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OCTOBER-DECEMBER

THE INCEPTION OF A NEW CHAPTER,
26TH INSTALLATION
CEREMONY

THE TRUE SPIRIT OF GENEROUS
VOLUNTEERS:
HAND IN HAND

THE CHAMPIONS OF MAESTRO 2021
TEAM VELVET THUNDER

A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER:
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Rotaractors,

2021 has been a challenging year for everyone and to work in the new normal has been even more challenging. You might have had to shift gears and change the entire process, or you might have had to make an extra effort in order to facilitate the rest of the proceedings. Being a Rotaractor means accepting the challenge to the change, adapting to new systems, making changes and most importantly, being the change. After monstrous challenges during the first quarter, as the President of this prestigious club, I am proud to say that my beloved set of Rotaractors have never failed to keep the flag of Rotaract Mora soaring high.

It is my utmost privilege to pen down these thoughts for the second quarterly issue of Odyssey, the Official Newsletter of the club. During the past few months, I have been fortunate enough to witness the treasured, sentimental moments connected to different projects as well as the spirit of the youngsters when executing them. Projects like Zooxanthaellae showed the consistency, courage, and love when rendering service on behalf of mother nature; Maestro showed how a project can unlock the true potential within the undergraduates, and Mansusath Handa showed the genuine humanitarian efforts of this bunch to colour the lives of the disabled community. It should be specially mentioned that it has been a true delight to have finally met the general membership in a physical context!

Six months down the line, Rotaract Mora has been successful in completing more than a dozen projects under the five main avenues. Each project has a learning curve for both directors well as the general members. Together they laugh, argue and challenge each other, all in an effort to deliver the best for Rotaract Mora. I believe this is one of the main secret ingredients that keep the club strong and powerful.

There are days when we feel like we can conquer the world, but there also might be days when we find it hard even to complete a simple task. Just like past Rotaractors including myself have found ourselves and what we are capable of, being a member of Rotaract Mora will give you the platform to discover yourself and build up your personality.

This quarter indeed emphasizes the willingness of our very own members to serve the community. While this has been displayed throughout the history of the 26 years, the projects that were carried out in the second quarter are testimony to the above statement. On an ending note, I would like to make this a chance to thank each and every member for their massive contribution towards Redefining the Spirit of Lives of the community around them.

Together, let's redefine the spirit of lives!

Rtr. Bimsara Somarathna
President 2021-22
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa

EDITORIAL



Dear Rotaractors,

Ending yet another successful quarter in Rotaract Mora calendar we have passed many milestones, despite the physical and social distances that we are facing. Including the touch of “Redefining the Spirit of Lives” in every possible way into our projects, we have succeeded in writing many more chapters in the fraternity of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa.

After starting the year with a strong presence in the virtual realm, we shifted our focus to some physical projects in order to gain some new experiences that we hadn't encountered in the past.

The three months between October and December have been nothing short of fruitful, with projects like Maestro, Zooxanthellae, and Hand in Hand reaching their climaxes and massive initiatives like "Are You Ready? 2021" getting off the ground. With the initiation of projects such as the board outing and the Christmas gathering, it became a collection of Rotaract Mora members cherishing the warmth of the Rotaract Mora family.

All these success stories have been written with the utmost dedication of our general membership and the Board of Directors. Kudos to every Rotarator who is behind each stride we take for their unwavering commitment and enthusiasm shown towards inspiring others.

So, without further ado, we unveil...

The Second Issue of Odyssey, The Official Newsletter of Rotaract Mora, for the Rotaract Year 2021-22.

Happy Reading!

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

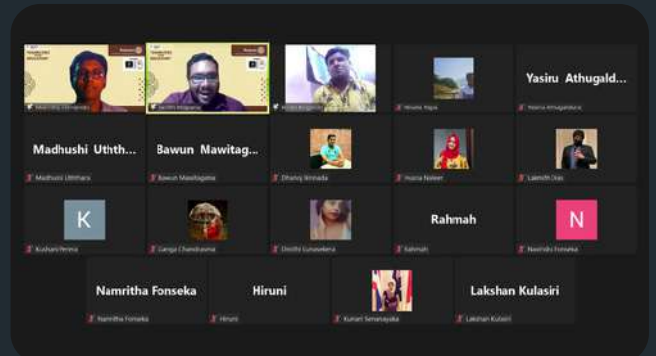
Andurata Athwalak (Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr. Madhushi Uththara | Rtr. Nisala Yapa | Rtr. Thisuri Mindula

Andurata Athwalak began as an educational guide for the disability community in September, when a group of undergraduates/graduates were chosen with the sole purpose of improving their English, Social, and Business Etiquette skills through the American Center-funded program, Training through Remote Guided Education Techniques (TARGET).

Andurata Athwalak collaborated with the Enable Lanka Foundation and Big Hearts Community to provide sessions twice a week for a group of students, with our volunteers taking on the difficult task of creating content and finding new ways to make teaching enjoyable for everyone involved. The sessions were accompanied by monthly evaluations conducted by all three organizations in order to identify the participants' progress.

With the final evaluation on December 28th, the program came to an end, and heartfelt messages were exchanged between the participants and the team, signaling a temporary pause for an incredible journey.



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Andurata Athwalak also teamed up with the two organizations to commemorate the International Day of Disabled Persons 2021 with a webinar on Disabilities and Education, in which two distinguished speakers, Janith Ittapana and Brian Kingston, shared their experiences and discussed what could be done to improve the current situation for the disabled community.

The webinar also discussed inclusivity and its significance, and the audience left with a clearer picture of the world of disabilities.

