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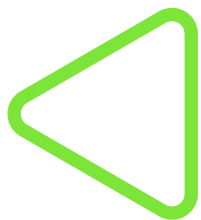
Rtr. Dhanuka Perera
President 2019/20

Completing the second quarter of the Rotaract year 2019/20, Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa strode forward in its journey to "Explore, Develop & Serve". As we crossed the milestone of six months in this Rotaract year, I am indeed proud to mention that Rotaract Mora has been able to continue its service in all its avenues to deliver our best service as a part of the global fraternity of Rotaract.

Signature projects including Grama Prabodhaya, Are You Ready? 2019, Hand in Hand 2019/20 and Ceylon Safari were continued with the relentless efforts of our member base. Initiatives such as Spooky Halloween were added to the Rotaract Mora calendar opening up new opportunities for the members to engage in diversified activities. The second quarter of Rotaract Mora was a special milestone to the Club Service avenue and membership development aspects of the club with several events such as the orientation for the students of National Diploma in Technology of University of Moratuwa and the first phase of Rota Spark, the open day for newbies of the university. These efforts were able to open up chances for the new generation of Rotaractors to commence their journey in this global network. The collaborative efforts of Rotaract Mora with fellow Rotaractors such as Joy of Christmas were successfully completed while strengthening the fellowship of all members involved.

The success throughout these past few months would not have been a reality if not for the countless hours of dedication of our members and the assistance of the fellow Rotaract Clubs, Interact Clubs, Rotary Clubs and various governmental and non-governmental organisations. While thanking all those who supported, guided and assisted us in these endeavours I invite you to witness the story of this journey with the second issue of "Odyssey 2019/2020".

Rtr. Dhanuka Perera
President
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa



Rtr. Kasuni Wanninayake
Co-Editor 2019/20

Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, celebrating its grandeur of service for 24 years, continued to explore the rightful and invaluable opportunities where the virtues of the souls engaged were developed under the prime objective of simply serving a hectic world. Carrying this theme of "Explore, Develop, Serve" forward, the club itself initiated numerous projects in the hope of rekindling the desires and fulfilling the expectations put forth for the blossoming youth of the country. The second quarter of Rotaract year 2019/20 was headed with proficient yet committed touches from signature projects later leading to altruism and sharing peace in a global village.

With an exciting pathway behind, the second issue of "Odyssey", the official newsletter of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa for the year 2019/20, unveils the core-spirit of the proud moments shared by all fellow Rotaractors and beyond. Let this robustness of service be sustained for a thriving year ahead.

Happy Reading!
Rtr. Kasuni Wanninayake
Co-Editor 2019/20
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa

01. GRAMA PRABODHAYA



Chaired by: Rtr. Udara Vimukthi / Rtr. Gayan Jayakody | Ongoing

'Grama Prabodhaya' is Rotaract Mora's annual attempt towards uplifting the living standards of residents of a chosen village with a lack of proper facilities ideal for living. Under this year's instalment of the project, the village of Dunupothagama of the Anuradhapura District has been made subject to the club's benefactions and as the initial chapter, special attention has been drawn towards improving facilities for education in the village through several sub projects that have been initiated for the benefit of the young children of Dunupothagama.

SIP SEWANA



Chaired by: Rtr. Udara Vimukthi / Rtr. Gayan Jayakody | 3rd November - Present

'Sip Sewana' is a sub root of 'Grama Prabodhaya', initiated to facilitate the underprivileged students of Dunupothagama Vidyalaya, Nochchiyagama with the comfort of new classrooms. The classrooms' foundation and columns with GI bars have already been constructed while the construction of the roof will also be carried out shortly.

INTELLECT



Chaired by: Rtr. Deshan Chathuranga / Rtr. Pathum Palawaththa | 12-27 th October

'Intellect 2019' was a series of Mathematics and Science seminars conducted for the benefit of the students of Dunupothagama Vidyalaya, Nochchiyagama, who were facing the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examinations.

