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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message

The year to Rise, Shine and Illuminate Lives turned out to be a chapter full of challenges, achievements and memories wrapped up as the 27th year of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa. Starting off with the effect of the prevailing economic crisis in the country while directing the club into a transition year from a virtual context to a physical context. However, at the end of the year despite all the barriers we had to conquer, here we are concluding a century of projects all thanks to the immense dedication the club projected to Rise, Shine and Illuminate Lives.

The last quarter featured the IT avenue especially with the giants of Bit Rain, ACIES and Suwaliya exhibiting the strength and capabilities of the technical powerhouse, giving others exposure to it. Getting into the culmination of colouring the sea floor, the 3rd phase of Zooxanthellae was conducted as an underwater farming awareness session with Green Roots. Apart from that the conclusion of Data Storm, the Voice Donation Camp and elevating the membership engagement with Kowul Wasanthaya, Mithuru Sulanga and Premio Formalita, and the initiation of NFT of Hand in Hand along with Rotary Radiance also took special attention taking new turns in the year. All the efforts were recognized at Premio Formalita - The Annual Award Ceremony of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa while reminiscing the journey of the year, starting from 40 board members who grew day by day into one big family to rely on one another making the club even stronger.

Starting off as a transitional year, the club had to create a new system and set of rules with new adaptations at the beginning of the year inside the university premises. However working as a team with a passion to serve our people, community, nature and the world created a new team, or rather a kingdom of warriors who worked towards taking the clubs to greater heights exceeding the expectation we had at the beginning of the year.



As the president, I sign off with utmost pleasure after penning down my final remarks to the final Odyssey of the year, having a strong and passionate team with me who turned the impossible into possible and created an impact in every single project they executed to leave a legacy year.

Charithma Hettiarachchi
President 2022-23
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa



EDITORIAL MESSAGE



It was one hell of a year! From being almost strangers to becoming one big family, we have reached the culmination of an extraordinary journey. By spreading love, extending a helping hand, empowering young talents, and overcoming obstacles, we have genuinely helped one another rise, provided platforms to shine, and illuminated thousands of lives. With Rotaract Mora, a club that humbly embraces the brightest minds and academic excellence in our country, our experience of the RI Year 2022-23 has been nothing short of brilliance. As the Editorial Team of Rotaract Mora, we have especially had the privilege to work with the image of every single project, and we couldn't be more thrilled to present to you our final edition of Odyssey, the esteemed newsletter of the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa.

In this concluding final quarter we witnessed a symphony of projects gracefully conclude like the final notes of a beautifully orchestrated melody. Initiating underwater farming while colouring the sea floor, the seafaring project "Zooxanthellae'23"; stepping into the world of enchantment with "Mithuru Sulanga" musical extravaganza; dancing with "Euphoria" on your first ever "Prom Night"; sparking the newbies into action, the mammoth project "Rota Spark"; inspiring the next generation of data scientists, Data Storm are some of the many projects Rotaract Mora sailed through. Without a doubt, Rotaract Mora will continue to blaze the trail, surpassing obstacles with unparalleled strategies and propelling countless individuals towards unprecedented heights.

The triumph of these fearless adventures reflects the unwavering spirit of our members and champions who took a leap of faith on this memorable expedition. We extend our deepest appreciation to every soul who wholeheartedly embraced the call to embark on a voyage throughout this RI Year. As we unveil the next and final captivating chapter of our year-long saga in "Odyssey," our esteemed chronicle, we eagerly anticipate revealing the true hard work of our dear Rotaractors.

It was one hectic roller coaster ride where we laughed, we screamed, we stood up, we listened, we stayed awake, we worked hard and we achieved together. We had it all. It was a good ride.

Officially signing off,

Rtr. Saeedha Nazar
Rtr. Neha Dassanayake
Rtr. Sarasi Yapa
(Co-editors 2022-23 - Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa)

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AVENUE

CULTIVARE

Co-chairs - Rtr. Yasiru Aththanayake
Rtr. Udani Senanayake

International Service Avenue of Rotaract Mora ignited the spirit of cultural exchange, cooperation, and friendship across borders, fostering understanding and collaboration among diverse communities. Through engaging initiatives, the club transcended boundaries, creating a vibrant tapestry of cultures, ideas, and perspectives, and building a brighter and more interconnected world together. The beauty in the differences and the uniqueness of beliefs and cultures endemic to different nations and cultures were always embraced by the International Service Avenue of Rotaract Mora, making it a learning platform.



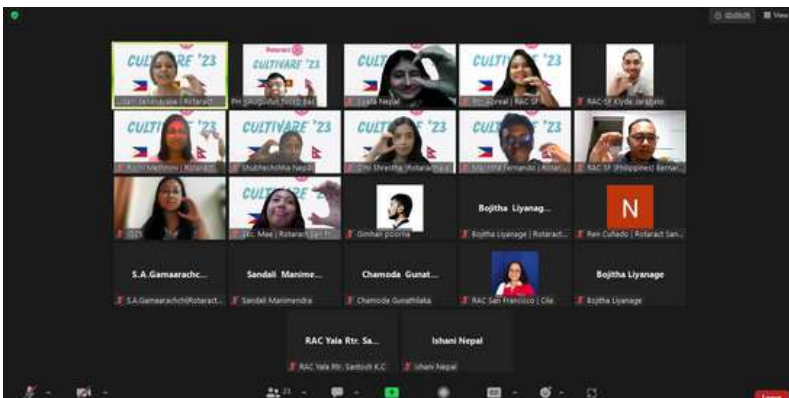
One of their projects, Cultivare '23, was a cultural exchange project involving three Rotaract clubs from three different countries. This cultural exchange event brought together individuals from diverse backgrounds to share and celebrate their unique cultures. It fostered mutual understanding, respect, and appreciation by showcasing traditions, music, dance, cuisine, and art. Through engaging activities and dialogue, participants learned about different customs, beliefs, and perspectives, promoting cultural awareness and global harmony.