To memorialize the true meaning of the Christmas season, the three organizations formed Unseen Harmonies, a novel initiative to aid a group of visually impaired choir members who focus solely in singing Christmas carols. The series was divided into three stages, the first of which was held at One Galle Face. The session was scheduled for an hour and was an instant success, if the size of the crowd was any indication. Despite the fact that it was intended to be a one-time event, ODEL and CCC both requested that a similar event be held at their respective locations due to its popularity. The event came to a close on Christmas Eve, with a promising continuation for the following year.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Hand in Hand (Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr. Yesith Waduge | Rtr. Yesitha Athukorala

Hand in Hand is a project that aims to help cancer patients being treated at Apeksha Hospital by collecting funds throughout the year. As part of assisting cancer patients, it was decided that making the general public more aware of cancer and the preventive steps they could take would benefit individuals in the long run, and thus "Save your Goodbyes," a webinar series on cancer awareness, was introduced, with the first session held on October 31st under the theme, "How to Identify Cancer in an Early Stage." Dr. Suraj Perera and Dr. UpuLi Perera from the National Cancer Control Program took the stage to educate the audience on the importance of detecting cancer in its early stages, as well as to discuss breast cancer in honor of October, which is also known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Following the conclusion of the first webinar session, successful plans were developed to continue the series over the next few months.



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In order to raise funds for Apeksha Hospital, the HiH team participated in the Christmas shopping festival at BMICH, which was held during the month of December and lasted five days. Permission was obtained from the higher authorities of the BMICH premises and the Aitken spence Hotels to set up a stall at the festival, and it was decided that a collection of Christmas cards and stickers would be the main selling items for the fund collection.

The shopping festival began on December 18th, and many volunteers decided to participate in this admirable cause throughout the event, with the most notable participation coming from the 21st batch, who have yet to join the University as undergraduates. The volunteers spent hours walking towards prospects, explaining the project and the initiative, and guiding them to make a donation on behalf of cancer patients. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm of both old and new faces, and special thanks go to the two chairpersons, Yesith and Yesitha, who spent almost the entire 5 days at the event making sure everything ran smoothly. The event concluded on a positive note, teaching many participants about the true spirit of community service.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Manusath Handa(Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr. Ashan Subodha | Rtr. Uththara Nawodi Moratuwage

This year's Manusath Handa began in August, with over 400 volunteers taking part. We completed the A/L past paper recording phase. We are pleased to announce that A/L past paper recordings are now ready for upload to the Manusath Handa e-library. Furthermore, we completed the collection of 70+ short story recordings from our volunteers. They are currently editing. We intend to begin recording O/L past papers in February. There, we keep both Sinhala and Tamil medium past papers. Volunteers can assist us by donating through our own Manusath Handa contributors platform.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Zooxanthellae (Ongoing)

Chaired by: Rtr.Danush Wickramasinghe |
Rtr.Sdeanepani Udeshika Jayani | Rtr.Ravindu
Yasiska Wickramage

Environmental Services Avenue's hallmark project is Zooxanthellae. Zooxanthellae 21-22 are put in action with the goal of conserving the marine environment by supplying the required requirements for the development of coral reefs. We used the artificial coral reefs approach to cultivate corals, with concrete boulders as the foundation.

From October through December, we worked on several meetings and formal processes with our ExclusiveResource Partner Marine Environmental Protection Authority (MEPA) for the future steps that would be required to carry out the plan for the year.

Zooxanthellae 21-22 collaborated with that team to construct Concrete boulders for phase one. In the meantime, tests were carried out with MEPA - Matara District Office to determine ideal areas for transplanting and to evaluate other relevant characteristics.

On the 30th of October, 2021, a webinar was held to disseminate knowledge about corals and coral protection as the first awareness session. Dr. Turney Pradeep Kumara, Professor of Oceanography, was the guest speaker. As the Digital Media Partner for the webinar, IMPULSE collaborated with us.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Woof Roof (Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr.Chiran Dewmith Weerasinghe | Rtr.Yahani Sandunika Wickramasinghe

Woof Roof 21-22 began the year with a social media competition to rally and unify our followers. It was divided into two sections: drawing and photography.

As a Competition Partner, Seepet Animal Care (PVT) Ltd teamed up with us.



Clean SL (Ongoing)

Chaired by: Rtr.Thamashi Kaviraj | Rtr.Ravindu Pushpakumara

This is a local initiative.

Working with the other host clubs to install garbage traps. We went to three canal locations in Weligama for this.



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Urbanscape (Ongoing)

**Chaired by : Rtr.Anuja Wijewardana |
Rtr.Keshanie Geethanjana
Kodduruarachchi**

To commemorate the end of the urbanscape social media campaign, a competition called 'Green Vibes' was held to instill a passion of gardening by offering gardeners the opportunity to submit their successful gardening experiences.

The winners were chosen and given prizes, and the winning essays were publicized on social media platforms.

With that team, Urbanscape moved on to the second phase of the project, which was to build a Grow Room in a public area—the physical portion of the project—by seeking support.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MAESTRO 2021

Chaired by : Rtr. Rasandie Jithma | Rtr. Bojitha Liyanage | Rtr. Krishantha Udayakumara

The 4th consecutive term of Maestro, a Global Business Case Study Competition that facilitates undergraduates and Rotaractors around the world, came to a close after a soaring to great heights yet again. The project was made possible in partnership with; Commercial Bank of Ceylon (Platinum Partners), People's Bank (Silver Partner) and Icon Business Academy (Silver Partner).

