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Rtr. Dhanuka Perera
President 2019/2020

As we come to the end of another Rotaract year, it is with much delight that I mention that the club reached another milestone in its journey towards serving the community, while navigating through uncharted waters going by our guiding theme for the year “Explore, Develop, Serve”.

The final quarter of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in this Rotatract year was indeed demanding as it was to every club of the fraternity. As the world faced the COVID-19 pandemic together, the challenges that we encountered were unexpected. Yet, with the efforts of the high-spirited member base, these challenges were turned to opportunities in order to carry forward our service out of passion while fulfilling the social obligation of social distancing.

Although the global pandemic situation hindered the progress of many projects, the momentum of these projects was kept up in numerous ways. Thus, in the Community Service avenue, project Hand in Hand was taken to a digital platform to publish ecards to assist the funding program. “Manusath Handa”, which was carried throughout the year with the support of many, upgraded and completed its final mission of publishing the website with the audiobooks for students who are visually impaired. The Club Service avenue was taken to a new dimension with its signature project CAST4 which was hosted on online platforms with a series of subprojects. “Revelation”, the revolutionary platform for the prospective members of the club to bring in ideas, and the first-ever virtual induction ceremony of the club held under our novel project Rota Spark were few other additions to the series of initiatives of the club in this quarter. The Professional Development avenue focussed on the impact of the global pandemic on the careers of youth through a webinar which was held with the participation of numerous industrial delegates. The project Consonance, a joint bulletin under the Twin Club Agreement was published under International Service avenue strengthening our bonds far across the borders. Further, “Connecting the Dots”, a special initiative under the focus area of Peace and Harmony was continued with another phase of the project “As-salamu Alaykum” focussing those who were affected from the COVID-19 outbreak.

Ending another chapter of the journey of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, we are on the verge of entering 25 years of service that has come on the shoulders of a passionate member base. The assistance of the fellow Rotaract Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs and various governmental and non-governmental organisations were of immense strength in this journey. While thanking all the supporters who guided and assisted us and all the members for the unwavering commitment extended towards completing another eventful year, I invite you to witness the story of this journey with the final issue of “Odyssey 2019/2020”.

Rtr. Dhanuka Perera
President 2019/2020
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa



“It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.” – J.K. Rowling

Editorial

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Rtr. Sithmi Lawanga
Senior Editor 2019/2020

With a passion to explore new dimensions and develop ourselves to serve the community at our best, we at Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa started off another chapter of a rich legacy exactly twelve months back. The journey we've walked throughout these months has been challenging, yet exciting. As we come to the end of another adventure, we are indeed proud to mention that we have been able to serve a range of communities inclusive of our members over the course of the Rotaract year 2019/2020. The success of these valiant efforts were merely the shout outs of the commitment of our members and the supporters who joined hands with us in this journey.

Odyssey 2019/2020, which brought you this journey of Rotaract Mora throughout the past three quarters, is now ready to unveil the final chapter of the year-long story while featuring the intrinsic talents of our very own Rotaractors. While thanking each and every individual who has been a part of this endeavour, I invite you to stroll down the recollection of memories of this odyssey.

Happy reading!

Rtr. Sithmi Lawanga
Senior Editor 2019/2020
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa

COMMUNITY

SERVICE

01. GRAMA PRABODHAYA

Under this year's instalment of Rotaract Mora's signature project, 'Grama Prabodhaya', the village of Dunupothagama, Anuradhapura has been made recipient to donations of the club in providing improved living necessities to the village residents and elevating the living conditions of the village. Thus, several sub-projects are being conducted under the project in support of this cause.

SIP SEWANA | Ongoing

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



'Sip Sewana' is a noble venture undertaken by Rotaract Mora to provide students of Dunupothagama Vidyalaya, Nochchiyagama with a proper learning environment to carry out their studies by building two new classrooms, with the assistance of parents of students and other villagers. However, due to Covid-19 pandemic, the construction had to be halted temporarily and it is still under the process of construction.



02. NENA ARUNA

| 13th July 2019 - 31st May 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Ravindu Hiroshan
| Rtr. Chathura Parakrama

'Nena Aruna 2019/20' was initiated with the aim of helping such students of underprivileged schools to excel in their school activities while learning the value of education. Through this, Rotaract Mora was able to complete 49 seminars in 11 different schools located in different districts of the country such as Colombo, Kaluthara, Matale, Kandy, Kurunegala and Galle.

Further, Rotaract Mora was planning to conduct a two-day interactive Mathematics workshop for students of one or two selected schools. However, the COVID-19 pandemic restrained the commencement of the program. Moreover, team 'Nena Aruna' received 600+ English workbooks from Rotary Club of Colombo West to be donated to students in rural areas. Even though at present the closure of the schools have hampered the distribution of these books, Rotaract Mora plans to donate these books as soon as the schools reopen.



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03. MANUSATH HANDA | 14th August 2019 - 20th May 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. K.M. Gunasekara | Rtr. Meelan Bandara

'Manusath Handa' is conducted in aims of uplifting the state of education for visually impaired students throughout the island. This was mainly concentrated on providing easy access to education to the said target audience by converting subject matter related to their curriculum, to audio form. By this year, G.C.E. Ordinary Level past papers and answers of 9 subjects from 3 years as well as selected 'Wijeya' newspaper articles have been converted to audiobooks in both English and Sinhala mediums. These were donated to several institu-



tions where visually impaired children are educated. Finally, an online audiobook library was developed from which any visually impaired student in the country would be able to access the audiobooks thus produced.



04. HAND IN HAND (Phase 3) | 1st March - 25th May 2020

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



'Hand in Hand' is a signature Community Service project by Rotaract Mora that aims on easing the lifestyles of cancer fighters in Sri Lanka. Although the first and second phase of this project was concluded successfully as expected, due to the outbreak of the global pandemic, the sessions of the third phase were cancelled upon the request of the medical staff at CCC House. Originally, the third phase of 'Hand in Hand' was planned to include the annual 'Colours 2' session in the month of February and selling of Vesak cards during the months of April and May at the Avurudu Shopping Festival held at BMICH, and additionally through tuition

classes, private connections, etc. These Vesak cards were to be printed from the pictures drawn by cancer diagnosed children at the 'Colours 2' session.

Although the project was not able to be conducted as planned, the community service team proceeded with alternate measures that fit the prevailing pandemic situation in the community. Thus, instead of printing a physical card, an electronic card was designed with previously drawn paintings of the children. This e-card was then sent via email to all the District Council members and other relevant parties.