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INSPIRER



Chaired by: Rtr. Udara Sachintha / Rtr. Tharindu Dissanayake | 5th October - 3rd November

'Inspirer 2019' was an English Language and Skills Development Programme that was conducted focussing on students of Dun-upothagama Vidyalaya, Nochchiyagama sitting for the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examinations

02. NENA ARUNA



Chaired by: Rtr. Ravindu Hiroshan / Rtr. Chathura Parakrama | 13th July - Present

'Nena Aruna' is a series of seminars and educational programmes on Mathematics and IT conducted for the benefit of students across the island facing the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examinations. Around 49 sessions were conducted in total in 10 different schools covering the districts of Colombo, Matale, Kurunegala, Galle and Kandy.

Chaired by: Rtr. K.M.Gunasekara / Rtr. Meelan Bandara | 7th November - Present

'Manusath Handa' is a project conducted in aims of facilitating visually impaired students with necessary educational resources in the form of audio-books. Under the project, for the first time in the country, G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination papers and answers were recorded as audiobooks under the guidance and support of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka.

03. MANUSATH HANDA



04. HAND IN HAND



Chaired by: Rtr. Danuka Sandaruwan / Rtr. Pasindu Madhuwantha | Ongoing

“Hand in Hand” is a signature project of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa that has been carried out consecutively since its inception in 2015, in aims of raising funds for treatments and providing better lives for victims of cancer.

HOPE



Chaired by: Rtr. Manjitha Dulana / Rtr. Jayoda Dissanayake | 12th October

‘Hope’ was an all new addition to the ‘Hand in Hand’ project lineup and serves as an awareness and motivation programme for adult cancer patients who have lost their sources of income as a result of the disease. Under the very first programme held in its name, the adult patients of Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama were introduced to handicraft making and developing a source of income for themselves through that.

COLOURS 1



Chaired by: Rtr. Lakmal Fernando / Rtr. Hirumi Randika | 2nd November

‘Colours 1’ was the first painting session of ‘Hand in Hand 2019/20’ wherein the young cancer patients of CCC House, Maharagama were allowed the chance of letting their creative juices flow in the form of colourful paintings on the theme of ‘Christmas’. The paintings were printed into Christmas cards and sold at the Colombo Shopping Festival in aid of their treatments.

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ATHWELA 2.0



Chaired by: Rtr. Hasitha Jayasundara / Rtr. Surath Galadeniya | 7th December

'Athwela 2.0' was a programme organized by the club in aims of cleaning up and repainting the wards of elders who are fighters of the vicious disease of cancer and have found their home at Shantha Sewana Hospice, Maharagama.

05. JOY OF CHRISTMAS



Chaired by: Rtr. Arshad Mubashir / Rtr. Yohan Madusha | 28th December

With a blooming hope to bring the joy and love of Christmas to the souls who are diagnosed with Down syndrome, the compassionate Rotaractors of Rotaract Club of Panadura and Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa joined hands with Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa to fill happiness into the hearts of the girls at Surasa - Moratuwa Special Education School and Home for Girls with a fun-filled day of games and gifts.

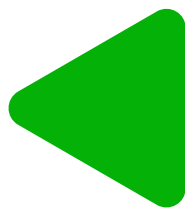
Chaired by: Rtr. Achala Perera | 4th November

The Colombo West Family headed up for a blood donation campaign with the involvement of Rotaract Clubs of Colombo West, American National College, National School of Business Management, University of Moratuwa and Alumni of University of Moratuwa, along with the Interact Clubs of D.S.Senanayake College, Visakha Vidyalaya, Wycherley International School, St. Bridgets Convent and Sujatha Vidyalaya.

The first camp co hosted by Rotaract Mora along with Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa was successful in collecting 96 pints of blood with the participation of 154 donors.