In spite of the barriers posed by the pandemic, Maestro was able to offer a world class experience yet again through a fully digital environment, enabling budding young entrepreneurs to discover themselves, as they guided through a lineup of insightful sessions and interactions with renowned corporate personalities. The sessions helped brush up their skills and mould the future business leaders of the world.

This time, participants from Sri Lanka, Guyana, India, Nepal collectively made up 32 teams. The finalists of the project represented four institutes in Sri Lanka; University of Moratuwa, University of Colombo, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and Rotaract Club of Colombo North. Team Velvet Thunders emerging as the winners.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MentHer (Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr. Dinithi Gunasekera | Rtr. Kumuthu Athukorala

MentHer, Rotaract Mora's signature women empowerment project with special focus on the corporate sphere, is impending the closure of its second edition, celebrating yet another tenure of great success.

Despite being a project in its initial stages, MentHer was able to capture the participation of not less than 65 undergraduate girls as mentees and 10 corporate female leaders as mentors, completing more than 50 mentoring sessions under the fields of Medicinal, Research and Development, Business Management and Finance, Apparel, Construction, and Information Technology. The mentors on board represented prestigious institutions such as LSEG Technology, John Keells Holdings, MAS Holdings, Diversity Collective Lanka, the Road Development Authority of Sri Lanka and King's Hospital.

Mentees were granted the opportunity to get up close and personal with the top female industry leaders and maintain close bonds with them in addition to the professional and career development they attained as a result of the sessions. Opportunities were created for mentees and willing mentors to conduct one on one sessions that provided mentees with the privilege of obtaining personalized feedback and evaluation.

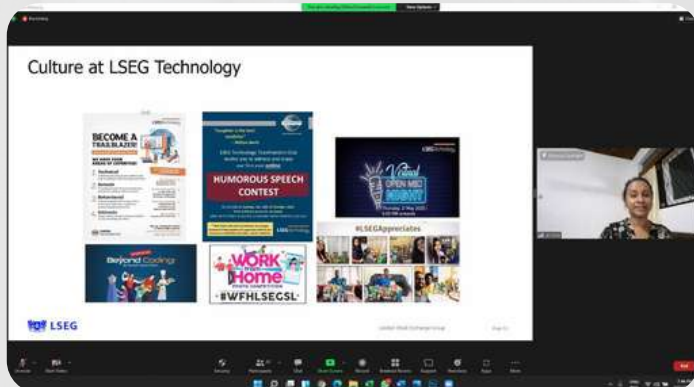


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Are You Ready? (Ongoing)

Chaired by: Bimsara Perera, Ravindu Jayasinghe, Ranul Navojith

"Are You Ready?" is the official career fair of the University of Moratuwa done in collaboration with the career guidance unit of the university. The 26th chapter of this long-standing project has successfully secured over 1000 undergraduates on board for its ambitious journey. The project puts young, enthusiastic undergraduates of our very own university in touch with the creme de la creme of Sri Lanka's corporate elite, in hopes of enhancing and inspiring their visionary future.



The Scholar 2021(Ongoing)

"The Scholar", a scholarship grant program carried out in partnership with the Mosvold-Martinus Foundation, is intended to colour the lives of the economically underprivileged undergraduates of the University of Moratuwa.

The program which intends to enhance the living standards and overall well-being of the selected group of students covers two years of the academic tenure of an undergraduate. By now, the program has successfully distributed a fund of 1.25Mn, where 0.75mn is to be distributed.



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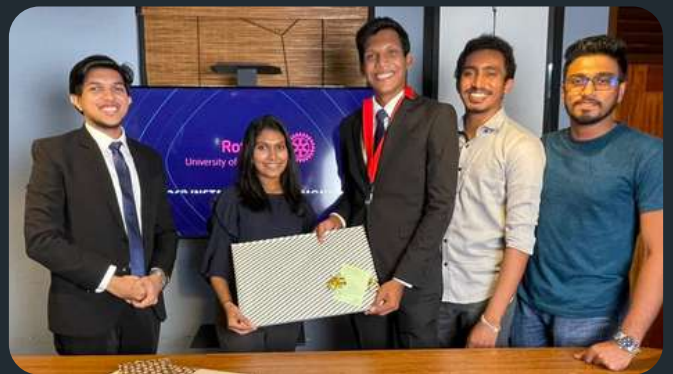
26th Installation Ceremony.

Chaired by : Rtr. Ravindu Jayasinghe, Rtr. Imalsha Liyanage

To mark the inception of the 26th chapter of Rotaract Mora, the 26th Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was held on the 22nd of October at 6.00 pm in a fully virtual setting. In light of the unprecedented events faced in Sri Lanka, the event was virtually hosted and streamed live on Youtube and Facebook platforms. Based on feedback from participants who joined us via Youtube and Facebook live, we were able to ensure that the viewers had the best experience possible, even though it was held in a virtual environment. The Guest of Honour Rtn. Anisha Dharmadasa, Chief Guest Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. K. S. Mahanama, and many other distinguished guests including District Rotaract Representative Rtn. Rtr. Past President Akhila Wijethunga, District Youth Services Chairperson (DYSC) Rtn. Rohantha Athukorala, and the District Rotaract Chair Rtn. Marshad Barry graced the ceremony.

Rotarians, Rotaractors, and many others sent their felicitations congratulating the outgoing team on a job well done and wishing the newly appointed board of directors the best of luck for their future endeavors.

Taking into consideration the installation ceremony was not only a significant milestone for the club but a milestone for each individual being inducted to the Board of Officials, all 42 of the board members met virtually through Zoom to catch a glimpse of the ceremony and to share and cherish this remarkable moment together as a team.



