

Rotary to serve NCP after 30 years

Rs 60 m 'LifeLine SOS' launched

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It gives me great pleasure as the Rotary Governor after a lapse of over 30 years said District Governor, Rtn. Suri Rajan. Governor, Suri was speaking at the launching of 'LifeLine SOS' a Rs. 60 million service project of the Rotary Club of Colombo West at the Hilton Hotel, Colombo last week. First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa who was the Chief Guest, was deputised by her son, 'Namal Rajapaksa, Healthcare and Nutrition Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva was the Guest of Honour.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa, in a special message to mark the occasion said 'I consider it my responsibility to preserve the free health service and safeguard the right of every citizen for the benefits thereunder. In this regard immediate action will be taken to enhance these services both qualitatively and quantitatively through increased budgetary provisions. This program will consist of two aspects namely, curative and preventive. Both aspects would be accorded equal priority.

Addressing a distin-

guished gathering at the launch of the fundraiser, Rotary District Governor Suri Rajan said that, Rotary began in Sri Lanka in February 1929 with the establishment of the Rotary Club of Colombo and at that time was a part of the International Rotary District with India. This District was bifurcated and the Rotary District of Sri Lanka was inaugurated in 1991. Presently the Rotary District of Sri Lanka comprises 66 clubs with over 1,850 members operating in all parts of Sri Lanka. Throughout the past 80 years Rotary in Sri Lanka carried out several noteworthy projects involving shelters for homeless, main-

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Namal Rajapaksa who deputised for his mother, First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa, receives a plaque from Rtn. Nissanka Samararatunga, President Rotary Club of Colombo West.



Service Project Chairman, Rtn. PDG Nihal Bogahalane (left) receives a pledge from District Governor, Rtn. Suri Rajan.

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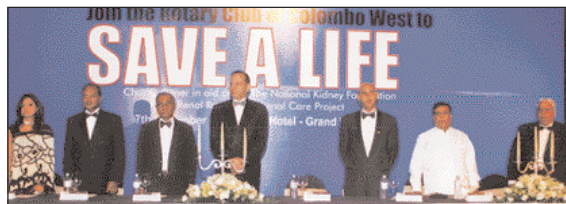
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At the head table from left are Assistant Governor, Rtn. Gowri Rajan, Chief City Administrator, Omar Kamil, Chairman, Dr. Belisara Jayasinghe, Rotary International Director, Rtn. K.R. Ravindran, President, Rotary Club of Colombo West, Rtn. Nissanka Samararatunga Healthcare and Nutrition Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva and Rotary Governor, Rtn. Suri Rajan.



Rotary International Director, Rtn. K.R. Ravindran lights the oil lamp. Others in the picture are Healthcare and Nutrition Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva, Rotary District Governor, Rtn. Suri Rajan, Chairman National Kidney Foundation, Dr. Belisara Jayasinghe and President Rotary Club of Colombo West, Rtn. Nissanka Samararatunga.

Grand reception for Lions Int' President



Lions International President, Lion Eberhard J. Wirfs lighting the oil lamp with District Governor, 306G and Multiple Council Vice Chairman Lion Dresh Hettiaratchi, Lion Lady Margit is also in the picture.

Lions International President, Lion Eberhard J. Wirfs from USA and his Lion Lady were accorded a grand reception at the Hilton Hotel Colombo last week. It was attended by a galaxy of distinguished guests, Lions District Governors, Lions and Lion Ladies.



From left are DG P. Jayarajan, DG Lion Saliya Kaluarachchi, DG Kingsley Bernard, Multiple Council Chairman Lion Dr. M.H.G. J. Jan, Lion Lady Margit, IP Lion Eberhard J. Wirfs, Lion Lady Jayantha DG Multiple Council Vice Chairman, Lion Dresh Hettiaratchi, DG Lion Sini Perera, DG Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe and DG Lion Nimal Aluthge. Pix: Beverley Jansz

Lions Club of Kuruwita Paradise first service project

Lions Club of Kuruwita Paradise, one of the leading Lions Clubs in the Ratnapura district, inaugurated their first service project under the leadership of President Lion Leelendra Kalutota at the Walandura Vidyalyaya Kuruwita.

Under this project they have constructed the road to the school with the involvement of villagers. According to the Principal of the school, Ranjith Malalgoda the road was in a very bad state of repair. Lions of Kuruwita who came to discuss the donation to the school having seen the problem they con-

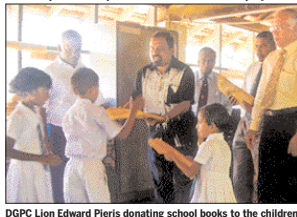


Vice Governor Thilak Perera and President Lions Club of Kuruwita, Lion Kalutota handing over the Sea-Saw to the Principal, Ranjith Malalgoda.

structed the entrance within one week, Malalgoda said.