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Despite not being able to carry out the third phase of the project as planned, the team managed to raise LKR 1,717,000 through the cards and sticker campaigns of the first two phases of the project. This was a little bit above the expectations of the two phases and as a result, the negative impact caused by cancelling phase 3 was also reduced. However, the donation session is yet to be conducted in the future.

05. WEST AID 2.0 | 1st - 23rd May 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Romasha Guruge

'West Aid 2.0' was an initiative established to provide daily-wage workers from various parts of the island, whose sources of income ceased to be during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, with essential food packs. The project was carried out in collaboration with Rotary Club of Colombo West alongside several Rotaract and Interact clubs: Rotaract Clubs of Alumni of University of Moratuwa, American National College, Colombo West, and National School of Business Management, and Interact Clubs of D.S.Senanayake College, St.Bridget's Convent, Sujatha Vidyalaya, Visakha Vidyalaya, and Wycherley International School. The project included a fundraising phase, followed by the distribution of the prepared food packs through assigned area coordinators to over 200 affected families.



HOMAGAMA

Rotary Colombo West Family



HORANA



KUNDASALE

Rotary Colombo West Family



BADULLA



KOTTAWA

Rotary Colombo West Family

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE

GREEN LEGACY | 19th April 2019 - 25th May 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Dulmi Kathriachchi | Rtr. Gishan Dilruwan

'Green Legacy' is a collaborative effort of Rotaract clubs of University of Moratuwa, University of Kelaniya and University of Peradeniya through which steps are taken to implement reforestation across the country and spread awareness on the subject with a larger audience. Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, planning was under way to organize a hike for the members of the club to join in while a tree planting session on the sideways of the A1 expressway and a mangrove plantation was also in the works. However, given the current circumstances, the project was remodelled to include a tree planting campaign in line with the tree planting auspicious time of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. Accordingly, participants were encouraged to plant a tree in their home gardens at the provided auspicious time and post a photo of themselves in action on social media. The project's official Facebook page was also launched recently in hopes of spreading awareness on reforestation and environmental preservation through it.



"A man doesn't plant a tree for himself. He plants it for posterity." – Alexander Smith



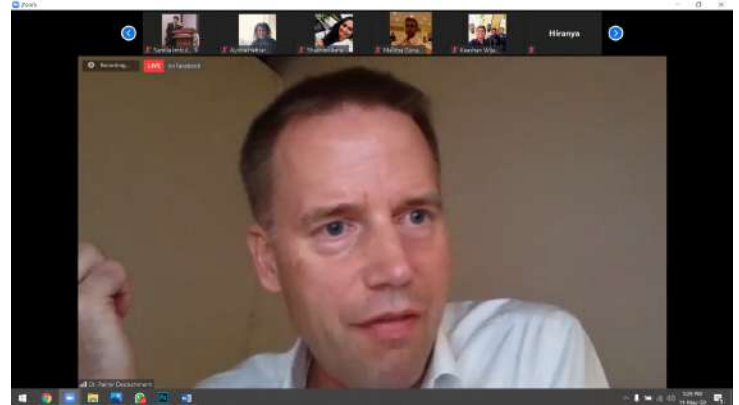
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WEBINAR ON 'CAREERS FOR SRI LANKAN YOUTH IN THE POST COVID-19 WORLD' | 11th May 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Ramith Hettiarachchi

The webinar on “Careers for Sri Lankan Youth in the post COVID-19 World” was organized by Rotaract clubs of University of Moratuwa and University of Sri Jayewardenepura and distributed on the Zoom and Facebook livestream platforms. The session was a discussion on possible changes and new trends in job markets in both global and local contexts in the future as a result of the pandemic crisis engulfing the world at present. The session was moderated by Mr. Dulinda Perera, CEO of IKON Marketing and Director of Ceylon Robotics Technology Corporation, while the discussion panel comprised four distinguished speakers:

- Mr. Ganaka Herath, Managing Partner of the Sri Lanka office, McKinsey and Company
- Mr Isuru Gunsekara, Executive Vice President, Chief People Officer and Head of Sustainability, ERM and Group initiatives at John Keells Holdings
- Dr. Rainer Deutschmann, Group Chief Operating Officer at Dialog Axiata PLC
- Ms. Kasturi Chellaraja Wilson, Managing Director of Hemas Pharmaceuticals (Pvt) Ltd



“I think it is possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary.” – Elon Musk

CLUB SERVICE

01. CAST4

'CAST4' or 'Collaborative Avenue Service Teams Four' is the signature club service project of the club that was established to serve as a platform for prospective members, as well as inducted members and board officials, to interact with each other, showcase their skills and work on their personal development. The project lineup consists of numerous theme-based team activities and competitions tailored to develop a sense of togetherness among members while harboring friendly competitiveness amongst them so that they work on sharpening their individual edge to ensure the ultimate victory of their teams. Based on the scoreboard from all CAST4 sub projects, the winning team is crowned at the end. This year's theme for the project is Harry Potter and the member base competes for the win under the teams, Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff and Slytherin. At present, Slytherin leads the leaderboard, followed by Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff and Gryffindor securing second, third and fourth places respectively.

CAST4 E-sports | 11th - 12th April 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Nimantha Tharuka | Rtr. Bimsara Malith | Rtr. Chandeepta Pathirana

As the second CAST4 subproject for the year, 'CAST4 E-sports' provided a much awaited opportunity for e-sports fanatics in the club to compete against each other on the Call of Duty and Player Unknown's Battlegrounds e-gaming platforms. The competition spread across two days, with the first being dedicated to two PUBG game rounds and the next to four COD game rounds. Team Slytherin was able to procure the overall win in both competitions and was thus pronounced the overall champions of the challenge. The sub-project saw a successful end with the participation of around 86 members.