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Rotaract Mora Christmas Gathering: “General meeting - December and Christmas Gathering.”

As much as Rotaract Mora is about giving back to the community, striving to fulfill the SDGs to the best of our abilities, it is also about fun, cooperation and making memories. Taking hit after hit from on and off waves of Covid'19 has not made this an easy venture. With this in mind, along with the light of the festive season, a physical General Meeting and Christmas Gathering was organized.

Adhering to the health protocols imposed by the government, the event was held at DHPL Conference Centre - Lounge 42 on 18th December 2021. The evening was filled with dollops of fun games, love, joy, care, enjoyment, entertainment, and chitchats.

As per the usual monthly custom, the General Meeting was kickstarted in accordance of the official formalities. The meeting comprised of several significant events:

Charter day Celebrations

For years and years, Rotaractors have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. 'Rotaract', is a global network of millions of leaders who see a world where people unite and take actions to create lasting change.

The Charter day celebrations were held to celebrate the 26th Anniversary of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, chartered under Rotary International District 3220 Sri Lanka and Maldives, which is also the first-ever university-based Rotaract Club in Sri Lanka. A cake was cut and the birthday song was sung to show gratitude, loyalty and love towards the club by its fellow Rotaractors.



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Award Ceremony - RMMUN

The annual Rotaract Mora Model United Nations (RMMUN) brought to life by the International Service Avenue of the club is the body that practices United Nations simulations within the University of Moratuwa. Being the first Sri Lankan university to conduct such a UN simulation is a significant landmark of its own. Last year, RMMUN consisted of several stages. While the initial stage of the project developed the MUN culture within the delegates of the university, the second stage focused on the public audience including foreign MUN delegates.

Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations (SLRMUN) was the Model UN simulation hosted by RMMUN, led by Shehan Paul and his secretariat on 4th of April 2021. The RMMUN award ceremony that took place in the premises of DHPL Centre commemorate the official handing over of the Conference Powers to the Secretariat by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa. All contributors of the conference were therein felicitated.



Christmas Gathering

The celebratory Christmas Gathering that followed the formal proceedings of the General meeting, commenced with a surprise birthday wish for the December-born Rotaractors.

First in line of this casual session kicked off with a game named 'Song Association'. The participants were divided into three groups with the presence of moderators and Game coordinators. The teams were to recognize a song that included a specific random word provided to them. Following a round of refreshments, the game 'One truth - three lies' commenced. In conclusion of the fun filled game sessions, winners were awarded gifts. The evening was successfully concluded as the dance floor was opened for the attendees with the presence of an official photographer that helped document memories of the day.



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Rotaract Mora Board Outing

Chaired by : Rtr Nikith Fernando, Rtr. Ravindu Jayasinghe, Rtr. Janith Bimsara

Rotaract Mora is nothing without its team spirit and “all for one and one for all” attitude. Such a spirit is even more so significant among the official Board. On this basis, the Club Service Avenue of Rotaract Mora organized a Board Outing to be hosted on the 4th of November at Amora Lagoon Hotel, Katunayake, in completion of the second quarter of the Rotaract year 2021-22.

This special physical meet-up championed in redeeming many missed opportunities for physical gatherings and physical aspects such as installation ceremonies, induction ceremonies, and numerous other initiatives, which are essential to keep the club members' bond and spirit intact. The outing granted everyone the opportunity to re-establish relationships, make new acquaintances and see the faces of colleagues with whom they had worked for extensive periods of time through virtual platforms.

Following formal proceedings was a day reserved for bonding and relaxing. Multiple games were in play and it was all tied together with song and harmonies.



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Design Fest

Chaired by : Rtr.Ashfa Hameed, Rtr.Vishal Gimhan, Rtr.Randimal Jeshan

DesignFest is a project which was organized by Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa which is the first ever institution-based club. It was focused to polish-up and teach flyer designing and video editing. Under this there were two kinds of workshops. At present flyer designing is very important and Flyers are an easy and effective way to tell people on the street about your services and products. A professionally designed and printed flyer will make a much better first impression than a handwritten one, and first impressions really do matter. Video editing is also important because it is the key to blending images and sounds to make us feel emotionally connected and sometimes truly there in the film we're watching. It's a safe assumption to say that video editing is among the most important jobs in some industries.



The participants were able to get valuable guidance from experts in the field. The webinar series was held in two parts. That is, Four days, two days for flyer designing and and two days for video editing. It was conducted using the zoom platform. After providing the zoom links participants join for a meeting and after that experts make aware them with their experiences and new tips step by step.

This session was important for undergraduates who are interested in this field but don't know how to step in and already know about flyer design and video editing but do not have that much idea about new technologies. Via this session series they were able acquire knowledge on new technologies also. The experts of industry help to solve their problems about new tips and techniques on designing and editing via conducting Q and A sessions.



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Boon Dignity (Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr. Risini Methmini | Rtr. Mohamed Rashad | Rtr. Geesaranee Silva

"Boon Dignity" is a novel project aimed to elevate the basic understanding of Information Technology (IT) among undergraduates. The project is being conducted in collaboration with a group of students and teachers in Tanzania as per the invitation extended from Rotaract Club of Mwenge Catholic University.

As per the subject matter undertaken as a part of the project, it will have a global reach in sharing revolutionary knowledge that is both timely and visionary. Therefore, the University of Moratuwa, the leading technical university in Sri Lanka, adept in IT, had no second thoughts about initiating the project. The mission of this ongoing project is to join forces with ten more Rotaract clubs around the world.



