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Rotaract
Faculty of Law



ROTARACT CLUB OF FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was indeed a great privilege and honor to be handed the reigns of a prestigious club for the year 2022-2023. This report is a testament to the collective effort and numerous sacrifices made by the team members of the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo in carrying out initiatives in service of others.

RACFOL is a club with a diverse membership including team members from different parts of the island. I consider it a great challenge and a valuable opportunity to have worked with such a mixture of different personalities which has contributed to the success of the Club throughout the year.

Shifting from an online platform to a physical setting entirely, was a challenge my fellow team members took upon themselves and ensured that the transition process was smooth and was also unwavering in their efforts to put in the extra work. During the year the members took part in many initiatives conducted by fellow Rotaract and Rotary Clubs thereby building connections and cultivating new friendships within the Youth community.

The year started off with a social media campaign that addressed the adverse mental effects of the Covid - 19 Pandemic and provided encouragement to find their own "Silver Linings". As the year progressed, the team embarked on cultivating sustainable vegetable gardens to provide legal education to marginalized communities. The Community service team initiatives definitely followed a transformative approach to the projects initiated by the members in line with the year theme "Imagine Beyond Bounds" which motivated all of us to think beyond the predefined capabilities of the Club. This is evidenced by the new initiative "Hithawathkama" which succeeded in providing dry rations, Hot meals, vegetable plants, and a sustainable vegetable garden to communities in need across many provinces.



Throughout the year constant efforts were undertaken to strengthen and develop membership and the fellowship between the members of the club and the undergraduates as well. The effort of the Club Service team is noteworthy in their efforts to mold young leaders and inspire future generations to carry on the legacy of the club. The Sports Avenue and the Professional Development Avenues worked tirelessly to ensure that personal and professional skills were further developed both on the field and as well as off the field. Initiatives such as Beat the Stumps, Smart Start, and Gen-Orators certainly encouraged talented individuals to step out of their comfort zones and venture into new avenues of skills which remained unexplored. Additionally, the International Service took RACFOL beyond the territorial limits and sought to inspire communities across borders through initiatives such as Caveat and Crisis Brigade.

The experiences and memories made during this beautiful Journey of Rotaract are something I've grown to admire personally. From my early days in Rotaract as Director to a President I've been touched by the impact of the Rotaract movement on countless lives along the way. For the opportunity to witness the fleeting moment of gratitude expressed by these individuals, I will forever be grateful. RACFOL has brought out the best in so many members and I'm proud to see highly talented individuals being produced by the club, none of this would be possible without the continuous support provided to us by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Senior Treasurer and Rotaract District 3220. Therefore I would like to express my thanks for the contributions and sacrifices that have been done for the betterment of the club.

Finally, to my fellow club members, I've seen the club grow and face many challenges and it is my wish to make sure we strive to be the best we can be in order to help our community. I have cherished and enjoyed my Rotaract Journey as your leader and I am extremely grateful for your personal sacrifices and commitment towards the club. Thank you for making the year memorable and impactful by striving to help make a positive change in the community.

Therefore, It is my humble request that whatever you do, do it with passion and with drive, love what you do, and strive to achieve what others deem impossible. Respect everyone, help your fellow mates, and uplift everyone around you be it in words or in deed. This is the vision I share, and this is what we must strive to be as Rotaractors of this prestigious university.

I have no doubt that my Board of Directors shared this same vision and together we have brought about change and left a lasting impression on someone's life.

It is an emotional year to conclude and I as the President of the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law University of Colombo applaud your service to others. I am truly thankful and humbled for the opportunity that was given to me and I hope the legacy of the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo will thrive for ages to come.

Viva La Rotaract Law Faculty!



**RTR.ASHER DIAS
ABEYESINGHE**

PRESIDENT 2022-23

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY



Rotaract has been a significant aspect of my undergraduate life at the University of Colombo. Reflecting on my first days at the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, as the Joint Editor for English, I remember being eager and happy to have garnered the opportunity to be a part of a youth movement consisting of enthusiastic changemakers who actively contribute towards creating a better future. Since then, during my three years of journey in Rotaract, I have witnessed how small thoughts can transform into big actions of change, how little acts of kindness can create a ripple effect, how a single voice can make a difference, and how one individual can change the lives of many, for the better.

This is the very essence of the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. Through the years, the club has become home to an ethnically, linguistically, and geographically diverse group of members, who have inspired me into becoming a better version of myself.

The year 2022-23 has been a year of challenge and perseverance for the club. Returning to a physical working environment after two years posed significant challenges in project management and organization, which was also exacerbated by the economic recession and the social and political unrest that plagued the state. I witnessed the club and our members facing these challenges in a stride and serving our communities to navigate the very same challenges through initiatives such as MAATHA, Hithawathkama, and Legal Update. I consider it a privilege to have been part of these initiatives, that left positive and lasting impacts on our communities.

Today, writing my final message as the secretary for the year 2022-2023, it is with humble pride and immense gratitude that I reflect on all that the club has achieved during the past 11 months. I'm thankful for our dedicated and vibrant Board of Directors and club members for their hard work and support in making this year a success. I also extend my sincere gratitude and respect to the President, Rtr. Asher Dias Abeysinghe and my colleagues on the Executive Committee for being the most reliable and committed team I could have counted on. I wish the very best of luck to the succeeding young leaders of the Club. I'm confident that they would carry the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Law University of Colombo to greater heights!

Viva La Rotaract Law Faculty!

**RTR. CHETHANA
MADUWANTHI**

SECRETARY 2022-23

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

- A. INTRODUCTION TO THE CLUB
- B. CLUB OVERVIEW
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- E. DETAILS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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INTRODUCTION TO THE CLUB

Club Name: Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.

Parent Club: Rotary Club of Colombo East

Based Type: Institutional

Chartered Date: 27th of February, 2012

Club Blog: lawfacrotaract.com

President (2022-2023): Rtr. Asher Dias Abeysinghe

Secretary (2022-2023): Rtr. Chethana Maduwanthi

In the year 2012, a group of zealous undergraduates banded together with a common vision of fostering stronger relationships among their peers and serving their community. Thus, they embarked upon a journey that was to be both brief and exhilarating, establishing the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. Their aspiration was to push the boundaries of achievement while cultivating friendships and paving the way for fellow undergraduates to excel in life. On the 27th of February, 2012, the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo was officially chartered, with Rtr. Janith Thilakaratne as its leader.

The club's overarching goal is to provide young Law undergraduates with a platform to enhance their personal development skills, while also promoting harmonious relationships through friendship and service. The club envisions molding young undergraduates into well-rounded, socially responsible legal professionals. During its 11 years of existence, the club has prospered under the guidance of its visionary presidents and secretaries, who have been buoyed by a dynamic and diverse group of young Rotaractors, hailing from different regions of the country, but united by their unwavering belief in the power of imagination and determination to create positive change, as they strive in their quest to "Imagine beyond bounds".

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**YEARS OF
SERVICE**

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**ACTIVE
MEMBERSHIP**

CLUB OVERVIEW

Under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Colombo East, the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo has established itself as a reputable and active member of the Rotaract community in Rotary International District 3220. Over the course of just a little over a decade since its inception, the club has expanded to encompass more than 60 members, boasting a track record of producing exceptional Rotaractors, with one such individual even being named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2015.

In the past, the club has garnered various noteworthy accolades, including the prestigious Platinum Award for Best Reporting Club, a special recognition award for Rtr. PP Hiran Geeganage's contributions to establishing a "Pro-bono" network, Gold Awards for the Most Outstanding Club Service Project, and outstanding effort in Rotary Family Coordination, as well as a Rotaract Spirit of Service Award. With each passing year, the club aspires to elevate its level of service even further.

In 2022-23, the club structure comprises seven distinct avenues of service, namely Community Service, Club Service, International Service, Professional Development, Sports & Recreational, Environmental Service, and Public Image. Through the execution of numerous initiatives and projects, the club endeavors to improve the lives of its members, fellow Rotaractors, university undergraduates, and society at large.

Furthermore, the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo boasts a cadre of accomplished members. Rtr IPP Dulmini Gamage was honored as a Rotaract Future Leader during the 2019/2020 period, while Rtr Chamathka De Silva was recognized as Secretary of the Quarter in 2020/21. The club's repertoire includes signature projects such as NANBA, which is conducted in partnership with the Rotaract Club of Chunnakam and MAATHA, ME to WE, that channel effort towards promoting peace and aiding marginalized communities. The club's commitment to serving others has not gone unnoticed, as Project Diya Dothak was awarded as the most Outstanding Initiative Under Rotary Focus Area of Water and Sanitation in the RI year 2021-22, while Project MAATHA continues to be nominated as a premier initiative for maternal healthcare.

Moreover, the club's initiative "Viral Vote" was a remarkable project that encouraged citizens to cast their votes during the 2020 General Elections while adhering to health guidelines. The effectiveness and resourcefulness of this project demonstrated the club's ability to successfully implement socially responsible initiatives. Additionally, the club's website was launched in 2020, creating a platform for talented young professionals from the Faculty of Law to showcase their creative work to the world. The website also features blog articles that provide a legal perspective on contemporary social issues and interests, and all articles are available in the three primary languages.

In the current year, our esteemed Rotaract Club commemorates its 11th anniversary, fortified by the leadership of the current president, Rtr. Asher Dias Abeyesinghe, and the diligent efforts of Secretary Rtr. Chethana Maduwanthi, alongside a cadre of promising young trailblazers, whose ranks have swelled to a remarkable 60 members over the course of the club's history. Despite encountering a range of formidable obstacles during the 2022-23 period, the club persevered and executed a host of exemplary projects. In this manner, the indomitable and boundless journey of the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, forges ahead with the objective of inspiring multitudes of young individuals, endowing them with **MILLION REASONS TO ROTARACT!**



CLUB HISTORY

The club's impressive legacy includes numerous esteemed awards, such as the Platinum Award for the Best Reporting Club, and a special recognition award for Rtr. PP Hiran Geeganage for his support in initiating a 'Pro-bono' network, Gold Awards for the Most Outstanding Club Service Project, and outstanding effort in Rotary Family Coordination. Inspired by these notable accomplishments, the club remains driven to continually elevate its service and outreach initiatives with each passing year.

RI Year 2017-18

- *Most outstanding effort in Rotary Family Coordination* – Gold Award
- *Most outstanding 'Friendship Redefined' Club Service project: NANBA* – Gold Award
- *Most outstanding project with Rotary: TIMELESS CLASSICS* – Silver Award
- *District Citation* – Recognition
- *Spirit of Service* – Rtr. Madhurya Bandara
- *Appreciation Award for Coordinator Rotaract Legal pro-bono Network* – Rtr. PP Hiran Geeganage

RI Year 2019-20

- *Most innovative project* – Bronze Award
- *Most outstanding cluster initiative* – Silver Award
- *President of the Month* – May
- *Spirit of service*– Rtr. Thiloka Yapa
- *Certificate for completion of District Citations*
- *Recognition for hosting District Projects*– RCL, DCM – November
- *Rotaract Future Leaders* – Rtr. Dulmini Gamage
- *Awards of Appreciation* – PR Advocates – Rtr. Chamathka De Silva

RI Year 2020-21

- *Most Outstanding Club Service Initiative:* Gold Award – SLAMM
- *Most Outstanding Initiative in Mass Media Utilisation:* Bronze – Viral Vote
- *Nominated for the Most Outstanding Initiative in Maternal & Child Care:* Maatha
- *Spirit of Service:* Rtr. Imasha Fernanda
- *President of the Month of July:* Rtr. Dulmini Gamage
- *Secretary of the Quarter:* Rtr. Chamathka De Silva
- *Recognition for hosting District Projects:* DCM for the Month of August

RI Year 2021-22

- *Rotaract Citation 2021-22:* Distinction – Silver Award
 - *Most Innovative Club Service Initiative:* Gold Award – SLAMM
 - *Most outstanding project in line with Rotary Focus Area; Water and Sanitation:* Gold Award – DIYA DOTHAK
 - *Most outstanding project in line with Rotary focus areas; Maternal and Child Health:* Bronze Award – MAATHA
 - *Spirit of Service Award* – Rtr. Imesha Fernando
 - *Nominated for the Most outstanding professional development initiative:* Personal Development – Gen-Orators.
 - *Nominated for the Most Outstanding Professional Development Initiative:* Training and Skills Development – Venture Tomorrow
 - *Nominated for the Most Outstanding Initiative focused on Stop the Spread* – Purge the Surge
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LIST OF PAST PRESIDENTS

NAME OF THE PRESIDENT	RI YEAR
Rtr. Janith Thilakaratne	2012-13
Rtr. Ruvini Perera	2013-14
Rtr. Nethmini Medawala	2014-15
Rtr. Hiran Geeganage	2015-16
Rtr. Vikum Jayasinghe	2016-17
Rtr. Gayathri Karannagoda	2017-18
Rtr. Sajini Wickramasinghe	2018-19
Rtr. Kavinda Bandara	2019-20
Rtr. Dulmini Gamage	2020-21
Rtr. Masha Serasinghe	2021-22
Rtr. Asher Dias Abeysinghe	2022-23

MEET THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022-23



PRESIDENT
Rtr. Asher Dias
Abeyesinghe



**IMMEDIATE PAST
PRESIDENT**
Rtr. Masha Serasinghe



VICE PRESIDENT
Rtr. Kalindu Dharmapriya



SECRETARY
Rtr. Chethana Maduwanthi



ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Rtr. Vinuki Wedage



TREASURER
Rtr. Sadesh Pieterz

MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-23



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
Rtr. Shaheen Seneviratne



**JOINT EDITOR -
ENGLISH**
Rtr. Zainab Faiz



**JOINT EDITOR -
ENGLISH**
Rtr. Farhath Rhysa



**JOINT EDITOR -
SINHALA**
Rtr. Upeksha Maduwanthi



**JOINT EDITOR -
SINHALA**
Rtr. Rashiprabha
Sandeepani



**JOINT EDITOR -
TAMIL**
Rtr. Lakshiya
Yogaratnam



**JOINT EDITOR -
TAMIL**
Rtr. Thivesha
Kirubanandan



**JOINT DIRECTOR -
PUBLIC RELATIONS**
Rtr. Thimanthi
Jayasuriya



**JOINT DIRECTOR -
PUBLIC RELATIONS**
Rtr. Sahanya Amandee



**JOINT DIRECTOR -
PUBLIC RELATIONS**
Rtr. Muzammil Nusra



**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**
Rtr. Ama Rathnayake



**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**
Rtr. Benara Rajapaksha



**COMMUNITY
SERVICE**
Rtr. Kasuni Somarathna



CLUB SERVICE
Rtr. Jithmini
Serasinghe



CLUB SERVICE
Rtr. Himavi
Nuhansa



**INTERNATIONAL
SERVICES**
Rtr. Malkini Fernando

MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-23



**INTERNATIONAL
SERVICES**
Rtr. Arjuna
Jayasinghe



**SPORTS AND
RECREATIONAL**
Rtr. Sanara
Waranakulasuriya



**SPORTS AND
RECREATIONAL**
Rtr. Oshadhi
Sulakshi



**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**
Rtr. Ashani
Dulakshika



**ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**
Rtr. Hansaka
Heiyanthuduwa



**DIRECTOR -
MEMBERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**
Rtr. Pawani Priyadarshani



**SPECIAL
PROJECTS**
Rtr. Janidu Lanka



**SPECIAL
PROJECTS**
Rtr. Nethumini Vihanga



FINANCE
Rtr. Nimuthu Siriwardana

CLUB ADVISOR| SENIOR TREASURER



Dr Shamila Dawood
Senior Lecturer,
Department of Commercial Law,
Faculty of Law, UoC

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH	JOINED YEAR AND MONTH
Asher Jerushan Dias Abeysinghe	President	2000-08-08	2021-06-07
Masha Sri Prabashwari Serasinghe	Immediate Past President	1998-05-08	2020-03-11
Kalindu Gimhan Dharmapriya	Vice President	2000-05-23	2021-04-12
Palle Kankanamge Chethana Maduwanthi	Secretary	2000-01-30	2021-05-14
Serasinghe Mudiyansele Vinuki Kiyara Wedage	Assistant Secretary	2001-01-07	2021-09-02
Wilston Antonio Sadesh Pietersz	Treasurer	2000-05-26	2021-05-14
Shaheen Suhail Seneviratne	Sergeant At Arms	2000-10-25	2021-09-02
Galigamuwa Vidanalage Vajira Madhusan Galigamuwa	General Member	1999-09-06	2020-03-11
Wijesinghe Jayawardane Liyanaarachchige dhon Sahan Wijeshinghe	General Member	1999-12-07	2020-06-30
Wanni Arachichi Liyanage Hansani Ramasaha Wanniarachichi	General Member	2000-07-31	2021-05-14

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH	JOINED YEAR AND MONTH
Janindu Lanka Ravimal	Special Projects	2000-11-03	2021-05-14
Nethumini Vihanga	Special Projects Director	2001-07-03	2022-05-16
Sahanya Amandee Majuwangamage	Public Relations	2001-10-27	2022-05-30
Nusra Muzammil	Public Relations	2001-12-16	2022-05-30
Thimanthi Thiyasha Kumarasinghe Jayasuriya	Public Relations	2001-09-21	2022-05-30
Ama Ratnayake Mudiyansele Ratnayake	Professional Development	2000-08-03	2022-05-30
Enuri Benara Asini Rajapaksha	Professional Development	2001-04-06	2022-05-30
Arjuna Anuruddha Jayasinghe	International Service	2001-03-15	2022-05-30
Malkini Fernando	International Service	2001-05-02	2022-05-30
Sanara Hasangi Warnakulasuriya	Sports Director	2002-01-28	2022-05-30

