Message from the District Governor

I am pleased to send this message on the occasion of the 12th Annual District Convention of Lions District 306A1. The annual district convention is remembered as the most significant event in Lions Club history, providing an opportunity to receive accolades and enjoy fellowship. When our District Governors have a great chance to connect with district members, learn about new initiatives, and encourage each other to continue serving for the betterment of our communities. This convention needs to be very special due to the exciting events to make our 12th convention a great success.

The theme of the convention is “Glorious 2017.” We plan to conduct activities through the theme of “Glorious 2017.” We plan to conduct several activities such as a Founder’s Day celebration, a书画 exhibition, a fashion show, and a grand finale, which will be a gala dinner and dance. These activities will be held in a grand style on Saturday, 29th April 2017.

To celebrate the occasion, our district also lines up various programs and service challenge projects to enrich the lives of people from our community, especially the young, the poor, and the underprivileged. The projects aim to increase the membership of the Club and make it more accessible to all.

This year, we have invited several social workers and NGOs to join our celebration and participate in the service challenge projects. We have also included several children and young people to participate in the activities.

I am confident that the district convention will be a memorable event for all who attend. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Lioness International President 2007/08

MADHUMALA AMARASINGHE

Celebrating Lions Centennial

Since 1917 - Where there's a need, there's a Lion

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Message from President

To last a 100 years and to grow in a remarkable manner of over 1.4 million members in over 47,000 clubs in 210 countries is an achievement that Lions of the World can be proud of. The principle of Lions membership, wherein Lionism was developed in 1917, is also immensely profound. Lions have been active in which we have reached out to 41,800,000 members in around 500 clubs and to become one of the largest service organizations.

Our club in Trincomalee in Sri Lanka 306A1 under the leadership of the Centennial District Governor 2016-2017, Sirimalwatte Malavika, has been much involved in carrying out numerous projects at District and Club level, including the setting up of a Diabetes Detection and Information Centre of the Panadura Gift of Sight Foundation through which Lions are involved in many eye-care projects including cataract surgeries.

We have already planned to carry out many programmes through schools to educate our younger generations of danger of smoking and other harmful habits in order to work as a joint team to do our best in combating these problems more effectively. This year our Lions club with the guidance of our beloved Lioness International President for 2007/08 Madhumala Amarasingshe has successfully organised several successful projects. This year our Club successfully conducted a number of Lions Lady service projects. We are very much grateful to all the technical staff and the members that have contributed to our service activities.

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DR. DHAMISHA K. PILIPERTHI

CENTRAL DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2016/17

Message from Project Chairperson

I take pleasure in sending this message to the Specially Children, Daily News. I would like to thank President Lioness President Dr. Dhamisha K. Piliperti, the President for his generous support in handling the News Paper.

Supplement for this year. I just included a glimpse of the projects and the community service undertaken by the club during the year. Let me express my gratitude to all the clubs in this District who contributed by submitting articles for publication.

As you can see from the supplement, the project that has immensely benefitted the community in our district and beyond. We should appreciate the efforts of our members. The club continues to do excellent work.

I take this opportunity to thank our Nidahathena, Daily News and Maha Daily for their support extended to prepare this supplement.

My wish for all Lions to join me in wishing a very happy and successful year ahead.

May the Triple Gem bless you all !!!

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KEERTHI GUNAWANANDA

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LIONS SUPPORT FIGHT AGAINST DIABETES

The World Health Organization estimates that over 422 million people worldwide have diabetes, a growing world-wide epidemic that is expected to affect over 642 million by 2030. Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) now account for 71% of all deaths, the leading cause of death in Sri Lanka, and is emerging as a major non-communicable health challenge. Diabetes prevalence in Sri Lanka stands at 7.3% (Males) & 8.4% (Females) of the overall population. At present, one in 12 adults in the country suffers from diabetes, which totals to 1.16 million. (IDF Diabetes Atlas VII edition / WHO DM country profiles 2018). There was a marked variation in the province-specific prevalence of diabetes with the highest (18.6%) in the Western and the lowest (8.9%) in the Uva province. The Southern province has a diabetes prevalence of 12.2% (P. Kandurange et al 2015) affecting over 300,000 people from a population of 2.44.752. (Department of Census & Statistics, 2012).