Ceylon Safari (Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr. Namina Wijetunga, Rtr. Saeedha Nazar

'Ceylon Safari', an award-winning signature project under the International Service Avenue, will be conducted after a break of 2 years, owing to the ongoing pandemic situation.

The fourth venture of this project will take place in three phases, from the 10th to 20th of April 2022, with the participation of international wanderlusts all over the world. The project allows the participants to witness the beauty of key tourist destinations in Sri Lanka and expose them to the country's diverse culture while building up everlasting friendships and collecting wonderful memories.



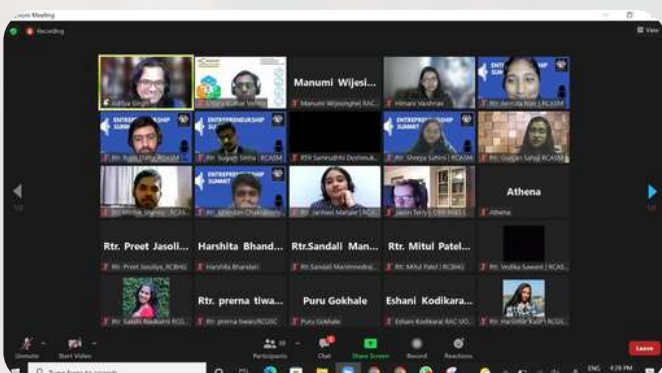
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Entrepreneurship Summit

Chaired by : Rtr. Radeesh Aponso

The business industry is one of the economic units that has been severely affected and most of the countries have confronted the lack of involvement in entrepreneurs pertaining to the uncertainty of the situation. Being a way out for the encountered drawback, Rotaract Club of Athena School of Management took the plunge in launching the concept “Entrepreneurship Summit 2021” with the collaboration of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka; Rotaract Club of Bombay Hanging Gardens, Rotaract Club of Dronacharya PG College and Rotaract Club of Saraf College which were from the Indian region.

Keeping in mind their prime aim: advancing the international understanding with foreign Rotaract Clubs and getting acquainted with foreign accomplishments and aspirations, the International Service Avenue of Rotaract Mora joined hands with this fine & influential project. The main target of Rotaract Mora for “Entrepreneurship Summit 2021” was to facilitate in delivering a piece of inspiration to pull out locals’ skills and competencies in entrepreneurship and encountering their prevailing difficulties.



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UN International Days Blog Competition

Chaired by : Rtr. Ravindu Pushpakumara | Rtr. Vidushi Ranasinghe

For the Science and Peace week

UN international days is a sub project of project RMMUN that is initiated by the International Service avenue of the Rotaract club of University of Moratuwa. The main aim of initiation of this project is to improve the social media reach of RMMUN.

To do so, a blog competition titled “World Science day for peace and Development” was organized under this project targeting the International week of Science and Peace that falls from November 9th to 14th. A number of participants were present for this competition and the best 3 blog articles were published in the official blog site of Rotaract Mora.

3rd-Dinithi Fernando from University of Moratuwa Sri Lanka

2nd-Marsgaa Balani from C.L.Gupta World School India

1st-Shashini Senanayake from University of Moratuwa Sri Lanka



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Colloquium (Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr. Malki Gunathilake, Rtr. Risini Methmini

Colloquium is an informative 12-part video series, uploaded on the official Rotaract Youtube Handle. The series details the Model United Nations (MUN) procedures and tips for aspiring delegates. These provide a stellar understanding and guidance for basic MUN and inspiration for potential delegates to join the renowned MUN conferences organized by the avenue.



Dusty Paws (Ongoing)

Chaired by: Rtr. Hasara Miurangi and Viraj Wijesooriya

done parallel to a similar project conducted by the Rotaract Club of Yala, Nepal. We were funded by NexGard company. and the Nepal project had been funded by Oxsa company. We conducted the project in Ja Ea town on 26th January 2022 and it was concluded successfully and our objective was to feed the stray dogs and provide the dogs who had skin diseases with amoxicillin tablets.



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No More Corona (Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr. Anupa Perera | Rtr. Yesith Waduge | Rtr. Tamashi Kaviraj | Rtr. Yasiru Athugaldura | Rtr. Anujitha Yasas

One such endeavor is Project 'No More Corona,' which is focused on the worldwide pandemic recovery and management in two phases.

The first phase consists of a donation campaign for three schools.

The second phase involves refurbishing Siri Parakumba Vidyalaya's first aid facility.

01st phase:Donation drive

For the first phase, we gave basic equipment to schools recognized as lacking in hygienic supplies..

Sunethra Devi Balika Vidyalaya- Pepiliyana
Siri Parakumbha Vidyalaya- Rajagiriya
Sri Rahula Maha Vidyalaya- Kotte

are the schools that are assigned for this program.

We were able to give the following sanitary item list to the three schools stated above.



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- Reusable masks- 2000
- Kids masks- 1500
- Sanitizer- 40 L
- Pedal sinks- 2
- 25L Pedal dustbins- 10

This phase was successfully concluded on 31st January 2022.

O2nd phase:

During this phase, we expressed our thanks to everyone who helped the community combat Covid-19. This was accomplished by disseminating flyers using the Rotaract Mora Facebook page.

As part of another public relations campaign, we are disseminating fliers on the Omicron variety, its spread, and the booster dose.

Then, to meet the fundamental hygienic needs of the kids at Siri Parakumbha Maha Vidyalaya- Rajagiriya, we intend to refurbish the first aid room and construct a sanitary pipeline throughout the school. (Currently awaiting.....)