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH	JOINED YEAR AND MONTH
Oshadhi Dinelka Sulakshi	Sports Director	2001-06-15	2022-05-30
Zainab Mira Faiz	Editor	2001-10-26	2022-05-30
Farhath Rhysa	Editor	2002-01-27	2022-05-30
Upeksha Madhuwanthi Rathnayaka	Editor	2000-07-19	2022-05-30
Rashiprabha Sandeepanee	Editor	2002-01-02	2022-05-30
Lakshiya Yogarathnam	Editor	2000-09-16	2022-05-30
Thivesha Kirubanandan	Editor	2001-06-04	2022-05-30
Kasuni Prasadini Somarathna	Community Service	2001-10-08	2022-05-30
Sumidu Susanjalee Ramanayake	General Member	2002-01-17	2022-05-30
Ashani Dulakshika	Environmental Service	2000-02-09	2022-05-30
Hansaka Shaminda Heiyanthuduwa	Environmental Service	2001-04-30	2022-05-30

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH	JOINED YEAR AND MONTH
Jithmini Subhara Serasinghe	Club Service	2001-08-30	2022-05-30
Himavi Nuhansa Sethmi Kulatunga	Club Service	2001-07-03	2022-05-30
Pawani Priyadarshani Weerakoon	Membership Development	2002-01-31	2022-05-30
Thimanthi Thiyasha Kumarasinghe Jayasuriya	Public Relations	2001-09-21	2022-05-30
Nimuthu Siriwardana	Finance	2000-03-02	2022-08-22
Rahul Nimesh Gunasekara	General Member	2000-07-26	2022-07-25
Shamika Akash Weerasooriya	General Member	2002-01-23	2022-08-02
Thushani Navodya Vidanapathirana	General Member	2001-01-17	2022-08-10
Dhanuki Adithya Ediriweera	General Member	2000-08-09	2022-08-10
Januki Tarinya Jayakody	General Member	2001-02-19	2022-08-10
Janindu Desitha Ranuga Bandara Balalle	General Member	2001-12-19	2022-08-29

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH	JOINED YEAR AND MONTH
Thinuri Thinali Ranasinghe	General Member	2001-09-21	2022-10-05
Vonara Kasundi Amarasiri	General Member	2001-08-14	2022-10-05
Savith Adeepa Basnayake	General Member	2002-03-20	2023-04-14
Pullage Pahan Pinsara Hettiarachchi	General Member	2002-12-22	2023-04-19
Sakuni Kodithuwakku	General Member	2002-12-20	2023-04-19
Ahrapy Arivalzahan	General Member	2002-11-16	2023-04-19
Hiruni Pabasara Weerasinghe	General Member	2002-11-01	2023-04-19
Muhammed Rizny	General Member	2002-10-20	2023-04-19
Parami Amarakoon	General Member	2002-10-14	2023-04-19
Hiruni Gamage	General Member	2002-10-01	2023-04-19

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH	JOINED YEAR AND MONTH
Ashfa Rasmy	General Member	2002-08-17	2023-04-19
Swairie Ashcharya Athukorala	General Member	2002-07-21	2023-04-19
Ranasinghe Arachchilage Sithmi Prabhasha Methsalani	General Member	2002-07-19	2023-04-19
Thinura Nethmal Sandaruwan Gurukula	General Member	2002-06-24	2023-04-19
Oshini Pilapitiya	General Member	2002-04-26	2023-04-19
Kaluggala Manannalge Sewmini Madhuwanthi	General Member	2002-04-25	2023-04-19
Dinithi Sewmini Perera	General Member	2002-03-13	2023-04-19
Prilisha Mayumi Morapitiya	General Member	2002-02-19	2023-04-19
Lakshika Sooriyarathna	General Member	2003-01-25	2023-04-29
Chaga Ranasinghe	General Member	2001-02-22	2023-04-29

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF BIRTH	JOINED YEAR AND MONTH
Subhanya Lashini Perera	General Member	2002-10-19	2023-05-08
Tharushi Abeynayaka	Prospective Member	2002-03-14	2023-04-29
Mohommed Razil Muhammed Rilwan	Prospective Member	2001-05-16	2023-04-29
Parami Nikeshala Bandara	Prospective Member	2001-05-13	2023-04-29
Hansi Wathma De Silva	Prospective Member	2001-07-17	2023-04-29
Dona Nethmi Yashodya Weerakoon	Prospective Member	2002-12-31	2023-04-19
Ranisu Domika Kongalage	Prospective Member	2002-06-06	2023-04-19
Ranisha Fernando	Prospective Member	2002-05-24	2023-04-19

MEETING STRUCTURE OF THE CLUB

General meetings and Board meetings are held each month, presided by the President of the Club and the Executive Committee members. Participation at a board meeting is mandatory and as an unwritten rule a board member may only excuse him or herself thrice a year from the meetings. A general meeting is made mandatory for prospective members to join consecutively for three times to be officially inducted as a member of the club

At the beginning of the meeting, after the formalities are conducted, each Avenue Director provides a progress report on the respective avenue projects while also incurring suggestions and new ideas for future initiatives. The board members collectively decide and vote on certain important aspects or decisions regarding the club. Once the suggestion or decision has been passed at a board meeting, it is announced to the general members at a general meeting. General meetings are by protocol conducted at the beginning of the month immediately following the board meeting. The meetings of the club have had enthusiastic and active participation from all the members for the year 2022-23 and each meeting has concluded on a successful note.

MEETING SUMMARY



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GENERAL
MEETINGS

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BOARD
MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS SUMMARY

DATE	VENUE	PARTICIPANT PERCENTAGE
2022-06-17	Zoom	96% – 27 Participants
2022-07-20	Zoom	100% – 31 Participants
2022-08-04	Faculty of Law, University of Colombo	100% – 32 Participants
2022-08-17	Google Meet	100% – 32 Participants
2022-09-12	Google Meet	100% – 31 Participants
2022-10-25	Google Meet	100% – 31 Participants
2022-11-14	Google Meet	100% – 31 Participants
2023-01-06	Google Meet	100% – 31 Participants
2023-01-19	Faculty of Law, University of Colombo	84% – 26 Participants
2023-02-28	Google Meet	87% – 27 Participants
2023-03-17	Zoom	100% – 31 Participants
2023-04-29	Google Meet	100% – 31 Participants
2023-05-31	Faculty of Law, University of Colombo	97% – 30 Participants

GENERAL MEETINGS SUMMARY

DATE	VENUE	PARTICIPANT COUNT
2022-06-17	Zoom	57
2022-07-18	Google Meet	60
2022-08-31	Google Meet	60
2022-09-30	Google Meet	64
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STRATEGY PLAN & PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIC PLAN
ROTARY APPROVAL(SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT)
AMENDED YEAR PLAN

STRATEGY PLAN

STRENGTHS

- Benefits of project implementation for the faculty's reputation.
- Access to reliable resource persons.
- Diversity of the membership base.
- Consistency of the Club efforts over 11 years.
- Passionate Board of Directors.
- Support from the faculty administration and other bodies in the University.

WEAKNESSES

- Comparatively heavy academic workload with the research, assignments and year-end exams.
- Significant complications with regards to finance and fundraising.
- The diminishing spirit within active members for proactive participation.
- Imbalance in the gender diversification and representation within the club.
- Inexperience of members.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Being the sole Faculty of Law in the nation ensuring a rich pool of resources.
- Sponsorship and support of the Parent Rotary Club.
- Expert Guidance from GCC and Past-Presidents.
- Support from the Intra-University Rotaract Clubs.
- Exposure to individuals with origins from multiple localities and ethnicities of the state.

THREATS

- Depleting interest and importance given to extra-curriculars in the lives of students.
- Additional Rotaract Clubs in the University, disallowing the diversification of the equal use of University resources.
- Economic Crisis of the state afflicting the country causing issues in funding and sponsorships.

STRATEGY PLAN

AREA	ANALYSIS	STRATEGY FORMATION	GOAL SETTING	STRUCTURE
CLUB BRAND	The membership being solely of law students is a strength - The distinct brand for the club to stand out from other clubs is an advantage	Strategizing on the club's identity as students of the only Law Faculty in Sri Lanka with an abundance of access to legal resources/opportunities	Rebranding the club as one consisting of 'UOC Law Students' through two sustainable projects executed bi-annually (July-April)	<p>One pro bono project such as 'Legal Update' started in July</p> <p>One project to promote and engage in legal literacy in school students, undergraduates, and the public (handbook/blog/articles/seminars)</p>
FINANCE	Poor financial literacy and strategy coupled with a lack of financial resources	<p>Focusing on self-sustaining projects</p> <p>Fund raisers within the faculty</p> <p>Increase of project partnerships with corporate sector</p> <p>Collaborations with NGOs</p>	Organizing and executing a finance project with more than 50% profit annually	<p>A sports day hangout, with participation of the club members and UOC athletes.</p> <p>A fundraiser project celebrating a festival/event (For a special event like Halloween or Christmas)</p>

AREA	ANALYSIS	STRATEGY FORMATION	GOAL SETTING	STRUCTURE
MEMBERSHIP	A decrease in active members within the club but also a significant increase in the dedication, passion and innovation in the active members	<p>Conduct trilingual orientation programs</p> <p>Multiple professional development projects</p> <p>Focus on inclusivity</p>	Increase the truly active membership base to 100 members	<p>Conduct each project in all three languages (English, Sinhala and Tamil) and encourage members from all three media to join the director board and committees. Additionally, enriching the Club blog with new and creative ways not limiting itself to articles.</p>
POLICY ADOPTION	Include Amendments of Club By-Laws and Introduce the 5\$ membership fee	Teach club members about the new Rotaract policies and self-absorption of the membership fees	Configuring stable finance projects in order to cover membership fees of the club	<p>Conducting a few fundraisers within the club and university which will be open to everyone who wants to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Open Night -Club T-shirt - Halloween\Christmas Event

ROTARY APPROVAL FOR THE YEAR PLAN (SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT)



Lasantha Wijeweera

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Sun, Aug 14, 9:32 PM (13 hours ago)



Dear Team,

Thank you for a well laid out plan.

Please proceed and do look for opportunities of collaboration with rest of the East family. I would also encourage you to focus on several key, localized projects as you go on.

Wishing an exciting Rotary Year for you and your team !

Yours In Service,

Lasantha Wijeweera
President 2022/23

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Thank you,

Lasantha Wijeweera

AMENDED YEAR PLAN

Rotary Family Coordination

Project	Description	Time	Budget
Herbert's Wrangle Debating Championship	An annual debating competition for Rotaractors and Interactors organized by the Rotary Colombo East Family Comprising of Rotary Colombo East, The Rotaract Club of Colombo East, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, CFPS Law School, APIIT and the Interact Club of St. Peter's College, Colombo. This is a battle for the C.P Wickrama Athukorale Memorial Challenge Shield, continued over the years and a part of an ever-growing legacy.	June	Rs.10,000/=

Club Service Avenue

Project	Description	Time	Budget
11th Installation Ceremony	The 11th Installation ceremony of the club will be held to officially and ceremoniously welcome and gather the new President and Board of Directors for the Rotaract year 2022-2023. This year's installation would be held physically with the presence of the past ten presidents of the Club to celebrate stepping into the 11th year of the club.	September	Rs 50,000/=

Legal Update	<p>Project Legal Update is an annual community service project conducted by the Club with the aim of promoting legal literacy in our communities and providing pro-bono legal services for civil law issues including family law and land law issues. This year the project will be further broadened to incorporate criminal law, especially focusing on the subject of child abuse and rape.</p> <p>The project will consist of three phases which will include, conducting career guidance and legal awareness sessions for Grades 12 and 13 students of selected schools around the country, conducting a legal aid camp and a blog article series respectively.</p>	July onwards	N/A
Silver Linings	A mental health upliftment project that aims at compiling stories from different parts of the community and carrying out a social media campaign by sharing the reasons to keep trying.	August onwards	N/A
Samatha	Raising Awareness on Alternative Dispute Resolutions in partnership with a fellow Rotaract Club outside of the zone	April onwards	Rs. 7500/=

Spookzilla	Spookzilla is a Halloween festival, which would consist of a haunted house, along with food stalls and Halloween games for a magical evening of fun at the university premises. The event will be open to all Rotaractors. The project aims at promoting fellowship and providing the Rotaractors with a well-deserving escape from the mundane life.	October	Rs. 170,000/=
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Community Service Avenue

Project	Description	Time	Budget
Hithawathkama	This program will be conducted every other month and aims to distribute meals/dry rations to low-income families around Colombo and its suburbs, by partnering up with a charity organization. The goal is to reduce poverty, malnutrition and support low-income families whose livelihoods were affected by the economic crisis.	July onwards	Rs. 300,000/=
Maatha	This initiative will be launched for the fifth time by the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Law to uplift the understanding of maternal mental health and postpartum depression among the general public of Sri Lanka.	March	N/A

Professional Development Avenue

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	TIME	BUDGET
Work it Right	<p>This is an initiative which will be focused on developing the skills which will result in high employability of the participants. This will be a series of workshops which will be conducted by top-professionals in various industries focusing on developing key-soft skills which will be an added advantage when seeking for a job in this highly competitive job-market. Our programs will be focused and conducted to all undergraduates at University of Colombo as a general program, including for those who are seeking work opportunities and internships. We also plan to conduct a separate mentoring program afterwards for the undergraduates of Faculty of Law.</p>	August onwards	Rs. 6000/=
Smart-Start	<p>RACFOL will launch an initiative called "Smart Start" that will be primarily focused on teaching new club members how to organise and manage a project within the Faculty.</p> <p>Since the universities began offering on-site lectures after two years, the faculty's project-approval process had to be altered as a result of the administration's new system. The objective of this initiative will be to inform the new members about these techniques.</p>	February	N/A

Gen-Orators '23	<p>"Gen-Orators" is a Professional Development project focusing on the development of public speaking skills of an individual. This project aims to create an opportunity for the youth to develop and manifest their public speaking skills through a competition organized by the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law which will be judged by experts in the field of public speaking.</p> <p>This competition will be held on all three language media to provide equal opportunity to a broader number of contestants. The focal point of the project is to provide an opportunity for the youth to reflect upon their public speaking skills and gather knowledge and expand their public speaking potential in order to become a successful orator which is crucial for their professional and social lives.</p>	May	Rs. 35,000/=
Lawyer-Up'23 & Newbie Induction	<p>Lawyer Up session is an invaluable expedition to discovering benefits of studying law, finding career opportunities and understanding the mutual relationship between the Rotaract Movement and the Law. The Lawyer-Up session will be conducted by outstanding legal professionals and it is an ideal platform to enlighten the participants on professional development for lawyers.</p> <p>This will be followed by an orientation program for the newbies about our club and the Rotary/Rotaract movement, its benefits, and service. Here, the formal Induction of the new members to the club will also take place subsequently.</p>	March	N/A

Environmental Services Avenue

Project	Description	Time	Budget
Paw Pals	Project Paw Pals aims at protecting animals and animal rights. It will consist of awareness sessions on animal rights and a campaign for prevention of animal abuse in Sri Lanka. The project will focus on both house hold pets as well as wildlife.	February - April	N/A
Werala	Clean Coastal 2022 Project to celebrate and meaningfully celebrate the World Clean-Up Day which falls on the 17th of September 2022. The project has two phases. In phase one, we are conducting an awareness session via the online platform with the resource persons. The second phase aims to clean up dumping sites, solid beaches and wetland parks in the country and promote the preservation of the environment.	September	Rs. 5000/=

International Services Avenue

Project	Description	Time	Budget
Caveat	An initiative aimed at raising awareness of the legal framework and provisions available to combat cyberbullying and initiating cross-border dialogues on improving legal framework to address cyber bullying.	February	N/A
Crisis Brigade – Positive Vibes Only	A project aimed at Raising men’s mental health awareness and breaking the stigma around mental health awareness.	November	N/A

Public Image

Project	Description	Time	Budget
Me to We	A campaign aimed at advocating for the decriminalization of homosexuality in Sri Lanka. The project aims to initiate a widespread social media movement that urges the authorities to implement a proper legislative framework to ensure and protect the rights of the LGBTQ+ community in Sri Lanka.	May	N/A

BrandIn (4th Quarter)	BrandIn is a series of workshops scheduled throughout the year focusing on developing skills related to building and improving Public Image. These training workshops will be held every quarter focusing on Club Directors for Public Image and general Rotaractors interested in the field.	May	Rs. 2000/=
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Sports and Recreational Avenue

Project	Description	Time	Budget
Beat the Stumps	<p>"Beat The Stumps" will be an exciting sporting and leisure activity organized by the Sports and Recreational Avenue of the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.</p> <p>The project will be a knockout cricket competition among the four Years of the faculty of law with the goal of giving Rotaract club newcomers a chance to interact with the board of officials and get to know them while also becoming familiar with the club atmosphere.</p>	March	N/A

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AT A GLANCE
INDUCTIONS
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INBOUND AND OUTBOUND TRANSFERS

MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY

Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo is an organization with a unique membership base consisted of young undergraduates aspiring to be socially conscionable legal professionals in the future. As undergraduates of the sole tri-lingual seat of legal education in the state university system, our members are drawn from all corners of Sri Lanka, with diverse cultural, social, religious as well as ethnic backgrounds. This has resulted in the creation of a diverse and inclusive member base, with strong interconnection between individual Rotaractors and the club. Each member plays a vital role in the club's mission to strengthen the rule of law and contribute towards building a just and fair society for a sustainable tomorrow in line with the Rotary Areas of Focus.

