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Lions Club of Colombo (Host) | Lions International District 306A1



RESEARCH SNIPPET

“Volunteering and other prosocial behaviors were associated with higher levels of happiness, demonstrating a positive feedback loop between helping others and personal well-being.”

[Journal of Happiness Studies]



President's message



Dear Friends,

As we step out of February—the month of love—it's a perfect time to reflect on the passion and dedication that drive our service. Love is not just about romance; it is about kindness, generosity, and the deep sense of commitment we have toward our community. It is this spirit of love and service that continues to strengthen our Lions family.

This month, I am particularly proud to highlight our club's commitment to financial stewardship. With the timely payment of LCI and district dues, we continue to maintain our financial discipline, ensuring smooth operations.

Moreover, we uphold complete transparency, offering free and full access to financial reports to both our members and external donors on demand. This open approach not only builds trust but also reinforces our reputation as a well-managed and accountable organization. A heartfelt thank you to our Treasurer Lion Dr Ameer Zainudeen, whose diligent management and dedication ensure that we remain financially sound and accountable.

Another exciting development has been the enthusiasm of our new Lions in the Rise & Roar Challenge. It is truly heartening to see them step up, embracing the opportunity to lead and serve through innovative service projects. This fresh energy, combined with the wisdom and experience of our senior Lions, ensures that we remain a dynamic force for good.

President's message contd...



February also saw one of our most memorable monthly meetings, hosted by Lion Dudley and Lion Lady Vijitha. We had a full house, and it was an absolute privilege to welcome our Chief Guest, PDG Lion Chandani, along with her spouse, PDG Lion Paddy Withana. The evening was made even more special as we celebrated Lion Dudley's birthday and recognized his 37 years of dedicated service to our club. A true legend, Lion Dudley is known as one of the Magnificent Seven our club has produced—his unwavering commitment continues to inspire us all.

With so much happening, I am filled with gratitude for this amazing team of Lions who bring passion, purpose, and a true sense of Lionism into everything we do. Let's continue this journey together, making an impact with love, service, and unity.

Yours In Service,

Raj

President (2024/2025)
Lions Club of Colombo (Host)
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Celebrating Our Leos ✨ Celebrating Achievements! ✨

The Leo Club of Colombo Host once again demonstrated its commitment to excellence at Award One 2025 – Annual Mid-Year Conference of Leo District 306 A1!

🏆 Milestones:

- 🥈 First Runners-Up - Best Administered Leo Club of the District
- 🥈 First Runners-Up - Leo Club with Highest Involvement in Multiple District Events
- 🥈 First Runners-Up - Leo Club with Highest Involvement in District Events

Top 25 Best Projects of the District:

- ✓ Make Your Mark
- ✓ Waste wiz

☀️ Top 25 Outstanding Leos of the District:

- ✓ Leo Pasindu Gimhan
- ✓ Leo Sanjana Fernando
- ✓ Leo Lahiru Balasuriya
- ✓ Leo Dhanushka Wijekoon

☀️ Top 25 Outstanding District Council Officers :

- ✓ Leo Anju Gayathri
- ✓ Leo Sanjana Madawala



Best wishes to the Leo Club of Colombo (Host) to keep inspiring, serving, and striving for excellence! 🦁



February Service Album

☀ Meals on Wheels ☀



Hunger remains a harsh reality for many, and through Meals on Wheels, we take a step towards making a difference. This signature project embodies our commitment to serving the community by providing warm, nutritious meals to those in need.

Together, we're turning compassion into action—one meal at a time.



*Celebrate a birthday or
special occasion* **WITH THE MOW TEAM**

We conduct this project monthly donating anything between 100 – 300 packs. Make a donation to the MOW project and join us to deliver meals around Colombo. Or bring along extras such as yogurt or chocolates.

Monetary donations to be directed to: Lions Club of Colombo (Host) Bank of Ceylon City Branch A/C No 350950 (Remarks: MOW)

Call Lion Deepal for more information 0772 498602

Shout our to all members! Join Us at the next MOW ... 25th March, 6th April & 4 May

Breakfast for Camilla Home inmates



With Lion Suranjani's generous ongoing breakfast sponsorship, the we continue to ensure that Camilla Home receives consistent care and support every month. Small acts of kindness truly make a big difference!



Bridging the Digital Divide

The Lions Club of Colombo (Host) is sponsoring a Computer training program designed to equip underprivileged students in Alayapattuwa with essential digital skills. This initiative aims to provide students with access to technology and education, opportunities they might not otherwise have. By supporting this program, the Lions Club of Colombo (Host) is helping bridge the digital divide and empower the youth of Alayapattuwa with valuable skills for a brighter future.

