

Camilla School marks Silver Jubilee on Friday

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Camilla School, Mattegoda Kottawa is the biggest and the most meaningful continuous project of the entire Lions family in Sri Lanka. A project managed by a Board of Trustees appointed by Districts 306 A 1 & A-2 for the rehabilitation of mentally and physically retarded children. It will celebrate the Silver Jubilee on Friday June 12, with Lion Lady Kushlani, wife of LCIF Chairman Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, as chief guest.

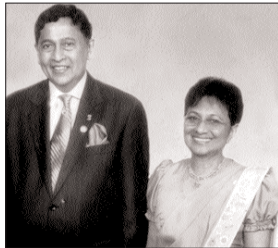
The project became a reality in the year 1984 under the governorship of PID Lion Asoka Gunasekera MJP. The project was supported by the Danish Lions of District 106.

Run strictly on professional lines Camilla School remains the best of its kind in Sri Lanka. Situated in a beautiful surroundings at Mattegoda it has residential facilities to accommodate 75 inmates and presently there are 57 inmates with a staff of 27 to attend on the children.

The school requires approximately Rs. 400,000 to meet the expenses per month and the bulk of it comes from the Lions and their ladies. The Govern-



Front view of Camilla School



Lion Chairman, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, with his Lion Lady, Kushlani chief guest

ment gives an annual grant of Rs. 700,000.

The school has all the facilities for the rehabilitation of the inmates. A spacious gymnasium where the children take exercises and receive physiotherapist

treatment in the hands of a professionally qualified physiotherapist. Class rooms where two trained teachers impart basic knowledge to some who can attend the school. These children have developed skills in dancing, singing and such vocational training in candle, envelop, patch carpets and joss sticks making. They have a spacious playground with garden play equipment for their relaxation Rehabilitation is a long and arduous task and the care gives trained spend many hours in rehabilitation under the guidance of a matron. The children are treated for dental care every quarter and for eye care twice a year. When necessary inmates are sent to the specialists. Every one who vis-

its the school has a good word for the clean environment which is only possible due to the care and devotion of the staff. There is a Welfare Committee of Lion Ladies who closely monitor the affairs of the school specially the well being of the inmates and the welfare of the staff.

Past Council Chairman Lion Cassian M Fernando has been responsible for the management and administration of the school for the past 25 years. He is responsible for the Board of Trustees. Getting involved with and fulfilling the needs of Camilla School is a golden opportunity to the members of the Lions family to translate the philosophy of We Serve into reality to all human beings it gives an opportunity for Caring Sharing and Loving.

Camilla School can be contacted on email camilla school@slnet.lk or cmf-serebib@swt.net.lk and by telephoning the Administrative Assistant on 2845467.

Message from LCIF Chairperson Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya MJP

The Camilla School for mentally and physically challenged people has been one of the major service projects of Lions in Districts 306 A-1 and A-2 for the last 25 years. This project has benefited many individuals who have been looked after due to the generosity and the commitment of the Lions and Lion ladies of these two Districts.

When celebrating a quarter century of its existence, it is the appropriate time to look to the future and formulate a plan of development whereby more attention should be paid to the possibility of rehabilitation of the inmates and also providing possible employment opportunities for them. Whilst congratulating the Camilla Trust for its commitment during the last 25 years, we wish the institution all success in the future.

Rotary Club of Kandy Metropolitan helps children in need



Children along with their parents, who received the funds from Rotary Club of Kandy Metropolitan.

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The Rotary club of kandy Metropolitan, one of the most active clubs in District 32220 Sri Lanka recently concluded Phase one of another great humanitarian project helping destitute children selected from all parts of Sri Lanka.

This most worthy project was funded jointly by the Rotarians of Osteraker Sweden District 13050 and the Rotarians of kandy metropolitan District 3220.

The unique aspect of this project was that the recipients around 70 in number all below the age of 18 years were carefully selected among many and the most deserving poorest of poor children were selected from all parts of the island

including the war torn areas of North and East and the Central, Western and Southern provinces of Sri Lanka.

The selection process was done by the Rotary Clubs in these areas. In all more than 28 clubs participated in this sharing project which is unique.

The funds were allocated for the purchase of school uniforms, shoes, and nutrition. The total cost of the project is over Rupees two million. The project will be continued for another two years.

A function was held recently at Hotel Topaz where the children along with the parents or the foster parents and the recommending Rotary representative from the clubs around the island were present. The smiling faces of

the children and the parents brought great joy to all the members of the Rotary Club of Kandy Metropolitan present. They were greeted to the Rotarians of Osteraker Sweden 13050 who made this possible.

The President of the Rotary Club of Kandy Metropolitan Rtn Laksman Nugewala along with International Director P.P. Joe Pairo, Rtns Laksman Galwaduge, P.P. Indra Wijeyatilleke, P.P. Sivasubramanian, P.P. Chandra Dias, Rtn Timothy Paldano, P.P. Nirmalee Weerasinghe, Rtns Dr. Mahinda Arambapola, Jeewaka Swarnasinghe, Shalendra Wickramasinghe, Paul Rodrigo, Parakrama Ekanayake, Sunil Wickramanayake Sebastian Retty were the main architects of this successful project.