During the past two years the club membership based underwent significant changes with the elimination of inactive members, as a step towards providing value and distinction to members who actively engage in club activities. Furthermore, the number of members inducted during the previous year was comparatively low due to suspension of all physical activities and closure of universities as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the club has withstood these challenges and successfully managed to retain its active membership at the count of an average of 55 members each year.

Today, the club is home to 64 active members, who are striving towards a common goal. The year 2022-23 marked the dawn of a new era for the membership development avenue of the club. With the introduction of RI policy changes and membership dues, the club faced the challenge of attracting new members and retaining the existing members in the club. Added to this challenge was the economic recession and the financial hardships faced by many undergraduates as a result of multitude of socio-economic factors. In taking cognisance of all these factors, the club implemented a new strategic approach to attract new members to the club, while working actively towards ensuring the retention of existing members. Thus, vibrant club service initiatives such as Spookzilla, Colors of Love, Funathon and SLAMM were initiated to promote the club brand as an inclusive, fun, active and a close-knit unit among the Faculty undergraduates. Conducting monthly General Meetings and Board Meetings, carrying out fun games at the end of each such meeting, Organizing an annual club trip and launching a club T-shirt were also part of the strategy to attract new members to the club.

A second, but an important aspect of the membership development strategy was to conduct fundraisers for club administration. This allowed all members to work together to raise necessary funds for expenses such as membership dues, thereby reducing the burden on individual members.

Thirdly, the strategy focused on increasing the number of prospective members of the club and inducting 1 or 2 new members per each quarter based on their engagement with club activities.

As a result of a combination of these consistent efforts, the club succeeded in inducting 30 new members within the year and maintaining the active membership count above the average of 55 members even despite a significant number of members being rendered inactive owing to personal and administrative reasons.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AT A GLANCE

MEMBERSHIP COUNT AT THE START OF THE YEAR

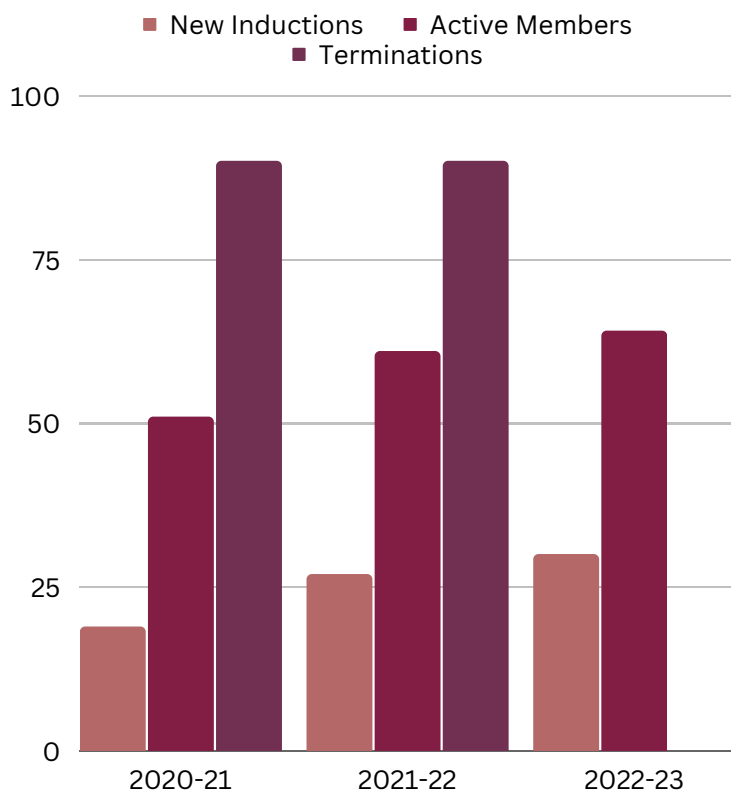
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NEW INDUCTIONS DURING THE YEAR

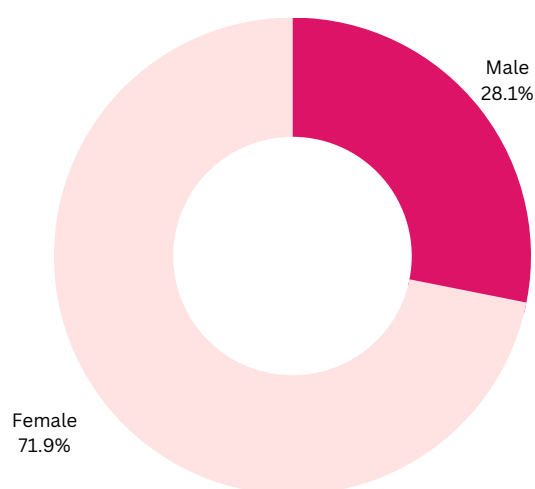
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TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR

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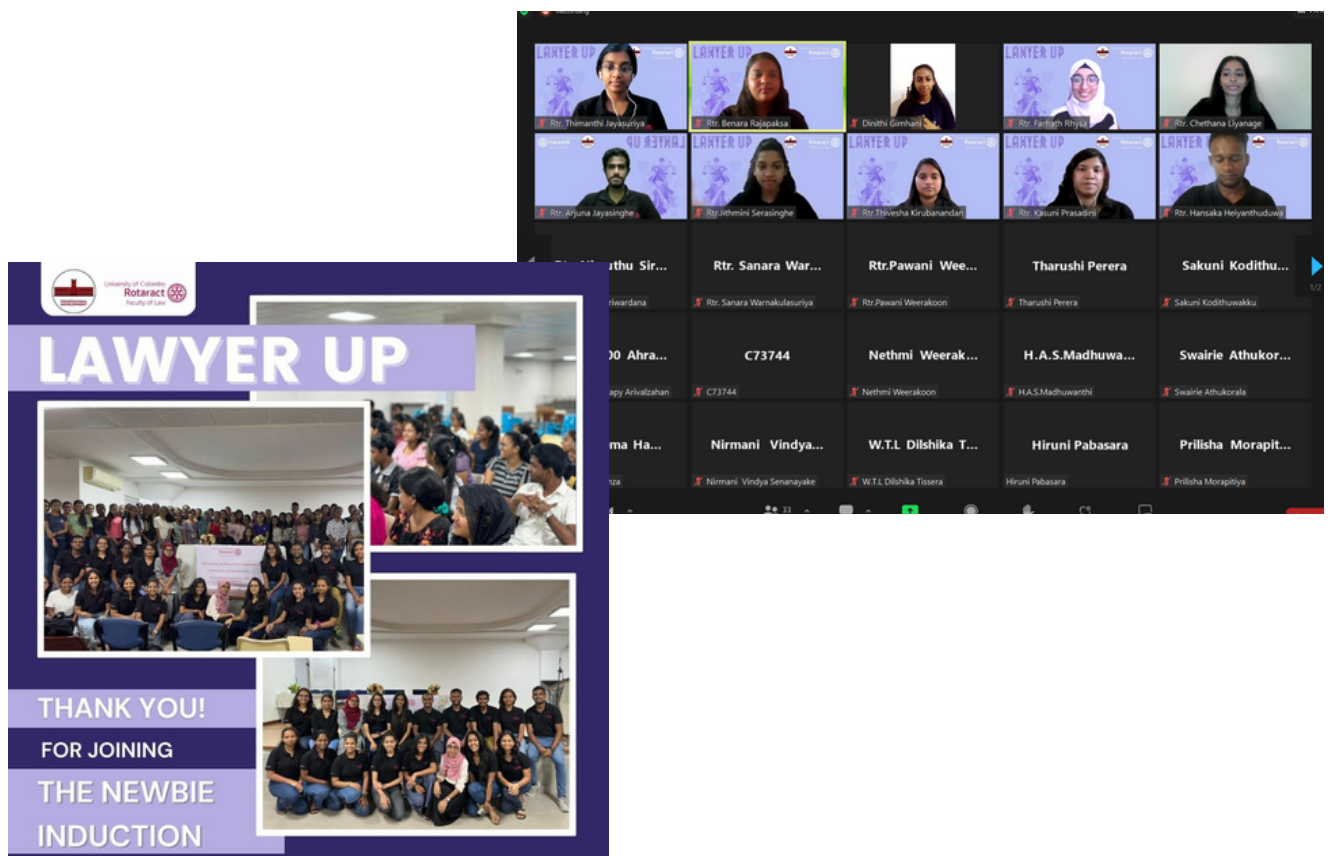
GENDER DEMOGRAPHICS



INDUCTIONS: INDUCTION PROCESS

The induction process of the club is two-fold. Primarily the club initiates one official induction programme per year, through the project 'Lawyer-Up and Newbies Induction'. The project is conducted in the months of March and April, primarily targeting the freshers (first year undergraduates) at the Faculty of Law. The Lawyer-Up workshop is a session generally facilitated by eminent legal professionals of the field who are also affiliated to the Rotaract and Rotary International. During these sessions the participants are given an understanding about different areas in the field, and the opportunities that await them. The second part of the session focuses on sharing lived experiences on how Rotaract has influenced the resources persons journey as legal professionals. The participants who attend the workshop are then given the opportunity to join the Induction program, where they are provided with an introduction to the Rotaract movement as well as the club. The induction program also acts as an orientation program for each avenue of the club. At the end of the program, the participants become prospective members of the club and are added to separate WhatsApp groups, designed for different avenues allowing them to become acquainted with one another and participate in different initiatives organized by the respective avenues. Selected group of members are then inducted to the club in the months of April and May as general members based on their engagement and contribution to club activities.

In addition to this formal induction process, 01 to 02 members are also inducted to the club every quarter on a need basis or on a performance basis.



LIST OF NEW INDUCTIONS

NAME	MEMBERSHIP ID	DATE OF INDUCTION
Nimuthu Siriwardana	FOLX15655	2022-08-22
Rahul Gunasekara	FOLX20537	2022-07-25
Shamika Akash Weerasooriya	FOLX20600	2022-08-02
Thushani Navodya Vidanapathirana	FOLX20715	2022-08-10
Dhanuki Adithya Ediriweera	FOLX20716	2022-08-10
Janidu Deshitha Ranuga Bandara Balalle	FOLX20962	2022-08-29
Vonsara Kasunidi Amarasiri	FOLX21470	2022-11-05
Thinuri Thinali Ranasinghe	FOLX21471	2022-10-05
Subhanya Lashini Perera	FOLX23163	2023-05-08
Savith Adeepa Basnayake	FOLX23455	2023-04-14
Dinithi Sewmini Perera	FOLX23452	2023-04-19
Oshini Pilapitiya	FOLX23453	2023-04-19

LIST OF NEW INDUCTIONS

NAME	MEMBERSHIP ID	DATE OF INDUCTION
Swairie Ashcharya Athukorala	FOLX23454	2023-04-19
Sakuni Kodithuwakku	FOLX423455	2023-04-19
Ashfa Rasmy	FOLX23456	2023-04-19
Sithmi Prabasha Methsalani	FOLX23457	2023-04-19
Pahan Pinsara Hettiarachchi	FOLX23458	2023-04-19
Ahrapy Arivalzahan	FOLX23459	2023-04-19
Hiruni Pabasara Weerasinghe	FOLX23460	2023-04-19
Prilisha Mayumi Morapitiya	FOLX23461	2023-04-19
Hiruni Gamage	FOLX23462	2023-04-19
Parami Amarakoon	FOLX23463	2023-04-19
Sewmini Madhuwanthi	FOLX23464	2023-04-19
Muhammed Rizny	FOLX23465	2023-04-19

LIST OF NEW INDUCTIONS

NAME	MEMBERSHIP ID	DATE OF INDUCTION
Thinura Nethmal Sandaruwan Gurukula	FOLX23466	2023-04-19
Chaga Ranasinghe	FOLX23565	2023-04-29
Tharushi Abeynayake	FOLX23566	2023-04-29
Kaveesha Mayuranga	FOLX23567	2023-04-29
Lakshika Sooriyarathna	FOLX23568	2023-04-29
Januki Tarinya Jayakody	FOLX20717	2022-08-10

LIST OF INTERACTORS

NAME	DATE OF INDUCTION
Nimuthu Siriwardana	2022-08-22
Rahul Gunasekara	2022-07-25
Swairie Athukorala	2023-04-19
Savith Adeepa Basnayake	2023-04-14

TERMINATIONS

• Terminations process

The members who are in the inactive status are asked whether they wish to retain their membership, and if they wish so, they will be activated again. The inactive members who do not wish to be in the club are terminated. The members who are in their 4th year of the academic degree are terminated, from 2 weeks after announcing it in the WhatsApp groups. The members can also request to be terminated for personal reasons.

• List of Terminations

There were no member terminations this year as the members from 4th year requested to retain their membership status until their graduation.

OUTBOUND TRANSFERS

• Community-based Clubs

MEMBER NAME	CLUB NAME
Dulmini Gamage	Rotaract Club of Centennial United
Pulasthi Edirisinghe	Rotaract Club of Centennial United
Namshya Ratnayake	Rotaract Club of Centennial United
Dinithi Navoda	Rotaract Club of Centennial United
Devinda de Silva	Rotaract Club of Battaramulla

INBOUND TRANSFERS

- **Community-based Clubs**

MEMBER NAME	CLUB NAME
Nimuthu Siriwardana	Rotaract Club of Colombo East

f. There are no members who hold dual membership in Rotary and Rotaract

g. There are no past Rotaractors who have joined Rotary during the past two years.

