

Multi Service Health Camp by Lions District 306 C2

DG Buddheni's ten point vision

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In a keeping with District Governor Buddheni Z. Gunasekera's ten point programme a major multi-service health camp was organised by the Lions Club of Homagama at Maskeliya jointly with the Maskeliya Planters Association for over 5000 plantation workers in the plantations in the Maskeliya Division.

The Health Camp was supported by over 25 doctors, optometrists and other health officials, pharmacists in attendance.

Eyes were tested and provided over 1000 reading spectacles, diabetes testing, dental clinic and distribution of wheel chairs.

It was a great show of unity among the Lions and the planters together with the medical team who worked tirelessly over the weekend Saturday and Sunday. Lions spent untold hours during the weekend,



District Governor Buddheni Z. Gunasekera participating at the medical camp with Asoka de Z. Gunasekera International Director and other Lions.

dispensing medicines, food-stuffs etc. The unique feature of the medical camps is that the patients who need long term treatment are being followed up by directing them to specialised hospitals.

It was a display of togetherness last Sunday morning when the medical team arrived at 7.30 a.m. to a line of hundred of patients, old and young. As the medical team filed off the Lions, those waiting in line began to clap. The expression of gratitude from those who were waiting from the early hours of the morning were sincere and inspiring.

Patients were admitted into the clinics in small pre-determined groups with their registration cards rotated with their complications, vision measurements, each patient being examined by doctors, optometrists who verified and modified the prescriptions indicating the needs of medical follow up.

'Prince of Dancing' to be feted



Prince Ratnam

The Prince Ratnam Dancing Club has organised a dinner dance at the Mount Lavinia Hotel on October 18, to felicitate the founder of the dancing club, Prince Ratnam, on the club's 15th anniversary.

In 1993 the Prince Ratnam Dancing Club was formed for social dancing. The first club was formed in Wattala.

Since 1995, the Prince Ratnam Dancing Club is at St. Mary's Church Hall, Dehiwala.

In his school days in Jaffna in the early sixties, Prince showed keen interest in social dancing and was taught his first lesson in dancing by Vevil de Kauwe,

dancing to a large number at his club at St. Mary's Church Hall, Dehiwala at Kandy and at the Medical Faculty, Karapitiya, Galle. Prince has produced many leading and talented dancers.

Prince Ratnam Club of Dancing is now one of the leading dancing clubs in Sri Lanka. This year Prince celebrates the 15th anniversary of his club with a dinner dance at the Mount Lavinia Hotel on October 18, and at Queen's Hotel, Kandy on October 11.

His pupils have made elaborate plans to felicitate their "Guru", 'Prince of Dancing', at a glittering ceremony at Queen's Hotel,

'Flute and Piano' in aid of YWCA



Tilanka and Sureka. At right a section of the audience

Young flutist, 20-year-old Tilanka Jayamanne and Pianist Sureka Amerasinghe thrilled the audience at the Russian Centre Auditorium last week when they presented "Flute and Piano" in aid of social service projects and for a new hostel for the Colombo Young Women's Christian Association.

Both Tilanka and Sureka performed in an honorary capacity for the worthy cause. The audience was spellbound by the virtuosity of the performers, and indeed it was a most memorable evening, especially as it was for a worthy cause. President, YWCA, Manel Abeysekera told the Daily News.

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'Go in search of people's problems' vision of District Governor, 306C1

Deshabandu Lion Diresh Hettiarachchi

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"Do not wait till the problems come to you, but to go in search of the problems of the people and to serve them" is the teaching of Lion's Movement" said District Governor 306C1 Lion Diresh Hettiarachchi speaking at a ceremony held at Sucharithodaya Children's Home, Panunawa, Maharagama recently.

The ceremony was organized by the Lion's Women's Council, Region No. 1 under the patronage of the chairperson Urban Councillor Chandrika de Soysa.

This programme was organised to donate goods, dry ration, articles and equipment needed to the



District Governor, 306C1 Deshabandu Lion Diresh Hettiarachchi discusses the problems of Sucharithodaya Children's Home with his officers and the staff of the institution.

children of the Children's Home. Rs. six lakhs worth of goods, bed-sheets, towels, and other linen, mattresses and clothing were gifted.

"Tooth pastes, brushes, fruits, stationery and many other things were donated to the residents of the Home. Senior lecturer of Colombo University Daya Rohana Athukorala delivered a lecture on leadership and career guidance. Morning tea, mid-day refreshments, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner for 269 residents were supplied by the Lion Clubs.

A tree planting campaign was held under the patronage of District Governor



District Governor, 306C1, Deshabandu Lion Diresh Hettiarachchi and first Lady, Chandima at the tree planting program.

306C1, Diresh Hettiarachchi to mark the World Environment Day.

A magic show, a variety show of the residents, and sports meet were also held to recreate the residents.

