

# Dist 306 A2 - Lions' "Sinhabimani" Road Parade

## A big success

Under the theme of Lions International President Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya's "Challenge to Change" Region Chairman Lion Mohan Withanage organised a "Sinhabimani" Road Parade at Borelegamulla Chief Guest was District Governor 306 A2 Lion Kamal Seneviratne and his Lion Lady Delrusa.

A large number of Lions participated and the concept which turned out to be a glittering event. The parade began from Devalamulla and ended at Borelegamulla Maha Vidyalaya.

Over 15 Lions Clubs and four Leo Clubs took an active part. They numbered over one thousand.

Under the Lions Image build up program, another very successful cycle race was conducted by the Lions in which a large number of youth participated. The day's programme included multi service projects

including distribution of uniform material and school books for students, Eye Screening and distribution of spectacles to elders, Health Camps and blood donation camps, wheelchairs to disabled, Kalubowilla Leos Club distributed food items, and also carried out a fund raiser.

District Governor, 306 A2 Lion Kamal Seneviratne installed a new Leos Club of Egadiwatte where 25 Leos were inducted.



District Governor, Lion Kamal Seneviratne and his first Lady Delrusa participating in the parade.



District Governor gives the start for the cycle race. Pix: Beverley Jansz



The parade float with International President Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, District Governor, Lion Kamal Seneviratne, and DG's three-dimension Logo.



District Governor Lion S. Raghavan, his Lady Lion Ranjini and PID Chuck Wijenathan being conducted to the hall by Club President Lion Mevan Algama and his President Lions Club of Wattala and Lion Lady Vinodini.

At a grand meeting held at the Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha building on the 15th March, Lions Club of Wattala announced the candidature of Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe for the office of Vice District Governor for the year 2008/09.

In keeping with the International Presidents theme, "Challenge to Change" the meeting was conducted by the Lady Lions of the club.

The District Governor Lion S. Raghavan was the Chief Guest and the Guest

of Honour was PID Chuck Wijenathan.

Over 200 Past Council Chairpersons, Past District Governors, Cabinet Officers, Lions & Lion Ladies graced the occasion.

Lion Lakshman is a Lions

## Wattala Lions announce Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe for Vice District Governor 2008/2009



Chairperson of the Announcement meeting, Lion Surani Jayamaha lighting the oil lamp. Lion President, Lion Mevan Algama in also in the picture. Pix: Beverley Jansz



Lion Lakshman making his address. Lady Lion Dr. Anoma and daughter Ruwanthi are in the background.

Club of Wattala who joined the Club in 1988. He has been a very active Lion for the last 20 years. He has initiated many programmes through the club which has

made a great impact towards the community. His Lion Lady Dr. Anoma

has always come forward to give a helping hand to the area is also a Lion Lady who

## Colombo City Lions donate computer centre



A modern Computer Centre was opened at St. Lucia's College Colombo 13, by District Governor 306B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual project Chairman Lion Jonston Fernando President Lions Club of Colombo city Lion S. Puspaparan, and Principal of the School, Rev. Fr. Jayantha Wickramasinghe and District Co-ordinator, Lion Robert Fernando.

District Governor, 306 B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual lights the oil lamp to open the centre. Grace Fernando mother of Lion Fernando brothers of the Lions Club of Colombo city, who donated this music and art room to St. Anthony's Boys Maha Vidyalaya, Colombo 13, Principal of the school, Rev. Fr. Augustin are also in the picture.



## Opening of the art and music centre at St. Lucia's College, Colombo 13



Chief guest, District Governor, 306 B2, Lion Mahesh Pasqual being conducted in procession to the venue by vice Dist Governor, Lion P. Jayarajan Clubs President, Lion S. Puspaparan and Principal of the School, Rev. Bro. Augustin are also in the picture.

## Rotary Club of Colombo - Reducing Burns and deaths through Safe Bottle Lamps

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President Rotary Club of Colombo

The Rotary Club of Colombo the first and the oldest Club in Sri Lanka has pioneered several landmark initiatives over the years in the field of Healthcare through Projects such as Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association (SLANA) to prevent drug abuse, CNAPT to prevent incidence of Tuberculosis and most recently the Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Centre to save lives through early detection of Cancer.

In line with this focus on Prevention, the Club joined hands with the Safe Bottle Lamp Foundation to address the high number of injuries and deaths caused by burns.

According to the Safe Bottle Lamp Foundation injuries are the leading cause of hospital admissions as well as death among children and young adults. In Sri Lanka and in many Asian and African countries, bottle lamp burns account for many of these injuries.

When burns are severe, there is pain for months and later, gross disfigurement. Some lose all fingers and some become blind. When that happens to a rubber tapper, a tea picker, a mason or a plumber is that, the family income is lost. Also many patients die after weeks of suffering.

When the Project was launched in 1992, there were 3 million crude unsafe



Distributing the Safe Bottle lamps



bottle lamps in 1.5 million houses without electricity, causing 6000 to 7000 burn injuries and 120 to 140 deaths annually. Today around 25-30% of Sri Lankan homes still do not have electricity. The Safe Bottle Lamp Foundation under the direction of Surgeon Dr. W. Godakumbura, designed a safe handy and effective lamp which is now being distributed to replace the unsafe lamp. Dr. Godakumbura was in fact awarded the Rolex Award for pioneering this life saving invention. Due to lack of financial resources this Programme has been badly hampered as lamps cannot be given free. The Rotary Club of Colombo has come forward and taken several thousand lamps which are in the process of being distributed

especially women and children suffer horrific injuries even lose their lives due to accidents caused by the use of the unsafe bottle lamp.

It is hoped that with this initiative by the Rotary Club of Colombo some of these disasters could be averted. The Club plans to adopt this as an ongoing Project as there are several thousand households still to be reached which can only be done over a period of time.

The Club has also, together with the Safe Bottle Lamp Foundation, commenced a Programme to prevent such injuries and deaths through education of the public especially in rural areas.

It is planned to do this through Posters, Literature and Awareness seminars at school level, through the healthcare system and mass