

Lion Dr. Ian appointed Ambassador General

Good wishes from President Rajapaksa

THE United Cultural Convention of the American Biographical Institute of the United States of America has appointed Lion Dr. M.H.C.J. Ian, as an Ambassador General of the United Cultural Convention USA for having demonstrated the professional and personal attributes befitting and requisite to the consular representation of one's nation of origin, and having expressed the capability and diplomacy to uphold the United Cultural Convention's commitment to international peace, empathy and exchange.

The lifetime position of Ambassador-General carries with it the image of the ultimate statesman.

This indelible appointment carries with it a responsibility, due and owing to an upstanding citizen of one's country to utilize the standards of international moral and social obligation. To commemorate his new



Here Dr. Ian with President Mahinda Rajapaksa. Others in the picture are (from left) Prasad Peris, Coordinator Ministry of Highways, Ven. Gnanasiri Thera, Chief Incumbent of Angurukaramulla Temple, Negombo and Dr. Mrs. Sudarshani Fernando, SLPF Chief Organiser, Katana Electorate.

selected to the Membership of the International Order of Ambassadors.

Dr. Ian called on President Mahinda Rajapaksa and got his blessings on his new appointment. He was Incumbent of Angurukaramulla Temple, Negombo Main Temple. Lion Dr. Ian is also the SLPF Chief Organizer Vice Chairman, Lions Multiple Council 306 and Past Gnanasiri Thera, Chief District Governor.

Livewires in service

Lion Ashroff Hussain

Services rendered by Lion M. Ashroff Hussain to the needy irrespective of caste, creed and nationality, is enormous. He is such a devoted social worker that he has been enrolled as a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of committees in many social institutions to which he is attached.

His work as the President of the Islamic Centre for the physically handicapped at Thihariya is remarkable. The work of this centre has received wide recognition not only from the Muslims but also from the entire country, for the great work it has undertaken towards the amelioration of the conditions of the physically handicapped children.

In October 2007, the Sri Lanka Council of the Blind recognised the outstanding services rendered by Lion Hussain, Past President of the Lions Club of Colombo West, to the blind and a memento was presented to him.

While being the President of the Lions Club of Colombo West during 1982-1983, he organised Eye camps where a large number of patients were screened and referred to authorities concerned and a large number



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of cataract operations were done free. During 1982-1983 he arranged free spectacles for over 500 persons. Lion Hussain was President of the Lions Club of Colombo West again during 2006-2007.

During this period he gifted spectacles to people from many parts of the island. He also gave implant lens to many patients free.

Lion Hussain was presented an appreciation award for the outstanding services rendered to the blind. He is a life member of the Sri Lanka Council for the Blind.

He joined the National Diabetes Centre as an ordinary member in 1990 and became a life member in 2007.

He has been one of the executive members since 1998. He is now the Assistant Secretary of the Diabetes Association of Sri Lanka. Lion Ashroff has done

yeoman service to the "Friends of the Accident Service." Whenever an accident or disaster takes place, Lion Ashroff visits the place assisting victims and staff. He also provides clothes, food etc. to victims whenever, a disaster takes place.

He is the Honey, General Secretary of the Colombo Janaza and Welfare Society which provides free dry rations to needy families. During Ramadan, the Society provides rice, milk, food, flour, dhal to needy families. Lion Hussain takes an active part in all these service projects.

One of the most outstanding services rendered by Lion Ashroff Hussain is the personal free transport service to poor Muslim families.

When a death occurs, he provides free transport on a 24-hour basis to the bereaved family. This is one of the most meritorious services rendered by Lion

"Embracing Diversity" people tend to forget the disabled

Dic 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 recognized 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 confined to a wheelchair.

Addressing a host of VIPs, distinguished guests and club members, Visa Counsellor Savino assured that he will bring back old memories by introducing more Italian residents to Sri Lanka.

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The name "Capri" in Latin meant "Circle of Friends of Italian Residents" and initially there were only 30 members. Some of the founder members were late George

More Italians to visit Sri Lanka

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Chief Guest Visa Counsellor, Italian Embassy, Pietro Savino cuts the anniversary cake to commence the celebrations. Looking on are President, Capri Club, Lasantha Fernando, Treasurer, Lucky Peris, Senior Members Nawaz Rajabdeen, Director F&B Galadari Hotel Ananda Warakawa, and Marylin Warakawa.