PROJECTS OVERVIEW

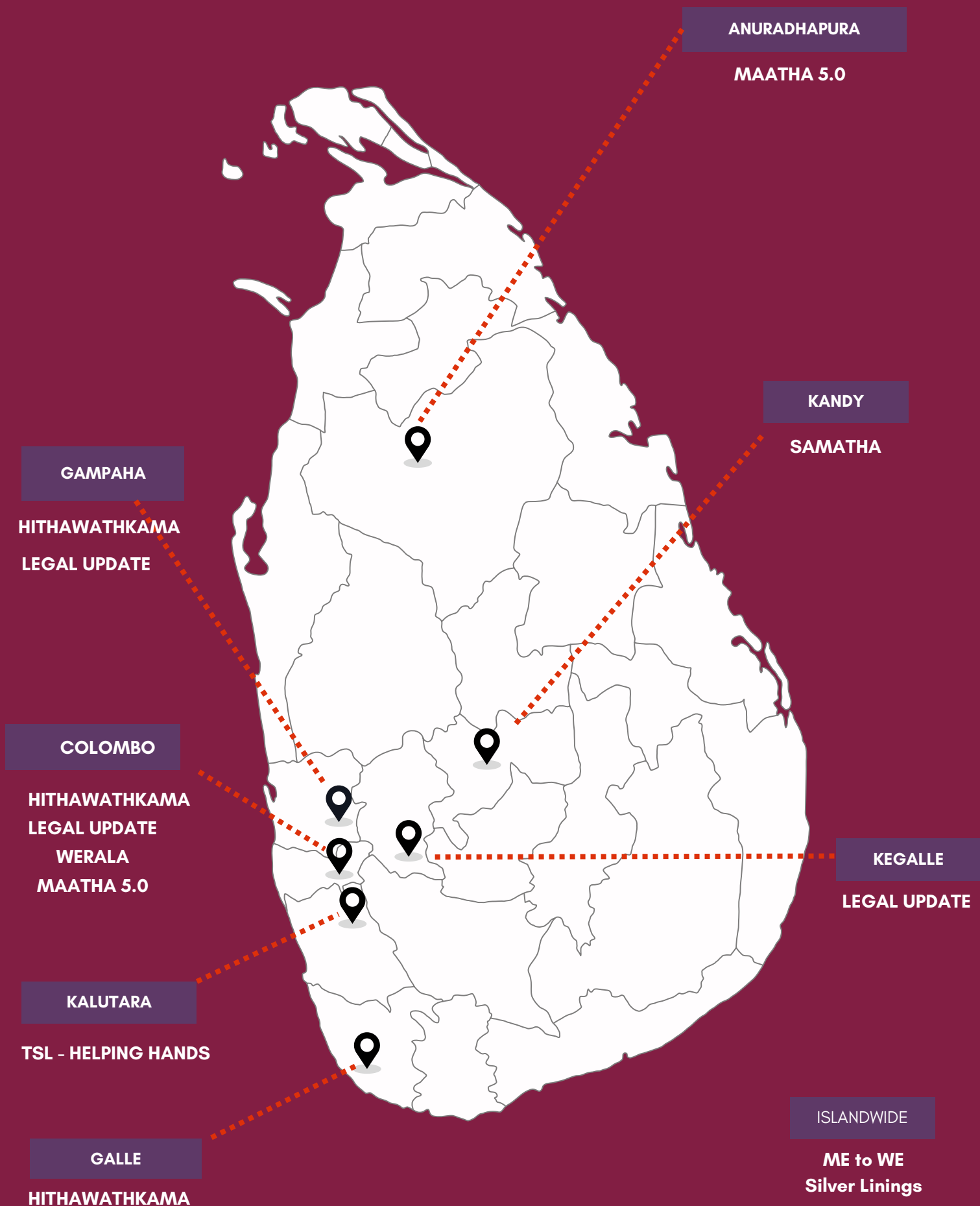
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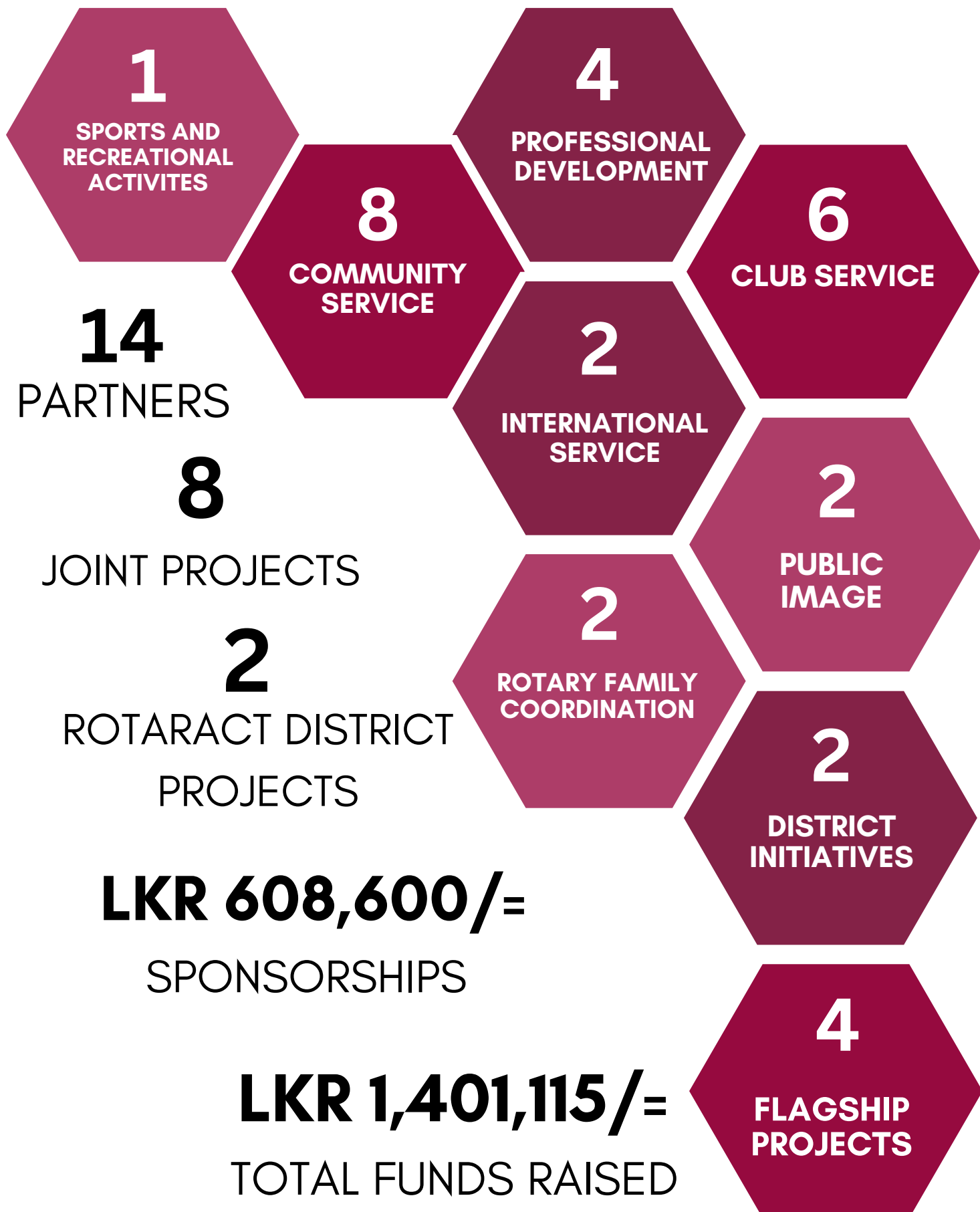
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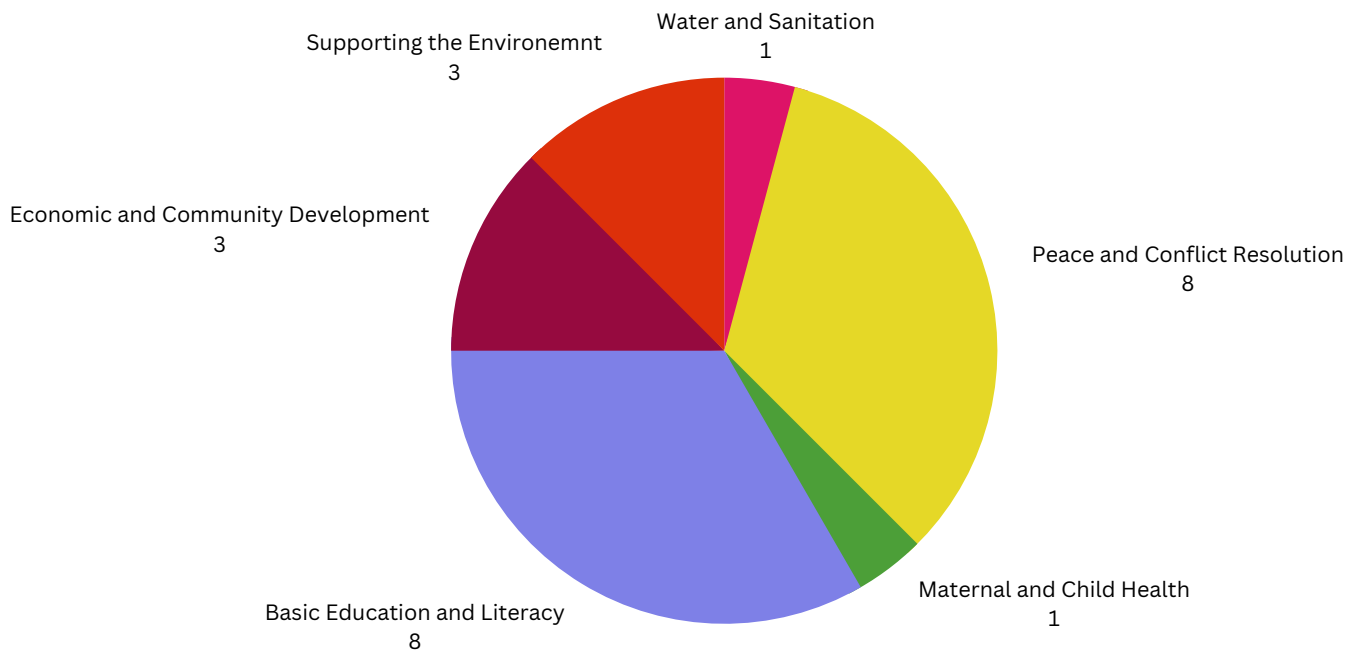
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PROJECT OVERVIEW



SDGS COVERED BY THE PROJECTS



ROTARY FOCUS AREAS COVERED IN PROJECTS



CLUB SERVICE

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FUNATHON

**11TH
INSTALLATION
CEREMONY**

SPOOKZILLA

**COLORS
OF LOVE**

SLAMM' 23

BENEFICIARIES.

Undergraduates of the University of Colombo
Rotaractors throughout the island
Organizing committees
General public

TOTAL NUMBER OF GENERAL MEETINGS

13

AVERAGE GENERAL MEETING PARTICIPATION

50

PARTICIPATION COUNT

500+

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

500,000+ LKR

ROTARY FOCUS AREAS COVERED.



SDG'S COVERED.



PROJECT PARTNERS.



FUNATHON



Project Date: 06th August 2022

Chairperson: Jithmini Serasinghe

Secondary Avenue:

Membership Development and Retention

Rotary Focus Area:

Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolutions

Sustainable Development Goals:

17. Partnerships to Achieve the Goals

17.17 Encourage Effective Partnerships

“Funathon” was the first project initiated by the Club in the RI year 2022-23, that brought together the new Board of Officials and general members to a common space for a friendly Futsal Match. Despite its limited scope, the project was quite significant as Funathon marked the first physical meet-up of the entire Board of Officials of the Club for the year 2022-23. Due to the geographically diverse membership in the club, and owing to fact that the Faculty premises was closed off until August 2022 due to the covid-19 global pandemic, also given that up to 45% of the club member base at the time of the project consisted of newly inducted members, who joined the club through a virtual induction, this project provided the first opportunity for the Club members to physically interact and work together, thereby promoting fellowship within the club.





Additionally, Funathon was initiated in the backdrop of the Economic-Crisis and Islandwide Fuel Shortage. This was a period where almost every citizen in the country was ridden with worry and stress, the situation was more or less worse for university undergraduates who were still restricted to a virtual learning environment, even after almost 2 years. Hence, Funathon became an escape for the members of the club, where they could forget about their worries for the future for a short period of time and enjoy a well-deserved break from day-to-day stress and anxiety. Thus, the project left a positive impression on the club among the members and provided for the strengthening of the bonds within the Rotaract Family at the Faculty of Law. It allowed the members to see the club as a safe space thereby contributing to membership development and retention in the club.



As a whole, attraction of new members to the club and retention of the existing member base contributed towards, banding together a group of passionate and enthusiastic young changemakers working together to achieve the goals.

11TH INSTALLATION CEREMONY



Project Date : 25th September 2022

Chairpersons :

Rtr. Shaheen Seneviratne
Rtr. Kalindu Dharmapriya
Rtr. Vinuki Wedage
Rtr. Asher Dias Abeysinghe
Rtr. Chethana Maduwanthi
Rtr. Sadesh Pietersz

Secondary Avenue:

Membership Development and Retention

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 17. Partnerships to Achieve the Goal
- 17.17 Encourage Effective Partnerships

The 11th installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, held on the 25th of September 2022 from 6.30 p.m. onwards at the DHPL Training Arena was a glamorous occasion that marked President Rtr. Asher Dias Abeysinghe and his Board of Directors installation into Office for the RI year 2022-23. The event was graced by a host of esteemed guests, friends, family and well-wishers of the Club.



The Chief Guest for the evening was Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. (Dr.) N.S. Punchihewa, while President of the Rotary Club of Colombo East, Rtn. PHF. Lasantha Wijeweera graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. The District Rotaract Chair, Rtn. PP. Farzana Khan, the District Rotaract Representative - Rtn. Rtr. PP. Ahamed Hussain, District Rotaract Representative Elect - Rtr. PP. Sathma Jayasinghe, Assistant District Rotaract Representative - Rtr. PP. Rashmika Silva and members of the Rotaract District Steering Committee were among the other distinguished guests. The event was marked an attendance of over 50 guests which included both Rotaractors and Rotarians, creating a platform for the newly appointed Board of Officials to network and promote the club within the Roataract Movement.



Moreover, the ceremony was also an occasion to appreciate the extraordinary service rendered by the Immediate Past President Rtr. Masha Serasinghe and her Board of Directors in the RI year 2021-22. As a whole, the installation ceremony was a memorable occasion that provided for the external fellowship and promotion of the brand of the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo within and outside the Rotaract Community.



SPOOKZILLA



Project Date: 30th November 2022

Chairperson: Rtr. Nethumini Vihanga

Secondary Avenues:

1. Finance
2. Membership Development and Retention

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 17 - Partnerships to Achieve the Goal

17.17 Encourage Effective Partnerships

Other focus Areas: Promoting Fellowship



Spookzilla was a joint initiative by the Rotaract club of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, and the Rotaract Club of SLIIT in celebration of the Halloween night. Composed of a horror house, fun-filled game stalls, food stalls, a spectacular face painting stall which was crowded for the major part of the night, and a photo booth followed by a fantastic DJ, Spookzilla was the perfect night for crowds of the participants to enjoy and make lasting memories with their family and friends.



The crowning of the Spooky king and the Spooky Queen of the night based on the most creative Halloween costumes added to the glamour of the event and the presence of popular social media influencers such as Thinuri Ranasinghe and Shenelle added to the enthusiasm of the participants. With over 275 participants in attendance including both Rotaractors and Non-Rotaractors, Spookzilla created a bridge between the Rotaract movement and the general public, thereby promoting the Rotaract brand as an engaging and fun youth movement in Sri Lanka. Furthermore, by bringing in an income of 390210/= and generating a total profit of 173450/=, the initiative also proved to be a successful fundraiser for the clubs.



Finally, Spookzilla laid a foundational step in strengthening the bond between the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, and the Rotaract Club of SLIIT, promoting fellowship and fostering new friendships between the members of the two clubs. The resulting effect being the formation of an effective partnership between two remarkable clubs in the Rotaract movement, working towards achieving the goals to build a sustainable tomorrow.



COLORS OF LOVE



Date: 14th February 2023

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Pawani Weerakoon

Rtr. Himavi Kulatunga

Rtr. Thimanthi Jayasuriya

Secondary avenues:

1. Membership Development and Retention
2. Finance

Other focus Areas:

Fellowship and Membership Development

Colors of Love, was an initiative that sought to celebrate all forms of Love, specifically platonic and familial love on Valentine's Day - a date traditionally associated with the celebration of heterosexual romantic relationships. The increasing amount of importance associated with romantic relationships, heightened by the large scale marketing campaigns associated with the Valentines Day, increased use of Social Media showcasing the perfect relationships, results in individuals who are not involved with romantic partners to feel isolated and left out. Thus, the project focused on creating a dialogues and inspiring young undergraduates to reflect on the importance of Platonic and Familial relationships and encourage them to celebrate the loved ones in their live. This resulted in creating a positive impression among the undergraduates of the Faculty about the Club and directly contributing towards increased member attraction to the club.





The Love Wall, set up at the faculty premises inviting all undergraduates to share their thoughts and messages on love and friendship attracted large crowds. The face painting stall was a crowd favourite while the friendship bands and popcorn were soldout bringing in the Club an income of Rs. 8000/= for the club.

As a whole, Colours of Love created a warm, inclusive, and happy space for everyone to unwind, enjoy, and be grateful for the love they have in their lives, whether it be romantic, platonic, or familial.



SLAMM '23



Project Duration: 04th May – 31st May 2023

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Hansaka Heiyanthuduwa

Rtr. Nimuthu Siriwardana

Secondary Avenue:

Membership Development and Retention

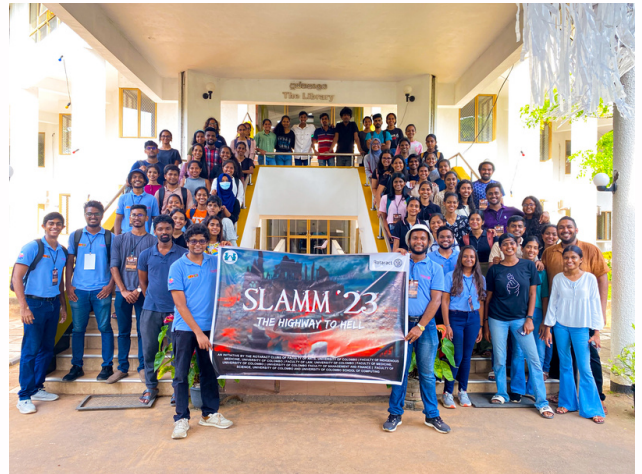
Other Focus Areas:

Promoting Fellowship

Sustainable Development Goals: -

- 17 -Partnerships to achieve the goal:
- 17.17 – Encourage Effective Partnerships.

SLAMM is a continued tradition shared by the five Rotaract Clubs of the University of Colombo. The title of the project stands for Science, Law, Arts, Management, and Medicine which are the five faculties of the University of Colombo, however this year, the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine too collaborated in the project. It is a scavenger hunt conducted physically within the university premises and chaired by the Presidents-Elect and Secretary-Elects prior to the start of their term. The plot for this year was based on the extremely warm climate, where the Devil has decided to invade Earth, and a portal to Hell has been opened in an undisclosed location. The mission is to find that location and close the portal.



This year's SLAMM storyline was developed in a way in which the participants were escorted around the university premises all while engaging in a fierce competition. The teams had to pass through an array of games and riddles to reach the end of the scavenger hunt. The team coordinators were given a list of participants ranging from 5-6 members and they were in charge of assisting them. And after assembling the full team they were directed to take a group picture with the official SLAMM'23 banner. It was a race against time, meaning that whoever finished first would win the overall hunt.



The games and activities were designed to promote teamwork, requiring members from each club to assist their respective teams with their different areas of expertise. Thus, at the end of the Treasure Hunt, providing all participants an understanding of the importance of working together to achieve a common goal.

Thus, as a whole SLAMM 23 resulted in the creation of a fun and engaging physical fellowship platform for all parties involved in the project to destress from their intensive academic environments and form lasting friendships between members from the different clubs who will work together in different initiatives in the upcoming RI year, thereby encouraging effective partnerships.



