

Lions International (LCIF) Disaster Relief to the Eastern Province Flood Victims

Recent floods in Batticaloa, Valachchenai, Kalmunai, Akkaraipattu and Pottuvil displaced thousands of families, and Lions were the first on the disaster scene giving much needed relief by way of dry rations, medicines, mats, and other vital material for immediate survival and sustenance of displaced families.

The International Associations funding are Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was swift to respond with relief aid of Rs. 1.16 million (US\$ 10,000) and although roads from Colombo were impassable Lions Clubs of Batticaloa, Eravur Chenkalady, Kalmunai, Valachchenai, Eastern University, Kaluwanchikudy, Akkaraipattu and Pottuvil rose to the challenge and gave immediate relief. District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddevithana who visited nine areas covered by the Lions Clubs in the Eastern Province with relief material in a 36 hour round trip from Colombo said he received many phone calls and letters from Government Ministers, Mem-



District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddevithana handing over dry rations for distribution to the President of Lions Club of Eravur - Chenkalady Lion S. S. Prabananthan. Also in the picture Region Chairman for the Eastern Province Lion Noble Maryaseelan with some flood victims in Chenkalady.

bers of Parliament for the Province with words of praise on the speed of and Divisional Secretaries giving response and the high impact made



District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddevithana and Lions of Eravur Chenkalady with the flood victims who gathered to benefit from LCIF funded relief programme.



Rev. Father Lion Santhan Emmanuel of Lions Club of Akkaraipattu hands over flood relief in the presence of District Governor Lion Dr. Priyanka Baddevithana, Cabinet Secretary Lion Gamini Jayasinghe, and Zone Chairman Lion S. Sasendran and the Lions of Akkaraipattu, Kalmunai and Pottuvil.



Zone Chairman Advisory meeting of Lions District 306 A1 Region 05 Zone 02 was held at Neptune Hotel Moragalla, Beruwala. Here Zone Chairman Lion Milan Indrajith addressing the meeting. Region Chairman Lion. Sriyatha Rajakaruna, Chief Co-ordinator Lion Siri Ariya Perera, Project Co-ordinator Lion Dolitha Rancheegoda and Chief Co-ordinator Lion. J. Muthumuni are at the head table.



Animal Awareness lecture by Dr. S. Anandapragasham Bsc Veterinary Surgeon, organised by Lions Club of Colombo Waters' Meet was held recently at St. Anthony's College hall Vivekananda Hill Colombo. The picture shows Rev. Brother Augustin Principal Dr. Anandapragasham Lion S. Lonappan Lion Ranjith Chelliah Lion Sri Pathmaraj Lion Edmund Fernando and Lion Jude participating at the function.



Picture by M. A. R. Manukulasooriya, Hiriyala group correspondent Wheel Chairs were donated to ten disabled persons in the Nikaweratiya area by the Nikaweratiya Lions Club recently. This donation was made at a function held at Malabendiya village. Here Lion W. B. Navarathne, President of Nikaweratiya Lions Club presenting a wheelchair to a disabled woman. Lions H. M. A. Karunaratne and H. M. Chaminda are also in the picture.

Mega Service Project by Lions Dist. 306B2

The second anniversary of the Ram-muthugala-Kirillawala Traders' Association was marked with a multi service project in combination with the Lions Clubs - Kelaniya Metro, Biyagama, Biyagama North and Kelaniya.

The day's programme included eye clinics, dental, medical camps, blood donation, processing of Identity Cards and general health clinics. Over 1500 people benefitted by the project. District Governor, 306B-2, Lion



Zone Chairman - 306B-2, Lion Nimal Senadheera lights the oil lamp to commence the project. Also in the picture is Ranjith Kodikara, President Ram-muthugala-Kirillawala Traders' Association.

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to join Lions Club in providing services to the needy.

Over 1500 visitors who attended the multi-service project were served with refreshments.



District Governor - 306B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual presenting a pair of spectacles to a needy person. Region Chairman, Lion S. K. Ravindran and President, Lions Club of Biyagama North, Lion Paranamana are also in the picture.



A patient being examined by a doctor at the Health Camp.



International President Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya pinning the medal on Lions Charter Member A.R.M. Zain, at the Charter celebrations of the Lions Club of Galle, held recently.



Lions club of Grandpass made a cash donation of Rs. 100,000 to Gokulam Children's Home, Wattala. In the picture (left) District Governor, 306 B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual presenting the cheque to Swarnajee Karthal Das, Principal of the Home. President, Lions Clubs of Grandpass, Lion P. Flavindranatha and Deputy Cabinet Treasurer, Lion S. Mahendran are also in the picture.

Batticaloa Lions celebrate Christmas with children

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The annual Christmas fiesta for the children was celebrated by the Batticaloa Lions at the Lion centre with great enthusiasm and festivity. The entire program of events were staged by the children which included dance, vocal songs, music racial, instrumental music and English songs.

All the events received mammoth applause and appreciation from the audience. Christmas gifts were given to all the children present at this function.

Kalaimamani master Sivalingam the professional story narrator addressed the children coupled with a sense of honour and amusement but with educational and religious ethical values.

Lion President Dr. T. Jayasingam welcomed the children Lion, Lion Ladies and other participants while Rev. Fr. Lion Paul Saktunanyagam blessed the celebration with an inspiring message of benediction.

Toastmasters Speak off the Cuff

Aerobics Toastmasters Club will hold its meeting "Speak off the Cuff" on Friday, January 18 at Girls' Friendly Society Hall, Colombo.

For registration call Romayne Dias on 575227, 2575728 or 0722-48827.

Lions District 306 A2 Essay Competition

SARATH MALALASEKERA

The annual essay competition on prevention of HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse organised by the International Association of Lions Clubs - District 306 -A2 will be held this year, for the sixteenth time.

Since this year being the Golden Jubilee year of Lionism in Sri Lanka and also being the year where our own highly respected Lion Leader Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya MJF is at the helm of the Lions Clubs International as it's International President.

"We have decided to offer attractive cash prizes to the first three winners in each medium (winner Rs.10,000, first runners-up Rs.5,000 and second runners-up Rs.2,500), on each topic in addition to beautiful trophies and certificates," said Lion S. Ramachandran MJF, the co-ordinator of the essay

contest program. First three schools from which most number of entries are received will get gift vouchers to purchase books or sports material.

Sri Lanka Federation of Non-Governmental Organisations Against Drug Abuse (SLFONGODA) and the Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association (SLANA) which is celebrating its 20th anniversary in November are extending their fullest cooperation and assistance to the Lions Clubs of Dehiwela North which is sponsoring this programme to make this Golden Jubilee year contest a great success.

Participation is open to all school children in the age of 15 to 19 years. The TOPICS are "Youth's roll in building a Drug Free Sri Lanka and "Youth's responsibility in preventing

the spread of HIV/AIDS, in all three languages.

Conditions - Essays should not exceed 06-A4 size pages (preferably on one side of the sheet) and not less than five pages.

They could be either hand written or typed. Certification by the Principal is a must in respect of the date of birth and to the effect that they enter if the original work of the student.

Name and address of the student (including residential address). Participants can enter their essays on one topic or they should be separate entries. Decision of the panel of Judges is final and no correspondence will be entertained and script will not be returned.

Mailing Address - District Chair-