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Bobbiesse, Tita Natanielsz and Ralph Fernando, and a few remaining members of that era are with a today,

the President said. "I am happy to say that the current membership is now over 700 and we have limited the membership to 750, he said.

He thanked the anniversary sub-committed headed by Vice President Gaminii Kamaloda, Sudhamika Hewavitharana, Hiran Soysa Prasanthana Pieris, Lakshmi Peris and Nawaz Rajabdeen who organised the event under difficult conditions.



Trustee Eddie Wijesuriya receives an award from Chief Guest Visa Counsellor, Italian Embassy Pietro Savino. Looking on is President, Capri Club, Lasantha Fernando.

From left: Rohan Karunaratne, Secretary of the Rotary Club of Dr. Ajith Perera, Colonel R. Harindran, President of Rotary Club of Colombo and Nalin Fernando, District Governor of the Rotary District 3220.

Rattanapitiya Leos present "Jayani Ranga Prathibha"

Leo Jayani Akalanaka, a member of the Leo Club of Rattanapitiya will present 'Jayani Ranga Prathibha' at John de Silva Memorial Hall on Monday December 8 at 6.00 p.m.

It has been organised by Lions Club of Rattanapitiya in aid of the club's service projects. Jayani has won a host of awards for dancing on district level, province and all island level. Jayani Rangayathanaya, Uda Apparekka, Matara was opened in 2006 with 13 students. Jayani is a Grade 13 student at Kokavele Central College, Matara and takes part in all extra-curricular activities in school.

Since childhood Jayani was very interested in dancing. She followed a two-year dancing course conducted by the Ruhuna Cultural Centre and has since become the winner of a number of dancing competitions and awarded many certificates.

Having actively participated at the Youth Promotion Programme launched by the Canada University in the Southern Province, Jayani won several awards in many events. All Lions and Leos have extended their fullest support to Jayani and her students 'Jayani Ranga Prathibha' at John de Silva Memorial Hall, Colombo 7 on Monday December 8.

A multi service health camp was held in Pasyala on 15th November. This project was organized by Leo District Council 306 A1 jointly with Madushi Foreign Employment Social Service Trust & Lions Club of Mt. Lavinia.

The mega camp included a donation of 1000 spectacles, 200 safety bottle lamps, stationary for 50 school children and opening of new savings books for 250 children. Adding to the contributions given were 75 identification stickers for the school van owners Association, unveiling 5 new bus stops for the betterment of passengers in front of Meerigama Hospital, Keenawana Junction, Dummaladeniya Junction,



Deshabandu Deshaskhathi Bandula Nawarathne handing over goods to the people

Danowitz Junction and Alawala Junction. Other donations & contributions included A Water Tank for Pasyala Primary School, Electrical Equipment for Pasyala Sirisangabo Vidyalyaya, name boards for 2 temples, 32 name boards & required equipment for the Nittambuwa Main Bus stand. In addition a television and other equipment for Alawala Matha Home were donated. Cash donations towards the construction of

the Gampaha Mathalana Primary School & Shelter equipment for 3 houses were also handed over. Financial assistance was also given for the construction of the Wewaldeniya Sri Bodhimala Viharaya & Pasyala Maitigattama Rajamahala Viharaya. This huge successful venture cost more than Rs. 2,000,000. Leo & Lions who participated were Co Project Chairman District President 306 A1 Leo Asitha Pin-

The project was a huge success with over 1500 less privileged people from Pasyala, Nittambuwa, Attanagalla and other areas of Gampaha District attending

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Colombo Down Town Rotarians build school

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA Tissanaharama special corr.

The Rotary Colombo Down Town has set up a Junior School at Hambantota.

It is facilitated with twelve class rooms capable of accommodating forty students in each class.

Among the other facilities are music room, dining room, library, principal's office, staff room, general office and toilet facilities.

The project was funded by the International Partner Rotary Club of Billerica Bay, Essex, in the UK. Rotary district 1240.

The school was set up to accommodate tsunami stricken children.