COMMUNITY SERVICE



COMMUNITY SERVICE AT A GLANCE

PROJECTS:

HITHAWATHKAMA

MAATHA

LEGAL UPDATE

SAMATHA

WERALA

SILVER LININGS

ME TO WE

PAW PALS

TOGETHER SRI
LANKA

TOTAL
BENEFICIARIES
IMPACTED -

1350+

TOTAL VOLUNTEER
HOURS -

6025+

PROJECTS
COMPLETED -

09

COMMUNITIES IMPACTED:

University Undergraduates
School Students
Marginalized Communities
Pregnant Mothers
Medical Officers

PROJECT PARTNERS:



Samaritans
in Sri Lanka

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TOTAL FUNDS
RAISED -

843,515 LKR

SDGS:



ROTARY FOCUS AREAS COVERED:



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT

HITHAWATHKAMA

Project Duration: 18th July 2022 – 15th December 2022

Chairperson: Rtr. Kasuni Prasadini Somarathna

Secondary Avenues:

1. Marginalized Communities
2. Health, Safety, and Communal Well-Being

Rotary Focus Areas:

1. Economic and Community Development
2. Supporting the Environment

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 1 – No Poverty:
 - 1.4 Equal rights to ownership, basic services, technology, and economic resources.
- 2 – Zero Hunger:
 - 2.1 Universal access to safe and nutritious food.
 - 2.2 End all forms of malnutrition.
- 3 – Good Health and Well-being:
 - 3.4 Reduce mortality from non-communicable diseases. and promote mental health.
- 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth:
 - 8.1 Sustainable economic growth.
- 17 – Partnerships to achieve the Goal:
 - 17.17 Encourage effective partnerships.

With the hope of extending a helping hand to those who are in need, the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo initiated the project 'Hithawathkama' as an attempt to support underprivileged families in local communities in Sri Lanka who struggle to meet their daily needs during an extreme period of economic recession.

The project was carried out in two phases. The first phase consisted of distributing dry rations and hot meals to low-income families, by partnering up with charity organizations. In addition to reducing hunger among impoverished families, the project made an effort to include the notion of sustainability by encouraging home gardening through the distribution of fruit and vegetable seeds so that the local population would adopt a self-sufficient way of life.



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DEVELOPMENT



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Accordingly, a total of 05 distribution programs consisting of 03 dry rations distributions, 02 hot meals distributions, and 04 vegetable seeds and plants distributions were conducted through the months of July to October in Galle, Colombo, and Gampaha Districts. A total of 150 low-income families benefitted through the dry rations and vegetable seeds distributions and an estimated count of 300 students were beneficiaries of the hot meals and plants distribution programs conducted in Halpathota R.C Secondary School and Krithudewa Balaka Viduhala, Baddegama. The first phase of Hithawathkama was facilitated through a host of partners such as Their Future Today Foundation, The Foundation of Goodness, The Samaritans in Sri Lanka, and The Forest Healing Foundation.



The second phase of Hithawathkama, conducted in partnership with the Rotary Club of Colombo East, was centered on building a fruit and vegetable garden to a primary school, Agramathya Vidyalaya, Ruhunupura. Additionally, compost bins were also set up on the school's property in an effort to promote eco-friendly waste disposal. This phase benefitted a populace of over 260 students who are currently studying at the school and even the students who will join the school in the future. Moreover, the vegetable and fruit garden is especially significant because it not only gives the school's students a chance to participate in an outdoor activities, but also continues the club's efforts to fight hunger and malnutrition in the neighborhood by providing food for current and future generations.



Overall, Hithawathkama made a change within the communities, impacting over 150 families and over 400 school children by initiating effective partnerships to address hunger and poverty within our communities and to promote a sustainable and self-sufficient way of living. The project gained recognition for its impact on the communities and was also featured in The Morning newspaper and website.



'Hithawathkama'-Feeding generations today and tomorrow

5 months ago | Ruwani Fonseka



LEGAL UPDATE



Project Duration: 25th July 2022 – 30th November 2022.

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Vonara Amarasiri

Rtr. Kasuni Prasadini Somarathna

Rtr. Sumidu Ramanayake

Secondary Avenues:

1. Marginalized Communities.
2. Health, Safety, and Communal Well-Being.

Rotary Focus Areas:

1. Basic Education and Literacy
2. Peace and Conflict Resolution

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 4 – Quality Education:
- 4.5 Eliminate all discrimination in education.
- 5 – Gender Equality:
- 5.9 Adopt and strengthen policies and enforceable legislation for gender equality.
- 10 – Reduced Inequality:
- 10.3 Ensure equal opportunities and end discrimination.
- 16 – Peace and Justice Strong Institutions:
- 16.12 Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies.
- 16.3 Promote the rule of law and ensure equal access to justice.



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AND LITERACY



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In recognition and realization of the privilege enjoyed by the Rotaractors of the Faculty of Law, the University of Colombo as undergraduates of an esteemed legal institution, run through public funding, the project, 'Legal Update' was initiated aiming to disseminate the legal knowledge, as a means of providing back to society, by improving the access to legal knowledge and resources for the general public.

Spanning from July to November, Legal Update constituted three main segments divided into two phases running concurrently on different platforms/venues.

The first phase constituted a legal article series that provided an opportunity for the young undergraduates at the Faculty of Law to engage in legal research and pen their thoughts on diverse and timely topics such as abortion, marital rape, fundamental rights under emergency law, etc.

The second phase of the project was focused on addressing the legal issues of the local communities. Accordingly, two Legal Seminars and two legal aid camps were conducted for the general public in Colombo and Gampaha districts with the assistance of two eminent practicing attorneys, Ms. Jeewani Aluthgedara and Ms. Dimuthu Karunaratne. The Legal Aid Camps addressed the civil law-related issues of the participants while the Legal Seminars were conducted on the topics of Fundamental Rights and Laws Safeguarding girl children in Sri Lanka.

The third Legal Aid Camp and Seminar were conducted for the benefit of the military officers of the Singha Regiment at the Ambepussa Army camp on the 16th of October 2022. The session was conducted to assist the officers in their civil-related issues with the legal officer, Major Priyangika Jayasundera was the resource person. The Seminar focused on the Civil Duty of Military Officers and how to differentiate between legal and lawful commands, that affect human rights.

Legal Update created a significant impact in our local communities, by contributing towards the upholding of the rule of law, through the creation of a legally literate community, equipped with the knowledge to vindicate and protect their rights and promote peace and justice. The project reduced the knowledge gap in the arena of legal education and benefitted an estimated 300 individuals by providing basic legal knowledge and aid where such need was direly felt,

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Project Date: 08th May 2023

Chairperson: Rtr. Nethumini Vihanga

Secondary Avenue:

Health, Safety, and Communal Well-being

Rotary Focus Area:

Peace and Conflict Resolution

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 4 - Quality Education:
 - 4.4 Increase the number of people with relevant skills and financial success.
 - 4.7 Education for sustainable development and global citizenship.
- 16 - peace, justice, and strong institutions:
 - 16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all



Project සමථ is a joint initiative by the Rotaract clubs of the Faculty of Law University of Colombo and the University of Peradeniya aimed at educating communities about Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms and how to use them to resolve conflicts effectively. Conflicts between individuals, between groups, and even between individuals and the social groups they belong to are inevitable components of any society.



Therefore, effective modes of conflict resolution, designed to facilitate discussions, increase understanding and control emotional responses are integral for the prevalence of social order. Project Samatha, aimed to raise awareness about ADR mechanisms, such as mediation-arbitration, reconciliation, and negotiation, as efficient and flexible modes of conflict resolution without the added cost, delay, and formal court proceedings.

The project consisted of two phases; a social media campaign and a physical awareness session conducted at the Medamahanuwara Central College, Kandy provided a comprehensive understanding to the general public as well as school children on alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and the importance of communication and emotional skills to deal with day-to-day conflicts. Leaflets containing a comprehensive summary of the session, which were circulated among the students ensured that the knowledge they received will also be shared among their close circles and families.

Encouraging positive peace and working towards sustainable peace is paramount, for sustainable development, especially in a post-conflict society such as Sri Lanka. Samatha, by educating over 150 students and over 300 social media users through informative videos, contributed towards building positive peace within our communities.



MAATHA 5.0

Project Duration: 15th April – 31st May 2023

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Kasuni Prasadini Somarathna

Rtr. Hansaka Heiyanthuduwa

Secondary Avenue:

Health, Safety, and Communal Well-Being

Rotary Focus Areas:

Maternal and Child Health

Disease Prevention and Treatment

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 1 – No Poverty:
- 1.4 Equal rights to ownership, basic services, technology, and economic resources.
- 3 – Good Health and Well-being:
- 3.4 Reduce mortality from non-communicable diseases and promote mental health.
- 3.8 Achieve universal health coverage.
- 5 – Gender Equality:
- 5.4 Value unpaid care and promote shared domestic responsibilities.

MAATHA 5.0 was the fifth unraveling of the signature community service initiative by the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo aimed at addressing maternal mental health and eliminating postpartum depression in Sri Lanka. This year's project was structured around the THREE 'A's of battling depression; Awareness, Acceptance, and Assistance. The project consisted of two phases and one sub-project.



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The first phase was designed to raise Awareness and encourage Acceptance. This was carried out in the form of both virtual and physical awareness programs. The virtual awareness campaign was conducted in the form of a video series on different topics related to maternal mental health such as risk factors for postpartum depression, the importance of timely intervention, and how different socio-economic factors influence maternal mental health. The video series was facilitated by eminent psychiatrists and applied psychologists in the field such as Dr. Naren Selvaratnam and Dr. Aprille De Silva.

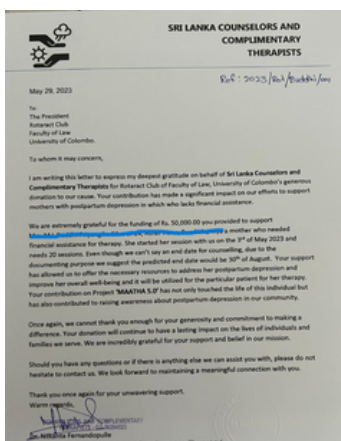
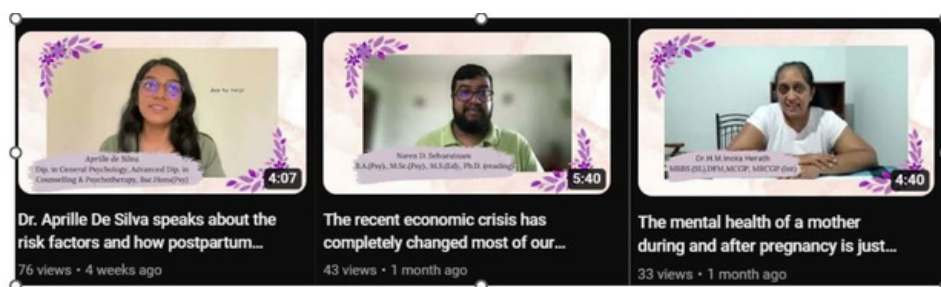


The physical awareness session was conducted for 35 expectant mothers and their spouses at MOH, Kekirawa in Anuradhapura District. The session was conducted by Dr. Asitha Koshala Thanippuli Arachchi, who discussed extensively on postpartum depression, preventive measures, postpartum nutrition, and how to care for a mother during her postpartum period.

In addition to this, 35 baby care packages were distributed among the expectant mothers who were from low-income families, who attended the awareness session. The awareness sessions resulted in initiating conversation regarding the topic of maternal mental health, which is otherwise considered taboo and often shunned in many communities. These discussions encourage mothers who struggle with their mental health to accept that they require care and assistance from professionals as well as from their families during an extremely sensitive period of their life, thereby creating a safe space for mothers to seek help. This aligns with the SDG 03 and its target 3.4 to prevent non-communicable diseases by raising awareness and increasing chances of early detection and promoting mental health. Moreover, by educating the spouses who attended the awareness session on caring for and supporting a mother during her postpartum journey, elements of SDG 5 and its target 5.6 of promoting shared domestic responsibility are achieved.

The second phase focused on providing Assistance to battle postpartum depression and consisted of establishing a fund of Rs. 50,000/= in support of a mother who lacked the necessary financial resources to seek professional help to address her postpartum depression. Thus, MAATHA 5.0 was successful in covering all three areas in battling depression thereby creating a tangible impact within the communities. Funding the therapy sessions for the mother and the distribution of baby care packages aligned with SDG 1.4, thereby ensuring that mothers are provided with access to knowledge and resources to navigate their postpartum journey with lesser barriers.

A healthy mother lays a foundation for a healthy child, hence, MAATHA 5.0 by providing relief for mothers undeniably laid a stepping stone for happy and healthier children truly aligning with the spirit of the Rotary Focus Area, Maternal and Child Health.



SILVER LININGS



Project Duration: 10th August – 31 October .2022

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Thimanthi Jayasuriya

Rtr. Malkini Fernando

Secondary Avenue:

Health, Safety and Communal Well-being.

Rotary Focus Areas:

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention
2. Disease Prevention and Treatment

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 3 – Good health & Wellbeing:
- 3.3 Reduce Mortality from non-communicable diseases and promote mental health.

In a society where individuals are wired to stay focused on their 'next big success', whether that be a promotion, passing an exam well, buying a house, a designer bag, getting into a relationship, etc, Silver Linings sought to provide a timely reminder for everyone to take a step back and reflect on the little moments that add color to life, the little moments that keep everyone alive and happy.



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Thus, as the name suggests, Silver Linings was a project that inspired individuals who are caught up in a vicious cycle wherein they are never happy because we are always looking for bigger and better forms of happiness, to see the little everyday moments or silver linings in their lives that makes their day to day lives worth living.

The initiative was carried out mainly through social media, by creating a Silver Linings Instagram account which garnered over 650 likes and over 60 followers within a short period of time. The Silver Linings account posed to circulate thought-provoking posts and anecdotes about the little things in life between the glamorous posts of influencers and targeted ads. This left positive impressions on social media users, relieving them from the constant self-depreciation and negative thoughts and thereby uplifting their mental health. This aligned with SDG 03 and its target of preventing non-communicable diseases and promoting mental health.

Overall 'Silver Linings' received many positive reviews, and accomplished its goal of spreading positivity and provoking thought about what happiness really is.



ME TO WE



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY
SERVICE

Project Duration: 18th April – 11th May 2023

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Thimanthi Jayasuriya

Rtr. Januki Jayakody

Secondary Avenue:

Marginalized Communities

Rotary Focus Areas:

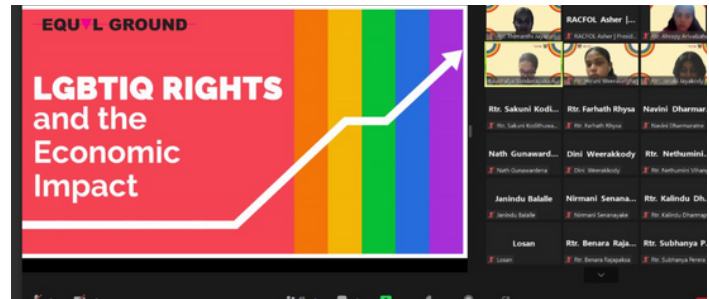
1. Peace and Conflict Prevention
2. Basic Education and Literacy

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 3 – Good health & Well-being:
- 3.4 Reduce mortality from non-communicable diseases and promote mental health.
- 10. Reduced inequalities:
- 10.2 Promote universal social, economic, and political inclusion.
- 10.3 Ensure equal opportunities and end discrimination.
- 10.4 Adopt fiscal and social policies that promote equality.

Since its inception in the year 2020, with the aim of raising awareness on the intersectional relationship between social norms and laws that discriminate against minority communities, specifically focusing on the LGBTQ+ community, Project ME to WE has been at the forefront of advocating for legislative changes in Sri Lanka.

This year, marked the dawn of long-awaited legislative change in the country, in the form of an amendment to Section 365 of the Penal Code, seeking decriminalization of homosexuality in Sri Lanka. Against this backdrop, ME to WE was initiated to promote positive and respectful dialogues regarding the LGBTQIA community, to promote legal and policy changes to end discrimination, dispel misconceptions, and eradicate the stigma surrounding sexual minorities in Sri Lanka.



To this end, the project consisted of two main components, an informative flyer series promoting inclusivity and acceptance and a webinar facilitated by an attorney at law and Equal Grounds Representative Ms. Kaushalya Sendanayake Arachchi who provided a comprehensive understanding on the LGBTQIA community, gender politics, and the intersectional relationship between social norms and the law.

Sri Lanka has a history of discrimination and unjust, unfair treatment against minorities. This has always been a root cause for the disruption of peace and protracted conflicts in the state. Hence, ensuring free and fair treatment to marginalized communities including sexual minorities is paramount in achieving positive peace. Moreover, it is the lack of understanding regarding the LGBTQIA community that breeds hate and stigma. Therefore, educating the communities on the community, and initiating discussions on the community leads to dispelling misconceptions.



Thus, Me to WE aligns with the Rotary Focus Areas of peace and conflict resolution as well as basic education and literacy to this end.