Rotaract Mora collaborated with the Rotaract Club of San Francisco, Philippines, and the Rotaract Club of Yala, Nepal, to organize this cultural exchange project. Each country presented a presentation about their culture, followed by a fun game based on the presentation, and an event such as a song or a dance. Participants from all three clubs engaged with passion and joy. The project provided an opportunity to share knowledge about each other's cultures, including religions, food and cuisines, festivals and celebrations, traditional arts and crafts, clothing, music and dance, sports, and ancient technology. The beauty of their music and dances, as well as fun events like games based on the presentations, were enjoyed by all participants.



The project also provided a platform to delve into the stories behind the implementation of these cultures, revealing the essence of the ancestors of the three different countries. It was a moment to get to know friends from different countries and build the foundation for long-lasting projects that could have a significant impact in Rotaract together.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE AVENUE

ZOOXANTHELLAE' 23

Co-chairs - Rtr. Avishka Janith
Rtr. Asel Iksura
Rtr. Chamodi Welmilla

"Since the coral population in the area around Sri Lanka is crucial to sustaining Sri Lanka's society and economy, coral reefs play a significant role in marine ecology.

Therefore, in the Rotaract year 2016-17, Zooxanthellae was introduced by the University of Moratuwa's Rotaract club, in collaboration with Siam City Cement Public Company Limited, NARA, and the Department of Earth Resources Engineering, with the goal of concentrating on the regrowth of the coral reefs by installing permanent structures in the seabed while holding education workshops for both residents and visitors to enhance the public's understanding of how coral reefs affect marine life and the ecosystem.

Under this project accordingly for the RI year 22-23, there are three main phases, in the 1st phase we had monitoring sessions of the previous year's coral plantation and the cement structures were confirmed to deposit under the seabed as they aid the optimal coral growth. Then in the 2nd phase, there are also other monitoring sessions. So in the 3rd phase of the project, it was planned to start underwater farming as a new concept, and for that, the Rotaractors developed the project.

under the supervision of Mr. Sadun Wickramasinghe - District Marine Environment Officer and Marine Environment Scientist, Galle District MEPA.





Phase 01 aimed at planting the baby corals on the sea bed mounted on the concrete structures targeting in Kaburugamuwa, Matara District and passing on the message of the importance of the coral reefs to the general public. Following the successful deployment, with the intention of educating our younger generation and spreading awareness, an awareness session was conducted at Schools near Kaburugamuwa.



Throughout three post-monitoring sessions, the coral growth's development was carefully monitored. These sessions saw the detached corals successfully reattached, and coral development was documented. The conclusion of the phase one coral transplantation marked the Closing Ceremony which happened on the 15th of April, 2023.



The monitoring sessions are a further crucial step. The development of the newborn corals had to be continuously monitored after being fastened to the cement structures that had been laid. The Marine Environmental Protection Authority (MEPA) kept tabs on the development of the developing young corals through a series of subsequent trips to the deployment sites.



While doing the monitoring sessions for the previous coral transplants, this year 2022-23 we have introduced a new project to do seaweed planting at Thalaramba beach Kaburugamuwa, Mathara. With the superior inspection of Mr. Sandun Wickramasinghe and the help of our five talented divers. We did the 1st coral transplantation on 5th and 9th April 2023. Also the seaweed planting project was done on 20th April 2023.

Coral transplantation and seaweed planting initiatives are valuable tools in the conservation and restoration of marine ecosystems. These practices help preserve biodiversity, protect coastal areas, mitigate climate change, and provide economic opportunities for local communities

Sub project - Green Roots

Co chairs - Rtr. Theekshana Perera
Rtr. Sarindu Wijekoon
Rtr. Hiruni Praveesha

“Green roots” is a sub-project of the remarkable project “Zooxanthellae” initiated by the Rotaract club of University of Moratuwa. “Zooxanthellae” was not only giving life to the corals but also helped to protect marine biodiversity as well. “Green roots” is a project that gives awareness about the project “The goal of this project was to provide an informational session at M/Kamburugamuwa Maha Vidyalaya in Kamburugamuwa. The project concluded successfully where the goal of the project; increasing public awareness of coral reefs and their value to society was accomplished.



URBANSCAPE

Co-chairs - Rtr. Chanodya Walpolapitiya
Rtr. Shachintha Botheju
Rtr. Nisal Shanaka

Urbanscape, an initiative project conducted under the Environmental Service Avenue of the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, aimed to promote urban edible gardening and green living in metropolitan areas. In collaboration with the Student Society of Landscape Architecture, the project focused on creativity, technical artistry, and sustainability to empower urban dwellers to become successful gardeners and create their own thriving gardens. The main objective was to popularize green living and create more green spaces in the city.