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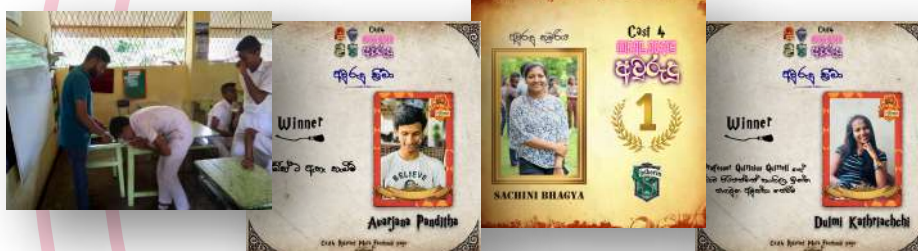
ONLINE AURUDU | 14th April 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Shasika Udayanga |
Rtr. Tharindu Priyankara

Bringing digitized festivities of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year to the homes of our club members, 'Online Avurudu' was carried out across the club's 'CAST4 - Rotaract Mora' Facebook page. The usual Avurudu celebration of Rotaract Mora, which gathers its members for fellowship during the festive season, was thus digitized by the sub-project in order to abide by social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. A number of traditional Avurudu games, each with a Harry Potter themed twist, were conducted and once again, members competed under their respective Hogwarts teams. Team Slytherin once again emerged

overall winners of the event. The winning members of the individual Avurudu games of 'Online Avurudu', and their teams were as follows,

- 'Hogwarts Awurudu Kumara'
 - 'Hogwarts Awurudu Kumariya'
 - 'Counting the Seeds of the Magic Papaw'
 - 'A Lie Worthy of Gilderoy Lockhart'
 - 'Tug-O-war in the middle of the Great Hall'
 - 'Placing the Eye on Buckbeak'
 - 'The Hidden Person in Professor Quirinius Quirrel's Turban'
- Kasun Chandika (Slytherin)
 - Rithushi Binara (Hufflepuff)
 - Nethmini Fernando (Ravenclaw)
 - Imasha Sithmini (Ravenclaw)
 - Slytherin
 - Avarjana Panditha (Gryffindor)
 - Dulmi Kathriachchi (Gryffindor)



The Quizengamot Online Quiz | 3rd-4th June 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Jeewaka Aponso | Rtr. Janith Thenuka

'Quizengamot' was an online quiz competition testing out the Harry Potter knowledge of enthusiastic Potterheads of the club. Ten members from each of the four teams participated in the competition and competitors were quizzed with twenty different questions each. The quizzers from Ravenclaw were able to ace the competition and thus Ravenclaw was pronounced the ultimate winner of the competition.



CLUB SERVICE

02. ROTA SPARK

'Rota Spark' is the novel Membership Development initiative of the club which was introduced this Rotaract year to promote the club within the undergraduates of University of Moratuwa by providing them with a thorough understanding of its scope, special projects, member benefits, and the like.

REVELATION | 16th April - 21st May 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Thenuka Karunasiri | Rtr. Tharusha Anushanga | Rtr. Bimsara Malith | Rtr. Yasith Anushka | Rtr. Nimna Perera | Rtr. Reshaka Weerasinghe

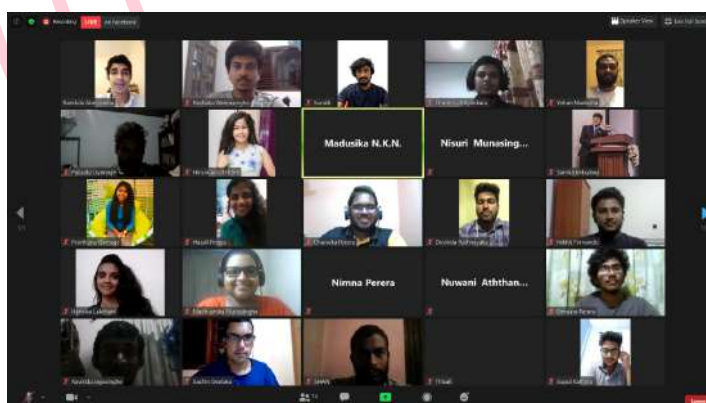


'Revelation' was a project through which prospective club members from the university's 2019 intake were provided the opportunity to study 10 signature projects of the club, evaluate them based on their sustainability, scope, and outcomes, and propose ideas that would rejuvenate the target impact of these projects. Participants competed in teams to create proposals in the form of both written documents and videos. 46 proposals were submitted by a total pool of 115 participants and ultimately, Team Leof, Team Super Glue and Team RKB emerged winners of the competition. Their project ideas are to be executed during the Rotaract year 2020/21. The teams 420, Tiburones, and RKB were also pronounced the winners of the 'Most Creative Video' segment.

VIRTUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY | 1st June 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Yasith Anushka | Rtr. Nisuri Munasinghe | Rtr. Surath Lakpura

The annual induction ceremony of the club was conducted on the Zoom platform this year as per the requirement of social distancing due to Covid-19 crisis. 53 individuals were recognized for their contributions to the club and welcomed to the Rotaract Mora family. Each new member was acknowledged at the event by displaying their e-certificate of membership and photograph on screen. More than 100 participants joined the event through both the Zoom meeting and its simultaneous livestream on the club's official Facebook page.

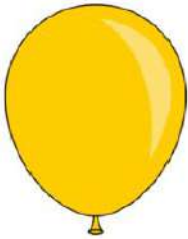


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03. BAKMAHE ONLINE AVURUDU | 28th April 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Randula Karunaratne

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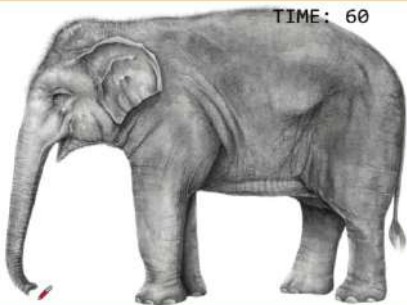


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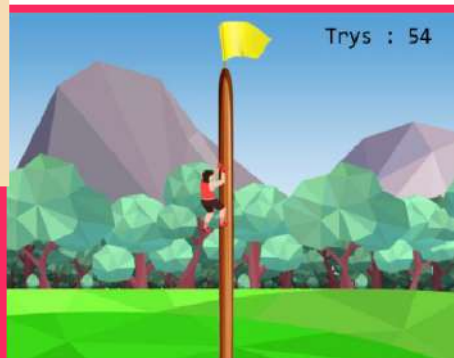
'Bakmahe Online Avurudu' was yet another online celebration of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year through virtual Avurudu games, carried out via a special online portal created exclusively for the project. This joint venture by Rotaract Clubs of University of Moratuwa and University of Colombo, Faculty of Management and Finance, included a plethora of fun and attractive Avurudu games such as 'Avurudu Kumara', 'Avurudu Kumariya', 'Best Beard', 'Best Cry', 'Best Laugh', 'Lissana Gaha', 'Balloon Bursting', 'Kana Mutti Bindi-ma' and 'Aliyata Asa Thabee-ma'. Over 1000 users were attracted to the portal for the purposes of gaming and voting.