Furthermore, the inability to embrace one's true self for fear of discrimination and persecution can lead to the deterioration of one's mental health. Thus, creating safe spaces for individuals of the LGBTQIA community essentially contributes towards their mental and physical well-being, thus aligning with SDG 3 and its target 3.4.

Finally, Me to We also contributed to reducing inequality and promoting social, economic, and political inclusion by inspiring future changemakers and relevant stakeholders to reflect on the discriminatory policies and legislation that threatens the safety of sexual minorities in Sri Lanka.

SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED!

University of Colombo Rotaract Faculty of Law

Laws in Sri Lanka

- Vagrancy Ordinance
- Penal Code Section 399: Cheating by Impersonation
- Often used against transgender persons to arrest them and harass them.

Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ community

Kaushalya Sendanayaka Arachchi
(Equal Grounds Representative)

She is an Attorney-at-Law and human rights activist attached with EQUAL GROUND - Sri Lanka's first and oldest organization that advocates for human rights of the LGBTQIA community. As an alumni of the University of Colombo, Faculty of Law she also completed her Masters in Law specially focusing on Human Rights.

27th April 10.00am - 12.00pm
Law faculty auditorium

Me to We Workshop Feedback Form

Questions Responses **42** Settings

I know the main legal barriers that the LGBTQ+ community faces in Sri Lanka

42 responses

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47.6% Strongly agree

33.3% Agree

14.3% Neutral

Strongly disagree

Disagree

STONEWALL RIOTS

Occurred in 1969 from June 28th - July 3rd. Which is still remembered as pride month annually with parades.

Major successes include helping achieve the equalization of the age of consent, lifting the ban on LGBTQ+ people serving in the military, securing legislation which allowed same-sex couples to adopt

WERALA

Project duration: 15th July to 22nd August 2022

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Ashani Dulakshika

Rtr. Hansaka Heiyanthuduwa

Secondary Avenue:

Environment, Wildlife, and Animal Welfare

Rotary focus area:

Supporting the Environment

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 13 – Climate Action:
13.3 Build knowledge and capacity to meet climate change.
- 14 – Life Below Water:
14.5 Conserve coastal and marine areas.
- 15 – Life on Land:
15.5 Protect biodiversity and natural habitats.

"Werala", A beach cleanup project is a community-driven initiative aimed at creating a waste-free coastal belt and promoting awareness about coastal pollution in Sri Lanka. The cleanup was conducted at Kinross Beach, Wellawatte with the participation of over 45 volunteers, comprising both Rotaractors and Non-Rotaractors, with the objective of countering the negative impact of the coastal erosion, ensuring a safe environment for life on land and water, in line with guidelines mentioned in the UN SDGs, and preserving the beach strip for future generations, especially considering that Kinross Beach is a major tourist attraction in the area.



Over 25 bags of trash were collected during the course of the cleanup and the waste collected was sorted and handed over to the waste management authorities to be recycled or disposed of. Glass bottles were collected separately and passed on for reuse and plastics were sent for recycling. The cleanup process went on for close to 4 hours and the participants engaged enthusiastically throughout thus fostering conversations about the degradation of the coastal strip of Sri Lanka. The sand castle competition organized at the end brought the project to an exciting closure.

PAW PALS



Project duration: 15th February 2023 – 29th April 2023

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Thimanthi Jayasuriya

Rtr. Nimuthu Siriwardana

Secondary Avenue:

Environment, Wildlife and Animal Welfare

Rotary focus area:

Supporting the Environment

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 15 – Life on land:

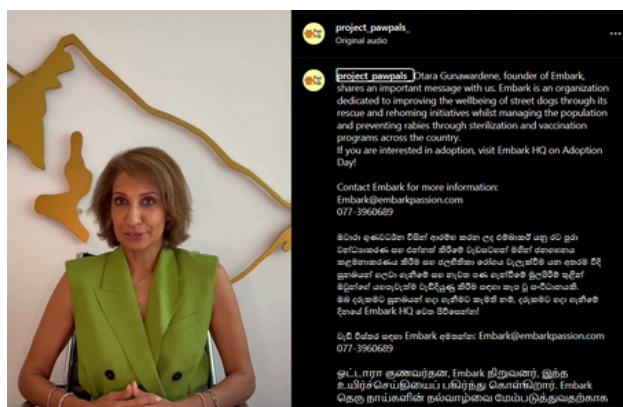
15.5 Protect biodiversity and natural habitats.



Project Paw-pals was an initiative by the Rotaract Club of the Faculty of Law, UOC, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Colombo East and Interact Club of Gateway College which focused on spreading awareness about the protection of street animals and attempting to provide them with shelter.

This project was a large-scale social media campaign running on all forms of social media. The posts were designed in a creative story-based structure to attract an not just the established audience but new crowds enthusiastic about animal welfare to deliver the message about the timely need of protecting paw-pals.

Contemporary topics related to protection such as adoption, sterilization, and vaccination were discussed and expressed through these posts. Creating a separate Instagram account @project_pawpals greatly assisted in opening up the scope of the target audience.



As the last stage of the project, the committee intended to acknowledge, appreciate, and also spread the word about street animal rescuers. Steps were to express their story to the communities engaging with the project. Through these videos and stories, the contributions made by organizations such as Embark, Baw Baw, Paws and Woof, and Dog care clinic were recognized and shared, to attract a new audience consisting of enthusiasts from all walks of life, propagating awareness about mechanisms for adopting street animals and supporting causes and individuals established for that.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



THE CRISIS
BRIGADE:
POSITIVE VIBES
ONLY

CAVEAT

PARTICIPATION
COUNT

140

BENEFICIARIES:

Webinar participants and young individuals from all over the south Asian and south-east Asian subcontinents.

Indian and Sri Lankan nationals who are enthusiastic about breaking the stigma around mens' mental health issues.

Young individuals who are eager to learn about the cyber law and cyber space

Organizing Committees

Rotaractors across the south Asian and south-east Asian subcontinents

Speakers and resource persons involved

Individuals who struggle with mental health issues

Individuals who struggle with cyber bullying issues

SDGS COVERED.



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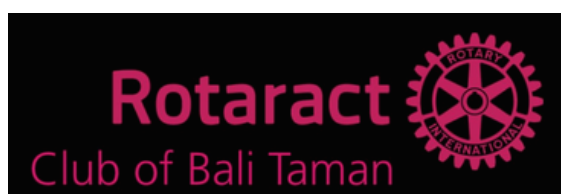


BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



PEACEBUILDING AND
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CLUBS
PARTNERED:



THE CRISIS BRIGADE: POSITIVE VIBES ONLY



Project Dates: 15th and 29th November 2022

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Malkini Fernando

Rtr. Arjuna Jayasinghe

Secondary Avenues:

Health, Safety, and Communal Well-Being

Rotary Focus Area:

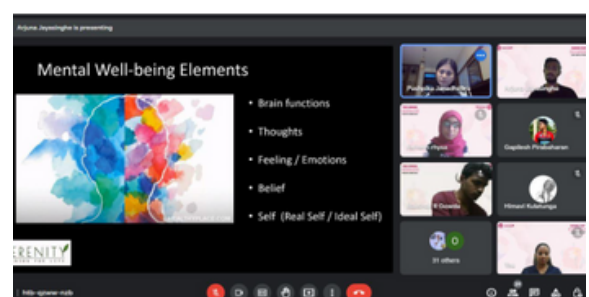
Basic Education and Literacy

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 3 - Good Health and Well-being:
3.4 Reduce mortality from non-communicable diseases and promote mental health.
- 4 - Quality Education:
4.7 Education for sustainable development and global citizenship.
- 10 - Reduced Inequality:
10.3 Ensure equal opportunities and end discrimination.



Mental health encompasses a wide range of factors including emotional, psychological, and social well-being. Promoting mental health and well-being is important for the overall health and well-being of all individuals irrespective of their gender or sexual identities. However, it is observed that men often feel reluctant to speak freely due to gender stereotypes and societal stigma, both locally and internationally. This results in a reluctance towards seeking treatment, thereby leading to a variety of issues, that affect individuals in a personal capacity as well as to their families and close circles. Hence this project was initiated with the Rotaract Club of Yala Nepal, with the hopes of raising awareness on Men's Mental Health across geographic borders.



This project consisted of two webinars, which attracted a total participant count of 90, including both local and international Rotaractors and non-Rotaractors. The distinguished panelists were Mrs. Dilmi Weerasinghe and Mrs. Rasini Bandara who facilitated discussions on the importance of men's mental health and well-being with an active and enthusiastic audience. The limited education and knowledge provided on topics such as mental health within our education systems have resulted in the creation of individuals who struggle to seek help or express their hardships without shame and guilt. This signifies the need for encompassing such topics in our basic education. Thus, The Crisis Brigade by initiating such discussions provided a foundational step.

Moreover, by focusing specifically on men's mental health, the project sought to create a safe environment for men to be vulnerable without the fear of judgment, thereby aligning with SDGs 3 and 10 by promoting mental health and ensuring that men's struggles are not disregarded advocating for ensuring their equal treatment.

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Men's mental health and wellbeing

THE CRISIS BRIGADE
POSITIVE VIBES ONLY

Speaker
MS. DILMI WEERASINGHE
Founder of Serenity Well-being | Mental Health Practitioner | Certified Professional Transformational Coach

Dilmi Weerasinghe is a marketer and a management professional turned Licensed Psychological counselor, Psychotherapist, and Professional Transformational Coach. She, with her 12 years of working experience and academic qualifications in the field of mental health and psychosocial support, conducts one-on-one counseling, psychotherapy, mindfulness therapy, and family & couple therapy. She helps people with various mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, and stress.

HAPPENING TODAY | 7.00 PM ONWARDS
Google Meet

Rotaract

Men's mental health and wellbeing

WEBINAR 2

THE CRISIS BRIGADE
POSITIVE VIBES ONLY

Guest Speaker
MS. RASINI BANDARA
Post Graduate Diploma in Special Education (Reading), MSc Applied Psychology, BSc Special in Psychology, Dip in Psychology, Advanced Dip in Counselling Psychology, International Wellbeing Consultant for International Transport Federation, Psychologist at Mind Heals (Pvt) Ltd, Public Speaking and Personality Building Coach

HAPPENING TODAY | 7.00 PM ONWARDS | Google Meet
AN INITIATIVE BY ROTARACT CLUB OF FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO AND ROTARACT CLUB OF YALA, NEPAL

CAVEAT



Project Date: 27th February 2023

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Malkini Fernando

Rtr. Arjuna Jayasinghe

Secondary Avenue:

Health, Safety, and Communal Well-Being

Rotary Focus Areas:

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention
2. Basic Education and Literacy

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 3 - Good Health and Well-being:
- 3.4 Reduce mortality from non-communicable diseases and promote mental health.
- 4 - Quality Education:
- 4.7 Education for sustainable development and global citizenship.
- 16 - Peace and Justice Strong Institutions:
- 16.1 Reduce violence everywhere.
- 16.3 Promote the rule of law and ensure equal access to justice.
- 17 - Partnerships to achieve the Goal:
- 17.17 Encourage effective partnerships.



Despite the global citizenry's increased usage of cyberspace, many are unaware of the legal framework and provisions available to combat cyberbullying. Project "Caveat", conducted with the Rotaract Club of Bali Taman, Indonesia, focused on precautions and legal actions that can be enforced to address harassment through cyber-space. It dealt with both local and foreign provisions as a preliminary step in addressing cyberbullying. The session was facilitated by Dr Sunil Abeyratne, an eminent professional in the field and the webinar included a panel discussion followed by a Q&A session where the participants actively engaged in the discussion.



Cyberbullying can result in anxiety, and depression in the victims and it is also one of the major factors that drive individuals towards self-harm. Therefore, raising awareness on how to seek help and hold the perpetrators accountable directly aligns with Sustainable development goals such as Good Health and well-being, as this essentially promotes mental health while also contributing towards promoting the rule of law and ensuring access to justice for the victims.

Moreover, initiating cross-border discussions on topics of this caliber, allows the participants to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses within their justice systems and legal frameworks and inspires them to advocate for policy and legislative changes to address the existing loopholes in the law.

Thus, Caveat proved to be a valuable educational experience for all participants who joined the session



Rotaract

CAVEAT ON CYBERBULLYING

KNOW THE CYBER SPACE





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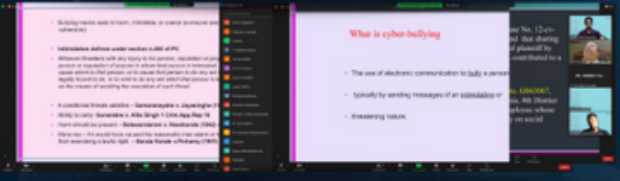


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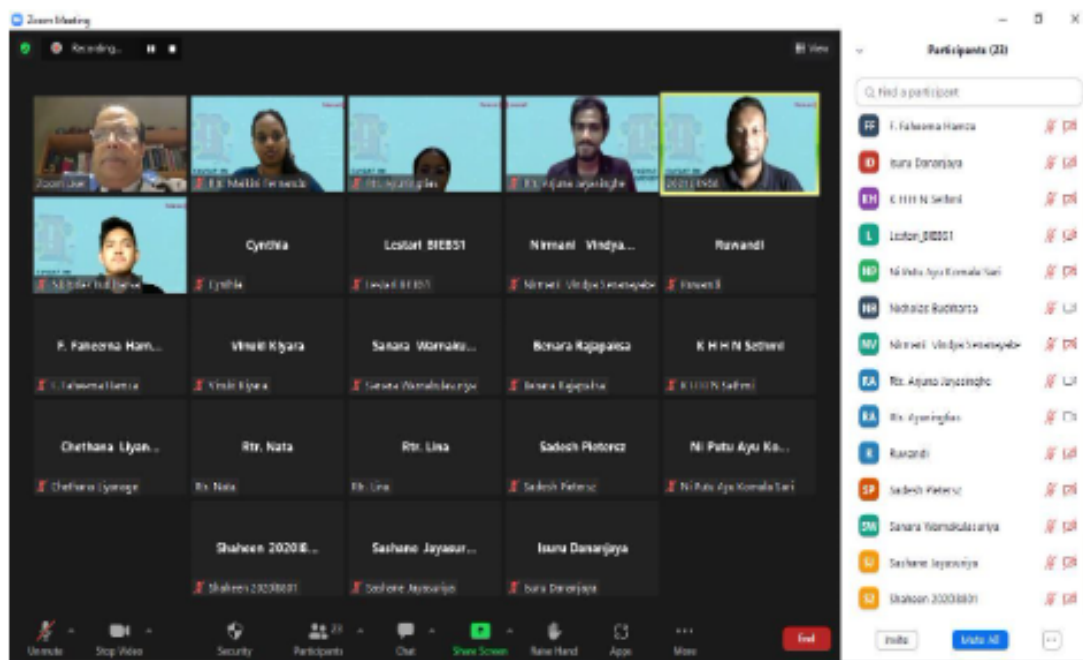
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SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT A GLANCE.



PROJECTS

WORK-IT-
RIGHT

LAWYER-UP

SMART
START

GEN-
ORATORS

BENEFICIARIES

Project Participants and Competitors.
Students of the Faculty of Law,
University of Colombo
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The Sponsors of the Projects Who
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Crowd
The Speakers, Judges and
Resource Persons

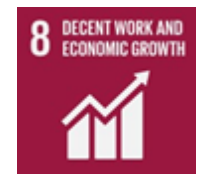
300+

PARTICIPATION
COUNT

42,700/-

TOTAL FUNDS
RAISED

SDG'S COVERED



PROJECT PARTNERS.



ROTARY FOCUS AREAS COVERED.



GEN- ORATORS'23

Project Duration: 20th and 26th of May 2023.

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Benara Rajapaksa

Rtr. Ama Ratnayake.

Secondary Avenue:

Membership Development and Retention.

Rotary Focus Areas:

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
2. Basic Education and Literacy

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 4 - Quality Education:
- 4.4 Increase the number of people with relevant skills for financial success.
- 4.7 Education for sustainable development and global citizenship.
- 5 - Gender Equality:
- 5.8 Promote empowerment of women through technology.
- 13 - Climate Action:
- 13.3 Build knowledge and capacity to meet climate change.
- 14 - Life below water:
- 14.2 Protect and restore ecosystems.

'Gen-Orators' is a legacy continued from the RI year 2020-2021 by the Professional Development Avenue of the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. The project aimed at creating an opportunity for the participants to develop and showcase their public speaking skills. "Gen-Orators'23" added to the legacy by improving the project by moving it to a hybrid format instead of limiting it to a virtual platform and expanding its scope by transforming it into a tri-lingual public speaking tournament thereby creating an opportunity for young orators from vernacular media to compete in the tournament.



