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Lion Sudaththa Ariyasena MAF
Club President 2024-2025



Looking back at the lionistic year, it has been a challenging year due to the socio-economic obstacles it has brought to our country.

Despite those challenges and difficulties, we were fortunate enough to gain many achievements by carrying out valuable projects to the community while uplifting the standards of the club. I would like to convey my heartiest gratitude to the wonderful team who have been giving me creative ideas, supporting me and strengthening me to make those dreams to beautiful memories. I am

delighted to bring you this newsletter and you will find how we have been working together in serving Club President 2024-2025 the community as a wonderful team.



Lion Sudaththa Ariyasena
Director, Arya Hospital Ratnapura



Lion Sajeewa Mendis
Chartered Architect



Lion Gevindu Weerathunga
CEO – The Iron House Construction



Lion Dhanushka Sandanayaka
CEO, Dhanushka Engineering Co.(PVT) Ltd



Lion Savini Gurusinghe
Manager - Strategic Planning, Sampath Bank PLC



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Marketer, Orion City Development (PVT) Ltd



Lion Sanuri Gurusinghe
Project Manager, MCSL



Lion Teshan Dilanka
Managing Director, Summit Lanka (PVT) Ltd



Lion Nandun Amaratunge
Mechanical Engineer



Lion Sagara Gunawardana
Managing Director, Saga Group



Lion Jeewani Perera
Entrepreneur



Lion Dileka De Silva
CEO, Sign Tech Advertising Services (PVT) Ltd



Lion Sameera Amarathunga
CEO, Kumudu Transport Service



Lion Suranga Mendis
Interior Designer



Lion Anjula Koralagamage
CEO, Cleanline Linen Management (PVT) Ltd



Lion Lankesh Samaraweera
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Lecturer, University of Moratuwa



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Lion Akila Pathirana
Software Engineer



Lion Gayan Perera
Manager - Corporate Banking, Sampath Bank PLC



Lion Menaka Cooray
Assistant HR Manager



Lion Vijitha Perera
Corrosion Engineer



Lion Salinda Chathuranga
Architectural 3D Visualizer



Lion Dasun Subasinghe
Aircraft Technician



Lion Suranga Ramanayaka
Finance Director of The French International



Lion Nanduni Tharushika
Tour Consultant



Lion Buddhika Dasun
Event Planner



The “English For Fun” initiative, a signature project of the Lion Ladies Association of Lions District 306C1, successfully concluded its First Phase on September 11, 2024. The event, led by Region Chairperson, Region 2, Lion Sanuri Gurusinghe and hosted at Gothatuwa Maha Vidyalaya, Gothatuwa, saw 150 children and parents benefit from morning snacks provided by the Lions of GNCL.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Lion Dhanushka, Lion Dileka, Lion Sanuri, and Lion Savini for their generous support.

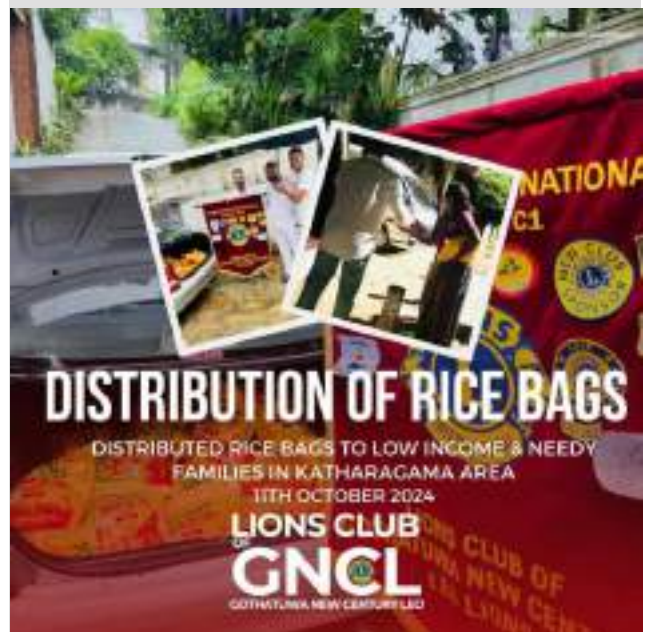
Project Chairperson : **Lion Dhanushka Sandanayake**



The **Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo** successfully completed an impactful project by distributing 15 bags of 5 kg rice to low-income and needy families in the Katharagama area on October 11, 2024.

