

Lion Kingsley Bernard elected DG 306B-2

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Lion Kingsley Bernard MJF was elected District Governor 306B2 at a glittering ceremony held at Waters Edge, Battaramulla.

It was attended by a host of VIPS, distinguished guests, Lions, Lion Ladies and Leos.

After being elected District Governor, Lion Kingsley Bernard MJF First Lady Saumya and their two daughters were conducted in a colourful procession to the venue. Addressing a packed house, District Governor, Kingsley Bernard MJF outlined his program of service to the needy during his tenure as District Governor 306B-2, for the Lions year 2009/2010.

He requested the cooperation of all Lions, Lion Ladies and Leos of his district to successfully implement his service plans.

"Behind the success of every man, there is a woman" and I must deeply appreciate the unstinted support and cooperation extended to me by my Lion Lady Saumya and my family.



District Governor 306B-2 Lion Kingsley Bernard MJF First Lady Saumya and their two daughters being conducted in a colourful procession to the venue of the ceremony at Waters Edge.

If not for them, I would not have reached the zenith in my Lions career. District Governor 306B-2, he also paid a tribute to all Lions, Lion Ladies and Leos for the support

extended to him and requested their continued support.

District Governor 306B-2 will leave for Minnsota, USA on June 26 to attend

the 93rd Lions International Convention where he will take his oaths at District Governor 306B-2, for the year 2009/2010, before International President Lion Eberhard, M. Wirf.



Chairman, Multiple Council 306 Lion Mahesh Pasqual MJF (right) congratulates District Governor 306B-2, Lion Kingsley Bernard MJF. Others in the picture are First Lady Saumya and Lion Lady Dr. Manel Pasqual.



District Governor 306B2 Lion P. Jayaraajan congratulates District Governor 306B-2, elect Lion Kingsley Bernard. Others in the picture are Lion Lady Shamala and first lady Saumya

Lion Padmasiri elected 2nd VD - 306 A2

Lion Padmasiri Ranawakarachchi, MJF has been elected to the office of 2nd Vice District Governor of District 306 A2 for the year 2009/10.

Lion Padmasiri is a HR Professional and is a Fellow of the Sri Lanka Institute of Training and Development and a Corporate Member of the Institute of Personnel Management.

He has more than 25 years of experience in managerial capacity and is presently employed as the Assistant General Manager - HR at Lanka Ceramic PLC.

Having studied at Piliyandala Central College he has excelled in his Post Graduate studies and passed out as the batch top with a Distinction in Master of Business Administration at the University of Ruhuna. At present he functions as a Visiting Lecturer for Post Graduate Studies at the University as well.

Lion Padmasiri is a member of Lions Club of Piliyandala, the 3rd most senior club in the District started in 1975.

He joined the club in 1994 and held various positions in the Club and District and more recently as

the Deputy Cabinet Treasurer in 2007/08 and Cabinet Secretary in 2008/09. He has been mostly involved in district administration and functioned as the District Chairman/Treasurer of the Camilla Trust for seven consecutive years.

He is also involved in the activities of the Multiple District and functioned as the Secretary of the Youth Trust in 2007/08 and has been appointed as the LCIF Coordinator for a four year term. Lion Padmasiri has also conducted numerous service projects and contributed in many ways to serve the under privileged in the society.

During his fifteen years of Lions career he has received many awards including International President's Certificate of Appreciations in 2006/06, 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09. In recognition of his outstanding service to the District as the Cabinet Secretary, he has been adjudged as the "Lion of the Year" at the last convention held in May 2009.

Lion Padmasiri's Lion Lady Yamuna is also an active Lion and their only daughter Chamie Pabudimali is a year two student at Musaeus College.



