



# Lions Club of Colombo (Host)

## *Newsletter*

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### *Editorially*

**F**or the first 25 years or so after our club was inaugurated, it was the required thing for every member to wear his Lions Lapel Pin whether at a club meeting or elsewhere in public.

It wasn't only a matter of Identity per se but we were expected to wear the emblem with both pride and humility. It marks us out as service-minded people and actually there were lots of like-minded people anxious to become Lions, and prepared to wait, too.

Today, sad to say, that pride to wear our emblem of membership has vanished to a trace. Here we aren't talking about pride of the overweening kind but a genuine sense of responsibility arising from our commitment to community service.

Indeed, few members nowadays wear their pins even to meetings. In the old days, a common feature was the fine imposed for not wearing the pin. We meet twice a month and in the USA and many other countries, there are clubs which still meet four times a month. Let's not forget that there are kindred clubs in Sri Lanka which do meet weekly. And they don't hesitate to wield the big stick on the laggards.

### **Make a Commitment**

Let's all make a commitment to wear our pins all the time we're outside our homes. That consciousness of our ideals may serve to make us a little more committed. Perfection does lie in the details, you know.

### *President's Message*

Dear Lions & Lion Ladies

First, of all, Lion Lady Ramani and I wish to thank you for accepting our invitation and attending the customary President's Party on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at the Rochelle Gardens, Kottawa.

### **Community Service**

On 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010, we had our first project - donation of school books to the depleted library at the Sri Sangabodhi Maha Vidyalaya, Grandpass., On behalf of the Lions Club of Colombo (Host), I thank Ms. Suranjani Wickremeratne, one of our continuing supporters, for her generosity in donating school books worth about Rs.35,000/- . Also, arrangements are being made to complete the tiling of the toilet at Camilla Home shortly.

### **Pranic Healing**

I hope to see you all on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Galle Face Hotel for the dinner meeting . There will be excellent presentations on "Pranic Healing" sponsored by the Pranic Healing Foundation of Sri Lanka.. Also, Honoring of our Lion Ladies will be the special activity for this month.

With Best Wishes ,

**Lion Eng. Srimal Gallege, President**



## President's Party

In the history of our club, not many incoming Presidents threw the traditional President's Party right at the beginning of the new Lionistic year, rather than later. The goodwill gained by an early event tends to engender more support from our Lions.



President Srimal had invited a number of his colleagues at work and a few of the hierarchy as well and together they made a sizable presence.

An important agenda item was the tribute to our Past Presidents. Lion Lucky did the honours.

The socializing went on apace until dinner time. A Hopperfest had been organized with added support from an ample buffet spread.

Thank you Lion Srimal and LL Ramani for the party which we all enjoyed in a cool and different environment. And all of us offer you our Best Wishes, too, for a great new Lionistic Year.



A cannibal was walking through the jungle and came upon a restaurant operated by a fellow cannibal.

Feeling somewhat hungry, he sat down and looked over the menu....

<b>+Tourist:</b>	\$5.00
<b>+ Broiled Missionary</b>	\$10.00
<b>+ Fried Explorer:</b>	\$15.00
<b>+Baked Democrat or Grilled Republican:</b>	\$100.00

The cannibal called the waiter over and asked, "Why such a price difference for the Politicians?"

The cook replied, "Have you ever tried to clean a politician? They're so full of crap (aka s--t), it takes all morning".

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Birthdays

01 LL Ramani	04 Lion Gul
06 Lion Ganesh	07 Lion Inu
07 Lion Asitha	12 Lion Mahin
15 LL Sanow	16 Lion Mansoor
	22 LL Farida



## Den Chatter

- Your Editor is thinking of summoning the legendary Sherlock Holmes, not to mention Dr. Watson to trace the whereabouts of the missing Lion Zoeb! More news next month.
- The delayed release of the August Newsletter was due to Lion Mansoor being stricken with a minor but troublesome infection.
- Lion Deen and LL Vanessa are back from their visit to UK.

## Committees

**Finance & Fundraising:** Lions Dudley and Stanley W: (Co-Chairs) ; Lions Nihal, Lucky, Inu, Aubrey, Sudath, PDG Stanley, Dilshard

**Community Service:** Lion Shyana (Chair), Lions Asitha, Sepala, Bashir, Lasantha, Shelton, Priya

**Health Services:** Lion Dr. Mahin (Chair): Lions Gali, Dr. Miraz, Sangani, Stanley W., Nihal, Dudley, Dr. Ameer.,

**Continuing Projects:** Lions Jermyn and Gali (Co-Chairs), Lions Tissa and Sisira.

### Programmes, Membership & Attendance

PDG Mansoor (Chair) and Lions Tissa, Priya, Sepala and Shyana

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