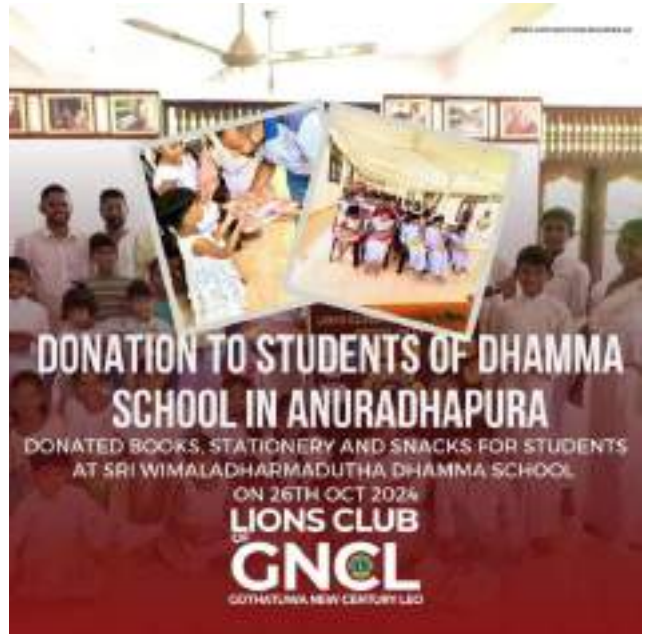
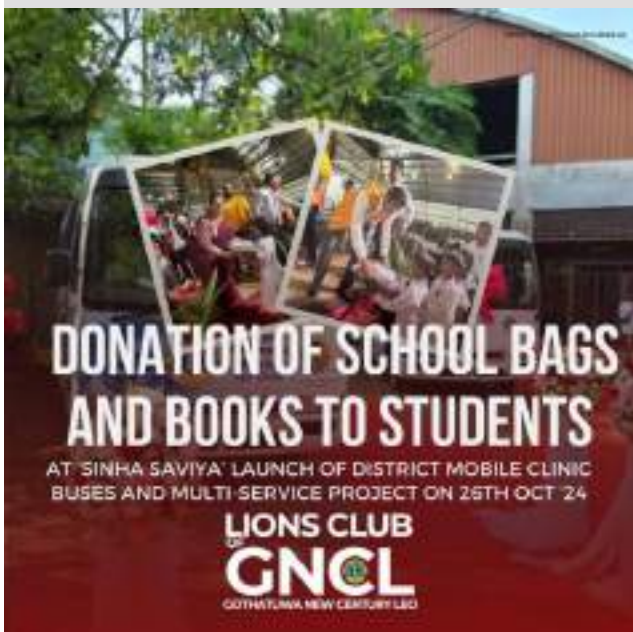
Special thanks to Lion Sameera, Lion Gevindu, and Lion Anjula for initiating and contributing to this worthy cause.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Sameera Amaratunga



On October 26, 2024, **Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo** launched a joint regional project under "Sinha Saviya," providing school bags and books to 140 students from low-income families. This initiative was a part of the launch of the mobile clinic buses and multi-service project, held at the Ape Gama Open Theatre, Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte.

The event was attended by notable figures, including Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, Past International Director and Trustee of LCIF Lion Mahesh Pasqual, District Governor Lion Saman Jinadasa, and several other district officials and dignitaries.