The project consisted of two main phases. The first phase involved an online flyer series, where informative flyers and videos were published on social media platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, and Instagram. These materials provided insights into urban gardening concepts, tips, and techniques. They highlighted the benefits of urban gardening, such as self-sufficiency, access to fresh and healthy food, and utilizing limited spaces effectively. The second phase comprised awareness sessions targeting apartment residents and university students. The sessions aimed to educate and engage the audience in urban gardening, encouraging them to embrace the concept and take part in the initiative.

Urbanscape had several objectives. It aimed to increase environmental awareness among the urban population in Colombo District, encouraging them to embrace sustainable practices and contribute to environmental conservation. The project also sought to promote urban edible gardening, emphasizing the importance of growing high-quality organic food in urban settings and discouraging the consumption of chemically treated produce. Additionally, Urbanscape aimed to educate people about the benefits of gardening in urban environments, including improved access to fresh food and reduced pollution levels. By achieving these objectives, the project aimed to create a community of urban citizens committed to green living and environmental protection.



CLUB SERVICE AVENUE

MITHURU SULANGA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Nisal Shanaka
Rtr. Chathupa Dewasirinarayana
Rtr. Nimash Eshan
Rtr. Yohan Madusha
Rtr. Amila Dilshan

Imagine a world of rhythm and melody where the air is alive with sweet sounds of music, where every note played on instruments creates a color to nature and every note speaks to our soul. "Mithuru Sulanga" is the place where everyone comes together and experiences a symphonic sound that transcends all boundaries.

"Mithuru Sulanga" is a musical extravaganza organized by the Rotaract mora, in alliance with the Rotaract club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa. It's the place where the current and the past members of Rotaract mora come together to showcase their musical talents. With the immense help and hard work of our Co chairs; Rtr. Nisal Shanaka, Rtr. Chathupa Sandeep, Rtr. Nimash Eshan and the never ending support from the Alumni of Rotract Mora; Rtr. Yohan Madusanka, Rtr. Amila Dilshan fulfilling the intention of expressing gratification and inspiration to the fellow Rotaractors who are constantly striving to make projects a success, the evening was an attempt of bringing happiness and joy to all those who participated.





The phenomenon of chills or goosebumps that come from a piece of music, "Mithuru Sulanga " took place on 28th of April at the Rock House, Piliyandala as the 3rd chapter this year, with a huge participation. All members were dressed with sarongs and lungis to embrace the mellifluous melodies. The event featured an amazing lineup of talented musicians and two infamous singers,* Wenusara Vindana and Tharaka Siyambalapitiya*, who added excitement and joy to the evening. Additionally, the event included a session of stand-up comedy by *Bimasara Somarathne, Kavinda, and other fellow members*, which provided a fun and entertaining way to encourage fellowship among the participants and foster stronger relationships among the Rotaractors. Thus promoting the connection between the members of Rotaract Mora and Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa and develop the connection between the members of all the Rotaract clubs of the whole Rotaract District. And the perfect Opportunity for fresher Mora Rotractors to get to know Senior Members of the Club.

The event was a great success, with the audience thoroughly enjoying the musical performances and the colorful ambiance it created. It served as an opportunity for Rotaractors to connect with each other, express gratitude, and celebrate the joy of music. Overall, "Mithuru Sulanga" was a wonderful celebration of music and fellowship that left an indelible impression on all Rotaractors and non-Rotaractors who participated in the evening.



KOWUL VASANTHAYA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Thejas Meddepola
Rtr. Sandaru Lokudadalla
Rtr. Gethara De Alwis
Rtr. Isuru Oshada

Kowul Wasanthaya, an Avurudu celebration for Rotaractors in Rotaract Mora, marked a remarkable return after a pause of over five years. With the enthusiastic participation of more than 100 Rotaractors, the event took place at the vibrant Carlton Club House grounds on April 5th, starting at 9 am. Led by four dedicated chairpersons, the project aimed to create a unique and unforgettable experience for all participants while fostering fellowship and honoring the legacy of Rotaract Mora.

This festival started after fulfilling the ritual of boiling a pot of milk as a sign of prosperity and new beginnings. Then the Awrudu Kema Mesaya of Rotaract Mora was opened for all the Rotaractors out there. Then the traditional Kotta Pora was performed as an ostentatious event and it was the most energetic and fun event of the Avurudu celebration. Thereafter there was, 'Kana mutti bindeema', 'Banis kama', 'Thoppi pass', 'Goni race', 'Youghurt kaveema"and many more Avurudu games.

Blending traditional and modern elements of the Avurudu festival, the event featured engaging games with opportunities to win prizes. Mesmerizing dances and the active involvement of Rotaractors from all four batches of the University of Moratuwa added to the festive spirit. The celebration concluded with the selection of Avurudu Kumara and Kumariya, followed by the distribution of gifts to all participants, leaving a lasting impression and treasured memories for everyone involved.



MEMBERSHIP AVENUE

ROTA SPARK ORIENTATION

Co-chairs - Rtr. Booshana Namudaara

Rtr. Buvani Guruge

Rtr. Heshani Perera

Rtr. Navodi Wijesekara

Rtr. Theekshana Perera

The Rota Spark project was a transformative initiative that ignited the flame of passion and service within the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa. It aimed to welcome new members into the club's dynamic community and foster meaningful relationships between newcomers and existing members. The project comprised four subprojects: Orientation, Ignition, Open Week, and Closing Ceremony, each offering a unique and unforgettable experience.