Gift of Sight



This month, we successfully facilitated three eye surgeries, bringing hope and improved vision to those in need.

Our commitment to providing essential eye care continues, ensuring more individuals regain their sight and independence.





Camilla Day

The Lions Club of Colombo Host participated in Chamilla Day organized by the District Ladies Committee on 4th February 2025. Four members from the club attended the event, contributing to the meaningful initiative. As part of their service, the club donated sweets for 60 differently-abled children, spreading joy and kindness on this special occasion.



Supporting Mothers & Children with Love



The Unwed Pregnant Mothers and Orphan Children's Project, organized by the District Ladies Committee of Lions District 306A1, was held at the Mother Teresa Home, Moratuwa.

This heartfelt initiative provided support and care to unwed pregnant mothers and orphaned children, reinforcing the spirit of service and compassion. Lion Suranjani of our club played a key role in leading this project for the Lion Ladies Committee, making a meaningful impact on those in need.



Supporting Elders & Girls in Need Project in Polonnaruwa



The Caring Hearts Initiative was successfully conducted in collaboration with Tharana and the Lions Club of Colombo Host to support the residents of an Elders' Home in Polonnaruwa and a Girls' Home. The project aimed to provide essential items and bring joy to the beneficiaries. A total of 20 elders (13 females and 7 males) and 35 girls benefitted from this initiative. The donations included sarongs for the male elders, material for female elders, Sweets for all at the elders' home. School essential items for the girls at the girls' home, Sweets for the girls at the home.



DONATE LKR 30, 000 FOR A CATARACT SURGERY

Help restore the sight of an underprivileged Sri Lankan

*"I feel like I've got a brand new set of eyes, thanks to Lions Club of Colombo (Host)"
-84 Yrs old sight restored patient*



Make your donations to:

Lions Club of Colombo (Host) Bright Sight
Commercial Bank | Borella | Acc No: 1190022083

THE GIFT OF SIGHT

BY LIONS CLUB OF COLOMBO (HOST)

Confirmation of Donations to
Lion Dr Ameer Zainudeen

(+94) 777 604 993 (Whatsapp) or azainudeen@gmail.com



Surgery carried out in the state-of-the-art Lions Eye Hospital in Panadura

Updated on 25.09.2024

In the news!

Keynote Address by Lion Amalie Abeyesundara at Lions Multiple Vice Governors Training

Lion Amalie was invited as the keynote speaker at the Vice Governors Training organized by Lions Multiple.

She addressed the spouses of the incoming 2025/26 District Governors, sharing valuable insights and guidance for their journey ahead.

Congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to Amalie for her inspiring contribution!



Congratulations!

It's a double celebration for the Amarasuriya family!

We extend our fondest wishes to Lion Sepala & Ramanee Amarasuriya on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The connection that started in the Leo Club of Colombo (Host) has lasted as 50 years of marriage!

We congratulate Rajiv Amarasuriya their son on being elected as the President of the BAR Association of Sri Lanka!



7th January 2025

We say Goodbye

In Loving Memory of Lion Inayet Akberally



With profound sadness, we bade farewell to Lion Inu (Inayet), our most senior Lion - a 50 year monarch - who enjoyed being a Lion.

He and Lion Farida were the kind hosts of many a club picnic at their family home. His humorous conversation and sense of quaitness will be missed by all of us.



We officially welcome ...

Lion Jihae Gok, Lion Geethamali Wickramasinghe and Lion Neranjan Jayasinghe who were ceremonially inducted by PDG Chandani Withana at our February meeting.

Lion Jihae is a fulltime mom, Lion Geethamali is Senior Operations Manager at HealthRecon Connect and Lion Neranjan is the General Manager at Douglas & Sons Pvt Ltd





