

# Colombo Walkers Club to help the blind

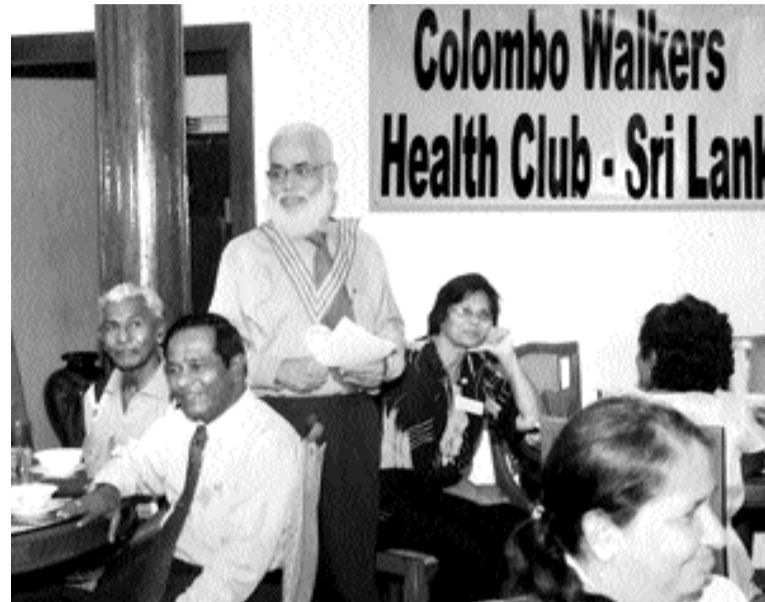
The Colombo Walkers Health Club will donate "Talking watches" and white cane to the council of the Blind on International White Cane Day, which falls

on October 15. Some urgently needed equipment will also be donated to the Intensive Care Unit, said President, Colombo Walkers Health Club, Ashroff Hus-

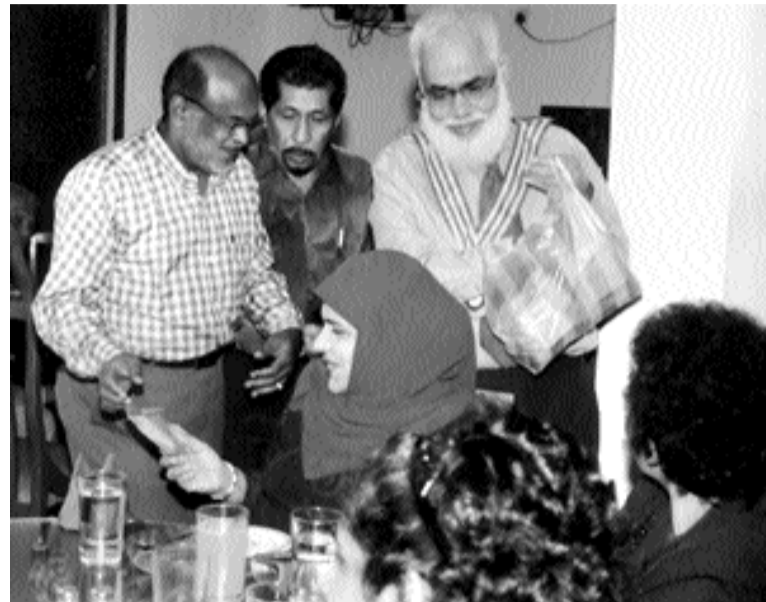
sain. Ashroff was speaking at the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Colombo Walkers Health Club, held at Great Eastern Restaurant, Colombo.

Outlining his service projects, Ashroff said that the club will conduct a fund-raising project in aid of the Accident Service and Council of the Blind.

Further improvements to the Vihara Maha Devi Park too will be undertaken by the Colombo Walkers' Health Club, in the near future he said.