The programme was co-ordinated by Lion Daya

Weerasinghe and Nilanthi Jayasuriya of the Women's Council. Former Governors Lion W.M.S. Wijesundara and Lion Amara Dissanayake and Provincial Councillor Lion Isura Dewapriya also graced the occasion.

Leo district 306 C-2 Installation ceremony



Leo District 306 C-2 Installation ceremony was held at Conimara Hotel, Dehiwala, with Lions District Governor, 306C-2, Buddhei de Z. Gunasekera as Chief Guest. Here DG Buddhei addresses the gathering. Present from left are Cabinet Secretary, Lion A.M. Hashim, Immediate Past President, Rawan Gunasekera, Vice DG Lion Nimal Bulathsinghala, Past International Director, Asoka de Z. Gunasekera, and head of Leo Activities, Prabha Dharmaratne.

Matara Nilwala Lions donate house

A house constructed at a cost of Rs. 450,000 at Kamburugamuwa was donated to a needy family by President of the Matara Nilwala Lions Club Lion H.P.D. Nimalratne. Furniture and other household goods too were donated by members of the Club.

Here District Governor 306A2, Lion S.K. Karunasekera presenting household goods to the recipient of the house. Looking on are Presi-



dent, Lions Club of Matara Nilwala, Lion H.P.D. Nimalratne and Club Secretary Lion Nandasiri Ban-

Lions financial grant for White Cane Day

Lions International District 306A2 together with the Council of the blind has organised a program to mark International White Cane Day which falls on

October 15. The programme will be held at the Public Library Auditorium. Over 600 blind people will participate, Past President, Lions Club of Colombo

West. Lion M. Ashraff Hussain said. Chief guest on the occasion will be District Governor, District 306 A2, S.K. Karunasekera.



Lion District Coordinator, Lion S. Saker hands over a financial grant to Secretary, Council of the Blind, S.L. Hettiarachchi. Looking on are Past President, Lions Club of Colombo West, Lion M. Ashraff Hussain and Administrative Secretary of the Council of the Blind, Ms. Mangala.

Lions District 306C2 - Women Empowerment Projects

The Lions Club of Batticaloa in collaboration with District 306C2 has taken on a worthy project conducting "Schools on Early Childhood" for mothers in Batticaloa and the suburbs.

These schools are being conducted by Lion Prof. M. Selvarajah (Pre & Post-Natal Care) who serves as the Joint District Chairperson along with Lion Lady Kala Mahendrarajah, ably assisted by a supervisory team in the calibre of Lion Dr. Jeysingam and Lions Sivagnanarajah, Thiruvail, Jeyanthan & Lion Viruthasalam and members of the Lions Club of Batticaloa.

The objective of this project is to educate mothers living in these areas on Childcare and Child Development activities, Food & Nutrition, Maintaining good hygiene and cleanliness in and around the home, developing a happy environment at home, instilling in them the importance of Child Welfare and helping them to find ways in increasing the family income.

The selection of villages for this schooling was done in consultation with the Divisional Secretary and 10 villages were identified based on the number of people displaced, conflict affected, tsunami affected, mothers with children etc. 50 mothers were selected from their village, with a total of 500 mothers benefiting from this schooling, which comprised of mini lectures, group activity, presentations, skills training, cookery lessons etc. Training was also provided for Field Assistants with a 10 day residential training camp, where two Field Assistants per village were trained to monitor and observe the homes of the mothers who attended the schooling, keeping a check on the hygiene and cleanliness within the homes; instilling the importance of family and ensuring that the children's needs are looked into and they are brought up in a safe and happy environment.

Monitoring the behaviour of the mothers; listening to their problems and advising them on possible solutions and in general, ensuring that they practice what they have learnt.

The Leo Club of Wekanda District 306 C1, celebrated seven years of service recently at Lions Activity Center Colombo. The celebration was together with the Installation Ceremony for the year 2008/08.

The event was graced by many Leos & Lion Dignitaries including Chief Guest VDG Lion Saliya Kaluarachchi, six new members were also inducted to the Club at the ceremony. The Leo Club of Wekanda in a short period of time has risen to be one of the best

Leo Clubs in the country and certainly will be one of the most active clubs this year as well, under the leadership of Leo Hansika, said MP Leo Ricky Simms. The Club has also produced four District Presidents in the last few years.

The most memorable day was when they won the award for the Most Outstanding Leo Club in the World at the Lions International Convention in Boston in 2006. MP Leo Ricky Simms said.



Lions Clubs International District 306/B2 Governor Lion P. Jayarajan visited the Islamic Centre for the Physically Handicapped, Tihariya recently. Here Governor Jayarajan (extreme left) watching a disabled student with a hearing aid at the centre. Director of the Centre Jiffy Haniffa, Lion Chula, Lion Lady Jayasiritha, Lion Joseph, Lion Asoka and Lion Hemal are also in the picture. Picture by Ruzaik Farooq