Lion Padmasiri Ranawakarachchi MJF and his Lion Lady Yamuna and daughter Chamie being conducted in a colourful procession to the venue at the BMICH, after he was elected 2nd Vice District Governor 306A2. Picture by Beverley Jansz

Rotary Club of Colombo third oldest in Asia Pacific

The Rotary Club of Colombo is the third oldest Rotary Club in the entire Asia-Pacific region, being 80-years-old. It is also one of the most prestigious and largest Rotary Clubs in the island, having about 100 members. Since its inception, it has been responsible for inaugurating several life-saving projects like the Ceylon National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, the Sri Lanka Cancer Society, the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association, eradicating Polio from the country in conjunction with all the other Rotary



Colonel R. Harindran, President, Rotary Club of Colombo

Centre in Narahenpita. This year, the Club has maintained its proud heritage, in that its flagship project has been to obtain funds to equip the Women and Children's Hospital in Karapitiya, Galle district, to eliminate mortality during childbirth, and infant mortality.

To this end, the club has been successful in obtaining a colossal Matching Grant from a Rotary District in Germany as well as from Rotary International, USA, totalling up to US\$448,500, which is one of the largest Matching Grants ever received by

any individual Rotary Club in Sri Lanka. The Rotary District Assembly held recently, the Rotary Club of Colombo was declared to be one of the ten best clubs in the Rotary District of Sri Lanka consisting of sixty two clubs.

Russian Cultural Centre marks Russian National Day

Russia always supported Sri Lanka - Mohotti

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The Russian Cultural Centre in Sri Lanka in association with the Galle Face Hotel presented a charity show with the participation of a leading Russian classical musical group.

This was to mark the Russian National Day. A host of VIPS, distinguished guests and other invitees graced the occasion.

Speaking to the media, Vice President of the Galle Face Management Company, and General Manager, Galle Face Hotel, Chandra Mohotti said that Russia has always been a good friend of Sri Lanka. During the war period and at the climax of the war, Russia always stood by Sri Lanka and supported Sri Lanka's efforts to eliminate LTTE terrorism.

Mr. Mohotti paid a tribute to the Russian Embassy in Sri Lanka and the Russian Cultural Centre in Sri Lanka for the unstinted support extended to the Galle Face Hotel.



The Russian Orchestra Leader Vladimir Giltz and Russian musicians being welcomed by General Manager, Galle Face Hotel Chandra Mohotti. Others in the picture are Director, Russian Centre in Sri Lanka Ayrat Akhmetov, and Public Relations Manager, Galle Face Hotel, Onita Gurugalla.



Group Leader, Vladimir Giltz with four of the Russian artists entertaining guests.



Ayrat Akhmetov being welcomed by General Manager, Galle Face Hotel Chandra Mohotti.

Camilla School Silver Jubilee on grand scale



Chief Guest, Lion Lady Kushlani and other distinguished guests light the oil lamp to commence the ceremony.

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Camilla School, Mattegoda, Kottawa, is the biggest continuous project of the Lions Family in Sri Lanka, celebrated its Silver Jubilee last Friday.

Wife of the Immediate Past International President and Chairman, Lion Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Lion Lady Kushlani was the chief guest.

A unique feature of the event was that the chief guest and other distinguished invitees were conducted in a colourful procession by the school band comprising of disabled inmates. Chief Guest, Lion Lady Kushlani praised the inmates of the band and other inmates who performed dance items.

She said that it was unbelievable that disabled inmates could perform so well, good as normal entertainers. She also paid a tribute to the principle and the training staff for the very dedicated service rendered in taking care of disabled children.

She also praised Past Council Chairperson Lion Cassian Fernando who is the Secretary to the Camilla Trust, by presenting him a token of appreciation for the 25 years unstinted service rendered to Camilla School.

Renowned artistes, Rohana Beddege, and Anton Jude entertained the guests and inmates. District Chairperson District 306A2 and Camilla School Membership Development, Lion Kapila Rajapaksa and Director 306



A little inmate of the school joins renowned artist, Anton Jude on stage.

A2 Lion Lady Geetha Rajapaksa, on behalf of District 306A2, Lion Ladies Committee, donated a consignment of clothes to Camilla School. The event turned out to be a unforgettable day of entertainment for the inmates of Camilla School.



Director, 306A2, Lion Lady Geetha Rajapaksa hands over a consignment of clothes to chief guest, Lion Lady Kushlani, to be used by the inmates. Others in the picture are District Chairperson, 306A2 Lion Kapila Rajapaksa, District Governor 306A2, Lion S.K. Karunasekera, MJF and Past Council Chairperson, Lion Cassian Fernando.