The Lions District 306 A1 has been actively involved in Diabetes Prevention & Control Programs over the years. A Diabetes Centre was donated to the Basu Hospital Pandanawela. Every year the WDIO was commerated with many activities and a Walk. It has worked closely with the ‘Control the Diabetes’ Project, District 306 A1. The Lions Club, Diabetes Association of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Medical Association, Sri Lanka College of Endocrinologists etc. In 2014-15 A Project titled “Strengthening and supporting capacity building and community mobilisations for Healthy Lifestyle Cures in selected districts” was very successfully carried out by the Lions District 306 A1, which was funded by the World Health Organization. The Lions celebrated the World Diabetes Day 2016 by joining the NATIONAL DIABETES WALK 2016 in Sri Lanka organized by the College of Endocrinologists and the NCD Unit of the Ministry of Health. His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena the President of the Democratic, Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Minister of Health, many parliamentarians, government officials and a large number of the general public took part in this occasion. A large cross section of the society including LIONS, Lions Ladies, LEOs, medical professionals, teachers, nurses, physiotherapists, celebrities, politicians and many others joined the walk on this occasion along with a large number of Lions and Lassos.

Lions around the world have been changing lives for 100 years through humanitarian services. Lions District 306 A1 in Sri Lanka is commemorating this centenary inaugurated a CENTENNIAL DIABETES SCREENING, DETECTION AND AWARENESS CENTRE” at the Gift of Sight Hospital premises Panadura on the 06th April 2017.

LION DR. SARATHI SAMA RRAGE MIF
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN DIYABETES AWARENESS

LIONS CLUB OF COLOMBO 04 (DIST 306 A.1) RENOVATES MASKELIYA HOSPITAL

The Lions Club Of Colombo 04, District 306 A.1, commemorating 100 years of Global Lions, led by President Lasantha Kanisuga, delivered a Lions Legacy Project by renovating and refurbishing the Ward no 05 at the District Hospital, Maskeliya at a cost of Rs. 1,00,000/- on 1st April 2017, in the presence of a large gathering, including the Members of the Colombo 4 Lions, Region and District Chairs, the DPO of the Hospital Dr. D.W. Jayatilaka and the others.

Speaking at the event, Las President Adikka Kanisuga noted that the hospital despite its imposing buildng, appeared to lack, both supplies and staff. Such circumstances needs the Lions to select this hospital for renovation, though in a small way. He also noted that Maskeliya being as was with a significant Tamil population present, this event is also intended as a project for promoting Ethnic harmony and reconciliation in the country.
LIONS CLUB OF COLOMBO HOST
-the oldest club in Sri Lanka is 59

This year the Lions Clubs International is celebrating the centennial year (100 years of existence). When the Lions Clubs International began it was comprised of 40-year-old clubs and the oldest club in Sri Lanka is also 59 years old. The Colombo Host is one of the first clubs in the world to be established in 1958.

Lioness Kherli - How did the Colombo Host club come to Sri Lanka

Lioness Barcher - In Pakistan once we auditioned and one of my Pakistani friends invited me to his Lions club meeting. The meeting was very interesting and I was very impressed. I asked the details of the Lion Club from my friend. He told me the details and how they serve the less fortunate people in the country by doing many projects to benefit them. I was very much interested and I asked him can I start a Lions Club in Sri Lanka? His reply was yes. Then I asked him how? He explained me the process to start a club and gave me all the documents required to start a club in Sri Lanka.

Qu: Where did you start the club?

Barcher - How long you took to start the first club after coming from Pakistan?

I spoke to few of my friends, explored about the Lions Club concept and told them we can start the first club in Sri Lanka. Many of my friends were interested. I managed attract some of my friends and started the first club within about 3 months. After I returned to Sri Lanka I started to prepare the structure for the first club in Sri Lanka on the 28th April 1959.

Qu: Who are the first day (quarter) members living to date?

McMillen - Lion Barcher, Rajendran & Lion Zohi basically said.

Barcher - Being the oldest club in Sri Lanka has grown to many members from different fields.

Yes certainly we manage to produce 5 governors including the first governor in Sri Lanka. They are: 1960-61 Lion K. Sarathchandra 1961-62 Lion Zain Markey 1962-63 Lion Shobhita Calarellu 1963-64 Lion Stanley Jayawardena 1973-74 Lion Manjusha Gunasekara

Qu: Was said at your young days you attend almost all the meeting and club projects in your club. Is that correct?

Yes I attended all the meetings and club projects. In case I forgot of the country I attend at least one visitation in the country for about 3 years and stopped attending regularly only twice. I was ill health and prevented me to come travelling out of the house.

Qu: If you are all health and cannot travel out from the house. How did you attend these clubs?

This is the centennial year and our club is the oldest club in Sri Lanka. I thought I will inform you on how to run a club and attended this event. I am not able to say my eye sight is also very bad and travelling is very hard for me now.

Qu: Are you happy to attend at this event today? You meet the 1st Vice President of the Lions Club International Lion Dr. Sarosh Ayyubpur and the Past International Presidents Raja Mahendra Amurugadu .

Yes I am extremely happy in attending this event and met them too.

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