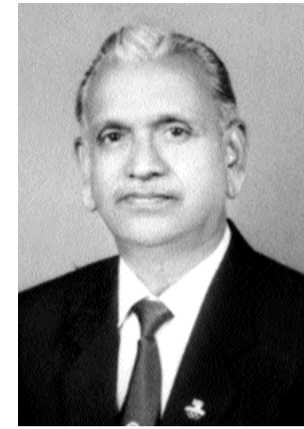
President, Colombo Walkers' Health Club, Ashroff Hussain delivering his keynote address. On his left is club secretary, Shiranee de Silva.



Ashroff Hussain (extreme right) distributing Lapel pins with Committee members Adam Lebbe and H. A. Samoon. Pic Palitha Gunasena

# 15-year Ontario Volunteer Award for Lion Devaraja

Lion C. T. Devaraja, a member Director of the Wishing Well Lions Club of Scarborough, has been awarded the 15-year Ontario Volunteer Award-2008 by Linda Jeffrey, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Ontario, Canada.



Lion Devaraja

The award was presented at the Arcadian Court Toronto. Lion Devaraja was the only Sri Lankan to receive this award out of 213 recipients.

Lion Devaraja, popularly known as "CT" was secretary, Lions Club of Kotahena West, in 1992/93 and on migration to Canada in 1994, was President of the Scarborough Wishing Well Lions Club in 1997/98, now its membership Director for the past five years.

Lion Devaraja is also presently Director of the Toronto Housing Association of the Tenants as well as a member of the Senior Strategic Steering Committee of the Toronto Commu-

nity Housing Corporation. He is the first Asian to serve in this committee.

Lion Devaraja has also served as Director, Metro Tenants Legal Services, Toronto 1996/97, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Ontario Division 1996/97, Representative, Central Hospital Foundation, Ontario, 1998/2001, Council Member, St. Benedict's College Alumni Association, Canada, 1994/96 and

2002/2004, Director Men's Ministry, Tamil Christian Church of Canada 1999/2001 and 2003/2004 and General Secretary, Sri Lanka Irrigation Officers' Association of Canada 2001/2003 and 2005/2007.

While in Sri Lanka "CT" was a veteran sportsman, sports administrator, social service and religious worker. He is remembered for his contribution to sports in Sri Lanka, both as a player and organiser-cum administrator.

"CT" was the founder secretary of the Trincomalee Cricket and Athletic Association as well as the Trincomalee Football Referees Association. He was also responsible for organising the first-ever sports festival in Trincomalee in 1960 and 1961.

Lion Devaraja was appointed a JP in 1988. He was also a Radio and TV commentator for the 1991 SAF Games.

# Wickramapura Lions to conduct Multi-service projects

The inaugural meeting of the Lions Club of Wickramapura, for the Lionistic year 2008/2009 was held at Sanora Hall, Thalawathugoda, with District Governor 306 C1 Deshabandu Lion Dires Hettiarachchi as the chief guest.



President, Lions Club of Wickremapura, Lion Vernon Dabara delivering his keynote address. Pic Beverley Jansz



District Governor 306C1, Deshabandu Lion Dires Hettiarachchi presenting the Governor's badges to Lions of the Wickramapura Lions Club.

Addressing a gathering of distinguished guests, Lions and Lion Ladies, President, Lions Club of Wickremapura, Lion Vernon Dabara outlined his programme of service for the needy, for his lionistic year. He thanked the members of his club for taking an active part at his first service project at Prithipura Home and Chil-

dren's Home, Wattala, which was a big success. We are planning to carry out around 100 cataract opera-

tions free for the needy, eye screening camps, free medical camps and many more service projects in the near

future, Lion Vernon Dabara said. He requested the support of his members for the success of these service pro-

jects. District Governor 306C1, Deshabandu Lion Dires Hettiarachchi also addressed the gathering.