Camilla School band



One of the inmates at play

Alubomulla Lions donate Shrine Room



Lions Club of Alubomulla built and donated a Shrine Room to the Alubomulla Elders Home. It was opened by District Governor 306A-2, Lion S.K. Kanunassekera and Past District Governor, Lion Rohantha de Fonseka at a simple ceremony. Here DG Lion Karunasekera (left) presents a token of appreciation to Lion Nihal Dias, the sponsor of the Shrine Room. Region Chairperson, Region Five, Lion Palitha Wijegunawardena and PDG, Lion Rohantha de Fonseka are also in the picture. At night a section of the devotees who attended the ceremony. Pic: Beverley Jansz

Mega service project by Colombo Central Lions

A Bridal Dressing Salon "Sandareka" was opened by Rohini Cooray a well-wisher spearheaded by Lion Lady Lakshmi Puvimansinghe as a livelihood project for an underprivileged girl. From left President Lions Club of Colombo Central, Lion T. Kumaravel MJP, Treasurer Lion Lady Gana Kaharanchie, Lion Lady Lakshmi Puvimansinghe - Chief Guest, Rohini Cooray - Lion Lady Hellen Kumari and Nirmal Perera a well-wisher.



SARATH MALALASEKERA

Lion Chandra Katuwawala MJP of the Lions Club of Kohuwela Metro was elected to the office of First Vice District Governor District 306 A 2 for the - Year 2009-2010. Lion Katuwawala an old boy of Nalanda Vidyalaya, Colombo is the Chairman, Managing Director of MsChant Associates. He had been 38 years in Pharmaceutical Industry, with 30 years in Managerial capacity.

Lion Katuwawala a Diploma Holder in Marketing Management -NIBM, Head of the Marketing Division at Warner - Lambert (Lanka) Private Limited, a Multinational U.S. Based Pharmaceutical manufacturer.

Lion Lady Indi Katuwawala, wife of Chandra, is a Diploma Holder in Montessori Teaching and Child Psychology. Daughter Dr. Isurima, a Medical Consultant working in Birmingham, UK, and son Dinushan, Double Graduate in Electrical and Computer Engineering, working in Boston, USA.

Lion Katuwawala elected 1st VDGA-2



Caption - Lion Chandra Katuwawala and Lion Indi Katuwawala, being conducted in procession after elected 1st VDGA. Picture by Beverley Jansz

Lions Club Kohuwela District 306 A in 1983 and held post of Charter Treasurer and Club President in 1995 -1996.

He was Zone Chairperson District 306 A in 2000 -2001. To the credit of Lion Katuwawala he had been awarded Most outstanding

Contribution to District Projects (Club Level) in 1995 - 1996. Most outstanding Zone Chairperson Region 1,3 District 306 A in year 2000-2001. International awards that Lion Katuwawala had won are - International President's Certificate of Appreciation by Lion Dr. Tae-

Sup-Lee in 2003-2004. In 2005 International President's Certificate of Appreciation by Lion Clam F. Kustak. In 2006 International President's Certificate of Appreciation by Lion Ashokla Mehta and in 2008 International President's Certificate of Appreciation

by Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya. Lion Katuwawala had made several contribution to Lionism as the Project Chairman, including donation of wheel chairs, crutches and medicine to disabled soldiers at Ramvir Sevana and donation to the Tsunami Victims.

JCI Sri Lanka Multi-Chapter Meeting

A Multi-Chapter meeting of JCSL, was held at the Excel World, in honour of JCI Vice President, JCI Senator Farzana Chowdhury of Bangladesh who visited Sri Lanka on a three day official visit. Colombo Central Jaycees organized the Multi-Chapter meeting which included many past senators seniors and others. The participants included JCI Senator Dr. Upali Mahanama JCI Senator Dr. Pandu Lyanage, JCI Senator Fouzul Khalid and Malraj Balapitiya. The project was organized by the JC Dilan and his team.



JCI Senator, Farzana Chowdhury (left) being welcomed by Chapter President JICCC JG Niduk Perera. Others in the picture are Rukshan Jayaratne, DNP Azad Ishaq, and National President Bimal Lyanage.



Region Chairperson, Region one, Lion Sunil Fernando (left) greets Lion Nimal Aluthge, MJP. After the latter was elected District Governor 306A-2, at the 4th Annual Convention held at Water's Edge Battaramulla. Picture by Beverley Jansz

Lion Lady Rose Fernando Secretary Lions Club of Ragama Welisara was presented the 'Outstanding Top Five Secretary of District 306B2' award at the Annual District Convention, held at Water's Edge. She also received the International President's Appreciation Certificate, for the services rendered to the District. Here Lion Lady Rose receiving the award from Imm. Past International President Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, District Governor Lion P. Jayarajan looks on.

