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**A** successful Mega Multi Service Project covering 17 service areas was organized and carried out by District 306B1-Region 4, Region Chairperson Lion Dr. Seba Jayamaha with the two zone Chairpersons Lion Shamendra Gunasekera and Lion Mevan Algama.

Eight club presidents Lion Kusumiri Mendis (LC of Wattala), Lion Dinesh Perera (LC of Wattala City), Lion Rajeev Jayatilake (LC of Wattala North), Lion Sulari Cabral (LC of Mabola), Lion Emil Liyanage (LC of Mattumagala), Lion Noel Sahid (LC of Wattala Mid-Town), Lion Janaka Nugera (LC of Wattala Classic), and Lion Hiranjan Perera (LC of Wattala Alliance) at Bandarayanake National School in Hunupitiya Wattala on 12th November. This was the first time such a mega event was organised for such a large community at Regional Level. The members of all eight clubs were present on this day. More than 2500 people from Hunupitiya-Padiyattudawa area benefited from these projects. The Lions' Elle Tournament also drew a very large crowd. The chief guest was the District Governor Lion Nimal Rajapakse accompanied by his Lion Lady Geetha. The Vice District Governor Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe and his Lion Lady Lion Dr. Anoma Wijesinghe, Past Council Chairperson Lion Chithral Amaratunga and his Lion Lady Lion Puspha, Past District Governor Lion Sarath Gunasekera and his Lion

# Caring for the needy 17 service projects in one day



Doctor Anoma Wijesinghe (second from left) and Dr. Saparamadu examining patients. Standing from right, First Lady Geetha, District Governor, Nimal Rajapaksa, Lion Sulari Cabral, President Lions Club of Mabola, and Region Chairperson, Lion Dr. Seba Jayamaha.

Lion Anme and many other Lion dignitaries graced this historic event. N.P. Rohitha Raju of Hunupitiya assisted the Region Chairperson Lion Dr. Seba to carry the message of the services that was to be provided to the people of the area through the MOH office, "Grama Sevakas", "Public Health Inspectors", "Samurdhi Niyamakas" and various other societies in the area. The idea was to find the

people in the area who could not afford and who did not have access to these services. The project was ceremonially inaugurated by hoisting the three flags by District Governor Lion Nimal Rajapakse, Bandarayanake National School Principal, and Divisional ASP Sri Lal Dassanayake. The projects carried out on this day included Agriculture - a home gardening

lecture conducted by Mr. Gunawardena who was sent by District Chairperson Lion Ganimi Karunaseena and six varieties of vegetable seeds were distributed to 100 selected families. Citizenship Services - the dogs in the area were vaccinated against rabies by the Health Department Officials. Diabetes Awareness & Prevention - a valuable diabetes awareness lecture was conducted to commemorate the

diabetes month by Lion Dr. Maitreya Perera and 150 people were screened for diabetes. Drug abuse/Lions Quest - lectures were conducted by District Chairperson Lion Amutha Gobalan organised by District Coordinator Lion Roshini Camilulu to 150 O/L & A/L students of Bandarayanake School and certificates awarded for the participants. Education - valuable books were donated to the school



Lion Amutha Gobalan, District Chairperson conducting the Lions Quest Programme to 150 O/Level and A/Level students of Bandarayanake National School.



At the prizegiving of the Lions Elle Tournament - from right N.P. Rohitha, Region Chairman, Lion Dr. Seba Jayamaha, Zone Chairman, Lion Shamendra Gunasekera, Lion Dinesh Perera, Lion Mangala Rodrigo and Lion Buddhika Marasinghe.

library, Environment Protection - an awareness program was conducted to inform the people about garbage disposal and how to make compost using refuse collected in their houses. Health - doctors examined over 300 underprivileged people from the area from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm and dispensed drugs to the needy. Lion Dr. Anoma Wijesinghe did a marathon job examining the bulk of the patients. Under Human Rights - a informative program was conducted on Women's Rights by Attorney-at-Law Shiroini Fernando was organised by

