I would like to begin by extending my sincere thanks to District Chairperson News Letter, Lion Sharmela Uyamge for her magnificent efforts in compiling and publishing an extraordinary news bulletin for our district.

It gave me great pride and joy to read of the efforts by our dedicated lions towards projects and events during a full and rewarding first quarter. I have no doubt that the months to come will be just as fulfilling.

On a more serious note, I am sure you are all aware that we are presently facing a severe crisis in terms of Membership, which is the life blood of our organization.

We need to employ and implement effective strategies to address the present issues of Membership Development and Retention, as our numbers have decreased at an alarming rate.

I plan to offer very attractive rewards to lions who join hands with me and help me to counteract the present problems faced with regards to Membership Development.

Please try to think positively. If each lion makes the effort to bring in a new member to join our movement, our expected growth would be tremendous. We must band together and work as a team to recruit and retain.

I have completed 7 months of my period very successfully with the consistent support of my Centennial Team, Past Governors, two Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer and of course with the work of all our lions clubs and their members.

We have completed our third cabinet meeting as well as a large number of projects organized by the clubs. Our District contributed in no small measure towards a successful and memorable ISAAME forum in Colombo last December.

I offer my congratulations to all Cabinet officers who have successfully completed their projects and also to each and every club in our District for their commitment and support to make our District a very special one.

I wish to extend a special thank you to all those energetic lions who were fully involved in extending four new clubs.

Finally I wish to express my gratitude to the lions of my District who have voluntarily come forward in this hour of great need to support me in increasing our membership in order to achieve my plus 125 target on or before 30th of June 2017. I would like to conclude by reminding you to keep the flag of Centennial Pride flying high as we work together to gain and maintain solid numbers to strengthen our movement.
**September**

- Beach cleaning program & unveiling of two signboards, organized by the L/C of Tangalle.
- "Mastermind Quiz Program" at Hotel Galadari, organized by the L/C of Panadura Central.
- An environmental conservation project in Wadduwa coastal area organized by Region 3.
- World Children’s Day program at Ambalangoda, Batapola Grounds.
- DG meets the Region Chairpersons & Zone Chairpersons.

**October**

- L/C of Moratu Eliya Diamond Stars held their Charter celebration at Randiya Hotel.
- Regional Project at Girls High School, Mt. Lavinia by Region 2 to commemorate World Teacher’s Day.
- "Siyawas Abhimani Lanka Diriya" - World Children’s Day celebrations at Walasmulla.
- World Children’s Day program at Chandrasekera Children’s Home, Panadura, organized by the L/C of Panadura Metro.
- 2nd Cabinet Meeting at Sunshine Inn Hotel, Unawatuna.

“Siyawas Abhimani Diriya Kantha” program - beauty culture, bridal dressing & bridal show held in Beruwala.
Zonal social at Panadura organized by Zone Chairperson of Zone 4.

Multiple District Project on Cancer Awareness at NEI Auditorium & sticker launch.

Senior Citizen ’ s Day at Ambalangoda Pradeshiya Sabha Auditorium.

Inauguration of the Ruhunu University Leo Club, sponsored by L/C of Matara Ruhunu Millennium.

Charter Celebration of the L/C of Galle.

Project at Mathugama by the L/C of Wadduwa Diamond Stars on 22.10.2016

Charter celebration of the L/C of Moratuwa Orient.

Charter celebration of the L/C of Moratuwa Weera Puran Appu Pura Creators together with the inauguration of the L/C of Moratuwa Uyana Centennial on 23.10.2016

Beach cleaning project organized by the L/C of Seenigama.

District U/Ladies project - Blood Donation Camp at YMBA, Ratmalana.

Leo project “Vandanaa” at the Kalutara North temple.

White Cane Day at Katubedda.

Multi Service Project at Lions Activity Centre, Koralawella, organized by Zone 4.

First project of the L/C of Galkissa Centennial held at the Singha Singirithi Pre School, Mt. Lavinia.

“Aqua Legend Swimming Championships” organized by the Leo Club of Future Path Creators.
November

Lions Family Day at Ramboda Falls Hotel.

Checking Eye sight of School children for eradication of sight defects conducted by the L/C of Colombo 04

Fundraiser - A sing-a-long with Annesley, organized by the L/C of Panadura.

Walk for “Diabetes Awareness” commencing from Independence Square & culminating at the BMICH.

Beauty Culture Certificate awarding ceremony at the G/A’s office in Tangalle, organized by the L/C of Tangalle

CGL Program at HOLCIM Auditorium (Siam City).

Day with the Differently Abled Children” in Moratuwa at a cost of over Rs 2 million.

Multi Service Health Camp at HOLCIM premises organized by the L/C of Galle Premium Golden jubilee

Centennial Legacy Project - unveiling of roadside signboard near the Moratuwa University, organized by the L/C of Moratuwa Orient.