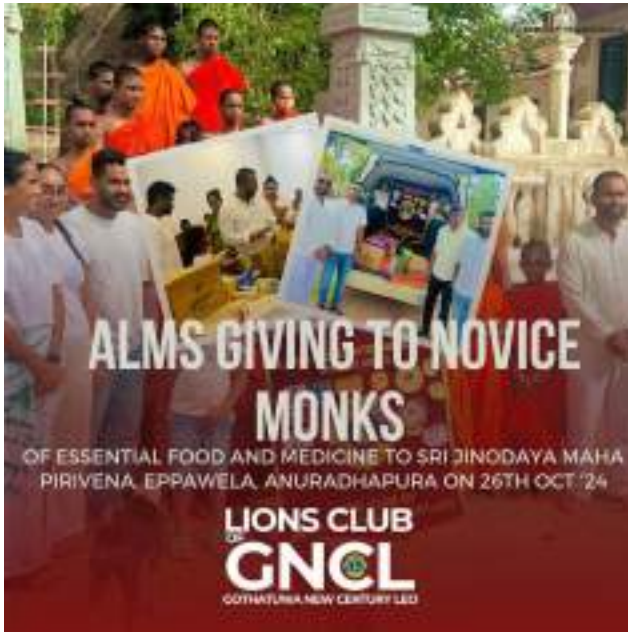


Additionally, the **Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo** had the privilege of supporting the students of Sri Wimaladharmadutha Dhamma School in Anuradhapura on October 26, 2024.

The children and teachers were delighted to receive books, stationery, and snack packs.

Our sincere thanks to Lion Sameera and his family for initiating this project, as well as to Lion Gevindu and Lion Anjula for their involvement.

Project Chairperson : **Lion Sameera Amaratunga**

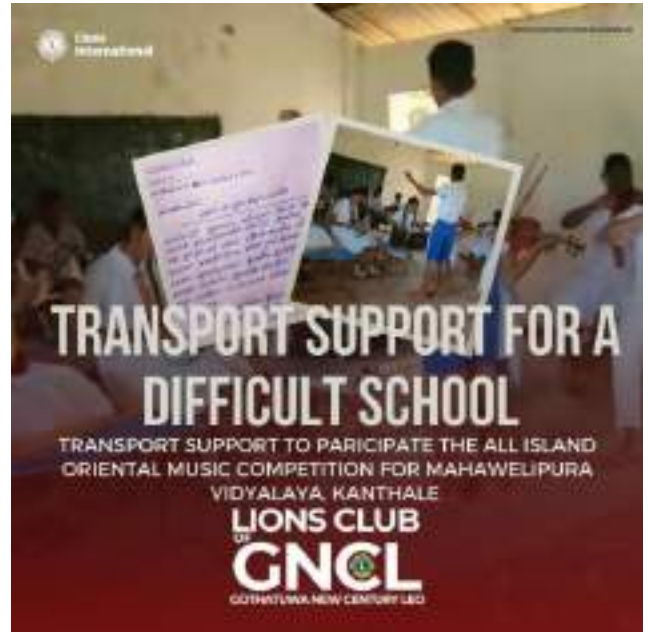


As another significant initiative, **Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo** assisted novice monks at Sri Jinodaya Maha Pirivena, Eppawela, Anuradhapura District, on October 26, 2024.

Our members provided essential food items and medicines to nearly 70 novice monks residing at the Pirivena.

We are grateful to Lion Sameera and his family, Lion Anjula, and Lion Gevindu for their contributions and participation in this important cause.

