main purpose of this fund raiser was to contribute to the “Little Hearts” fund of Lady Ridgeway Hospital.

Project Adviser: Lion Devika Gunawardena
Project Chairperson: Lion Jeewa Bindu Hewa
Co-Chairperson: Lion Thushara Wimalasuriya

Cookery Demonstration
Project Chairperson (South): Lion Hemalie Hettiarachchi
Co-Chairpersons: Lion Latha De Silva
Lion Amitha Nanayakkara
**Message from the Editor**

A newsletter mirrors the numerous events, meetings and projects that comprise an active Lionistic year.
If it has helped to highlight the commitment and hard work of our beloved District Governor and his Lady Lion Devika, encouraging our Lions family of 306 A1 to achieve great heights in active service, it has then achieved its purpose.

Compiling this bulletin has been a collective effort. If not for the enthusiasm and support of our team members U/Gayathri Hewawithana, U/Devika Gunawardena and U/Licoste Nilani Amarasinghe, it would not have been a reality.

As the present Lionistic year draws to a close with a sense of fulfillment in all that has been accomplished, we look ahead with new expectations, together with our good wishes for the year that is to follow.

Let us continue to serve and give of our best.

Lion Charlenee Liyanage

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**District Ladies Committee**

Lion Devika Gunawardena – Chairperson
Lion Vajira Wijegunaratne – 1st Vice Chairperson
Lion Ramani Panditharana – 2nd Vice Chairperson
Lion Shanthi De Silva – Immediate Past Chairperson
Lion Sarojini De Zoysa – Chief Co-ordinator
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