Seated from left - Jeremy Weerasinghe (Immediate Past President), Charmanie Richards (Vice President - Education), Mancius Paiva (Patron - DGM - HR & Admin), Kingsley Nagarajah (President), Sumedha Ranathunga (Vice President - Membership) Standing from left: Cedric Kanagasundram (Secretary), Nadeesh Corea (Vice President (Public Relations), Moditha Attanagoda (Treasurer), Mohamed Azhar (Sergeant-at-Arms)

# Multi service project by Wattala Classic Lions

A multi service project was conducted by the Lions Club of Wattala Classic at St. Cecilia Church, Raddoluwa, with District Governor 306 B1, Lion Nimal Rajapakse as the chief guest. It was organised by President of the club, Lion Janaka Nugera.

Over 400 people attended the project, which included diabetic screening, eye

screening and presentation of spectacles and screening of patients for general health.

from the Ragama Hospital extended their services free.

Neslay Health Care Nutrician Advisor Lalith Ratnayake delivered a lecture on nutrition.

Mackwoods Healthcare Ltd, Glaxo Smithkline and Gamma Pharmaceuticals provided the general drugs free. The project chairperson was Lion Lady Nirosha Nugera.

The 14th year celebration and the selection of the members for the current year of the Lions Club of Vavuniya took place at the Vanni Inn Hotel, Vavuniya. The selected members took oaths before the Lion District Coordinator Lion S. Ramakrishnan.

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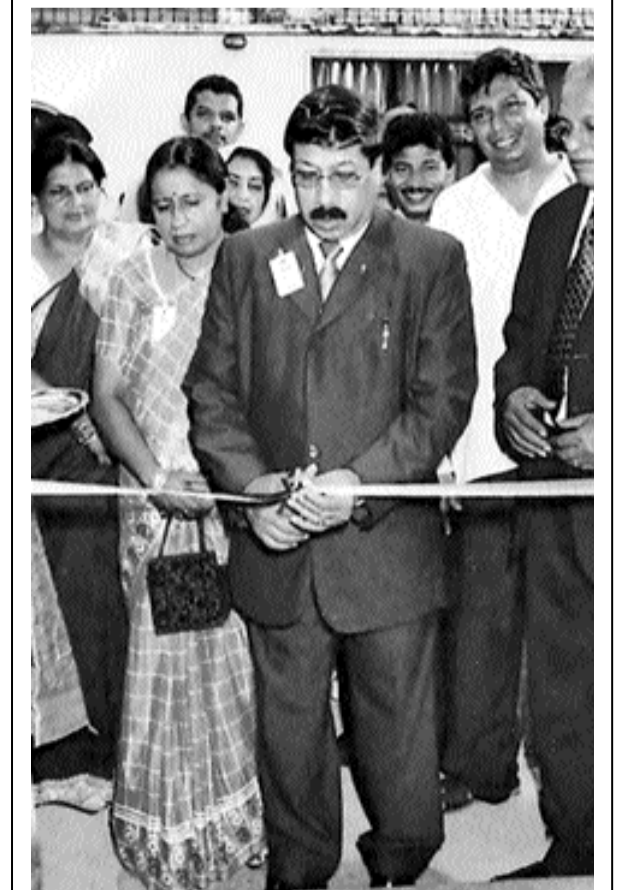


The diabetic screening in progress. Looking on are Rev. Fr. Julius District Governor, Nimal Rajapakse and First Lady Geetha, President, Wattala Classic Lions Club, Janaka Nugera and Zone Chairman, Lion Dr. Seba Jayamaha. Pic Beverley Jansz

# SAARC Children's Art Exhibition

The SAARC Children's Art Exhibition organised in association with Lions District 306B1 was held at the Kingston College International, Mutwal recently. Over 300 Art Exhibits were displayed and over thousand people visited this exhibition.

Awards were presented to the winners of the best 40 exhibits at the BMICH on the World Youth Service Day, on August 16.



Here immediate past District Governor Lion S. Raghavan 306 B1 who was the chief guest opening the SAARC Children's Art Exhibition. Looking on are Lion Dr. T. Kumaravel, Chairman of the Kingston College International and Chairman of the SAARC Youth Art Exhibition and Lion Lady Ranjini Raghavan.