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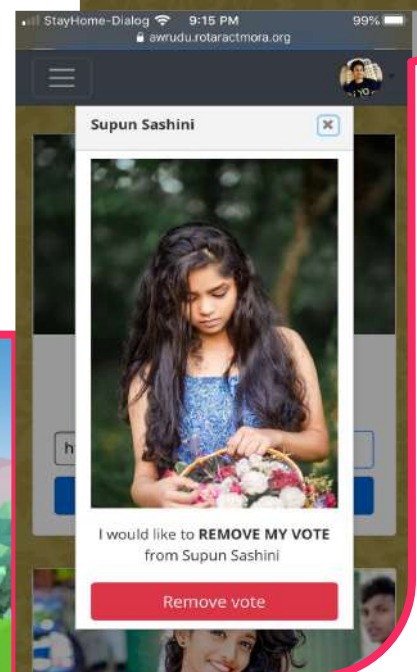
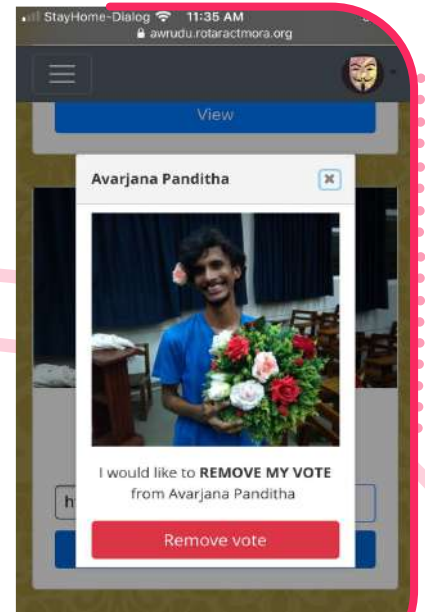
This is a simple game

Distance: Step



Trys : 54

Click to climb



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

01. LIBRARY | Ongoing

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

Project 'Library' was initiated to support our fellow Rotaractors from Navotas Polytechnic College, Manila, Philippines in improving study resources at their college library through the books collected and donated by our club. The project awaits conclusion following the shipment of the collected books to the recipients, which has been delayed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



02. CONSONANCE | 4th June 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Rukshan Karannagoda | Rtr. Nushan Vitharana

'Consonance' was a joint bulletin published by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Nicosia, Cyprus as part of the twin club agreement between the two clubs. The publication included articles on the signature projects of each club, their joint club projects and meetings, and interesting facts on the cultures of the two countries. Additionally, a crossword puzzle was also included as an entertainment item for readers.





PEACE AND HARMONY

CONNECTING THE DOTS

'Connecting the Dots' was a series of projects launched by the club that mainly focused on connecting distinct social and religious groups in the country together and promoting the significance of peace and harmony among communities. The lineup of 'Connecting the Dots' consisted of 3 sub-projects: 'Wanakkam', 'As-salamu Alaykum' and 'Merry Christmas'. While project 'Wanakkam', organized in collaboration with Rotaract Club of Nallur Heritage, was based in the Jaffna region and focused on creating new bonds with our brothers and sisters of the Hindu community, project 'As-salamu Alaykum' revolved more around serving our comrades from Muslim communities in the country's Eastern region. 'Merry Christmas' was established in honour of one of the major celebrations of the year for the Catholic populace of the country, and was also schemed in a manner that it incorporated an opportunity for international understanding for its participants by involving the group of foreign Rotaractors that participated in 'Ceylon Safari 2019' in the project festivities. Additionally, another project named 'Ayubowan' to celebrate the Sinhalese and Tamil culture and their annual New Year festival was also in the works, but was discontinued due to the COVID-19 crisis in the country.

AS-SALAMU ALAYKUM (PHASE 2) | 13th May 2020

Chaired by: Rtr. Uthuma Lebbe Rikas Ahamed



Rotaract Mora was able to perceive that a majority of people throughout the country were suffering from the lack of food during the curfews that were imposed all across the island due to the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak. Thus, as an acknowledgement of the situation by the club, gift bundles containing everyday essential items were distributed to 21 families at Irakkamam, Ampara under the second phase of 'As-salamu Alaykum'.



DISTRICT PROJECTS CO-HOSTED BY ROTARACT MORA

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ROTARACT VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020 | 30th - 31st May 2020

Hosted by: RAC University of Moratuwa | RAC University of Colombo Faculty of Arts |
• RAC General Sir John Kothalawala Defence University

Chaired by: Rtr. Tharushi Medawala | Rtr. Hiran Rajasuriya

The annual Rotaract District Conference is a notable event in the Rotaract calendar in which members of Rotaract clubs from all over the district get to gather under one roof and share their stories and celebrate their journeys as Rotaractors. However, this year, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, this grandiose event was not to be organized at its usual scale, as required by social-distancing law enforcements. Nevertheless, the high spirits of the district's Rotaractors begged to differ, and as a result the first-ever Virtual Rotaract District Conference of the Rotaract District 3220, Sri Lanka and Maldives came to being. The free-to-all event was hosted on digital platforms with the sessions being conducted on Zoom and broadcasted through Facebook live stream. The sessions garnered around 20,000 views from viewers all over the globe. Sessions on various current issues were conducted during the course of the two days and a number of highly acclaimed guests, speakers and entertainers contributed to the success of these virtual sessions.

- Special guest address - Rotary International President, Rtn. Mark Maloney
- 6 thematic sessions - Mr. Peter de Almeida, Ms. Shanuki De Alwis, Ms. Anoka Abeyratne, Mr. Asoka Obeysekere, Ms. Kasturi Wilson and Ms. Inga Strumke
- Keynote address - Her Excellency Ms. Hanaa Singer, the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the representative of the UN Secretary General in Sri Lanka
- "New Normal for Struggling Economies" panel discussion - Mr. Dilhan Fernando, Mr. Anushka Wijesinha, Ms. Selyna Peiris as panelists and Mr. Kithmin Hewage as the Moderator
- Special message from the UN Secretary General - Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, the UN Secretary General's Envoy
- Entertainment item - Mr. Randhir Withana

In addition to the said sessions of distinguished speakers, several other interesting sessions were also included in the lineup of the virtual conference.

