Message from our Centennial District Governor
Lion Dr. Dhammika Gunawardane

It gives me great joy to include this personal message in the first edition of the Newsletter.

The splendid reception you greeted me with at the Bandaranaike International Airport was truly remarkable and exceptional. It was undoubtedly one of the grandest welcome ceremonies accorded to a District Governor. I, together with my lady Devika, wish to thank all lions of our District 306 A1, and particularly my home club, the Lions Club of Galkissa.

From the time I commenced the year as the District Governor of 306 A1, the clubs in our district have completed a large number of humanitarian projects worth millions of rupees. I take this opportunity to thank all club officers and cabinet officers for their dedication and commitment which paved the way for the successful completion of said projects.

I must also thank the L/C of Galkissa, the L/C of Weligama City and the L/C of Aluthgama Bentota for the hard work put in to creating three New Centennial Lions Clubs in order to expand and strengthen our District.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Lions and their spouses for the support and encouragement given, to set me on the right path towards becoming your District Governor.

Therefore, let us band together to strengthen our district with Centennial Pride.

A defining moment in a journey of service
Lion Dr. Dhammika Gunawardane took oaths as District Governor of 306A1 on 28th June 2016 at Fukuoka, Japan.

The pride and joy of that significant moment is personified in this picture.

Welcoming the New District Governor – 3rd July ‘16
The District Governor and First Lady were greeted at the BIA with much pomp and pageantry by his home club - Lions Club of Galkissa as well as several PDGs, Cabinet Officers, other lion members of the district & their spouses.

After a brief press conference and a colourful procession of drummers & dancers, they were escorted home in a stately motorcade adorned with flags & banners.

At the Governor’s residence, the joyful sound of crackers, the rendering of Jaya Marga Gatha and the Governor’s words of appreciation followed by a sumptuous breakfast, provided a Grand Finale!
District Governor’s diary of events, projects & meetings

1st July
Herailing the New Lionistic Year 2016/2017
The inmates of Sheshire Home, Mt Lavinia were taken for an outing to Ramadla Ramanl Hotel, Moratuwa organized by the L/C of Galkissa. The inmates were treated to a day of fun & laughter, filled with interesting games, gifts, refreshments, lunch & tea.

3rd July
New District Governor participating in his first project
The band of the “Singha Pera Pasala” escorted the DG & First lady to the premises of the Baudhayathanaya Temple, Mt Lavinia. Chief Priest Ven. Diviyagaha Yasaswi Thero gave an anusasana & blessed the new Governor. Dry ration parcels were donated to senior citizens and pregnant mothers.

9th July
Participated in the “Ashirwada Pooja” held at Daladawatte Temple in Wadduwa Organized by Region 3.

12th July
Children’s Park was opened at the Malamulla Temple for the children of the pre-school – Project by L/C of Panadura.

16th July
Meeting with the line officers of Regions 1 & 2.

17th July
Health camp at the Galagoda Temple organized by the lions of Zone 7 together with a blessing ceremony for the DG and First Lady.

The Cabinet Installation & the first cabinet meeting was held at the Blue Waters Hotel in Wadduwa.

Welcome reception for the DG & First Lady at Lions Gift of Sight Hospital, Panadura.
19th July

Religious programme organized by the Leo District at the Welipitiya Abaya Muralindanaramaya Temple in Panadura.

Meeting with the line officers of Regions 1 & 2.

23rd July

Dengue Awareness and Eradication Programme organized by L/C of Ahungalla Diamond Stars.

Meeting with the line officers of Region 4.

29th July

Inauguration & installation of the first new club in District 306A1 for the centennial year “Lions Club of Galkissa Centennial” extended by Lions Club of Galkissa.

30th July

Year 5 scholarship seminar for 800 students at the Beruwala Town Hall organized by L/C of Bentota Mid Town.

Meeting with the line officers of Region 5.

7th August

Meeting with the line officers of Region 3.

13th August

Health camp at Mallikarama Temple – Ratmalana organized by L/C of Dehiwela Mount Lavinia.

Recognition of Lion Ladies organized by the L/C of Panadura Heroes.

14th August

Annual Musical fiesta & fund raiser “Lions Roar” organized by the Lions Club of Moratuwa Orient.