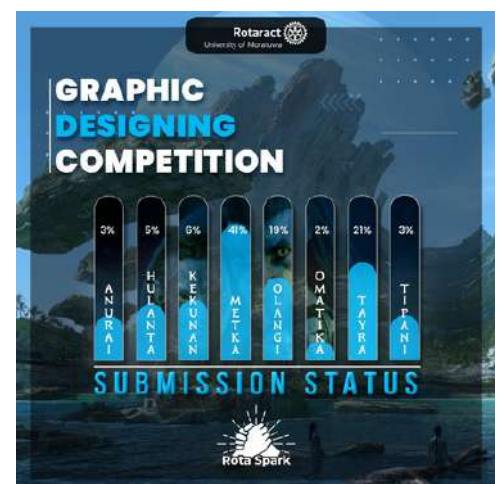
During the Orientation phase, the club meticulously planned an event to set the right tone and inspire new members to join the Rotaract Mora family. The registrants were divided into groups assigned with clans from the popular movie franchise, Avatar, creating an atmosphere of amusement and collaboration. The Orientation spanned over a month and included a physical event where new members interacted with current club members and had their questions addressed. The program also featured competitions to identify members with exceptional graphic designing and video editing skills, recognizing their talents and potential contributions to the club.



After Orientation, the project moved to the Ignition phase, transitioning to a virtual context. This phase focused on grooming the newbies and included an Editorial Competition and a Crossword Puzzle Competition. The Editorial Competition aimed to attract introverted individuals and appreciate their writing skills. The Crossword Puzzle Competition provided insights about the club's projects and required participants to develop puzzles related to Rotaract Mora's Signature projects. The Ignition Day marked the culmination of this phase, with avenue directors sharing insights and purposes of their avenues in an interactive manner, while entertainment items and games added excitement to the event.

The Open Week followed, offering a unique opportunity for the new intake to engage with directors from all avenues of Rotaract Mora. Avenue Sessions provided a platform for personal connections, discussions on signature projects, and clarifying doubts. Participants were also added to ongoing project organizing committees, showcasing the success of the event. Finally, the project concluded with a spectacular Closing Ceremony graced by the District Rotaract Representative-Elect. The ceremony featured inspiring speeches, entertainment performances, and the announcement of competition winners, leaving a lasting impact on attendees.

Overall, the Rota Spark project successfully welcomed new members, fostered collaboration and camaraderie, and provided valuable insights into the Rotaract community. It showcased the dedication and hard work of the club's members and organizers, creating a memorable experience for both newcomers and seasoned members alike.



PREMIO FORMALITA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Damsith Adikari
Rtr. Buvani Guruge
Rtr. Kavin Siriwardana
Rtr. Devnith Wijesinghe
Rtr. Niyumi Nethmanthi

"Premio Formalita," the prestigious Annual Awards Ceremony of the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, was a grand culmination of the Rotaract Mora calendar. Held on the 20th of May, 2023, at the ENTC Auditorium, University of Moratuwa, this event recognized and honored the unwavering dedication of the club's members throughout the year. The ceremony commenced with esteemed guests and traditional performances, setting the stage for an extraordinary evening of appreciation, reflection, and celebration.

During the awards ceremony, members who actively participated and demonstrated exemplary service were recognized and honored. Certificates of appreciation were presented to these dedicated individuals, while those who displayed exceptional acts of service were awarded medals under the distinguished category of "Spirit of Service." Inspirational speeches from key individuals, including the President and senior club members, highlighted the collective achievements and evoked a sense of pride and nostalgia.

Premio Formalita not only honored club members but also aimed to inspire prospective members and extend recognition to project stakeholders. The event showcased the rewards and recognition earned through dedicated service, fostering passion and enthusiasm for Rotaract. It provided a platform for knowledge sharing among past and present Rotaractors, as well as an opportunity for fellowship among participants from diverse backgrounds within the University community. In conclusion, Premio Formalita successfully achieved its objectives of acknowledging dedication, inspiring engagement, and fostering appreciation within the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa.



EUPHORIA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Damsith Adikari
Rtr. Buvani Guruge
Rtr. Kavin Siriwardana
Rtr. Devnith Wijesinghe
Rtr. Niyumi Nethmanthi

Euphoria '23, organized by Membership Development Avenue, was a spectacular celebration that gave university undergraduates an unforgettable prom night experience. This special occasion marked the end of an extraordinary year for Rotaract in a magnificent way, uniting club members, district Rotaractors, and university students.

On May 20th, 2023, at the Sripalee Banquet Hall, around 350 excited participants entered the hall in exquisite attire. The awe-inspiring Mirror band mesmerized the crowd with their melodious strains, while a captivating mask stall added to the enchantment of the event. Talented university singers joined forces with the band, enchanting the audience with heartfelt melodies.

A sumptuous buffet and a charming photo booth ensured both entertainment and delicious food. Guests engaged in delightful conversations while savouring the tasty dishes, accompanied by mellifluous music. A professional photographer captured timeless memories of the event.

The highlight was the prom king and queen competition. Captivating couples showcased their charisma on stage while charismatic emcees entertained the crowd. Thinithi and Dharana were crowned as the prom king and queen, receiving valuable gifts.