# Lions District 306 C2 in service Eye Screening camp at Embuldeniya



Here District Governor 306C2 Buddheni De Z Gunasekera, PID Asoka De Z Gunasekera and Head of Sight First Sandaka Lenagala at the Eye Screening camp.

Region Chairperson of Region 09 and Head of Sight First Lion Sandaka Lenagala organised an Eye Screening camp and donation of 250 spectacles to the needy

people at the Sri Bodhi Viharaya at Embuldeniya recently.

All clubs in region 09 in association with Sri Lanka Optimist's Association organised this event.

The special feature of this project was using of ultra modern techniques to diagnose the eye problems such as Glucoma, Diabetic Retinopathies,catracts etc..of the patients.

# HNB Toastmasters triumph

Hatton National Bank Toastmasters club was awarded the prestigious "President's Distinguished Club" accolade for 2007/2008. The club was able to achieve all goals set by Toastmasters International USA to obtain this award.

The membership with the able support and guidance of its dynamic committee was able to motivate its members to successfully complete their allocated speech assignments based on projects and leadership programme manuals on time. All other criteria and requirements were met by the club for this period. The sheer enthusiasm and commitment displayed by its membership could be attributed to this success.

During this period the club was also awarded the

Smedley Ribbon by Toastmaster International in recognition of its efforts to augment its membership.

Since the inauguration of its club in November 2003 the club has functioned successfully over the years gathering momentum and contributing immensely towards the self development of HNB staff.

The club meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at its head office and has 30 registered members at present with many others showing keenness to join and partake in its activities. At HNB Toastmasters club we provide tools that enable our members to become effective communicators and develop their leadership skills, President of the club, Kingsley Nagarajah said.

The club has also won several awards during this period at speech competitions organised by Toastmasters Clubs in Colombo and outstations. They were also able to organise educational training programmes for the benefit of other clubs in the area.

The Club is also happy to note that their district 82 has come first in the world for its Toastmasters activities during this period. Furthermore, presently Arunasalam Balraj, a Sri Lankan is at the helm as the District Governor for India and Sri Lanka. This is indeed an honour for Sri Lanka, President, Kingsley Nagarajah said.

HNB membership is dedicated to sharing with others the benefits they have gained by being a Toastmaster.



President Elect Sunil De Silva lights the oil lamp. Looking on are chief guest, Chairman CIC group, and VP Education, B. R. L. Fernando guest of honour, District Governor, District 82, Balraj Arunasalam, Rohan Dias and Priyanga Hapugalla.

# Serendib Toastmasters Club

The Serendib Toastmasters Club had its Installation Ceremony of the club officers for 2008/2009 at the Sasakawa Auditorium, Colombo 3, with B. R. L. Fernando, Chairman, CIC Group of Companies as the Chief Guest and Balraj Arunasalam, District Governor 82, as the Guest of Honour. Among the distinguished gathering that were present were Area & Division Governors and Council Members of Division A & H. At this ceremony the fol-

lowing were installed as club officers for the year 2008/2009. President Sunil de Silva, CC, VP Education (Rohan Dias), VP membership (Lenin Samuel, CC), VP Public Relations (K. Chandrasekaran), Secretary (Dilan Seneviratna), Treasurer (Dhammika Atapattu), Sergeant at Arms (Ravee Selvaraj, CC), Immediate Past President (Priyanga Hapugalle, CC, CL).

Serendib Toastmasters Club was founded in 2004. In the years 2005/2006 &

2006/2007, the club secured Distinguished Club Status, whilst in 2007/2008 it achieved the President's Distinguished Club Status, the highest award a club could get. This club is an open club & a friendly club that helps individuals to develop their communication & leadership skills. The members are from different disciplines & some young whilst the others are experienced & thus each of these categories benefit from the experiences of others.