- Presentations on club projects from the district recognized at Rotary International Awards - 'Dreamstore' by Rotaract Club of Edulink International Campus, 'Grama Prabodaya' and 'Zooxanthellae' by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and 'Horowpathana Sustainable Village' by Rotaract Club of Colombo Central
- "Into the Future of Rotaract" session - Rtr. PP. Kasun Sigera, District Rotaract Representative Elect and Rtr. PP. Akhila Wijethunga, District Rotaract Representative Nominee
- Panel discussion on how Rotary connected the world this year and how it will open opportunities during the next - Rotarians from the Rotary Youth Services Committee of Rotary International District 3220 - Sri Lanka & Maldives
- Project recap for the Rotaract year 2019/20 - Rtr. PP. Krishan Balaji, District Rotaract Representative 2019/20

Finally, the two-day conference came to a successful closure with the exciting What-a-What Awards Night through which several of the most popular Rotaractors of the district were recognized for their talents and quirks in some amusing categories.

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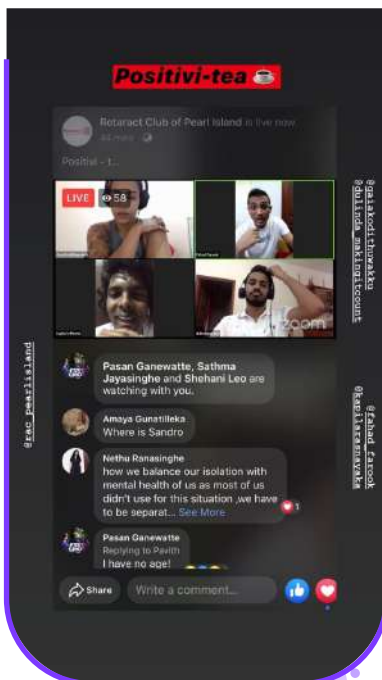
FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ROTARACT

01. ROLE OF A ROTARACTOR | 6th April

'Role of a Rotaractor' was an interactive session on what it means to be a Rotaractor, hosted by Rotaract Club of Cinnamon Gardens and Rotaract Club of Wellawatte on the WebEx meeting platform. DRR Rtr. PP Krishan Balaji, PDRR Rtr. PP Mohamed Huzni (PDRR 2016/2017), Rtn. PHF T. Sathiyendra (PDRR. 2015/2016) and. DRRE Rtr. PP Kasun Sigera graced the session as special guests.



02. POSITIVI-TEA | 9th April

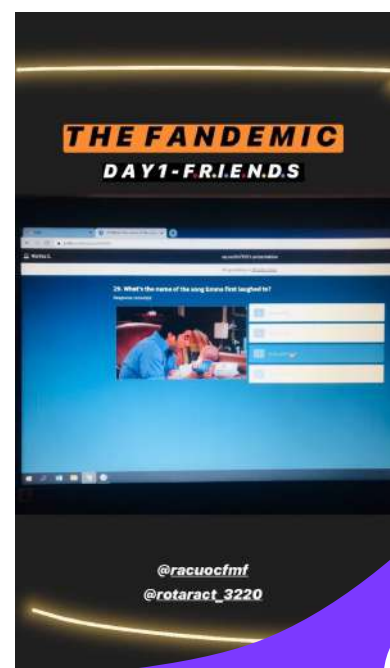


'Positivi-tea' was a virtual session on staying positive and spreading good vibes during times of crisis and low spirits, organized by Rotaract Club of Pearl Island. The session was addressed by speakers like Ms. Gaia Kodithuwakku, Mr. Dulinda Perera, Mr. Fahad Farook and Mr. Kapila Rasnayaka, and moderated by Mr. Sandro Perera.

03. QUARAN-TEA | 10th April

'Quaran-tea' was a live talk show series hosted by Rotaract Club of Colombo Mid Town in which several interesting Rotaract personalities from the district were brought in as guests for a round of good laughs and light banter, "over a cup of steaming tea". The series culminated in 9 episodes with a total of 10 guests.

04. FANDEMIC | 15th-27th April



'Fandemic' was a quiz competition on some of the most famous movie and TV series of our times, organized by Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Management and Finance. Four separate quizzes, each with three rounds, were carried out for F.R.I.E.N.D.S., Harry Potter, Marvel and Game of Thrones over the course of four days as part of the first phase of the competition. Few of our club's Rotaractors were able to qualify to the final rounds of the F.R.I.E.N.D.S. and Marvel quizzes. The four winners from the first phase were then allowed to battle it out in the finale of the competition for the ultimate win.

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ROTARACT

05. GLOBAL DIPLOMACY POST COVID-19 | 17th April

As the name suggests, 'Global Diplomacy Post COVID-19' was a panel discussion on the nature of global diplomacy in the future in a world rising back again after a raging pandemic, hosted by Rotaract clubs of IIT, SLIIT and Cinnamon Gardens. The discussion panel comprised of Ms. Shamilka Karunanayake, PDRR Rtr. Yatin Sehgal, Mr. Sachinda Dulanjana. Ms. Kamanthi Wickramasinghe, and Mr. Nawaz Mohammed.

06. YES '20 | 18th April - 31st May

'YES '20' or 'Youth Entrepreneurship Summit '20' was a virtual entrepreneurship competition organized by Rotaract Club of University of Sri Jayewardenepura in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Battaramulla, in which participants were provided the opportunity to a pitch-and-win by submitting a sustainable and creative business idea of their own to enter. Following the initial 2-minute video submission of their idea, a Zoom webinar was conducted for the top participants after which the top 5 contestants were made to compete in the finals. Rtr. Bimsara Malith and Rtr. Garisha Herath of our club were chosen to participate in the Zoom webinar session.

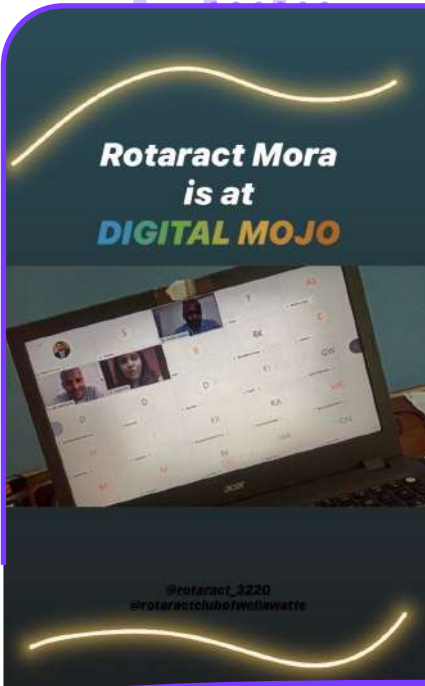
07. HARITHA LOWAK | 19th April



'Haritha Lowak' was a tree planting campaign in honor of the auspicious time assigned for tree planting during the Sinhala and Tamil New Year, organized by Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa. Under the project, 100 trees were planted and additionally posts were shared on social media platforms to encourage those of the club's following to plant a tree themselves and post a photo of the deed on Facebook and Instagram with the hashtags #HARITHALOWAK and #STRIVETOSAVETHEEARTH.