06. YOU'RE SOMEONE'S TYPE





Environmental Service

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01.RHIZOPHORA



Chaired by: Rtr. Nipun Deelaka / Rtr. Ransara Wijitharathna | Ongoing

'Rhizophora' is Rotaract Mora's venture into helping rejuvenate the mangrove plantation of Sri Lanka. The planting will be done in March of 2020 in collaboration with Sudeesa at Kalpitiya.

Chaired by: Rtr. Raveen De Silva / Rtr. Tharindu Theekshana / Rtr. Kavishka Gunaratne | Ongoing

'Zooxanthellae' is the award-winning signature project initiated by Rotaract Mora towards serving the cause of restoring the fast-receding coral reserves of Sri Lanka. Reinspection of last year's plantation and carrying out a new round of coral planting is on this year's lineup for the project.

02.ZOOXANTHELLAE



ZOOXANTHELLAE





Professional Development

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01.ARE YOU READY? 2019



Chaired by: Rtr. Samila Imbulana / Rtr. Shasi-ka Udayanga | 3rd September - 25th October

With the attendance of more than 40 leading companies in the corporate world, the annual official career fair of the University of Moratuwa, 'Are You Ready?', organized in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit, saw the successful culmination of this year's chapter with an impressive lineup that included the sessions "Resume Centre", "Webinar Series", "Heads Up", "The Career Coach". "The Image",

"YouthBIZ" and "Flagship Day", all dedicated towards equipping the university's talented individuals, expecting their entry into the challenging corporate arena, with the necessary skill set to make their statement as capable corporate citizens. "Are You Ready? 2019" accomplished its objectives by fuelling the purpose of more than 800 undergraduates.

ARE YOU READY? 2019



01. NDT ORIENTATION



Chaired by: Rtr. Samitha Ekanayaka / Rtr. Devinda Rathnayaka | 28th November

In aims of expanding the concept of Rotaract to the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa (NDT), an orientation ceremony was organized by Rotaract Mora. With the participation of a significant number of enthusiastic undergraduates, the day included presentations regarding each avenue, some fun games and chairpersons were selected for some specified future projects

Chaired by: Rtr. Udara Vimukthi / Rtr. Tharindu Priyankara | 3rd - 4th December

An Open Day was conducted under phase one of the signature membership development project Rota Spark with the primary objective of providing an opportunity for the undergraduates of University of Moratuwa especially the 2018 batch to gain awareness regarding the norms of the club, as well as to provide them with an overview concerning the concluded, ongoing and future projects. It was highly successful with an attendance of over 120 participants who expressed their willingness to join the club.

02. OPEN DAY



Chaired by: Rtr. Lasith Kuruppu / Rtr. Binu Sajana | 9th December

03. SPOOKY HALLOWEEN



'Spooky Halloween' was the first ever Halloween party night organized by Rotaract Mora which included sketches and appearances by ghosts and vampires in costume, fun activities like pumpkin carving, face painting, a photobooth and ended in a DJ night alongside a Kottu party for dinner.

01.CEYLON SAFARI 2019



Chaired by: Rtr. Chamod Gihantha / Rtr. Achintha Isuru
/ Rtr. Damith Priyadarshana | 16th December - 31st December

Providing Rotaractors worldwide with an opportunity for an all-inclusive retreat to one of the most enticing and sought-after travel destinations of the world today, the third chapter of 'Ceylon Safari' unravelled under three phases to places of interest sprinkled all over the country, speaking volumes of Sri Lanka's rich heritage and exotic beauty.

Phase 1: Ella - Nuwara Eliya - Kandy

Phase 2: Dambulla - Polonnaruwa - Trincomalee - Pinnawala

Phase 3: Galle - Mirissa - Matara - Colombo

Ceylon Safari 2019 was successful in showing the true beauty of Sri Lanka to 10 enthusiastic participants from Germany, Belgium, India, Romania, Egypt and Mauritius, who were indeed awestruck with the marvellous experience.