District Coordinator Lion Rohini Silva. National Amity - a Catholic and a Buddhist priest spoke of the importance of bringing up children by inculcating proper values, guiding them in the correct path which was a very necessary aspect in today's fast moving world. Road Safety & Accident Prevention - a very informative and timely program was conducted by the OIC Traffic of Wattala Police to the students of Bandarayanake School and another program by the Sri Lanka Army Bomb Disposal Unit to the adults. Sight

Conservation - over 500 people were screened and 400 calibrated spectacles were distributed to the needy. Sports and Recreation - a Lions invitational Elle Tournament was sponsored by the Regional Clubs where the four best teams of Sri Lanka participated. Village Adoption - 4,000 chicks were distributed to over 300 families.

This project was carried out by Regional Clubs jointly with Lions Club of Delatura-Judella. The District Chairperson, Lion Sulari Jayalath supplied all the chicks free-of-charge to the Region 4 clubs. Another valuable one-to-one consultation was conducted by the 4 medical students of Sri Lanka Medical College, Colombo to the expectant mothers. Youth Empowerment & Outreach - very informative Career Guidance Program was conducted by Mr. Sajsewa Kalaitake of Vocational Training Authority of Sri Lanka. Publicity and Public Relations - Two hundred posters and 1000 handbills were printed by the Region to give publicity to the Mega Project. Working with Government and Non-Government Organisations - To organize an event of this magnitude Lions from Regional clubs joined hands with many Government and Non Governmental Organisations. The Nestle Company provided complimentary 1,000 cups of "Maggi" soup to the participants of the project which was organized by District Coordinator Lion Calistus Jayatilake.

The commitment, responsibility and dedication of Lions of all eight clubs were highly commendable. The joint effort made the event a memorable and unique one.

## Colours of Dream by JCISL Kollupitiya

**T**he 54th JCI National Convention was held at Galadari Hotel, with Rosy Senanayaka as the chief guest. This event was organised by the Kollupitiya Chapter which has organised many conventions and mid-year conferences. JC Ruwan Senanayaka, Convention Director outlined the activities of JCI movement and the service projects carried out. He also stated that JCI world wide is conducting programmes to eradicate malaria, from the globe by providing bed nets, to the needy and also aligning themselves with the millennium development goals. JCISL Kollupitiya and Gampaha bagged most of the awards at the convention.



Guests were welcomed by charming JC Kavitha de Silva JC Anusly Sittampalam and JC Sunangie Sittampalam.



JC Sumeda Alahakoon receiving an award from Rosy Senanayaka. Looking on are JCI Senator Niroshan Silva National President and JCI Mohamed Fatzal.



Secretary General JC Dakshina Gunaratne lights the oil lamp. Looking on are JC Ruwan Senanayaka, JC Praneeth Peiris and JC Sumeda Alahakoon and JCI Senator Niroshan Silva, National President. Pix by Beverley Jansz

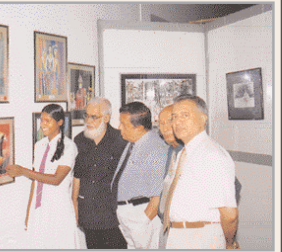
## Child Art- A big attraction

**T**he Child Protection Society Ceylon, in Association with the Royal Commonwealth Society, Sri Lanka, held an exhibition of Child Art and paintings donated by reputed artists, on Sunday 16th November at the National Art Gallery.

Chief guest at this occasion was Acting High Commissioner of Australia Sophia Mc Intyre. There were twenty eight child artists from the CPS boys' home in Maharagama, and CPS girls home Rukmale of Athurugiriya from Panipitiya who took part. Reputed artists donated eighteen paintings. Frederick Mendis, Pres. RCS Sri Lanka, conducted an auction sale of these. The proceeds will be utilised for improvement of the two homes.