08. DIGITAL MOJO 2.0 | 19th April

'Digital Mojo 2.0' was an educational webinar on Digital Marketing, its future, its potential trends post COVID-19 and the know-how of running Ad campaigns. The project was an implementation of Rotaract Club of Wellawatte.



09. ES 21/19 | NO MORE ORDEAL | 25th April

'ES 21/19 | No More Ordeal' was an online writing competition organized by Rotaract Club of Peace City Hatton, in which participants were expected to submit their short essays or poems on the theme of terrorism and its prevention. Rtr. Hiranya Panawenna and Rtr. Kashuni Buddhima from our club were able to secure the 7th and 13th places in the competition, respectively.

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ROTARACT

10. CENTI-WEST VIRTUAL OPEN MIC NIGHT 3.0 | 26th April

‘Centi -West Open Mic Night 3.0’ was an open mic night jointly organized by Rotaract clubs of Centennial United and Colombo West.

11. INTERNATIONAL OPEN MIC NIGHT | 3rd May

‘International Open Mic Night’ was a project by Rotaract Club of Colombo Mid Town that brought together Rotaractors from 14 clubs in 9 countries spread across 9 Rotaract International districts for a cover of the song “We are the World”.

12. COFFEE WITH V | 14th May



‘Coffee with V’ was a project hosted by Rotaract Club of Australian College of Business and Technology through which light and genial interviews were carried out with few of the elected Presidents of Rotaract clubs in the district.

13. ROTARY DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY | 14th May

‘Rotary District Training Assembly’ was a virtual training program organized by Rotary District 3220 for the district’s Rotarians. The program lineup consisted of several breakout sessions on various Rotary avenues as well as speeches by special guests. Some of the more notable events of the day were the address by the Rotary International President for the year 2020/2021, Rtn. Holger Knaack and the passing of the collar by District Governor Rtn. PHF Sebastian Karunakaran to next year’s District Governor Rtn. Ajith Weerasinghe. Rotaractors were provided the opportunity to join the program’s Youth Service Directors’ session.



14. GEEK O’ ROTARACT | 17th May

‘Geek O’ Rotaract’ was a tri-stage quiz competition on the history of Rotary International District 3220, organized by Rotaract clubs of Colombo Mid Town and University of Colombo, Faculty of Management and Finance, to commemorate 50 years of Rotaract in Sri Lanka. Over 125 Rotaractors from 4 countries participated in the competition to grasp its overall win.

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ROTARACT

15. OUTER CIRCLE | 16th May

'Outer Circle' was a virtual session on the know-how of facing challenges and life in general, organized by Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Management and Finance and Interact Club of St. Paul's Girls School, Milagiriya. The session was carried out over Zoom and distributed through Facebook livestream while Mr. Bathiya Jayakody and Mr. Inura Jaysuriya joined in as speakers.

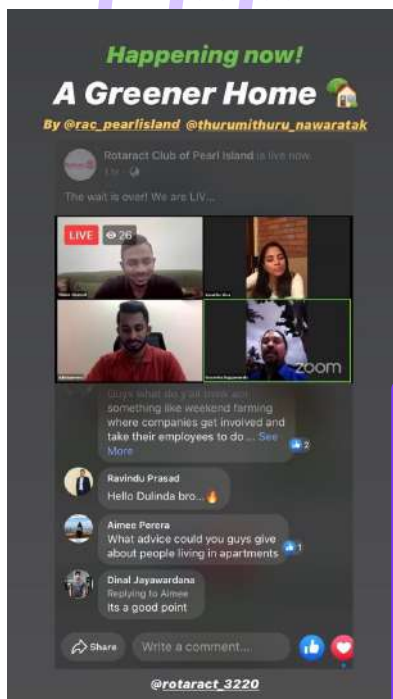
16. TALK FOR PEACE | 18th May

'Talk for Peace' was a virtual discussion on the necessity of coming together for the purpose of fighting back against illiteracy, poverty and terrorism, and promoting peace and harmony within nations, organized by Rotaract clubs of Colombo East, Pamunugama, and Australian College of Business and Technology, and Interact clubs of Nalanda College and Asoka Vidyalaya. The session was broadcasted to the masses via the official Facebook page of Rotaract Club of Colombo East.



17. GROOVE N' SOOTHE | 22nd May

'Groove N' Soothe' was a night of merry music, breathtaking magic and good fun, hosted by Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Management and Finance, in which Rotaractors from all over the district with a born flair for music and magic, came together to deliver mesmerizing performances to the audience of Rotaractors, from the comfort of their homes.



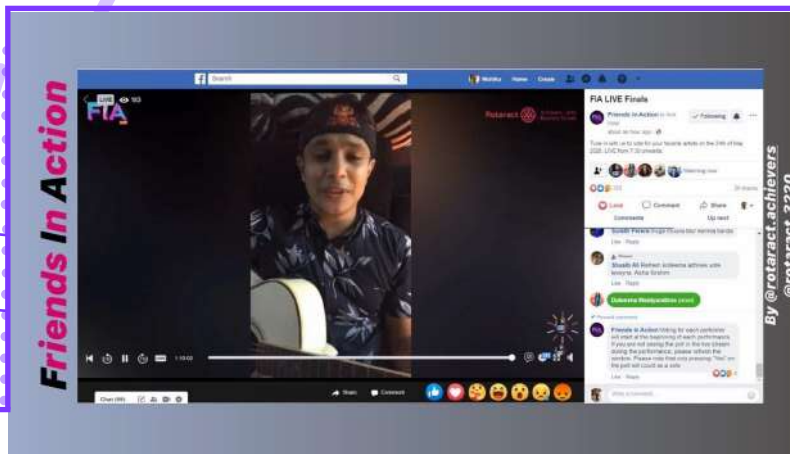
18. A GREENER HOME | 23rd May

'A Greener Home' was a panel discussion with several acclaimed personalities on the importance of home agriculture and how it will benefit Sri Lanka, organized by Rotaract Club of Pearl Island. This was the first phase of the club's event series "Virtually One", implemented in collaboration with Konfetti Events.