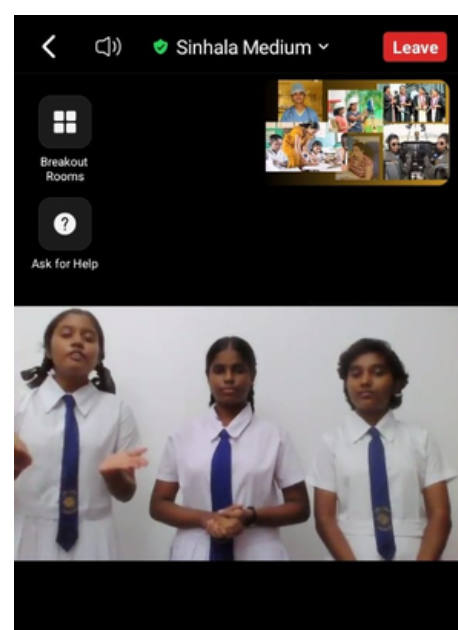
The focal point of the project was to provide an equal opportunity for a large number of participants to reflect upon their public speaking skills and expand their public speaking potential in order to become successful orators which is crucial for their professional and social lives. Accordingly, the competition consisted of separate tournaments for English, Sinhala, and Tamil media happening simultaneously, with over 20 teams registering in total. The entire competition was based on a prepared speech structure, with three members per team and the teams were allowed to use visual aids in their presentations.



The competition consisted of three rounds, where the preliminary rounds were conducted through video submissions, the semi-finals through the Zoom platform, and the grand finale was conducted physically, at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. The teams consisted of participants from various institutions providing that this competition was a valuable learning curve for our target audience consisting of school children, university undergraduates, and students engaging in higher education. Not only did the contestants benefit from this project, but also the spectators gained valuable knowledge by witnessing the diverse types of presentations and creative modes of communication that the teams utilized to make their presentations more attractive. Moreover, the topics for each round of the competition were selected to align with different Sustainable Development Goals such as Gender Equality (the topic for the semi-final round was "The need for women's representation in the workforce in the face of country's economic downfall") and Climate Action and Life Below Water (Topic for the final round was "Leave only footprints that will wash away") in order to promote them and raise awareness on their importance.

Moreover, encouraging effective communication is paramount as communication skills are of extreme importance to future leaders and peacemakers. Skillful communication can reduce conflicts, thus by providing a platform to inculcate such essential skills, the project also incorporated the rotary focus area of Peace and Conflict Prevention.

Upon conclusion of the grand finale, the champions were awarded individual certificates and gold medals while they were also awarded a trophy for the team. The runner-up teams were also awarded certificates. Furthermore, the panels of esteemed judges were rewarded with tokens of appreciation for their support and assistance.





LAWYER UP'23 & NEWBIE INDUCTION

Project Duration: 19th January 2023 – 02nd March 2023

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Nimuthu Siriwardana

Rtr. Benara Rajapaksa

Secondary Avenues:

Membership Development & Retention.

Rotary Focus Area:

Basic Education and Literacy

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 4 – Quality Education:

4.4 Increase the number of people with relevant skills for financial success.

4.7 Education for sustainable development and global citizenship.

Lawyer-Up created a platform for the first-year undergraduates of the Faculty of Law to question their minds on why they chose the field of law, their purpose, and the objectives that they target to achieve in the field that they have chosen. Further, it provided insight into the extent that they can reach in terms of career opportunities, the project served as career guidance and consultation to overcome any doubts, fears, or suspense that they might hold as freshers when entering a new field of study.



The Project was conducted on the 25th of February with the objective of promoting engagement in extracurricular activities and raising awareness on how it will help an individual build character inside the university, as well as in their professional lives. The session was facilitated by two resource persons, Mr. Vikum Jayasinghe (AAL), and Mr. Lakshitha Edirisinghe (Legal Apprentice) who were both alumni of the Faculty and the Rotaract Club.:

Phase 02 of the project consisted of an orientation program for the newbies about the club and the Rotary/Rotaract movement, its benefits, and its services. The Executive Committee, along with the Board of Directors provided a presentation about the Rotary/Rotaract Movement, its role, About the Club alongside its history, the avenues with their role and the projects completed thus far, and also the value of joining the movement. This provided for a basic understanding on volunteerism, social service as well as personal skills development thereby aligning with the Rotary Focus area of Basic Education and Literacy.

In addition to this, The Rotaract Club involved the Amalgamated Club of the University of Colombo; the main student body on sports, to advocate the undergraduates about the various sports available inside the University, the experience that they can gain from them, and its contribution develop the personality of an individual. This provided for creating an effective partnership between two leading clubs within the university.




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LAWYER UP

with our guest speakers
Mr. Vikum Jayasinghe
 &
Mr. Lakshitha Edirisinghe

HAPPENING TODAY
 10.30 AM - 12.30 PM

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SMART START



Project Duration: 23rd March 2023

Chairperson: Rtr. Ama Ratnayake

Rotary Focus Area: Basic Education and Literacy

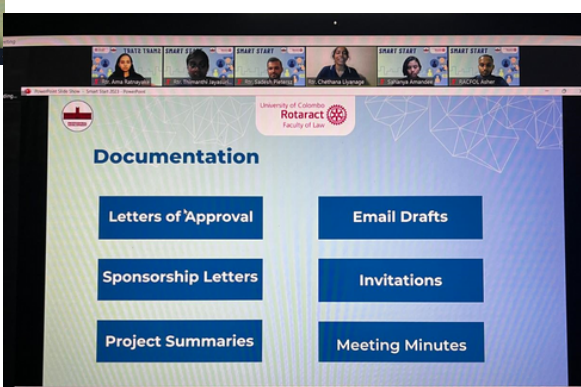
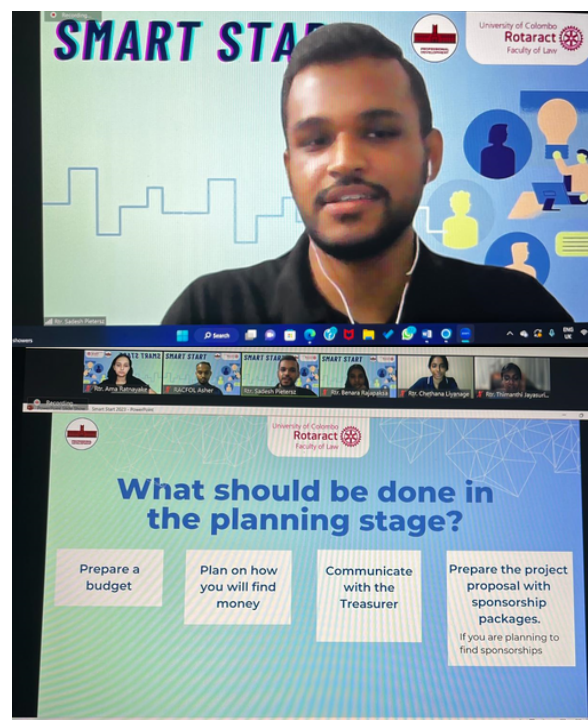
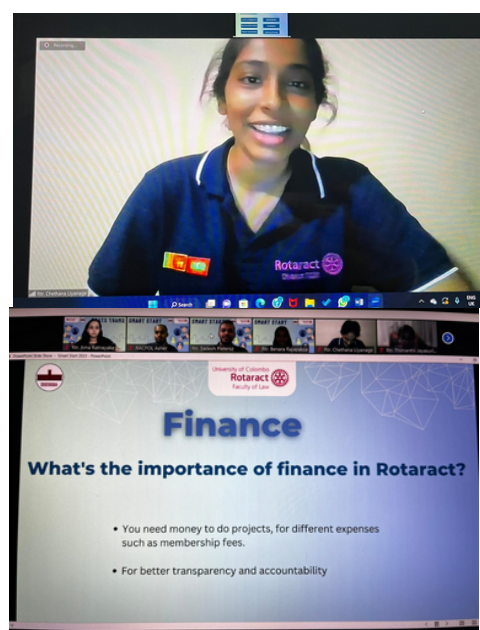
Sustainable Development Goals:

- 4 - Quality Education:

4.4 Increase the number of people with relevant skills for financial success.

'Smart Start' was an initiative focused on educating the new members of the club on how to plan and manage a project within the Faculty. Considering that the universities commenced on-site lectures after 2 years, the process of conducting projects has undergone a significant change within the faculty as the administration introduced a new procedure for obtaining approval for extra-curricular projects. This created the need of educating club members about the procedure that they would be required to follow. Moreover, it was identified that it would be beneficial to provide a basic understanding of project management to the members who are starting their Rotaract journey as it is not only a skill that will be needed as a Rotaractor but will come in handy in their day-to-day lives.

In this context, the project was mainly focused on providing a comprehensive understanding of different Rotary focus areas, the process of obtaining approval, strategies for gaining sponsorships, managing finances, PR management, documentation, and report writing. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary of the club was invited to speak on the different areas and share their knowledge with the newly joined members.



WORK-IT-RIGHT

Project Duration: 20th and 21st of August 2022

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Benara Rajapaksa

Rtr. Ama Ratnayake.

Secondary Avenue: Education and Literacy.

Rotary Focus Area:

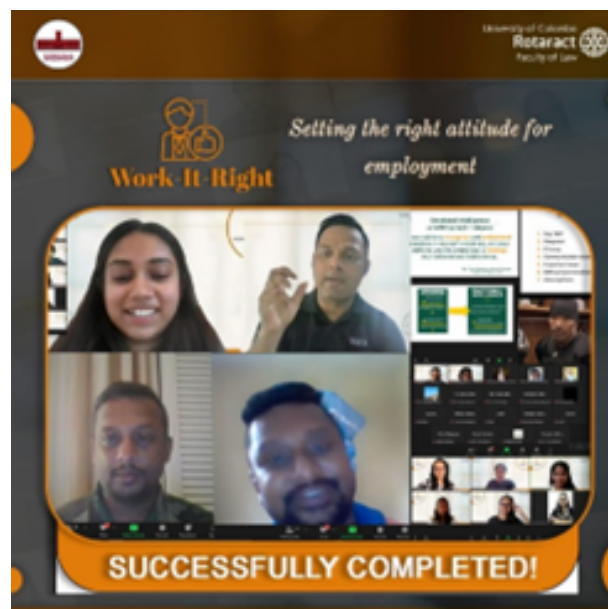
1. Basic Education and Literacy
2. Economic and Community Development

Sustainable Development Goals:

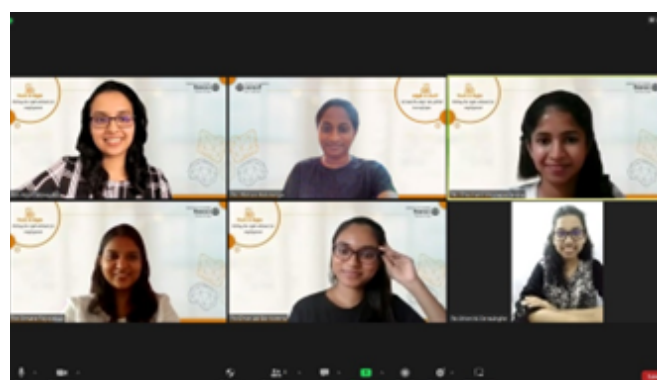
- 4 – Quality Education:
 - 4.4 Increase the number of people with relevant skills for financial success.
 - 4.7 Education for sustainable development and global citizenship.
- 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth:
 - 8.3 Promote policies to support job creation and growing enterprises.

‘Work-It-Right’ was an initiative focused on developing the skills required to increase the employability of university undergraduates. The project was conducted in the form of a series of workshops containing four webinars covered in two days.

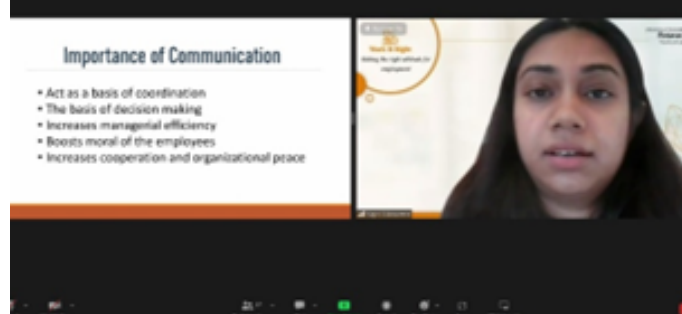
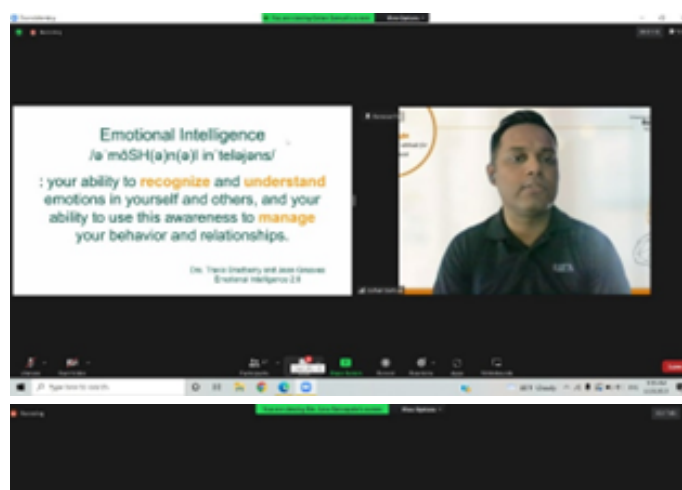
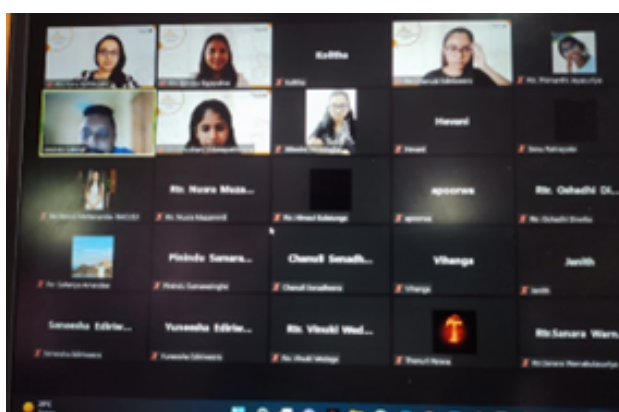
The project focused on four main topics of discussion, namely Communication, Emotional Intelligence, Critical Thinking, and Creativity, which are considered important employability skills that are highly expected in today’s corporate world. The sessions were conducted by four well-recognized professionals from different industries, specializing in the respective areas that they addressed in the webinar. The webinar was open to all age categories as the topics in the discussion were important to anyone in any field while creating an advantage for those who are seeking job opportunities in this highly competitive job market.



The series helped to bring awareness to the importance of employability skills and how to sustain them, and we received positive feedback from the participants upon the completion of the project along with requests to extend our program in the future and to set an opportunity to have physical sessions and discussions with the guest speakers who participated.



The program was a success with over 30 participants taking part in each session. Upon the completion of the program, as tokens of appreciation to the speakers, customized ornamental plants were delivered by utilizing the monetary sponsorship that was obtained for the project.



PUBLIC IMAGE



PUBLIC IMAGE

**MILLION
REASONS
TO
ROTARACT**

2,637 Views

Participant Count **38**

Secondary Avenues Covered

Membership Development
and Retention

**BRANDIN
QUARTER
04**

Developing skills related to improving Public Image and focusing on how to utilize social media analytics effectively for strategy building and boosting social media reach.

Rotary Focus Areas Covered



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Beneficiaries

- Rotaractors of the District 3220
- Club Members
- Members of the organizing committees

7 Active Platforms

SDGs Covered





MILLION REASONS TO ROTARACT

Project Duration: 18. April 2023 - 11 April 2023

Secondary Avenue:

Membership Development and Retention.

Chairperson: Rtr.Thimanthi Jayasuriya

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 17 Partnerships to Achieve the Goal:

17.17 Encourage Effective Partnerships

Other focus Areas:

Promoting the Rotaract brand name as the youth arm of the Rotary

A million Reasons to Rotaract was initiated in celebration of the World Rotaract Week. The project focused on creating a space for Rotaractors of the District 3220 to reflect on their Rotaract journey and share their favorite Rotaract memories with the world. Carried out primarily via the club social media platforms, the project consisted of sharing videos depicting various memorable moments in Rotaract for those who joined the project.

The project spanned across 3 weeks with over 10 videos carrying stories of different Rotaractors being shared across the social media platforms of the club.





BRANDIN QUARTER 04

Project Duration: 15th March 2023 – 21st May 2023

Chairperson: Rtr. Sahanya Amandee

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure:

9.5 Enhance research and upgrade industrial technologies.

9.8 Universal access to information and communications technology.

- 17 – Partnerships to achieve the Goal:

17.17 Encourage effective partnerships.

Other focus Areas: Skill Development

BrandIn Quarter 04 was a joint initiative by the Rotaract clubs of Achievers Lanka Business School, College of Chemical Sciences, Colombo Mid-city and Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. The overall focus of the project was on developing skills related to building and improving Public Image. The project was an interactive session facilitated by Mr. Dimuthu Ponnampereuma, an industry expert, specifically targeting the PR directors, Editors, and both incoming and outgoing Presidents and Secretaries of the Rotaract Clubs and Interact Clubs of District 3220. The session was held on the 18th of May 2023, from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm at Achievers Lanka Business School with the physical attendance of 32 Rotaractors, and virtual participants who could join via Zoom.



SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

SPORTS AND RECREATION



**BEAT THE
STUPMS**

60+

PARTICIPATION COUNT

BENEFICIARIES

Undergraduates of the Faculty of Law,
University of Colombo

Members of the Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law,
University of Colombo

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

14,900 LKR

ROTARY FOCUS AREAS COVERED.