The Royal Commonwealth Society - Sri Lanka, in keeping with their theme, "Younger Generation, the future leaders of tomorrow", has been taking the lead in many youth activities in Sri Lanka. We are assisting them in their skills and teaching them to build confidence in these activities, said S. Yogendranath, Secretary of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Sri Lanka. This is the second such event, which follows the well attended Commonwealth Essay - Award Ceremony, held at the Taj Samudra Hotel, in October. Over 400 participants took part in this ceremony.

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Padmini Sinniah Subramaniam of Rukmale Maha Vidyalaya explaining some of her prize winning drawings to IPP (RCS) Tissa Jayaweera, President RCS, Fred Mendis, Treasurer, M. Ashroff Hussain and Secretary RCS, S. Yogendranathan.

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the child art paintings fetched a total price of over Rs. 1.5 million.

### Inter-school Quiz Contest



Finals of the Inter Schools Quiz Contest was held at the Auditorium of the D.S. Senanayake College OBA Auditorium. Winners were First Place - Royal College, 2nd place Thurston College & Third Place Horana Taxila College. Here District Governor 306 A2 Lion S.K. Karunasekara presenting the certificates to the winners. Also in the picture are Lion Sepathi Senewirathna project chairperson (also the President of Lions Club of Havelock Town) and Past District Governor Lion Neil Senewirathna.



Distribution of dry rations and blankets to the victims of the recent floods at Baddegama & Nagoda by the Lions Club of Galupura Metro District 306 A2, at a service project. Club President Panjan Masakoralia distributing the dry rations

### A hand to serve the Orphans in need

On November 6, an evening of fun and fellowship was organised for 52 less fortunate children by Zone C of Leo District 306 A2 at Noguichi Children's Home Papiyana. Children from Mapiya Sevana Children's Home and Sri Jinananda Children Home were brought to Noguichi Children's Home for an outing. It was great to see these 52 less fortunate children gathered together to enjoy the evening and make new friends, stated Chief Guest Multiple District President 306 Leo Ricky Simms said. The movie Kunfu Panda was screened and refreshments were served to all present. After the movie games were conducted for the children and the winners were given gifts. 50 exercise books were also donated to each home. A singing competition was held, and it was lovely to see the talent of these children. 40 Leos participated at the Project. Also present was IPDG District 306 A2, Lion Kamal Senviratne. Leo clubs of Kalubowila, Moragahena, Mahlegoda, Damppe Piliyandala and Openure were the organising clubs of Zone C. The project coordinator was Leo Thilini Jayawera.



Multiple President Leo Ricky Simms handing over the gifts

### Embracing Diversity People tend to forget the disabled



Dr. Ajith Perera presented Colonel R. Harindran with a book which he had authored. From left: Rohan Karunaratne, Secretary of the Rotary Club of and Natli Fernando, District Governor of the Rotary District 3220. Picture by Beverley Jansz

Dr. Ajith C.S. Perera was the Guest Speaker at the Luncheon Meeting of the Rotary Club of Colombo held at Taj Samudra Hotel.

Dr. Ajith Perera, a well-known Chemistry Scholar, and an internationally recognised Cricket Umpire, had the misfortune to be struck by a falling tree, when he was driving along in his car. This left him paralysed below the waist, and con-

### Musical show in aid of Service Projects



The WHO has revealed (in recent reports) that the incidence of diabetes in Sri Lanka has been on the increase at an alarming level. It has also shown that schoolchildren are affected to a degree unknown to them earlier. As diabetes is a silent killer that leads to various systematic diseases including heart, kidney, liver, eye and brain disease, URGENT steps need to be taken, to identify them & educate them on a mass scale, to improve the quality of life. Diabetes could be prevented or delayed and the complications of untreated diabetes completely avoided

### Colombo Toastmasters Club meetings

Convener Toastmasters Romayne Diaz PR Convener 4th Tuesday of the month at Trans Asia Hotel at 5.30 p.m.