Project at Elders Home in Wickramasinghepura organized by L/C of Moratuwa Ratmalana.
20th August
Training programme for the Region & Zone Chairpersons organized by GLT leader Lion Sampath Jayasundara.

23rd August
DG Lion Dr. Dhammika & PDG Lion Ganamini were interviewed on Derana TV regarding the District Fund.

26th August
Felicitation of the Lion Ladies organized by L/C of Panadura Central.

27th August
Inauguration of the Lions Club of Weligama Centennial extended by Lions Club of Weligama City.

21st August
Ladies get-together “Siyawas Abimani Kantha Ekamuthuwa” at Diya Uplatha Tea Resort, Welipanna. A day to remember, Where the ladies showcased their talents and athletic abilities!

29th August
“Pre School Teacher Training” at the MJF Centre, Ambalantota organized by L/C of Tangalle.

3rd September
District Fund Raiser “Siyawas Gee Abhiman”. A musical evening at the Nelum Pokuna featuring Samitha Mudunkotuwa, Nirosri Virajini, Bathiya and Santhush backed by Athula Achikari & his band AArgo.

Dengue Awareness and Eradication Programme at Badowita.
4th September

Project for Pregnant Mothers & New Born Babies at MOH Office in Payagala.

7th September


9th September

Induction & installation of New Leo Club of Mahanama College – Panadura, sponsored by Lions Club of Panadura Central.

10th September

Inauguration & installation of new Lions Club, Aluthgama Bentota Centennial, extended by Lions Club of Aluthgama Bentota.

11th September

Health Camp at Queen of Angels Church – Rawathawatte, organized by L/C of Moratuwa Orient.

16-18th September

Siyawas Abhimani Singha Charika – motorcade from Katharagama to Colombo.

A “Shramadana” at Kirivehera, Dansala with milk rice / nestmalt drink, Distributing garbage barrels, Handing over of Water Treatment Plants, Wheelchairs, participation in religious programs etc...

25th September

Bridal show & workshop held at Granissara Maha Vidyalaya, organized by L/C of Dharga Town United Creators.
More Club Projects

Mobile Legal Advisory Programme - L/C of Weligama City.

Pre School Project (Gifts & Breakfast) – L/C of Panadura Heroes

Dry rations for Pregnant Mothers – L/C of Moratu Eliya Diamond Stars

Caring for Elderly Parents – L/C of Panadura Golden Jubilee

Opening a new Activity Centre – L/C of Matara Millenium Ladies

Distribution of milk powder for Diabetics – L/C of Moratuwa

Multi Service Health Camp – L/C of Colombo Millenium & L/C of Colombo Ladies Golden Jubilee

Eye Screening & Distribution of Spectacles – L/C of Panadura

Distribution of Food Items – L/C of Unawatuna

Tree planting & sapling distribution – L/C of Seengama

Donating Exercise Books & Mathematical Instrument Boxes – L/C of Panadura Central

Mega Health Camp – L/C of Moratuwa
Message from the Editor

In this day and age, communication is an integral part of a successful organization. Publications like this, help to update and inform Lions of our achievements and endeavours.

A centennial year comes but once in a lifetime. Let us celebrate it with meaningful projects and memorable events that would help to epitomize and enhance the image of Lionism.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Lion Gayathri Hewavithana for the invaluable support extended towards this compilation.

I must also thank Lion Kerithi Gunawardena for his efforts re this publication.

Lion Sharlene Liyanage.

Calendar of Events for the next three months

1. World Children’s day ........................................ Sat, 1st Oct 2016
2. Lama Diriya Project at Dickwella ................................ Sat, 1st Oct 2016
3. White Cane day ........................................ Sat, 15th Oct 2016
5. Lions Family day ........................................ 29th, 30th Oct 2016
6. CGL Programme- Down South ................................ Sat, 5th Nov 2016
7. Day with the Differently Abled ................................ Sun, 6th Nov 2016
8. CGL Programme- Colombo ................................ Sat, 12th Nov 2016
10. Suwanari Programme & Programme for Pregnant Mothers’ ................................ Sat, 26th Nov 2016
11. ISAAME Forum ........................................ 30th Nov to 4th Dec 2016

Await the historic 44th “ISAAME FORUM”
to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka

Keep the dates Free

30th November – 4th December 2016

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