After the coronation, the dance floor came to life with enchanting music and a couple dance led by the prom king and queen. Other couples joined in, creating a romantic and vibrant atmosphere. Participants immersed themselves in the music, embracing its power and enjoying the exhilarating journey.

The highly anticipated DJ segment drew participants to the energetic dance floor with captivating tracks. The electrifying music heightened the euphoria, leaving lasting memories in the hearts of all who experienced it.

Euphoria '23 exceeded all expectations, creating an unforgettable experience. It set a new standard of excellence for future events and served as a grand finale to the Rotaract year 2022-2023, showcasing the dedication and passion of the Rotaract Club. Euphoria '23 symbolized unity, joy, and the pursuit of happiness, leaving a special place in the hearts of all who attended.



IT AVENUE

BIT RAIN



Co-chairs - Rtr. Buddhi Gayan
Rtr. Nipuna Dulara
Rtr. Rebecca Fernando

Bit Rain, an initiative of IT Avenue of Rotaract Mora, was set in motion, creating a buzz of anticipation. The stage was set to inspire and unite exceptional minds from around 20 schools across the island for an unprecedented coding fest.

The initiative consisted of a captivating month-long series of seminars led by a distinguished panel of lecturers. Important aspects and applications of various useful data structures, algorithms, and other facets of computer science were expertly covered. The lectures were delivered in an engaging and interactive manner, providing ample opportunities for students to ask questions and clarify their doubts.

Following the seminar series, a coding competition was held to put the students' acquired skills and knowledge to the test. From the final weeks of March until the first week of April, a variety of coding challenges, meticulously designed to evaluate problem-solving and programming abilities, were featured.

Bit Rain was not merely an event; it was a platform where brilliant minds came together to thrive. The memories of this exceptional coding adventure will be etched in the minds of the participants, leaving a lasting impact on their journey as coding enthusiasts.

ACIES GAMING COMPETITION

Co-chairs - Rtr. Buddhi Gayan

Rtr. Nipuna Dulara

Rtr. Rebecca Fernando

Get ready to be immersed in an exhilarating gaming extravaganza as ACIES Season 3, the highly anticipated "Call of Duty Mobile 5v5 Search and Destroy Tournament," was presented by the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa in collaboration with Mora Esports. With a passion for innovation and a strong commitment to serving humanity, our club ventured into the world of gaming to unlock new opportunities for collaboration and skill development. ACIES aimed to ignite the competitive spirit within the gaming community, captivating a diverse audience and forging an unbreakable bond between gamers and their extraordinary feats.

ACIES Season 3 showcased the extraordinary gaming prowess of participants as they went head-to-head against the best players from the University of Moratuwa. This thrilling tournament provided a platform for gamers to demonstrate their talent, gain recognition, and connect with a wider community of like-minded enthusiasts. Beyond entertainment, ACIES embraced the transformative power of gaming, fostering community engagement, promoting technological advancements, and enhancing cognitive skills among players. It went beyond just the game; it encompassed personal growth and self-improvement alongside the mission of serving others.

Participants and spectators were invited to join us for ACIES Season 3 and witness the fusion of competition, camaraderie, and sheer gaming brilliance. Through this collaborative project, we aimed to cultivate creativity, enhance organizational skills, and nurture leadership abilities within our members. ACIES was more than just an event; it stood as a testament to our commitment to pushing boundaries, embracing innovation, and creating unforgettable experiences. It was an invitation to embark on a thrilling journey of gaming excellence, where limitless possibilities awaited.



COMMUNITY SERVICES AVENUE

NENA ARUNA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Thejan Dulara

Rtr. Aveesha Gebalana Arachchi

Rtr. Yasotharan Virudchikan



"NENA ARUNA' is a project which is mainly focused on enhancing the educational standards of underprivileged school children with a lack of sufficient supervision and support from qualified teachers and other available resources while giving them an equal opportunity to study and win the world.

The project was done in a few phases. Firstly, our Rotaractors and the project coordinators mainly focused on enhancing the educational standards of underprivileged school children with insufficient visits to the SOS children's village, Piliyandala, which had a community of 55-60 students. We had open discussions with the mistress in charge and the students and got to know their problems and needs to get to know about them well. Initially in October 2023, physical seminars were conducted at SOS Children's Village, Piliyandala by a bunch of effortful volunteers from our club. The project's first phase was primarily focused on students doing Ordinary Levels for the academic year 2022 and was also an opportunity for the 6-9 graders. The project was centered on the topics Mathematics and Science, all of which play an essential role in the overall education system, particularly in tertiary and higher education. The Nena Aruna Seminar Series is the project's first component. Apart from the volunteers from our university, the club 'Sasnaka Sansada' also collaborated with us to conduct a few Mathematics seminars.

Apart from the lessons, our team also guided them on how they should plan and perform their current studies, keeping their future goals in mind, while making sure that their academic and mental well-being is also balanced. NENA ARUNA was a massive step forward to educate the young children despite their religion, caste, and geographical boundaries in order to aid them to chase their life goals and reach success.



HAND-IN-HAND

Co-chairs - Rtr. Charith Belpage
Rtr. Thisara Menuka

Hand in hand has been a project that has been initiated consecutively each year in hopes of raising awareness on cancer, its risk factors and early detection of cancer, and most importantly to raise funds for medication of cancer patients in the Apeksha Hospital Maharagama.