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Pearl Pacify_(Ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr.Anujitha Athukorala | Rtr.Gayumi Wijewardana | Rtr.Manupa wickramasingha

Other Club - Interact Club of Isipathana College

"Pearl Pacify 1.0," organized by the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa, is one of the most-anticipated projects that was launched for the first time, based on the X-press Pearl ship sink disaster recovery management, with the goal of coming up with all possible solutions to minimize the adverse effects of the disaster to the ocean and marine life, in collaboration with the Interact Club of Isipathana College.

The project is divided into three phases: the Global Recovery Solution Competition, the Nurdle Collecting Campaign, and the Evaluation of a Viable Solution.



1st Phase - Global recovery solution competition (Competencia)

As the initial step of the first phase(Global Recovery Solution Competition) we organized a Facebook poster campaign which was themed based on the X-press Pearl disaster and International coastal cleanup day. We picked three winners based on the most votes cast, as well as the judges' choice. On September 18, a webinar based on the same subjects was held with guests Mr. Muditha Katuwela and Dr. Ajantha Perera. There were around 300+ people for this large event.

We designed a website and a platform for candidates to compete for the Global Recovery Solution competition ("Competencia"). We held the Global Recovery Solution competition, which is based on the X-press Pearl ship sinking incident, as the second stage in the initiative's initial phase. The goal of this entire process is to collect inventive solutions from both local and global audiences in order to avoid such tragedies, take actions to mitigate the negative consequences of the disaster, and eventually execute a realistic solution as the project's duties. The competition was divided into three categories: best legislative solution, best strategic approach, and best innovative solution.

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The "Competencia" Panel of Judges,

- Dr. Deeptha Amarathunga is a Senior Scientist/Research Officer at the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA)
- Dr. Terney Pradeep - Head of the Department of Oceanography and Marine Geology, Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences and Technology - UOR / Former General Manager of the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA)
- Ajantha Perera, Ph.D., is an environmentalist, academic, scientist, and social activist.
- Mr. Muditha Katuwawala - The Pearl Protectors Coordinator
- Mrs. Imali Manikarachchi is a lecturer at Sri Lanka's Ocean University.

The competition's entries were launched on September 23rd, 2021, and the competition closed on November 14th, 2021.



2nd Phase- Nurdle collecting campaign

In the second phase, we began our needle collection drive in collaboration with The Pearl Protectors Sri Lanka and the Interact Club of Isipathana College. Nurdle collection initiatives have been held at,

- Egoda Uyana beach
- Galle face beach
- Wellawatte beach
- Negombo beach

And collected 200kg of Nurdles, 180kg of Plastic and 35kg of Glass as the result of this campaign. As for those four days, for two days we provided beverages with the help of Red Bull Sri Lanka and Barista SL.

As a consequence of this initiative, 200kg of Nurdles, 180kg of Plastic, and 35kg of Glass were collected.

During those four days, we served beverages with the support of Red Bull Sri Lanka and Barista SL on two of them.

In addition, with the help of this initiative, we were able to set up a nurse portal machine in partnership with The Pearl Protectors at Dehiwala beach.

The Pearl Pacify crew won an award and appreciation for volunteering for The Pearl Protectors' Nurdle collection initiative.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Induction Ceremony.

Chaired by : Dilina Raveen | Malintha Fernando

The induction ceremony is the place where the best performing general members of Rotaract Mora are recognized. Undergraduates from all six faculties including Engineering, Architecture, Business, IT, Medicine, and NDT join with the Rotaract movement at each enrolment of the new batch into the university annually. Many students from other batches engage with the club especially when signature projects are ongoing. These prospective members are inducted only after a probationary period where they have to actively engage in projects carried out in that respective period.

The Induction procedure was strategized to ensure that only the best out of the best are inducted into the club as members of Rotaract Mora through our member tracking system LinkR. This was done with the aim of strategizing the club membership with Elevate Rotaract policy changes approaching fast. Under LinkR all member actions/contributions towards the club were updated.

Through administrative dashboards and backend generated results, the member activity has been tracked and analyzed. After carefully observing the activity of members (as tracked by LinkR) over a period of one quarter the Membership Development team nominated members for inductions. These nominations were verified by avenue directors and finally were approved by the club President for inductions. For the first induction ceremony, we were able to induct 46 members with greater potential.



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

සුව පෝෂණ

Chaired by : Ruveera Punchihewa | Dilmi Peiris | Neha Dassanayake

The whole world is experiencing the ongoing covid-19 pandemic and attempting to live through it. Hence, people all around the globe are executing various programs and making numerous adjustments to adapt to the “new normal” created by Covid-19. Being a part of this process of coping with the new normal, Membership Development avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa launched a new, innovative project named “සුව පෝෂණ”, with the resolution of lending a helping hand to an audience of undergraduates of University of Moratuwa.

The project “සුව පෝෂණ” is grounded on building a healthy and balanced young person in a virtual environment. It consisted of promoting the idea of a healthy lifestyle through a flyer series, which ultimately led to two webinars. The webinars addressed the areas of physical health, healthy diet, exercise, meditation, obesity, posture, eyesight problems and health issues that could possibly arise, especially in undergraduates, pertaining to a sedentary lifestyle ensued by a tragic episode of the pandemic for almost two years now.



PROJECTS UNDER DISTRICT INITIATIVES

Together SL (ongoing)

Chaired by : Rtr. Supuni Wijendra

Based on the understanding gained initial discussions and visits, with the objective of uplifting the production and market of organic fertilizer, the plans were prepared to provide the necessary equipment and other requirements for the production of fertilizer and, to provide awareness required for quantitative production, through this project.