Chaired by: Rtr. Lakshan Dissanayake / Rtr. Vinuri Gunathilake | Ongoing

Project 'Library' intends on helping out a group of fellow Rotaractors at Navotas Polytechnic College, Manila, Philippines in upgrading their college library through the donation of books collected by our club. With the collection phase being successfully concluded, the project will move onto the next phase where the books will be safely shipped to the destination.

02.PROJECT "LIBRARY"



03.PROJECT "HARMONY"

Chaired by: Rtr. Jayami Alwis | Ongoing

'Project Harmony' is conducted in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Nicosia, Cyprus, District 2452 and it involves a song exchange event between the two countries in aims of intensifying the bond between the clubs.

District Projects co-hosted by Rotaract Mora



ECOSCAPE

Chaired by: Rtr. Nimna Perera / Rtr. Yasith Anushka

'Ecoscape' is a district project based on the concept of Ecobricks, conducted in collaboration with the Rotaract Clubs of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, IIT, Saegis Campus and General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. Under the project, ecobricks are being collected via aforementioned clubs and so far, an awareness program on ecobricks has been carried out for the students of Palannoruwa Maha Vidyalaya, Kalutara.

With the intention of sharing the concept of ecobricks with the general public and thus acting as an eyeopener to get more people to contribute towards a safer and greener future for the planet, some Christmas decors featuring a breathtaking Christmas tree were created solely using ecobricks by the host clubs of the project 'Ecoscape' along with the support of Leo Club of Mahanama College and Western Province Waste Management Authority. The Christmas tree was put on display at the Arcade Independence Square of Colombo during the festive season.

01. DOG WALK AND CARNIVAL

20th October



'Dog Walk and Carnival' organized by Rotaract Club of Colombo Central and held at Stanley Jansz Grounds, Colombo was a fundraiser event dedicated to canines and raising awareness on the protection of animals from harassment. The event included the country's first communal dog walk, a dog show, a dog adoption stall, fun games and a health camp for dogs as well as food and beverage stalls.

27th October

'SHE' was a creative writing competition organized by Rotaract Club of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, with the intention of celebrating the annual International Rural Women's Day, which required groups of three submitting a report each on an inspirational female role model in a rural area based on conducted research. 'A Team' of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was able to secure second place in the competition.

02.SHE



03.BAILA NIGHT '19

2nd November



'Baila Night '19' was a night of music and dance, dedicated to Lankan Baila, organized by Rotaract Club of Cinnamon Gardens and Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Arts. The event comprised Rotaractors dancing the night away and the grand crowning of the Rotaract Baila King and Baila Queen.

04. INQUIZITIVE



3rd November

'inQUIZitive' was an open quiz competition organized by Rotaract Club of Colombo Central with the aim of bringing together both amateur and experienced quizzers from all over the country for an ultimate battle of knowledge and perceptive thought. A group of 5 from our club took part in the competition.

9th November

'Sally's Manor 2019' was one of the most memorable halloween parties which was organized by Rotaract Club of Informatics Institute of Technology. Being dedicated to all Rotaractors, the night was filled with many thrilling activities, especially a nerve wrecking horror house followed by an all-night dance party featuring DJ Shanny.

05. SALLY'S MANOR

06.DREAM CRICKET



20th November

'Dream Cricket' is a project of humanity conducted by the Rotary Club of Colombo West in aims of holding a friendly cricket match for the children with disabilities seeking treatment at some selected therapy centres. The Final Dream Cricket session was hosted at the Christopher Maithri Therapy Centre, Colombo with the participation of all Rotaract Clubs of the West family.

07. JOY



21st December

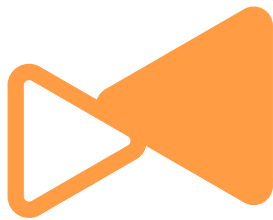
'Joy', a project organized by Rotaract Club of Colombo Central intending to share the joy and love of Christmas with deprived children, saw its successful execution at Noguchi Child Development Center, Boralesgamuwa, to which Rotaract Mora extended its support by donating a few gifts made of love to the children.