District U/Ladies Project “Siyawa Abhimani Lama Diriya” at Ambalangoda

Blood Donation Camp at the Ginthota Praagdhana Bank premises organized by the L/C of Panadura Mahawila.

District Inter Regional Cricket Tournament at BOI Grounds, Koggala.

Fundraiser - A musical show at St. Thomas Boys School - Matara, organized by the L/C of Matara Millenium Ladies.

Charter celebration of the L/C of Moratuwa.
Mass Induction ceremony at Ramada Rannal.

Tree planting project at Weligama around the Borala Reservoir & Multi Service health camp at the Weligama school organized by the L/C of Weligama City & L/C of Weligama Centennial.

District L/Ladies Project “Siyawa Abhimani Suwanaani” at Katubedda.

Charter celebration of the L/C of Dehiwala Mount Lavinia.

Multi Service Health Camp jointly conducted by the L/C of Colombo host and the Leo Club of Colombo (Host).

Two Vein Viewer Machines & two beds were donated to the Matara General Hospital by the L/C of Matara Millenium Ladies.

District L/Ladies Project “Siyawa Abhimani Lama Diriya” at Lions Activity Centre, Koralawella.

Year End concert of the ‘Singha Singithi Pre School’ organized & sponsored by the L/C of Galkissa.

A refurbished ward of the Weligama District Hospital was opened by the L/C of Weligama City at a cost of over 3 million rupees.

Charter celebration of the L/C of Seenigama.

Joint Charter celebration of the L/C of Panadura Central & Panadura Leo Lions.

District L/Ladies Project at Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama at a cost of over Rs 4 million.


“Siyawas Abhimani Singhha Atha Hitha Program” and community health care services organized by the L/C of Unawatuna.
Regional Project by Region 1 at the Cancer Hospital, Maharagama.

Annual Prize Giving, concert & children’s party of the Scholarship Holders held at the Lions Community Centre, Hikkaduwa, organized by the L/C of Hikkaduwa.

Medical Clinic for Animals, by Lions Club of Kalutara City Creators.

Construction of a house by the L/C of Moratu Eliya Diamond Stars.

Distribution of reading books to Thuduwa Reading Library by the L/C of Panadura Heroes.

Donated a laptop to a student by the L/C of Hikkaduwa.

Distribution of Schools Books and other Stationary, organized by the L/C of Panadura Heroes.

Canada Foster Scholarship Holders get-together & meeting.

Multi Service Health Camp organized by the L/C of Tangalle.

Project for Relieving Hunger organized by the L/C of Panadura Golden Jubilee.

Sponsored a X’mas party of a pre-school by the L/C of Colombo 4.

“A Serving the Elders”, a continuous project by the L/C of Moratuwa Weerapuran Appu Pura Creators.

Awareness Program for three wheeler drivers at Ahungalla Police Station organized by the L/C of Ahungalla Diamond Stars.
Message from the Editor

It is indeed encouraging to note the endeavours made by our District Governor to reach the summit of service in this Centennial Year, and equally heartening to see the tremendous response forthcoming from the Lions and Lion Ladies of our district.

My gratitude and thanks, once again, to my team-mate L/Gayathri Hewawithana for her untiring efforts to obtain the relevant photographs and to our First Lady Davika Gunawardena for her faithful record of events.

The excellent prowess in printing exhibited by L/Keerthi Gunawardena and his team must certainly be mentioned and acknowledged.

As members of a movement dedicated to serve, the following quote epitomizes the value of deeds both big and small -

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." - Mea West.

Lion Sharleene Liyanage

Upcoming Events

01. Camilla Day at Camilla School, Mattagoda.................................................. Sat, 4th February 2017
02. School Band Competition at A.P Liyanage Grounds, Attidiya........................... Fri, 18th February 2017
03. Lions Super Star (Season 2) .............................................................................. Sun, 19th February 2017
04. Sing-along with Annesley Malewana at Singera Club ..................................... Fri, 24th February 2017
05. Lion Ladies Fund Raiser at Ramada Ranmal Hotel, Moratuwa ....................... Sat, 25th February 2017
06. Mass Induction in Galle ................................................................................. Sun, 26th February 2017
07. Siyawas Abimani Sisu Nena Waduma .......................................................... Fri, 3rd March 2017
08. Sing-along with Marians at BMICH ............................................................... Sat, 4th March 2017
09. Centennial Parade ......................................................................................... Sat, 11th March 2017
10. Women's International Day at Dakshinarama Temple ................................. Fri, 24th March 2017
11. Siyawas Abimani Vanitha Suwa Sewa Programme ........................................ Sat, 25th March 2017

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Ceremonial Sessions
Saturday, 29th April 2017 at 2.00 p.m.
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Business Sessions
Sunday, 30th April 2017 at 9.00 a.m.
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