To lively study the progress and the flow of the project process, to discuss with the manufacturers, to monitor the products and conditions and to identify the further requirements, suggestions and further changes needed to be made, several other field visits were held. At this stage, the active involvement, activism, and the support of the regional Agriculture Development Office, as well as the enthusiasm and contribution of the residents of the area to the project, contributed to making the process effective. The final field visit was on the 7th of January and, the awareness programme and the distribution of materials required for the production of organic fertilizer to the selected group were held at the Agrarian Development office, Pelmadulla on the same day with the participation of the district representatives Rtr. Ishini Herath and Rtr. Mohomed Rehan.

The project was successfully ended with achieving the sustainable, scalable goal of making a better social, economical and environmental basement for the farmers and the associated community, with the unmeasurable, continuous contribution of all 13 clubs.



FELLOWSHIPS THROUGH ROTARACT

Project Zero

RAC University Alumni

Project Zero is an initiative brought forth to guide young Rotaractors to start and build their Rotaract journey from the scratch. It was all about sharing one's adventures as Rotaractors and furnishing fellowship in RI district 3220, with the shared expertise of experienced Rotaractors.

The project marked its successful ending in October 2021 after bringing out extraordinary Rotaract stories to reminisce for years.



Joie de Vivre

RAC of College of Chemical Science

Joie de Vivre was an evening filled with melodious voices, set on a virtual stage via Zoom. Star contestants from, The Voice SL and The Voice Teens SL, Mr. Thilina Sudesh Wanninayake, Ms. Tiney & Ms. Nawanjana – TnN, Ms. Ashka Kulathunga, Mr. Rashmitha Wijeratne, Ms. Midori Karunaratne and Ms. Siyumini Opayangi graced the evening with spectacular performances. This endeavour was organized commemorating **9 years** of service to the community by Rotaract Club of CCS.



FELLOWSHIPS THROUGH ROTARACT

Talk it Out

RAC Faculty of Medicine UOC

Talk it Out is a webinar organized by Rotaract Club of Faculty of Medicine University of Colombo in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Downtown Davao, Philippines, RID 3860, on stress and work-life balance. The feeling of stress could direct to constant damages in life and this project was utilized at the best time for its participants to get through the challenges successfully leading to a holistically healthy life.



Fandemic 3.0

RAC of the faculty of Management & Finance University of Colombo

Fandemic 3.0 is a Multi-Fandom Quiz competition filled with fun and excitement organized under the categories: Movies, TV shows and Sports. The competition took place on 4th December 2021, virtually, and countless Rotaractors across the country participated to show off their brewing love for their favourite movies, tv shows and sports.



MIRROR WALL

Vague Mind

I wonder
what it's like to know yourself
what it's like to be heartbroken
over a bittersweet farewell
I wonder
what fears do I attract
the one that caught my eye
or that paints my imagination so abstract
I wonder
how long it's gonna take
until I fall for someone's eyes
and know how it feels to be awake
everyday a question rings
and pull on my weak heart strings
I'm feeling like a dying star
i wonder what it's like to know who you are.