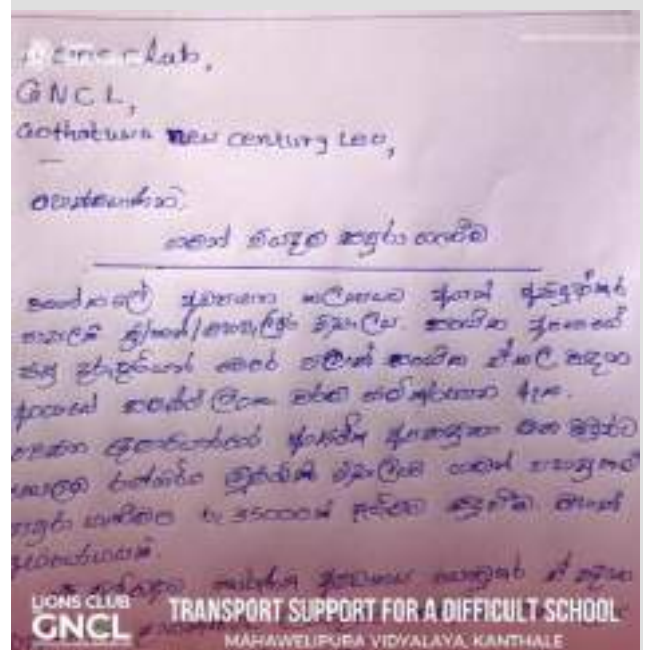
Project Chairperson : **Lion Sameera Amarathunga**



Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo also supported students from Mahawelipura Vidyalaya in Kanthale for travel expenses to participate in the All Island Oriental Music Competition 2024, held at Lumbini Vidyalaya, Rajagiriya, on November 3, 2024.

The students achieved an impressive 4th place in the Girls Violin category. Our special thanks to Lion Sameera for organizing this worthy cause.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Sameera Amarathunga





Protect Environment - Distributed fruit plants for all the blood donors



Vision Care Project

The MULTI-SERVICE PROJECT jointly organised by Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo together with Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Town was held on Saturday, 9th November 2024 at Gothatuwa Paramitha Viharaya.

We carried out a vision care project, eye screening by opticians and doctors through the District Vision Health Mobile Unit and distributed **200+ reading glasses** to the needy.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Sudaththa Ariyasena



Project on Hunger Relief

On this day,
we provided fish buns and milk packets
for all 350+ people
who attended as service receivers
of the eye screening,
dental clinic,
diabetes screening
and general health screening.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Dhanushka Sandanayake





Dental Care Project

On this day, Dental Clinic service was provided for **30 patients** through the District Mobile Dental Health Unit.

We would like to thank the doctor and nurse of the IDH Hospital, and the Leo members of Leo Club of CINEC Campus for us supporting us to carry out this task.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Menaka Cooray



Blood Donation Campaign

We carried out a blood donation campaign on this day and 75 pints from donors were collected.

We would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of Central Blood Bank, Narahenpita for the immense support given to us in organizing this campaign.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Naduni Juwandarage





Free Diabetes and General Health Screening

We were able to carry out **350 plus diabetes screening** tests and had the opportunity for participants to get a general health screening on this day free of charge.

We would like to thank President of the club, Lion Sudaththa for arranging all doctors and nurses from Arya Hospital, Rathnapura and the Ambulance service for this worthy project.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Sudaththa Ariyasena



Childhood Cancer Awareness Program

We distributed **350+ leaflets** with the information on Childhood Cancer Awareness and Prevention to the service receivers.

We would like to thank Lion Chathurangi for designing and printing this informative and creative bi-lingual leaflet for the project.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Chathurangi De Silva





Project on Environmental Protection

We distributed **80 different kinds of fruit plants and torches** as a token of appreciation for every donor who donated blood at the blood donation campaign organized on this day.

We would like to thank our member, Lion Suranga for sponsoring these plants for the donors and supporting this environmental project.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Suranga Mendis



On November 10, 2024,
Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo proudly sponsored a cricket tournament organized by the Gothatuwa Sports Club as part of a youth empowerment initiative.

We extend our special thanks to Lion Chathurangi for sponsoring the trophies for the winning teams and to all members for their participation.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Chathurangi De Silva



In partnership with Summit Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, the **Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo** completed the “**Helping Hand for Students in Need**” project on November 17, 2024, providing transportation for 200 students and 20 teachers from underprivileged schools in Matara.

The event, held at the Foundation in Colombo 07, included the distribution of essential school items and 5 kg rice bags for each student.