In this service project Kuruwita Lions also donated exercise books to all 194 students of the school, provided furniture to the school and donated a Sea-Saw to the school play area. The Lions also provided dry rations to 40 families where each pack contained food items worth over Rs. 2,000.

Chief Guests at the project were Lion Thilak Perera, First Vice District Governor and Lion Lasantha Perera Cabinet Secretary of District 306G2.



DGPC Lion Edward Pieris donating school books to the children

The Management Club (TMC) New Committee

TMC is an exclusive club, initiated by the Sri Lanka branch of the Chartered Management Institute - UK, for professional managers to meet, greet and interact and develop their managerial skills.

The Annual General Meeting of The Management Club (TMC) Galle Face Hotel recently amidst a large gathering of members.

Senaka Abeykoon was re-elected as Chairman The Management Club of TMC Galle Face Hotel while Dayan Fernando and Shan Hasan were also re-elected to the posts of Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively. Chinthana Jayasekera was

appointed as the Treasurer for the next year. Senaka Abeykoon having been unanimously elected as Chairman of TMC GFH for a second consecutive term briefly outlined the club's plans for the future and indicated that the support and co-operation of members in the club's activities has made "togetherness" a behavioral pattern of TMC.

He indicated plans of including more social and fun related activities into TMC's events calendar in addition to the ongoing management/ knowledge development programs, thereby providing a further value addition to members of the club.



Seated from left: Rumindra Ranasinghe, Shan Hasan (Secretary), Senaka Abeykoon (Chairman), Dayan Fernando (Vice Chairman), Varuna Ratnawera (Immediate Past Chairman), Chinthana Jayasekera (Treasurer) Standing from left: Shivanee Bambaratunge, Sumendra Jayaram, Jayantha Abeyasinghe, Nianthi Abeywardena

Mutwal Town Lions sponsor Cataract operations

Free Cataract Operations were performed on 22 patients at a service project by the Lions Club of Mutwal Town, under the leadership of International District 306B2.

The surgeries were done free by Lion Dr. Manel Pasqual, Consultant Eye Surgeon, at the Lions Golden Jubilee Eye Hospital, Kadawata last Sunday.



Lion Dr. Manel Pasqual, Consultant Eye Surgeon (seated 2nd from left) with the patients. President, Lions Club of Mutwal Town, Lion Rukman Niroshan and Lion Lady Swarna are also in the picture.

This year's ISAAME theme

Brotherhood beyond boundaries



At the ISAAME Conference at Hyderabad, India in the picture is 2nd Vice President, Lions International Lion Waynes Madden (centre) from USA, with President, Lions Club of Colombo West, Lion Ashroff Hussain (right) and Lion Ranjith Kodikara.

Over 2000 Lions from Sri Lanka, India, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East participated at the four-day ISAAME conference which was held at Hightech International Conference Hall, Hyderabad, India from December 4-7.

This year's theme for the annual conference was 'Brotherhood beyond Boundaries'. Over 120 Lions including District Governors and Presidents of Lions Clubs of Sri Lanka participated.

Lions International President, Lion Eberhard J. Wirfs from USA was the Chief Guest.

YMCA to promote English Language Skills in partnership with ICTA



Chitranganie Mubarak (second from left), Program Head of the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka handing over the Agreement to Chiranthana Hettiaratchi, National General Secretary, Sri Lanka YMCA (National Council). Others from left are Shriyananda Rathnayake, Content Manager of Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka and Rohan Salgadoe, Asst. National General Secretary, Sri Lanka YMCA National Council.

The National Council of the YMCAs of Sri Lanka entered into an agreement with ICTA (Information and Communication Technology Agency) recently to promote English Language Skills for the schooling and non schooling children and youth.

The project titled "English Language Skills for underprivileged students and youth" will be implemented with the YMCAs in Jaffna, Point Pedro, Navaly and Udulvil for the children and youth in these areas.

The ICTA's program support will be for three months, which will include electronic software on interactive English Language educational material, computers for language learning, pro-

gram funds for instructors and for promoting English Language speaking youth groups.

The YMCA is determined to continue the program on a long-term basis even after the 3 months. Since the war has ended, ample opportunity and freedom are available for the youth and children in the peninsula to devote for studies.

Zonal project on Diabetic Awareness

A zonal project on Diabetic Awareness organized by the Zone Chair person Region 4, Zone 8 Sulari

Cabraal and conducted by Lion Dr. Maithiri Perera was held under the patronage of District Governor 306B1

Lion Lakshman Wijesinghe at Roman Catholic Church premises Nayakanda Hondala recently.



President Lions Club of Wattala Alliance Hiranjan Perera receives the Governor. At right testing the blood samples. Zone Chairman Sulari Cabraal and President Lions Club of Malabe Shanali de Silva are also in the picture.