-Rtr. Gayumi Wijewardana-

MIRROR WALL



-Devindi Nayanathara Samarakoon-



-Rasandie Krithogu-

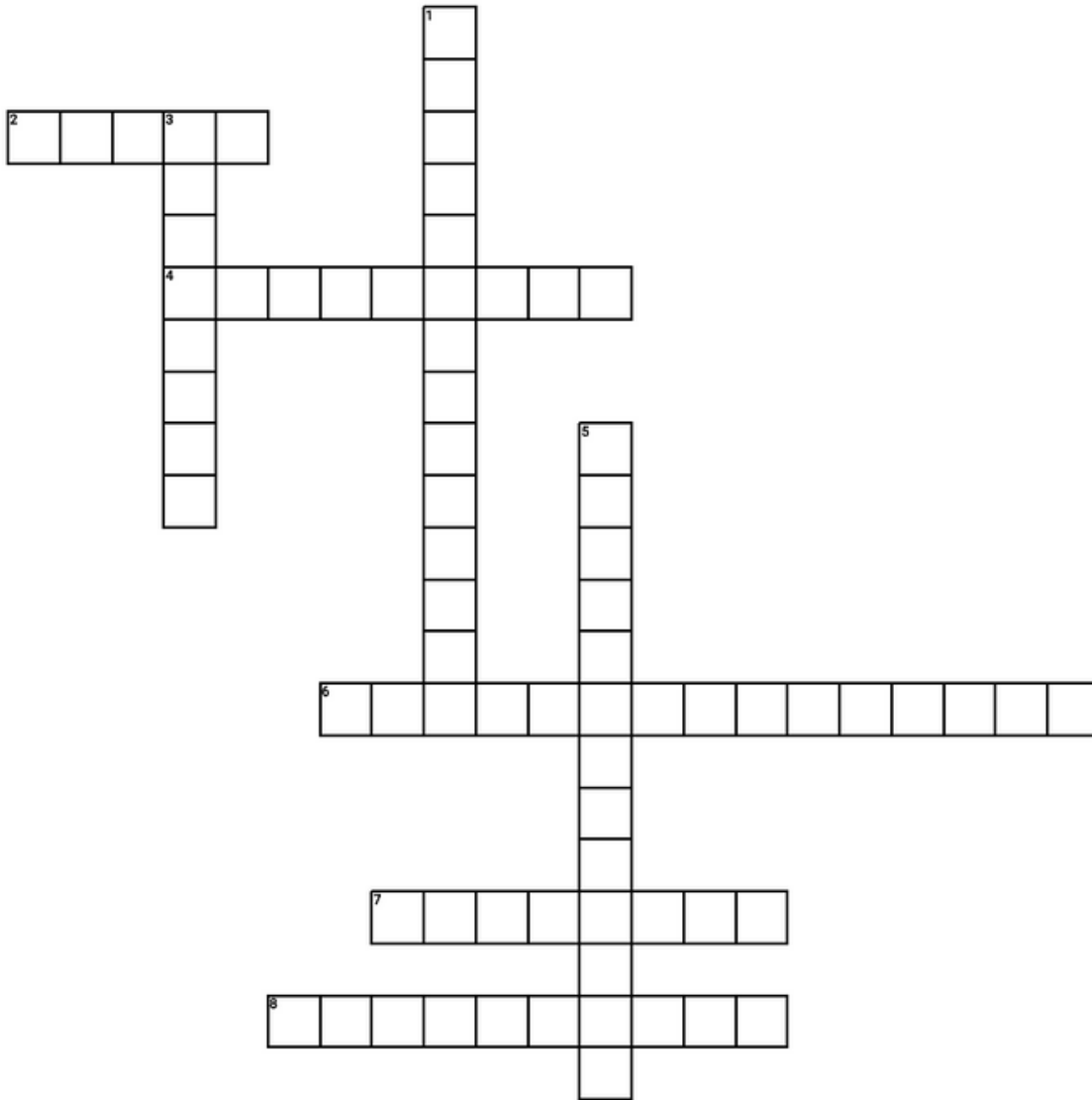


-Harindu Shehan Thammitage-



-Shahul Hameed Fathima Ashfa-

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



DOWN

1. This team won the Maestro Championship this year.
3. Zooxanthellae 21-22 collaborated with that team to construct _____ boulders for phase one.
5. This award-winning signature project will be conducted after a break of 2 years

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

2. In order to raise funds for Apeksha Hospital, the HiH team participated in the Christmas shopping festival at _____, which was held during the month of December
4. A physical General Meeting and _____ Gathering were held at DHPL Conference Centre - Lounge 42 on 18th December 2021.
6. This is a novel initiative to aid a group of visually impaired choir members who focus solely on singing Christmas carols under the project Andurata Athwalak.
7. The project 'Boon DigiTi' is being conducted in collaboration with a group of students and teachers in this country.
8. To commemorate the end of the urbanscape social media campaign, a competition called '_____' was held.

ANSWERS

ACROSS

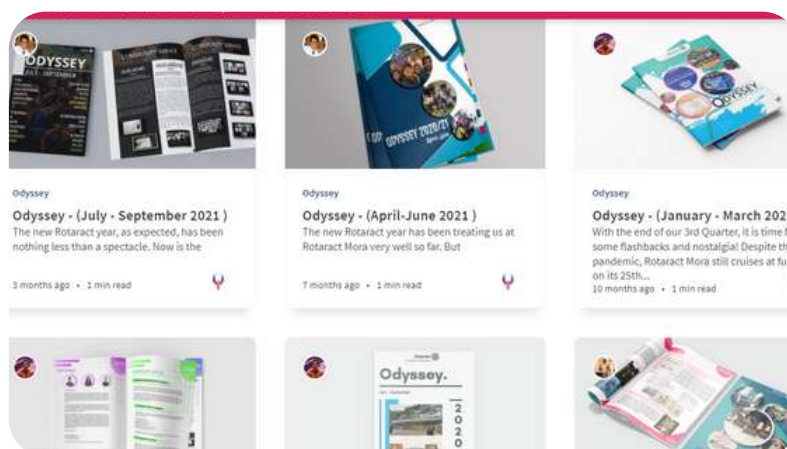
2. BMICH / 4. Christmas / 6. Unseen Harmonies / 7. Tanzania / 8. Green Vibes

DOWN

1. Velvet Thunder / 3. Concrete / 5. Ceylon Safari

ROTARACT MORA BLOG

The official blog of Rotaract Mora serves the imperative purpose of taking the message of the extensive service rendered by the Club out into the world. Ranging from articles in retrospect of completed projects to featured stories on making positive and impactful changes in the world, the blog of Rotaract Mora is an ode to the spirit of serving above self through the platform of the global movement of Rotaract.



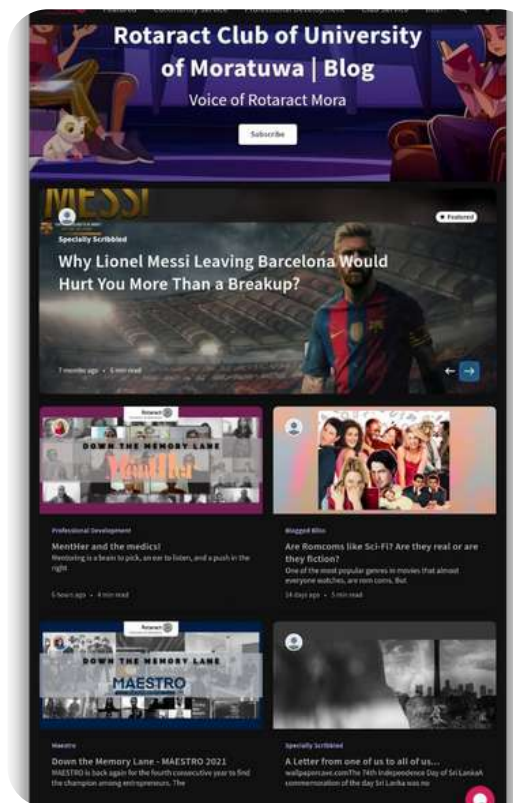
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