The participants were also treated to a visit to the Independence Square, and meals were provided for all.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Teshan Dilanka

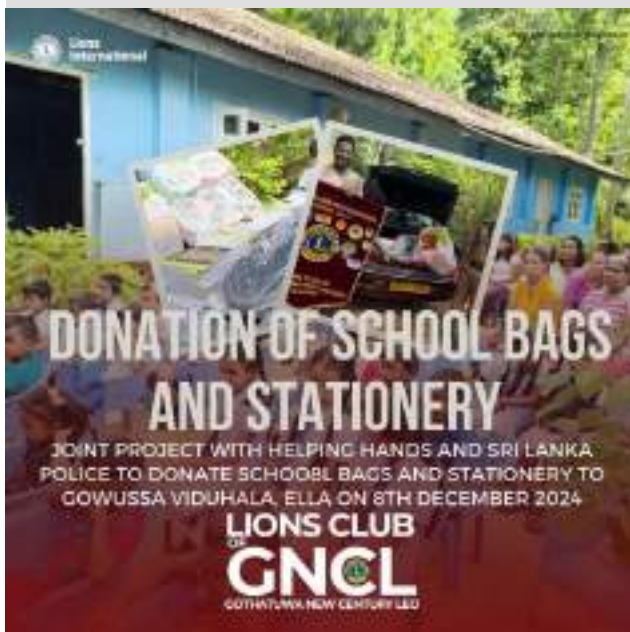


On December 8, 2024,

we partnered with 'Helping Hands' for the second consecutive year to donate school bags and stationery to students in need at Gowussa Viduhala, Ella.

We thank Lion Anjula for attending the event and appreciate the contributions of all members who supported the project.

Project Chairperson :
Lion Sameera Amarathunga



Lions Club of Gothathuwa New Century Leo partnered with 'Comfort', Unilever Sri Lanka and Cleanamatic Laundry Service for a Cloth Donation Initiative.

We collected used clothes in good standard through a special campaign, sorted, washed, ironed, packed and distributed among the needy. The first initiative was launched on Christmas Day, December 25, 2024 and it benefited the children at the Sucharithodaya Child Care Center in Maharagama. We look forward to continue this project in future.

Project Chairperson : **Lion Savini Gurusinghe**

July Board Meeting

@ The Shangdon Chinese Restaurant



August Board Meeting

@ The Residence of Lion Sudheera Bandara



September Board Meeting

@ The Residence of Lion Sameera Amarathunga



October Board Meeting

@ The Residence of Lion Gevindu Weerathunga



November Board Meeting

@ The Residence of Lion Suranga Mendis



December Board Meeting

@ The Residence of Lion Savini Gurusinghe



July Monthly Meeting and Past Presidents Appreciation

Friday, July 26th 2024,
at the El Podio, 189A Royal Ct, Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte



August Monthly Meeting and Lion Ladies Appreciation

Friday, August 23rd 2024,
at the Country Homes, Malabe



September Monthly Meeting and Zone Chairman Visit

Friday, September 20th 2024,
at the Country Homes, Malabe



October Monthly Meeting and Region Chairman Visit

Friday, October 18th 2024,
at the Lions Activity Center, Kotte



November Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 28th 2024,
at the Rakna Lanka Restaurant, Kotte



December Monthly Meeting and 1st and 2nd Vice Governors Visit

Friday, December 20th 2024,
at the Diamond Crown Hotel Kelanimulla



"The start of something new brings the hope of something great."

With the dawn of a new Lionistic year, the Lions Club of Gothathuwa New Century Leo proudly celebrated its 8th Annual Installation Ceremony of Office Bearers for 2024/2025 on the 30th of June 2024 at Board Walk by Waters Edge, Battaramulla.

PDG Lion Kusum Sandanayaka PMJF PMAF, accompanied by his gracious lady Lion Chandani, graced the event as the Chief Guest. The ceremony also welcomed Lion Dhanasiri Gurusinghe MJF MAF JP, then Honorary Cabinet Officer and now Advisory Panelist and Guiding Lion of the Lions Club of GNCL, along with his gracious Lion Lady Chandra, as the Guest of Honour.