In the 4th Quarter of RI year 2022-23, Rotaract Mora initiated a Vesak card campaign, where volunteering Rotaractors sold Vesak cards, which included drawings made by children in the Apeksha Hospital Maharagama, to raise funds for these little hearts. The cards were sold at the BMICH during the Avurudu Shopping Festival as usual. The BMICH volunteered to join this meticulous project, by providing a stall for Rotaract Mora for free.

A T-shirt campaign was also done in which all the profits from selling HHH T-shirts will be used to buy medication for cancer patients. Hence at the end of this RI year, our Rotaractors will be visiting the Apeksha Hospital to donate medication for cancer patients.



UPAHARA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Nisala Yapa
Rtr. Yesith Waduge
Rtr. Anupa Perera

Project "Upahara" was done in two phases. The first phase was initiated to provide clothing to all the elders in an elders' home run by the Moratuwa Social Service Society. Our Rotaractors bought these old souls joy on their annual Christmas celebration, by adding gifts to their festivities.

The second phase was conducted in a slightly different manner. The main objective was to provide a meal to the people in need during these trying times, due to the country's economic downfall. The Sunday of the Vesak week was chosen, as this is a week all Sri Lankans dedicate their time for alms-giving. Lunch packets were prepared and distributed around Moratuwa for people in need, especially the beggars on the streets.



SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

Co-chairs - Rtr. Chyaga Handunpathirana
Rtr. Janindu Bandara

The Sustainability Summit was organized by Rotaract International District 3220 Sri Lanka and Maldives, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, Rotaract Club of Sri Jayewardenepura and Rotaract Club of Pan Colombo. The event successfully raised awareness about addressing global issues, with a specific focus on the seventh Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of affordable and clean energy. Under the guidance of the two chairpersons, Rtr. Janindu Bandara and Rtr. Chyaga Hadunpathirana along with the immense assistance provided by the organizing committee, the summit was initiated encompassing two phases, beginning with a thought-provoking debate competition involving many school teams, which ultimately saw 18 teams participate.

The engaging discussions centered around sustainability and renewable energy, nurturing the knowledge and debating skills of young participants. In the second phase, the summit brought together professionals, business leaders, and attendees for engaging keynote addresses, panel discussions and a captivating final debate between Ananda College and Gateway College, Dehiwala. The hybrid format of the event combining in-person and virtual elements ensured wider participation and inclusivity. By fostering insightful conversions, promoting sustainable practices, and catering to a diverse audience, the Sustainability Summit left a lasting impact on attendees and encouraged active youth involvement in addressing global challenges.



GRAMAPRABODHAYA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Oshen Madhuka
Rtr. Thenura Devnith

This project mainly aims to contribute to the development of a village. Our selected village is Dikhena in the Kalutara district. A visit was conducted to observe the surroundings and people of the village so it was decided to target the upliftment of the educational facilities of the children in this village as the first phase. As the second phase, the sub-project “Edify” was initiated in collaboration with the Sasnaka Sansada Foundation. Under that, motivational sessions and paper discussions on maths and science will be conducted at Dikhena Junior School.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AVENUE

DATA STORM 4.0

Co-chairs - Rtr. Buwaneka Marasinghe
Rtr. Theoda Hettiarachchi
Rtr. Nawoda Thathsarani

Data Storm, an annual competition, was organized by the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa and the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo, in collaboration with OCTAVE, the John Keells Group. The primary objective of Data Storm was to raise awareness about big data analytics and inspire young students to pursue careers in data science. Participants were provided with a valuable opportunity to showcase their analytical skills and were connected with industry professionals through this competition. With a strong emphasis on practical applications, Data Storm equipped students with the necessary knowledge and skills to utilize data in solving real-world business challenges. Through a series of masterclass webinars, mentoring sessions, and a rigorous competition format, Data Storm aimed to identify and nurture talented individuals in the field of data science while fostering fellowship between the participating Rotaract clubs.



Data Storm 4.0, held over a period of three months, featured a captivating series of webinars, a storming round on the Kaggle platform, and a grand finale where the top teams presented their solutions to a panel of industry experts. The competition garnered immense interest, attracting over 120 teams from various universities, including public and private institutions in Sri Lanka. The prestigious title of champions was claimed by the winning team, Milkman, who impressed with their exceptional proficiency in advanced analytics. Data Storm 4.0 not only provided a platform for students to apply their knowledge and skills but also facilitated invaluable industry-level experience and networking opportunities. By effectively bridging the gap between academia and industry, Data Storm aimed to contribute significantly to the growth and development of the data science field in Sri Lanka.



ROTARY RADIANCE

Co-chairs - Rtr. Charith Belpage
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A groundbreaking virtual event titled "Rotary Radiance" was organized by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa Alumni. The project had a profound objective of raising awareness about Rotary grants, scholarships, and the multitude of opportunities they provide. On the 6th of May, an interactive Zoom session was conducted, featuring distinguished speaker Rtn.PHF.PP Marshad Barry, who shared his extensive knowledge and personal experiences in the realm of Rotaract and Rotary. Participants were able to gain valuable insights into the purpose, benefits, eligibility criteria, and application process for Rotary grants and scholarships, facilitated by the virtual format that ensured easy accessibility and convenience for attendees from diverse locations.