20th December

'Reminiscence '19' was a friendly meetup between the past legacies of Rotaract Mora and the present members who are guiding the Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, and it was a day filled with the pleasant memories of Rotaract diaries.

08. REMINISCENCE '19





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POLIO PARADE AND CARNIVAL

26th October

KEEPING
SRI LANKA
**POLIO
FREE**

In order to commemorate the International Polio Day which is held on the 24th of October annually, the Rotary Club of Sri Lanka partnering with the Ministry of Health, WHO and UNICEF organized a Polio Parade as well as a Carnival. The event was held as the finale of the Polio Week celebrations. The parade commenced from the Sri Lanka Foundation road to the Green path where the Carnival was held. The day was successfully concluded with the participation of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Inter-actors and the general public.



DID? YOU KNOW ?

- » The first ever Rotaract Club was started as a youth program by Charlotte North Rotary Club in North Carolina, USA in 1968.
- » "Rotaract" stands for "Rotary in Action", although the name originally comes from a combination of "**Rotary**" and "**Interact**".
- » Rotaract Clubs can connect with another Rotaract Club from a different Rotaract district through 'twin club agreements' making them Twin Clubs. The twin club of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa is Rotaract Club of Nicosia, Cyprus (District 2452).



- » The first project initiated by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was 'Presentations': a project about acclimatizing the undergraduates to shoulder the responsibilities in the corporate world.

Crossword Puzzle

Test out your knowledge on Rotaract with this crossword puzzle.