Giving Back to LCIF – Our Commitment to Service

Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

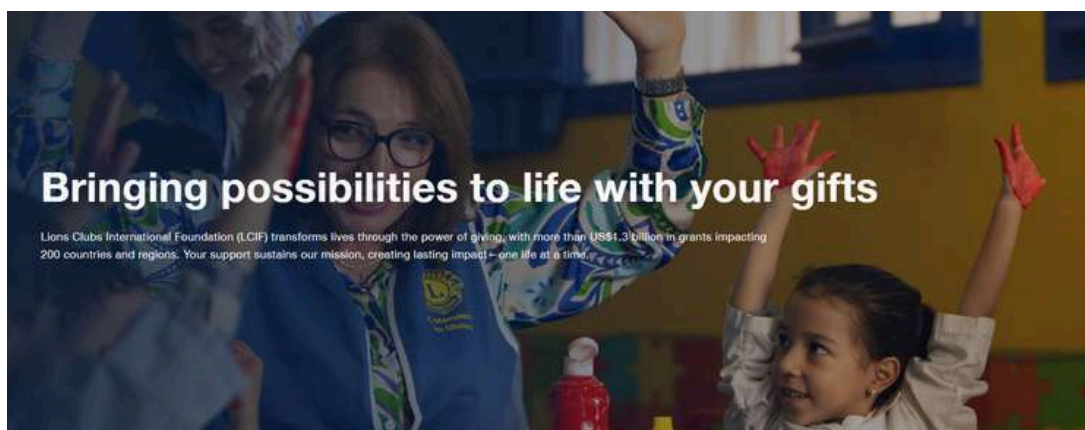
As Lions, we are united in our mission to serve, and a key partner in that mission is the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Funded entirely by the generosity of Lions and friends, LCIF ensures that 100% of every donation goes directly into life-changing service projects worldwide. Sri Lanka has been a significant beneficiary of LCIF's generosity, receiving millions of dollars in grants for major humanitarian projects and disaster relief efforts. From rebuilding communities after calamities to restoring sight and funding vital initiatives, LCIF has played a crucial role in empowering us to serve.

LCIF is reaching out to every member globally, asking for a minimum contribution of USD 10 per year. Your donation can grow to USD 50, USD 100, or even USD 1,000, earning the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Beyond individual giving, our club's collective contribution matters. We are reaching out to our members to contribute towards a very worthy cause. In Sri Lanka, some of the LCIF projects include the Protect Child Nutrition program, the Eye Hospitals operated by Lions, The Dialysis Center at the Colombo North Hospital, Suwa Arana (Palliative pediatric center),

Donations can be deposited into our club account and will be directed to LCIF with your details recorded. For more information, contact our Club LCIF Coordinator, Lion Shyana.

Let's stand together and ensure LCIF continues to be a beacon of hope, empowering Lions to serve those who need us most.



LEARN MORE



<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>

February Fellowship & Remembrance

The February meeting, graciously hosted by Lions Dudley & Vijitha Thambinayagam, was a heartfelt evening of celebration, remembrance, and fellowship. We had the honor of welcoming PDG Chandani Withana as our Chief Guest, accompanied by PDG Paddy, and paying tribute to the Past District Governors who have shaped our journey.

Lion Dudley led a touching tribute to his dear friends, Lion Inu Akberally, our esteemed 50-year Monarch, and Lion Sisira, a cherished member of the “Magnificent Seven” gang. The evening was also a time for new beginnings, as we ceremonially inducted new members, strengthening our Lions family.

Adding to the joy, we celebrated Lion Dudley’s birthday, a reminder that our club is not just about service but about the bonds we share. These moments make our club a family—a place where we serve with purpose and build lifelong friendships.



Hosted by Lion Dilini Jansz



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Mad Hatter's Dinner Party

A PRIZE FOR THE BEST HAT IS ON OFFER!

AT 7.30 PM

WED 26 MARCH

AT LION SURANJANI'S RESIDENCE
APT:31/6, ICONIC GALAXY APARTMENTS,
OFF BUTHGAMUWA ROAD, RAJAGIRIYA

RSVP : LION ERANDI 0773 616 487



LIONS CLUB OF COLOMBO (HOST)
INVITES YOU TO OUR

67TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY **APRIL 26 2025** **AT 7 PM**

SOLIS HOTEL,
KOTTE ROAD, KOTTE



CHIEF GUEST

DG LION DR. PRIYANGA PUPULAWATTE
ACCOMPANIED BY LION DR. PRAMILLA

GUEST OF HONOUR

LION MAHENDRA AMARASURIYA
PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Keep the date free!



Help Spread Kindness with Lions.
Because the World Needs More Love!



The Heart of Lionism

Dear Lions,

February is the month of love, often wrapped in red roses and candlelit dinners. But love isn't just about romance—it's about kindness, compassion, and the impact we leave on others. As Lions, our service is a testament to love in its purest form, extending beyond personal relationships into the communities we serve.

True Lionism isn't just about wearing the pin or attending meetings; it's about living the values we uphold. It's in the warmth of a meal served to someone hungry, in the time spent mentoring a young leader, and in the quiet moments where we choose to be kind, even when no one is watching.

In a world that can feel divided, let us be the ones who spread love through action. Let's remind ourselves that every project, every handshake, and every act of service is an expression of something bigger than ourselves. Being a Lion is an identity, but embracing Lionism is a way of life.

Let's go beyond words and embody love in all we do—because when kindness leads the way, the world becomes a better place.



Lots of Love

Little Miss Chatterbox
Editor