Under the guidance of the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, the office bearers of the Lions Club of GNCL for the new year were installed, with Lion Sudaththa Ariyasena taking on the presidency. The club also expressed heartfelt appreciation to the outgoing president, Lion Sameera Amaratunga, for his remarkable service and contributions.

Adding to the significance of the occasion, District Governor at the time, Lion Panthake Dabare FDI PMJF PMAF, and his gracious lady Lion Dilrukshi, joined the ceremony later in the day.

The members and board of directors of the Lions Club of GNCL extend their sincere thanks to all cabinet officers, visiting Lions and Leos for their presence and support on this momentous occasion



It is with great pleasure we announce that the Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo extended it's **FIRST Leo Club in CINEC Campus (Colombo International Nautical and Engineering College), Leo Club of CINEC Campus.**

The Inaugural Ceremony '**GALLENTRIA**' of Leo Club of CINEC CAMPUS was held on 19th of September 2024 at CINEC Campus Auditorium.

Many thanks to the key pillars in making this possible, Imm. Past District President Leo Thimira Uyanhewage, Leo Chanara Oshadi, Leo Sadesh and Leo Amashi Perera. We would like to thank the Management of CINEC Campus for accepting our request to extend a Leo Club in your prestigious campus.

Special thanks goes out to the Imm. Past President Lion Sameera Amaratunga and members of LC GNCL at which the Leo Club was Chartered.

Finally, GNCL would like to thank the key pillar behind this milestone, our own Lion Dhanushka Sandanayaka, who initiated and supported during his position as the District Chairperson for Leo Clubs last year.



FIRST ZONAL ADVISORY MEETING

Region 2B – Zone 01
Lions International – District 306 C1
July 30th 2024, at The Lions Activity Centre, Rajagiriya



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SECOND ZONAL ADVISORY MEETING

Region 2B – Zone 01
Lions International – District 306 C1
January 3rd 2025, at The Lions Activity Centre, Rajagiriya



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REGION ACTION MEETING

Region 2B
Lions International – District 306 C1
August 11th 2024, at The Lions Activity Centre, Kotte



MID COURSE CORRECTION MEETING

Region 2B
Lions International – District 306 C1
January 12th 2025, at The Lions Club House, Battaramulla



Cabinet Installation 2024-2025

"Uniting Hearts ~ Uplifting Lives"
Lions International District 306C1



District Get Together 2024-2025

Lions International District 306C1



New Members Induction & Donor Appreciation Night

31st August 2024 at Water's Edge, Baththaramulla



Lion Ladies Get Together

August 25th 2024,
at the Suriya Resort, Waikkal



Contribution To DG's Signature Project

Appreciating our wonderful donors contributing to
the Signature Service Project
"Hope for All" - 3 mobile clinic buses.

Our own member Lion Teshan Dilanka contributed
Rs 500,000/- (Five hundred thousand rupees)
for the District Signature Service Project.

We appreciate your valuable contribution.



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Editor's Note

Lion Sajeewa Mendis

Club Secretary 2024-2025

It is with great honour
I pen these few words as the Editor for "**The Social Line Magazine**" of
The Lions Club of Gothatuwa New Century Leo.

First, I would like to thank the Club members,
Board of Directors and especially the President of the Lions Club and
all the stakeholders of the club for all the contributions
they have made towards the betterment of the society.

As a club,
it is our goal to extend our help to the most affected parts of our society and
I am happy to state that within the few short months of this year,
we have managed to positively impact many parts of the society in various ways.

Glancing through the newsletter,
it is abundantly clear the lengths
the members of Lions Club of GNCL had gone to, to help the needy.

Hence,
I'm delighted to bring you this newsletter
which summarizes the clubs' progress for the Lionistic year **2024/2025** and
share the vision the members tried to achieve throughout the year as a team.