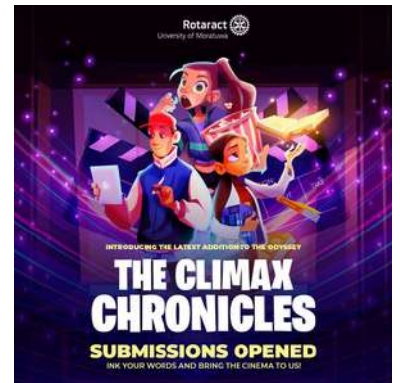
The event reached its successful conclusion with an engaging question and answer session, where participants had the opportunity to seek clarification, engage in meaningful discussions, and benefit from the expertise of the esteemed speaker. "Rotary Radiance" made a lasting impact by broadening the horizons of club members and inspiring them to seize the abundant opportunities within Rotary. This exceptional project aligns with several Rotary Focus Areas, including basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. By focusing on these goals, "Rotary Radiance" aims to create a lasting impact by empowering individuals to pursue their educational aspirations, fostering community development, and contributing to Rotary's global objectives. The project's sustainability was ensured through feedback from attendees, which provided valuable insights for future initiatives. With newfound knowledge and motivation, the participants of "Rotary Radiance" are now equipped to explore the transformative opportunities available through Rotary and make a positive difference in their communities.



EDITORIAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AVENUE

ODYSSEY

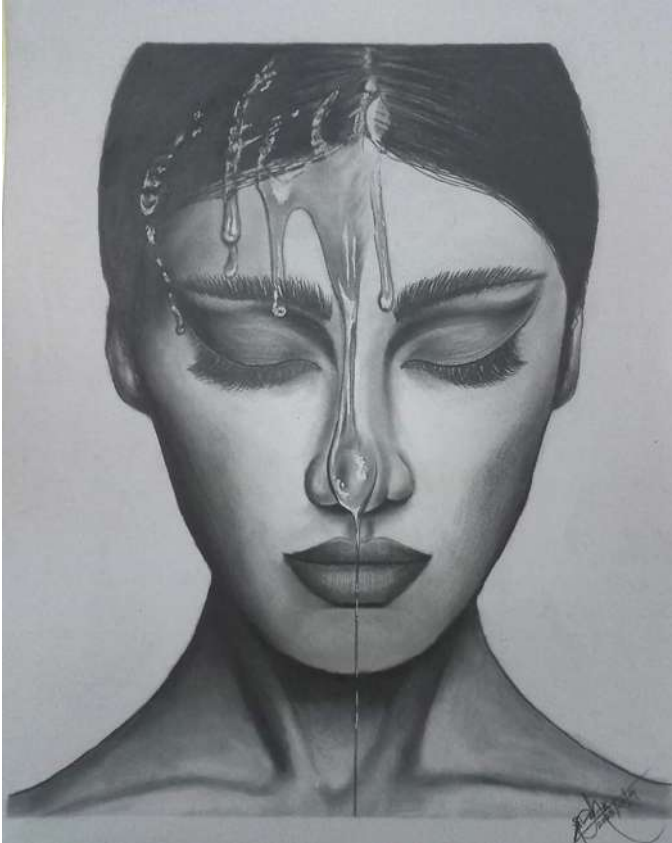
Co-chairs - Rtr. Abineyan Ravichandran
Rtr. Zainab Shajahan
Rtr. Methmina Gunarathne



Odyssey, a dynamic conduit of knowledge and inspiration within the esteemed organization of Rotaract Mora, was a remarkable publication that unveiled its power as a catalyst, effortlessly disseminating complete information to a vast network of avid readers and social service enthusiasts. Throughout its existence, Odyssey unfolded its editions every quarter, granting direct access to its audience while reflecting the immeasurable contributions of the club. The pages of this quarterly e-newsletter illuminated the transformative impacts that the club's radiant efforts had brought, leaving an indelible mark that shone brighter with every turn.

As a beacon of accomplishment, the newsletter served as an artful medium, illuminating the astounding successes and captivating narratives that lay at the heart of the club's projects. This publication stood as a powerful incentive, a driving force that propelled individuals towards the pursuit of building a society that embraced inclusivity by telling the impact stories from the club's tireless efforts, inspiring a collective movement towards a brighter and more harmonious tomorrow. Each edition of Odyssey was a thrilling literary adventure of itself, unveiling fresh and captivating new perspectives. From the eloquent prose to the vivid imagery and vibrant design, each issue was a testament to the boundless creativity that flowed within the club's Public Relations avenue. The distinctive allure of Odyssey served as a magnet, enchanting dedicated fans who eagerly awaited the next installment while also captivating new readers who were drawn into its mesmerizing embrace. Through ingenious digital distribution, the impact of this signature initiative transcended physical barriers, reaching readers far and wide.