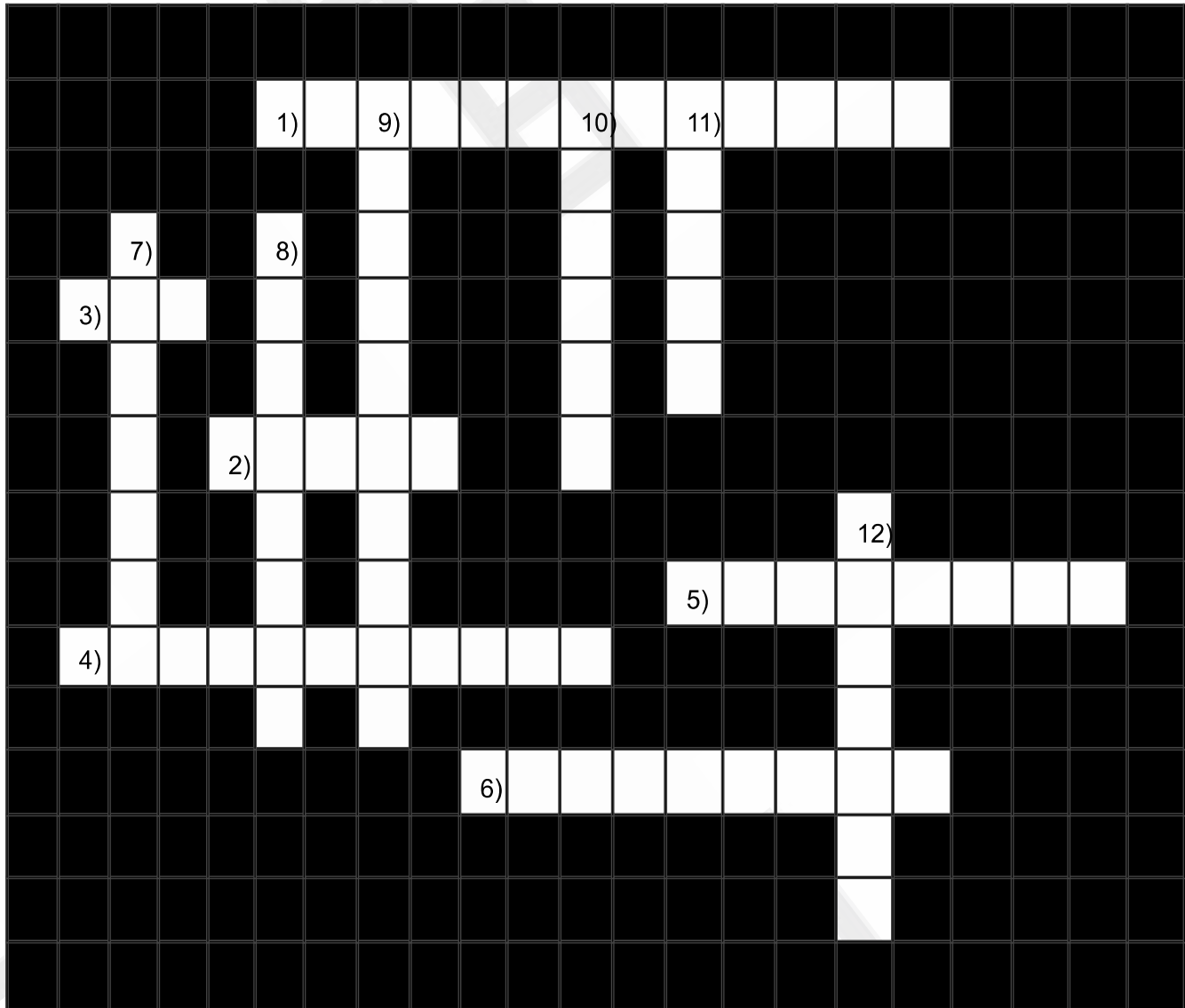
ACROSS

- 1) Under project '*Ecoscape*', eco bricks were used to build a
- 2) A country from which participants joined '*Ceylon Safari 2019*'
- 3) The total number of sessions/events that were conducted under '*Are You Ready? 2019*'
- 4) The first workshop under the subproject '*Hope*' of '*Hand in Hand 2019*' was conducted on finding self-employment through making
- 5) originally began as a Rotary International youth program
- 6) 'Inspirer' was conducted under the avenue of Service

DOWN

- 7) '*Project Harmony*' was a project conducted in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Cyprus
- 8) Recruiters from major companies of the country conducted interviews for the university's final year undergraduates on the '..... Day'
- 9) A project of Rotaract Mora, under which mangrove plantations are carried out
- 10) A district in which Mathematics seminars were conducted under '*Nena Aruna*'
- 11) The theme of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa under its 24th year of service is "*Explore, Develop,*"
- 12) Polytechnic College was the university to which books were donated under 'Library'

Crossword Puzzle



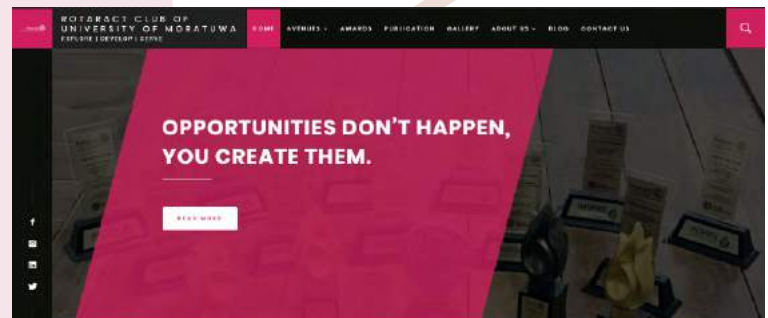
Answers

ACROSS:
1) Christmas Tree 2) Egypt 3) Six 4) Handicrafts 5) Rotaract 6) Community
DOWN:
7) Nicosia 8) Flagship 9) Rhizophora 10) Matale 11) Serve 12) Navotas

