Message from The President

The Year 2018 / 2019 has seen many changes in keeping with my theme "Serve with Passion and Enthusiasm." In District 306 A-1 we contributed towards Membership, Leadership and a Lions club is the place where People need growth, People need to learn. In District 306 A-1 we kept our projects to a minimum to encourage the club, when harnessed, unleashes higher levels of joy, happiness, self-worth & sudden-ly becomes possible!

Lions have contributed to the success of the year as a volunteer. The magic in continuing to serve the movement and our Country.

Remark was Lion Rosha Jayasinghe for Leadership, Lion Vijay Timakumara for Service and Lion Lynda Smith for Youth. In the last year, the District has been thanked for its efforts to give leadership to the District through a thirty-year war, a Tsunami and last year's celebrations. But we Lions have been able to make the District to be handed over to the future leaders.

The focus now moves to the Lions Clubs International, headquartered in Evanston, Illinois. The 102 year old Lions Clubs International, has survived over the years, largely because of its resilience for the District Cabinet, when harnessed, unleashes higher levels of joy, happiness, self-worth & suddenly becomes possible!

Lions Clubs have continued to carry out their service projects in their respective areas surrounding their Clubs in District 306 A-1. The District Governor Lion Chandani Withana has done her utmost to administer the District by implementing many changes in keeping with her theme for the year, "Serve with Change &感受到了服务的快乐和能力，以便能够改变。
The Lions Gift of Sight Eye Hospital, Panadura

If Lions in the District 306 A 1 are proud of their impact Image Building Continuous project Lions Gift of Sight Hospital, Panadura (LGOSHP). This hospital has been established on a piece of land given on lease by the Chief Priest of Galagoda, Galagoda, Panadura. The hospital was managed along with great merit that we ask for the blessing of the Noble Triple Crown, the Chief Priest for his kind gesture. Our beloved past leaders to mention a few IP 2007/08 Mahinda Amarasuriya, PC, Maccilla Silva, PDI Upali Jayawardene and PDI Ahey Silva are remembered with a lot of gratitude and appreciation.

Since then we have come a long way with many obstacles and achievements thanks to all the lions of our District and all the patients who obtained services and all the sponsors who have helped us in numerous ways. Today we have reached the level of one of the best free eye hospitals in the whole of the Western Province. It is a matter of pride to all of us.

The Hospital is managed by a Board of Trustees appointed by Lions Clubs International District 306 A1 under the provisions of the Gift of Sight Trust Deed. The Hospital is now registered as a Private Hospital with the Private Health Services Regulatory Commission of the Ministry of Health. Our hospital is now regularly inspected, supervised and certified by the authorities.

We are in the process of upgrading our hospital to a Comprehensive Eye Care Centre with substantial financial assistance from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). This Image Building Continuous Service Project of the District to serve more and more people in the society.

Our hospital conducts diabetes clinics on every Monday and Wednesday mornings to identify Glaucoma and retinopathy patients and refer those patients to our Eye Medical Officers for further treatment. We conduct outreach Eye Camps in rural remote areas and also in schools on our own as well as on requests made by the Lions Clubs. The Mobile Team of the hospital conducts at least two camps in schools every month for low-vision students and provides eye glasses on extraction. The Students with childhood eye diseases, squint amblyopia and those who need specialist’s treatment are referred to our consultants for further treatment. The Students whose parents cannot afford to give spectacles by our hospital free of charge.

Our hospital needs funds to continue these invaluable humanitarian services in eye-related diseases to the poor and the needy patients who cannot afford to meet the cost. As the hospital now operates all seven days of the week, there is no delay in attending to the patients and we wait for long to get these services from other institutions. In order to offer more and more free cataract surgeries the management of the hospitals seeks financial assistance from the Lions Clubs and other larger companies under their CSR programmes, private and public institutions, establishments, individuals and well-wishers.

The project received a ground breaking ceremony in 2018. We are now in the process of upgrading our hospital to a Comprehensive Eye Care Centre. We are very soon to be equipped with these machines or units in operation, we are proud to mention how that we are now capable of handling any eye related defects or diseases such as cataract and glaucoma.

Gone are the days when patients used to wait for long to get these services from other institutions. Our hospital’s continuous project Lions Gift of Sight is a matter of pride to all of us.

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Millions worth of projects in 2018-2019
M. R. Lattif had his early education at Colombo, and later at Carey College, before attaining his G.C.E. (Advance Level) from Balika Vidyalaya, Ratnapura. He hails from a rural village and his parents were villagers too. The successful model is being replicated in other schools in the area. These were connected to volunteers’ contribution is the key to the success of community-wide Internet connectivity. Extensively deploying local and foreign IT specialists, Teachers and become successful students have qualified as Doctors, Engineers, IT professionals, Teachers and become successful students. Due to his tireless efforts his classroom activities. The Lions have decided to honour the youngest individual to receive the Most Exceptional Contributions to Society award. She is the daughter of Mr. Nanda Wanninayaka Rajapakse and Mrs. R. Jayasinghe. She is a 18 year old student from Sumana Balika Vidyalaya, Ratnapura, District 306 A-1.

NSB has introduced a futuristic solution that enables anybody to purchase Horizon Academy franchises and run them with the same quality standards of the first franchise. NSB Academies that are already operating. The study for the new franchise will sustain the existing academies. Mr. Rajapakse is probably the most dynamic and efficient person to achieve the most exceptional out-of-the-box thinking enlightening the Minuwangodya village and its fringe. The horizon foundation has branched out to Horizon Lanka, Horizon India to Sinhalese, Tamil, Multilingual. The foundation has branched into a $100 million project. The decision to expand this project is the dream of Nanda Wanninayaka Rajapakse, the wife of Mr. M. R. Lattif. She is a pioneer member of STF since 5th of February 1984, and trained on counter revolutionary and counter terrorism operations, by Keeni Meeni Special Task Force (SFT), the elite para – military organisation of the Sri Lanka Police. As a member of Special Task Force (STF), he led para – military operations across the STF area (Sri Lanka) and based on counter revolutionary and counter terrorism warfare and protective security operations, by Royal Wine Services (SRW), backed communist Counter Terrorism Specialists from the legendary S.W. Divisional Commandant of Special Air Services (SAS).

The STF is a joint venture of the Sri Lanka Police and the President of Sri Lanka. He was finally given an extension of duty and moved to the nerve centre of Special Task Force, the Supreme Headquarters of STF Commandant – Special Task Force. He achieved the rank of Commissioner of Special Task Force (STF), the elite para – military organisation of the Sri Lanka Police. As a member of Special Task Force (STF), he led para – military operations across the STF area (Sri Lanka) and based on counter revolutionary and counter terrorism warfare and protective security operations, by Royal Wine Services (SRW), backed communist Counter Terrorism Specialists from the legendary S.W. Divisional Commandant of Special Air Services (SAS).

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