MIRROR WALL

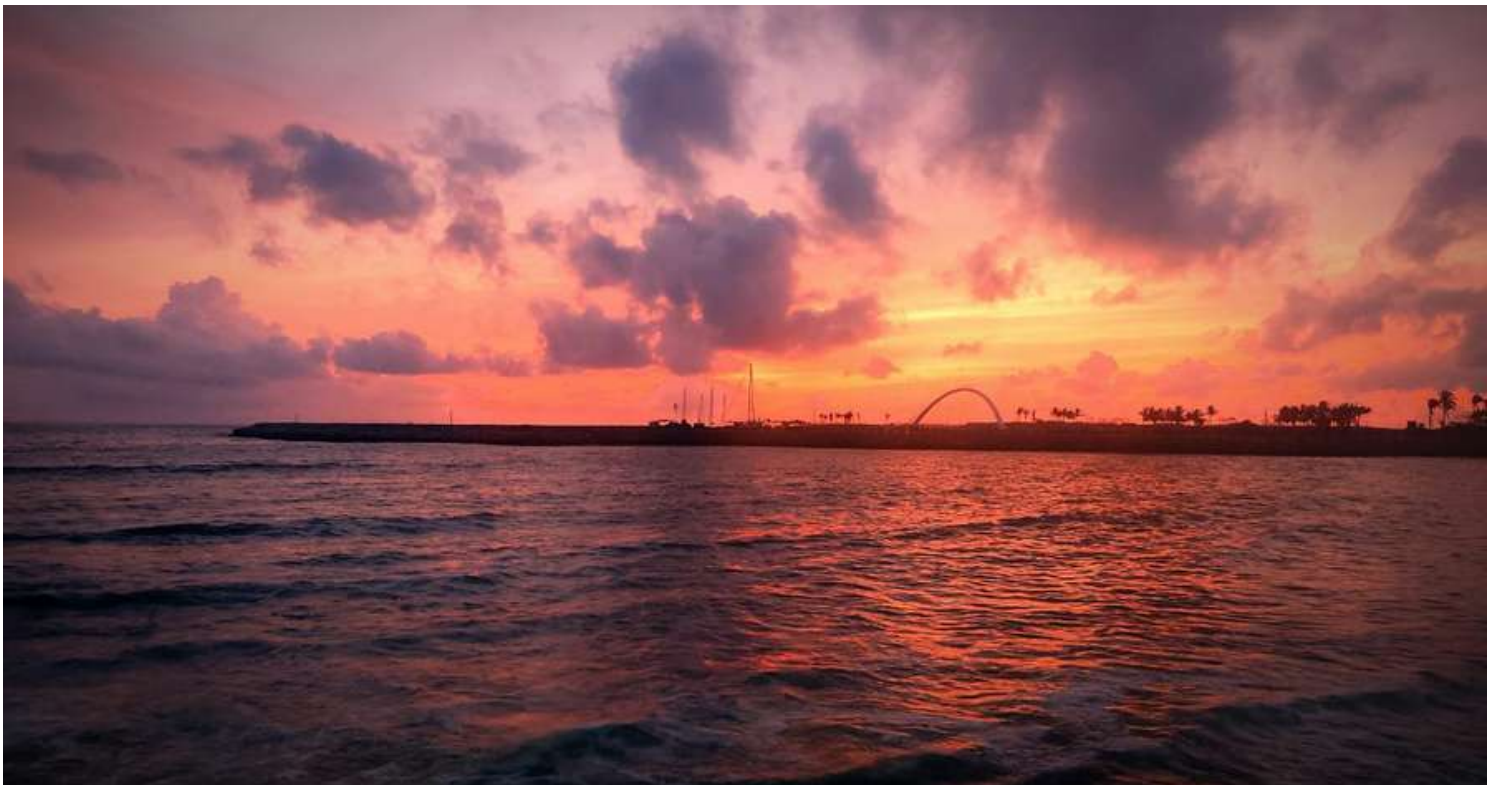


Life beats down and crushes the soul and art reminds you that you have one. ~Stella Adler

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In the first stages of love, even when it is reciprocated or even when it is not, you start imagining scenarios with the other you may have feelings for. One may call it “daydreaming”, but I call it “infatuation.” Then looking back, after all is said and done, you may start to wonder if all you remember is correct or if it is a part of your imagination, for our minds tend to romanticise moments and forget the bad things that had happened as a coping mechanism.

Who are you?

You who emerge so vividly,
A delightful affliction,
with whispering words,
Saccharine sweet,
Playing inside my head,
Again and again.
A figure so familiar,
with a ghost of a smile,
crinkling your eyes,
and wind rustling your hair,
under the summer glare.
A memory or imagination?
Searching and wondering,
Who are you?

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Me before you

Did you hear,
Those broken whispers,
A forgotten soul, Lost and unseen,
Stifled within the folds of a phantom.
A marionette,
Tangled within the strings you hold.
Me before you shatter,
On the brink of insanity,
Slipping away,
Slowly.

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Based on a true story:

"She was my first crush at medical faculty University of Peradeniya. She was a Tamil girl who was from Jaffna. We couldn't be together but I still remember you when I see a medical student. It reminds me of how we spent our days at University.

I came to Jaffna as a surgeon to find you even in a war for love. I don't know where you are now but my love for you will remain the same till I die. I will be looking for you everyday."

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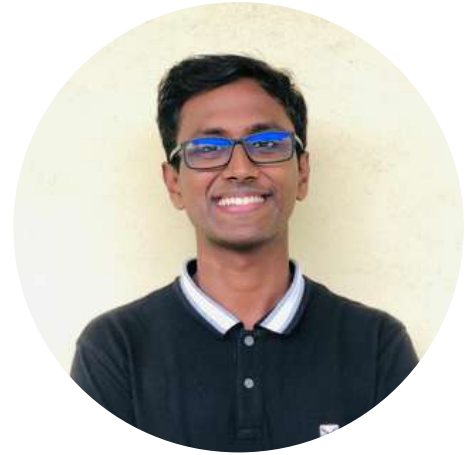


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