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19. AFTER COVID-19 | 24th May

'After Covid-19' was an open discussion conducted by Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa on the economic situation in Sri Lanka in light of the COVID-19 crisis and the new changes to one's work life in a post-pandemic world.



20. FRIENDS IN ACTION | 24th May

'Friends in Action' was a virtual talent hunt of the next best soulful singing voices in Sri Lanka, organized by Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School. The spectacular night was filled with spectacular performances from the finalists and the winners were chosen by an esteemed panel of judges and votes from the audience.

New Laurels

ODYSSEY

for ROTARACT MORA

Rotaract Mora has yet again been honoured for its efforts in exploring new territory, developing as a fraternity, and serving deserving communities, during the past Rotaract year, at the 30th Rotaract District Assembly of Rotaract District 3220. The list of awards are as follows.

01. Most Outstanding Rotaract Club of the Year

02. Most Outstanding President

RTR. DHANUKA PERERA

03. Most Outstanding Secretary

RTR. NISHIKA SILVA

04. Most Sustainable Project - **GOLD Award**

GRAMA PRABODHAYA

05. Most Innovative Initiative - **GOLD Award**

MANUSATH HANDA

06. Most Outstanding Fundraiser in aid of Community Service - **GOLD Award**

HAND IN HAND

07. Most Outstanding Community Service Initiative in Education - **GOLD Award**

NENA ARUNA

08. Most Outstanding Community Service Initiative in Peace and Conflict Resolution

GOLD Award

CONNECTING THE DOTS

09. Most Outstanding Professional Development Initiative - **GOLD Award**

ARE YOU READY? 2019

10. Most Outstanding Rotary Family Initiative - **GOLD Award**

WEST AID 2.0

11. Most Outstanding Club Service Initiative - **SILVER Award**

CAST 4

12. Most Outstanding Digital Communications Effort - **SILVER Award**

13. Most Outstanding Community Service Initiative in the category of Economic and Community Development - **SILVER Award**

GRAMA PRABODHAYA

14. Most Outstanding Community Service Initiative in Disease Prevention and Treatment

BRONZE Award

HEALING HANDS

15. Most Outstanding Community Service Initiative in Maternal and Child Health

BRONZE Award

HAND IN HAND

16. Most Outstanding Cluster Initiative - **BRONZE Award**

ROTARACT COOK-OFF

17. Rotaract District Citation 2019/20

18. President of the Month for the month of October

RTR. DHANUKA PERERA

19. Spirit of Service Award

RTR. NISHIKA SILVA

20. Recognition for hosting "New Normal - Rotaract Virtual District Conference"

All due credit for the numerous victories achieved by the club goes to the team of dedicated club members who tire vigorously, fueled by their passions, to serve their community and change the world for the better in any and every way they can manage.

Where there is hard work and genuine enthusiasm, due recognition follows. Congratulations are in order for the club's member base in light of the club's successful and impactful performance throughout the Rotaract year 2019/20.





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THE MIRROR WALL

02 Her Melanin

Skin like Ebony,
Courtesy of her family,
Looks of royalty,
Attracts a lot of scrutiny

Her name was "Kalu",
They call her "Kalu Aguru",
Made her feel blue,
And lose her self-value

Bought her a pack of bleach,
Because she looked like a leech,
Thought it would teach,
Her not to outreach

But she was beauty, she was grace,
Embraced her race,
Was only dazed with the malaise,
And set ablaze

Bane of her existence; was her melanin,
But so was her sovereign,
She made it a predestine,
To help with the advancing

~ Rtr. Garisha Herath

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

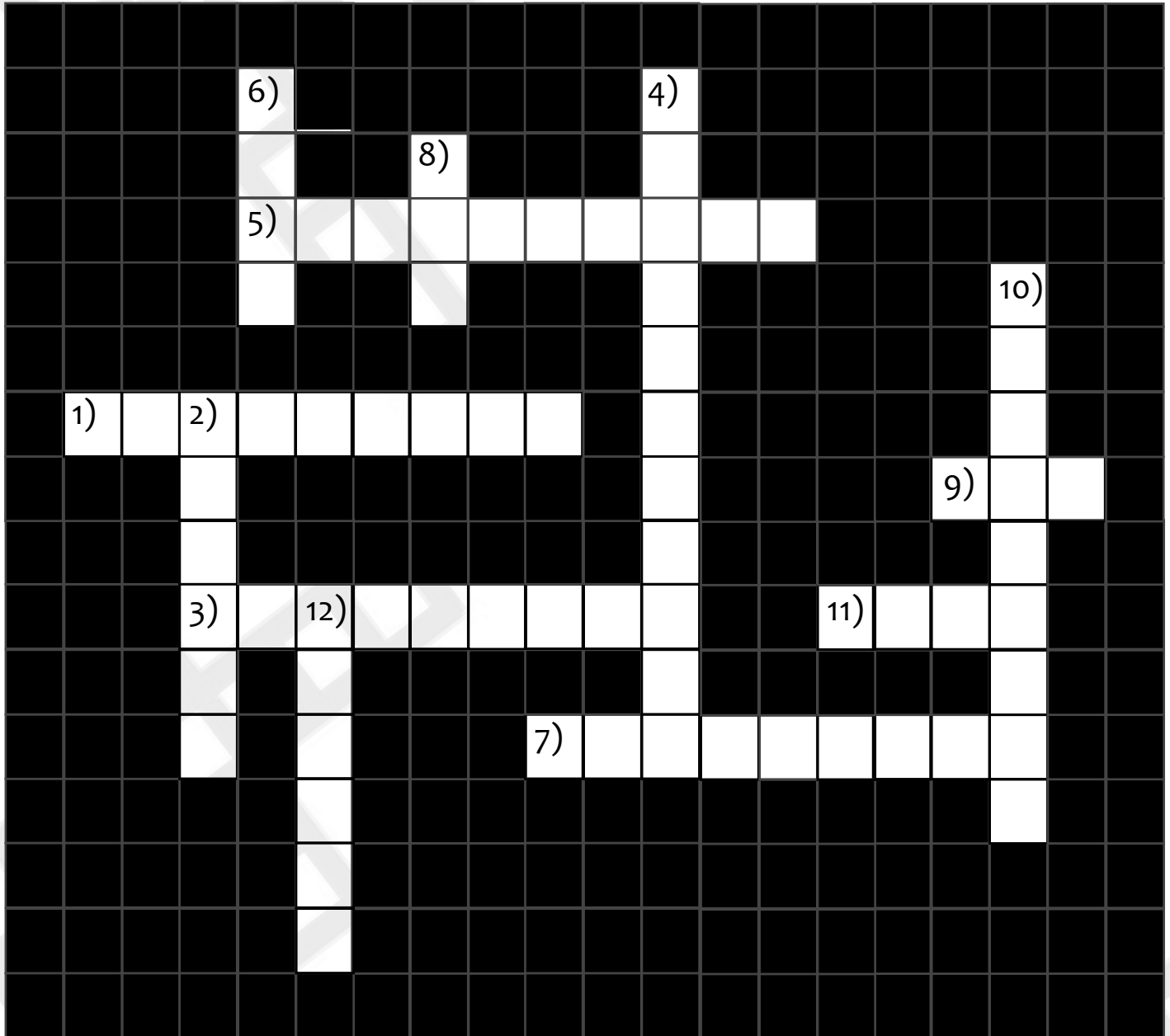
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- 1) The first-ever Rotaract club in the world was Rotaract Club of University of North Carolina, which was chartered under Rotary Club of North, North Carolina.
- 3) The second phase of 'As-salamu Alaykum' was carried out in, Ampara
- 5) The 6th Sustainable Development Goal is 'Clean Water and
- 7) The brand new membership development initiative of Rotaract Mora
- 9) One of the winning teams of the project 'Revelation'
- 11) Under 'Manusath Handa', audiobooks of G.C.E. O/L examination past papers and answers were compiled for different subjects