ROTARACT MORA BLOG

<http://rotaractmora.org>

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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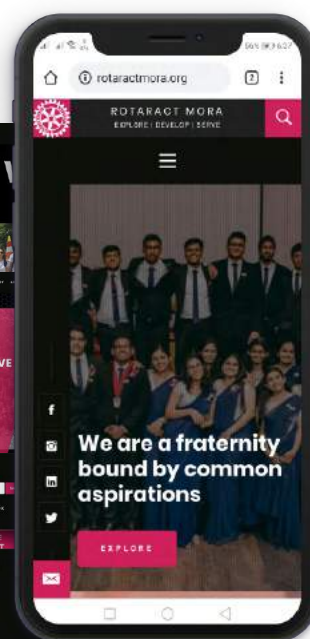
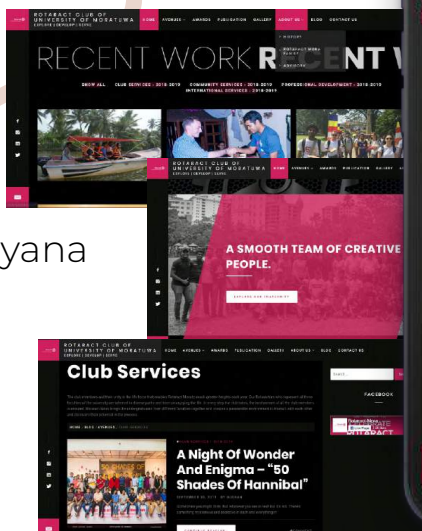
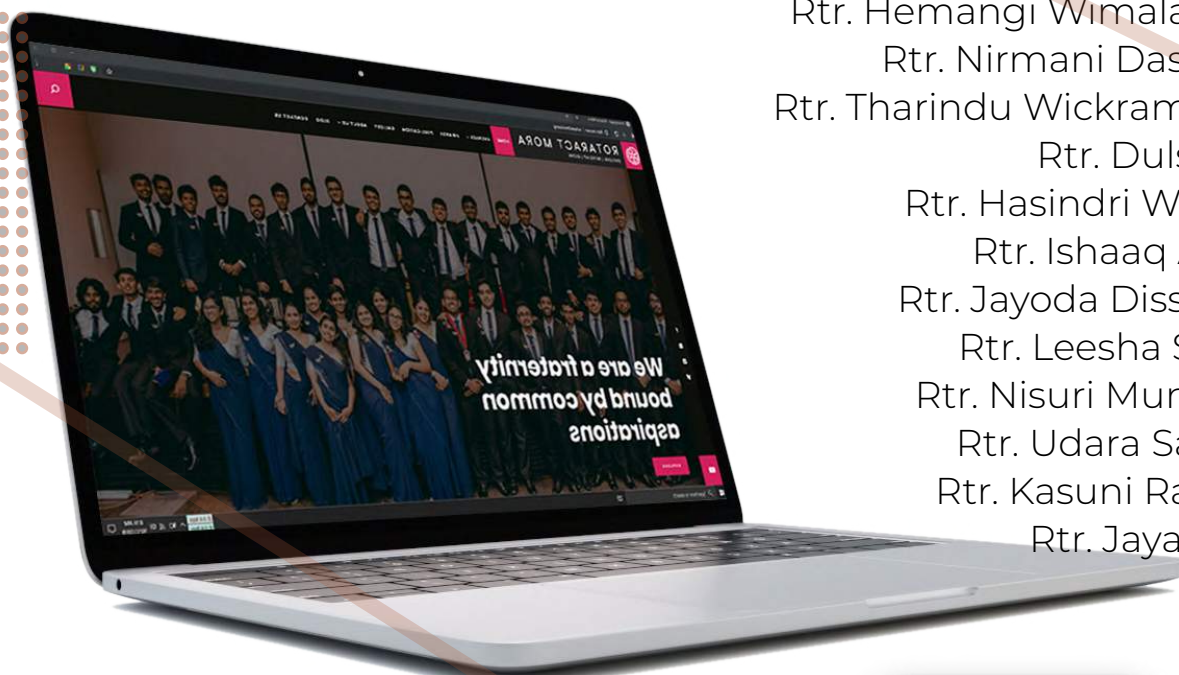
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