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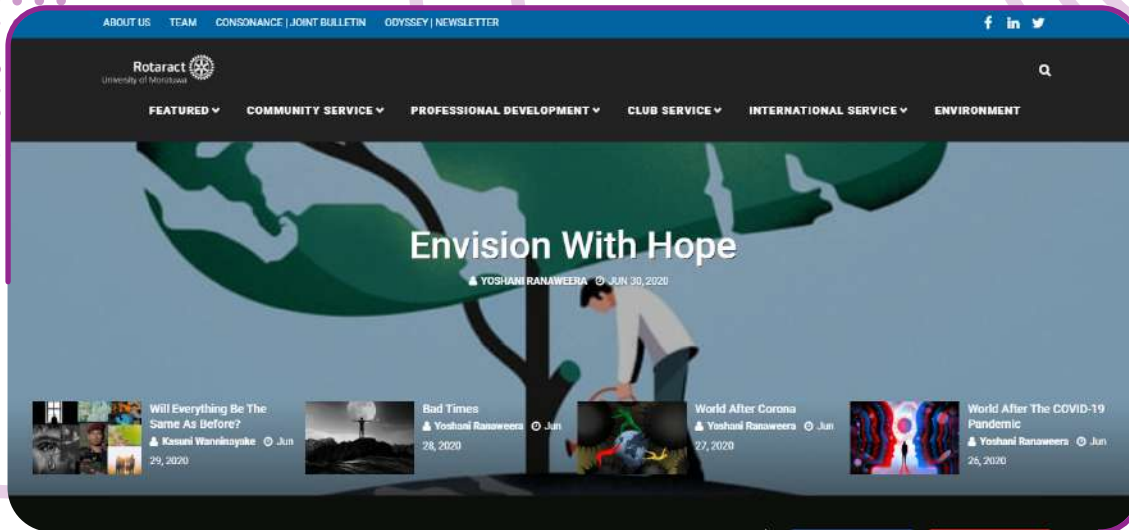
- 2) Rotaract stands for "Rotary in"
- 4) The online Harry Potter quiz competition held under CAST4
- 6) The contribution of 600+ books for donations to schools under the 'Nena Aruna' project was done by Rotaract Mora's guide club, Rotary Club of Colombo
- 8) The number of thematic sessions conducted at the Rotaract District Virtual Conference
- 10) 'Placing the Eye on ' was one of the Harry Potter themed Avurudu games played at the 'Online Avurudu' project
- 12) CAST4 stands for 'Collaborative Service Teams Four'

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Answers _____

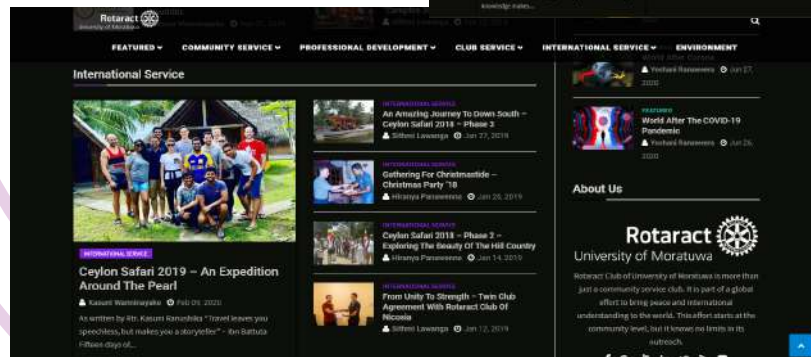
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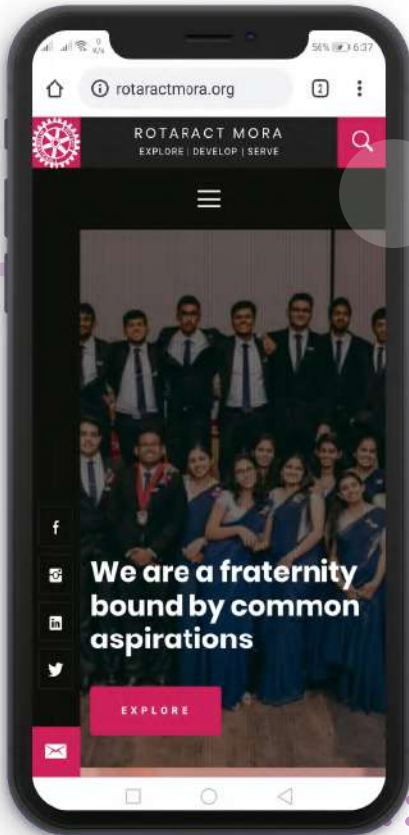


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