SDG'S COVERED



BEAT THE STUMPS



Project Date: 25th April 2023

Chairpersons:

Rtr. Sanara Warnakulasuriya

Rtr. Oshadhi Dinelka

Secondary Avenue: Membership Development and Retention

Rotary Area of Focus: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

Sustainable Development Goals:

- 3 – Good Health and Well-being:

3.4 Reduce mortality from non-communicable diseases and promote mental health.

- 16 – Peace and Justice Strong Institutions:

16.1 Reduce violence everywhere.

“Beat The Stumps” was an inter-batch cricket tournament organized with the hope of enhancing the unity and fellowship of the club members, whilst providing an opportunity for the club members to display their sportsmanship. The event was held on the 25th of April at the UOC grounds. The project featured a series of thrilling matches conducted in a knockout format, with eight exceptional sixer-side teams representing each of the four batches in the faculty of law, which was made of 04 male, and 03 female members.

The project focused on enhancing the unity and fellowship of the club members, whilst providing an opportunity for the members including the executive board to showcase their sports talents. The project also inspired the club members to engage in physical exercises often and understand the multitude of positive impacts it results on one's mental and physical well-being. Moreover, engaging in a team game also provided the members with an understanding of good sportsmanship and importance of team work.



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BEAT THE STUMPS
25/04/2023

University of Colombo
Rotaract
Faculty of Law



The tournament marked its end by crowning Team Gladiators representing the third-year undergraduates of the faculty as the champions. The team was awarded a cash prize worth 10,000/= The tournament undeniably became one of the most memorable Rotaract events for the club members.



TOGETHERSL

HELPING HANDS



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



COMMUNITY
SERVICE

The lack of adequate, equitable, and safe access to proper sanitary facilities has continued to be a major global concern through the years. Although water and sanitation coverage in Sri Lanka is hailed as a success story against all odds, rural school sanitation has often been identified as an area that is in need of support and improvement. In this backdrop, 'Team Agbo', consisting of the Rotaract Clubs of Centennial United; Colombo Reconnections; Faculty of Law, University of Colombo; Horizon Campus; Moratuwa; Pamunugama; PanColombo and University of Moratuwa came together to address this issue at a primary level by providing a water sanitation solution for a selected rural public school in Sri Lanka.



Accordingly, after several site visits, Millakanda Tamil Maha Vidyalaya, situated on the outskirts of Bulathsinhala, Kalutara District, was identified as an institution that would be best benefitted by the initiative. The school consisting of a student populace of over 700 students, possessed four sets of washrooms, one of which had fallen into ruins due to the passage of time and severe lack of maintenance. Out of the remaining three sets of washrooms, some lacked water supply and the others lacked proper drainage facilities. Almost all the washrooms were in an extremely unsanitary state due to a lack of proper maintenance. In order to address the specific issues raised by these conditions, the project was structured in two dimensions:



1. Renovating two sets of washrooms by cleaning, providing water supply and fixing the drainage issues.
2. Conduct sessions for the school students to educate them on the importance of personal hygiene and to equip them with the knowledge of how to maintain the school's sanitary facilities.

Furthermore, during the site visits, it was identified that the school also lacks a proper library. The library was not in use as the library building was used as a mathematics unit for advanced-level students. Hence, the project committee also decided to support the school administration in reinstating the school library by donating books as a sub-project. Accordingly, with the donations of the books, the subproject was successfully completed on the 31st of January 2023.



The project marked its successful completion by providing immense relief for the students and staff at the Millakanda Tamil Maha Vidyalaya, by resolving one of their greatest longstanding problems.

PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS AT A GLANCE

106



Facebook

6,628 Followers

35,586 Reach

6.3K Likes



Youtube

300 Subscribers

9,498 Views



Instagram

1430 Followers

282 Reach



Twitter

240 Followers

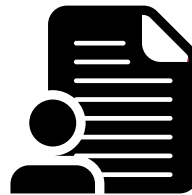
7,302 Tweet Impressions



Tik Tok

38.7% Increase in likes

282 Followers



Blog

1,031 Total Views

17 Articles



Linkedin

114 Followers

213 Posts

The Rotaract Club of Faculty Law, University of Colombo aims to serve the community through various projects and initiatives. However, for these efforts to reach their full potential, effective communication and public relations strategies are crucial. The club's public relations strategy focuses on building strong relationships with its target audience, which includes students, faculty members and the wider community. To achieve this goal, the club has developed an active media relations strategy, which involves regular communication with our target audiences of various projects to publicize activities undertaken by the club. The Club's Public Relations efforts span to over six platforms of Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, Twitter and the newest addition to the list, TikTok.

Therefore, building a solid brand image through these specific platforms was given priority. Facebook and WhatsApp were used to share all project fliers, videos, and blogs, while Instagram posts were saved for exceptional events. In addition, the audiences on LinkedIn, YouTube, and the Club Blog were also reached through those media.

Instagram

Instagram was the primary social media platform used by the club to reach our main audience; the young adult and university populace. The initiatives from previous years were extended on this platform and the PR Directors took the responsibility of sharing relevant content, including stories, videos, and live posts, whenever it was deemed necessary. The Instagram feed was utilized to showcase special photos and videos of ongoing projects, while important project flyers that needed wider visibility were posted on Stories. This approach ensured that the target audience remained engaged and informed about the organization's activities on Instagram. Instagram was vital to carrying out several awareness projects such as 'Silver Linings' & 'Project Paw Pals'. The target audience was easily reached through the platform, and the regular posts kept the club account engaging and interesting

Facebook

The Club Facebook page is one of the main media through which the club maintains contact with the public. Project flyers, project videos, celebration posts, special achievements are shared on this platform. The official Facebook page was also utilized to broadcast special virtual through the Facebook Live facility. Facebook was a great help for fund raising in project Matha. It was also used to send invitations to the schools in the Gen Orators Project. The page was maintained to build connections with the University pages and other Rotaract clubs.



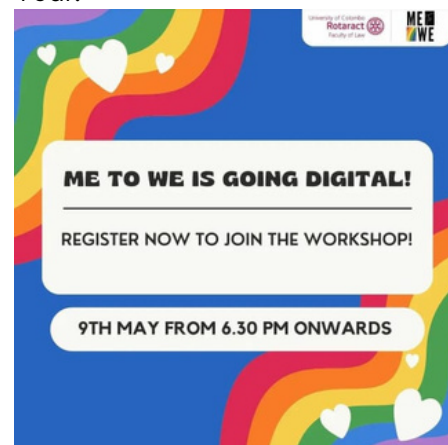
WhatsApp groups are the main mode of communication between the organizing committees and general members. Numerous WhatsApp groups were created for projects. General Members could join projects via their respective WhatsApp group open to the public. Furthermore, the Board of Directors gained the opportunity to actively engaged in Rotaract WhatsApp groups that share important messages and coordinate with other. Auxiliary features such as WhatsApp Broadcast and Statuses were fully utilized to great effect.

Twitter and LinkedIn

Twitter & LinkedIn were largely used to communicate with corporate and professional audiences. These platforms were particularly effective in promoting webinars, which served as a means to share information about flagship projects such as 'Me to We' and engage the target audience in the organization's initiatives. Though Instagram and Facebook were the clubs primary modes of maintaining public image, these two platforms greatly supplemented our Public Relations effort. Mainly through targeting a different audience as opposed to Instagram and Facebook.

The Rotaract Club of Faculty of Law, University of Colombo has long been a key player in bridging the gap between the public and the legal knowledge required therewith. This objective has been greatly advanced by the blog, which has played a significant role in the Club's recent history since the website was first published three years ago. The Blog saw multiple articles being published about variety of issues ranging from ChatGPT to Abortion, penned by Undergraduates of Law who provide not just the existing law as it is but novel outlooks into what they could do to solve some of the raging issues that plague both the nation and the world.

Since the RACFOL's blog is the only place where standardized advocacy-related content is regularly uploaded, it not only aids in membership growth but also serves as a gathering place for smart people to get together and engage in thought-provoking debates about blog posts. The club members received commendation from several staff members of the Faculty as well for uploading articles on issues that were very relevant to both studies and general public. Currently our blog holds over 85 posts in total with a count of 17 being uploaded within the last Rotaract Year.



ROTARY FAMILY COORDINATION

A. LIST OF OTHER ROTARACT CLUB INITIATIVES/MEETINGS THAT THE CLUB TOOK PART IN OR ATTENDED

B. LIST OF ROTARACT DISTRICT INITIATIVES/MEETINGS THAT THE CLUB TOOK PART IN OR ATTENDED

C. LIST OF ROTARY CLUB OR ROTARY DISTRICT INITIATIVES/MEETINGS THAT THE CLUB TOOK PART IN OR ATTENDED

D. LIST OF INTERACT CLUB OR INTERACT DISTRICT INITIATIVES/MEETINGS THAT THE CLUB TOOK PART IN OR ATTENDED

E. LIST OF PROJECTS ORGANIZED BY A ROTARACT/ROTARY/INTERACT CLUB/DISTRICT OUTSIDE RID 3220 THAT THE CLUB TOOK PART IN OR ATTENDED.

LIST OF OTHER ROTARACT CLUB INITIATIVES/ MEETINGS THAT THE CLUB TOOK PART IN OR ATTENDED

Name of Project	Date	Rotaract Club	No. of Participants
RETHINK	July 31st, 2022	Rotaract Club of Rathnapura	1
49th Installation Ceremony and Charter Day Celebration	September 14th, 2022	Rotaract Club of Colombo West	2
3rd Installation Ceremony	August 20th, 2022	Rotaract Club of Royal Institute of Colombo	2
10th Installation Ceremony	August 21st, 2022	Rotaract Club of Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology	3
20th Installation Ceremony	August 28th, 2022	Rotaract Club of Faculty of Science, University of Colombo	2
Career Track	August 13th, 2022	Rotaract Club of Kandy	5
13th Installation Ceremony of RACUOCFMF	September 02nd, 2022	Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Management and Finance	2

Name of Project	Date	Rotaract Club	No. of Participants
Paradise Island	September 10th, 2022	Rotaract Club of Pearl Island	2
13th Installation Ceremony of RACALBS	September 09th, 2022	Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School	2
13th Installation Ceremony of RACUOCARTS	September 29th, 2022	Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Arts	2
Virya	October 10th, 2022	Rotaract Club of Informatics Institute of Technology, Rotaract Club Of UOC Law, Rotaract Club of Rathnapura, Rotaract Club of Royal Institute of Colombo, Rotaract Club of Sri Lanka Technological Campus	10
The Importance of Organic Farming and Tree Planting	October 31st, 2022	Rotaract Club of Informatics Institute of Technology, Rotaract Club Of UOC Law, Rotaract Club of Sri Lanka Technological Campus	13
5th Installation Ceremony	October 01st, 2022	Rotaract Club of CINEC Campus	2
Revamp	January 25th, 2023	Rotaract Club of Royal Institute of Colombo	2
Hari Bn Ela	January 22nd, 2023	Rotaract Club of Informatics Institute of Technology	1

Name of Project	Date	Rotaract Club	No. of Participants
Be Mine – Maybe	February 13th, 2023	Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Arts	2
Run For Their Lives 2023	February 25th, 2023	Rotaract Club of Colombo Uptown	6
Hade Weena	April 27th, 2023	Rotaract Club of University of Colombo, Faculty of Management and Finance	8

LIST OF ROTARACT DISTRICT INITIATIVES/ MEETINGS THAT THE CLUB TOOK PART IN OR ATTENDED

Name of Project	Date	No. of Participants
32st Rotaract District Training Assembly	July 02nd, 2022	1
District Council Meeting (DCM) - July	July 16th, 2022	2
Avenue Directors' Training Seminar (ADTS) - 2022-23	July 23rd, 2022	10
Avenue Directors' Training Seminar (ADTS) - 2022-23	July 24th, 2022	12
District Council Meeting (DCM) - August	August 27th, 2022	2
District Fellowship Visit (Wayamba Visit)	August 27th, 2022	2
District Council Meeting (DCM) - September	September 17th, 2022	2
District Council Meeting (DCM) - October	October 15th, 2022	2
Special District Council Meeting	October 23rd, 2022	2

Name of Project	Date	No. of Participants
Rotaract Leadership Training Seminar – Session 01	October 16th, 2022	1
Rotaract Leadership Training Seminar – Session 02	October 22nd, 2022	1
District Council Meeting (DCM) – November	November 19th, 2022	2
District Council Meeting (DCM) – December	December 17th, 2022	2
District Fellowship Visit (Southern Visit)	January 27th, 2023	2
District Council Meeting (DCM) – February	February 11th, 2023	2
District Council Meeting (DCM) – March	March 18th, 2023	2
Rotaract Champions League (RCL)	March 05th, 2023	12
32nd Rotaract District Conference	March 26th, 2023	2
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	March 11th, 2023	2

Name of Project	Date	No. of Participants
Rotaract Champions League (RCL)	April 01st, 2023	10
District Council Meeting (DCM) - April	April 15th, 2023	2
District Council Meeting (DCM) - May	May 13th, 2023	2
BrandIn - Quarter 04	May 18th, 2023	4
Presidents Elect Training Seminar & Secretaries Elect Training Seminar 2023	May 27th, 2023	2

LIST OF ROTARY CLUB OR ROTARY DISTRICT INITIATIVES/MEETINGS THAT THE CLUB TOOK PART IN OR ATTENDED

Name of Project	Organizer(s)	No. of Participants
Paw Pals	Rotary Club of Colombo East, Interact Club of Gateway College- Colombo	10
THE MENTORING PROGRAM	Rotary Club of Colombo East	04

LIST OF INTERACT CLUB OR INTERACT DISTRICT INITIATIVES/MEETINGS THAT THE CLUB TOOK PART IN OR ATTENDED

Name of Project	Organizer(s)	No. of Participants
Paw Pals	Rotary Club of Colombo East, Interact Club of Gateway College- Colombo	10

LIST OF PROJECTS ORGANIZED BY A ROTARACT/ROTARY/INTERACT CLUB/DISTRICT OUTSIDE

Name of Project	Organizer(s)	No. of Participants
Virya	Rotaract Club of Bangalore	10
The Importance of Organic Farming	Rotaract Club of Bangalore	13

CLUB FINANCES

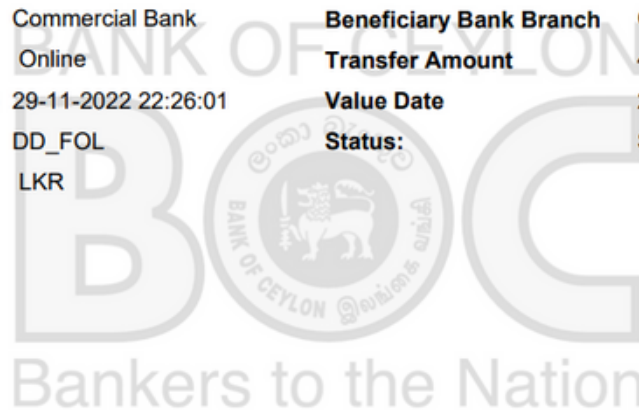
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BOC Online Banking



Other Banks Accounts

Online Banking reference Number	195701397936673	Host Reference Number	195701397936673
Debit Account Number	XXXXXXXX08	Customer Name	MISS P K C MADUWANTHI
Beneficiary Name	Rotaract District Org RID 3220	Beneficiary Account No.	1000525777
Beneficiary Bank Name	Commercial Bank	Beneficiary Bank Branch	City Office
Funds Transfer Method	Online	Transfer Amount	4,000.00
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Transaction Fee	LKR		

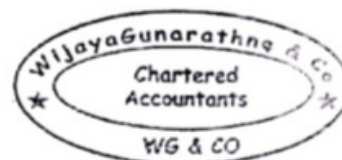


AUDITED CLUB ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2021-22

**ROTARACT CLUB UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO-FACULTY OF LAW
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30/06/2022**

All figures in LKR

	Note	2021/22
Income		
Project Account	7	266,210.00
Administration Account	8	73,369.03
Total Income		339,579.03
Expenses		
Project Account	9	273,878.00
Administration Account	10	92,000.00
Total Expenses		365,878.00
Deficit of Income over Expenditure for the Year		(26,298.97)



* Figures in Brackets indicates deductions

** Notes to the Financial Statements in pages 5-12 forms a integral part of these Financial Statements

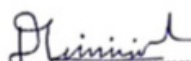
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ROTARACT CLUB UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO-FACULTY OF LAW STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

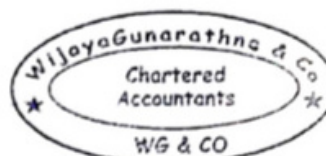
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AS AT 30/06/2022	Note	2021/22
Assets		
Bank Balances - Peoples' Bank 086-2-001-3-0009509	3	24,100.54
Total Assets		<u>24,100.54</u>
Funds & Liabilities		
Members Funds		
Project Account	4	17,482.00
Administration Account	5	(3,381.46)
Total Funds		<u>14,100.54</u>
Liabilities		
Payables	6	10,000.00
Total Liabilities		<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Funds & Liabilities		<u>24,100.54</u>

The Management Committee is responsible for these Financial Statements.
Signed for and on behalf of the Management Committee by,


Rtr Sahan Wijesinghe
Treasurer


Rtr Masha Serasinghe
President
ROTARACT CLUB
Faculty of Law
University of Colombo



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UNAUDITED CLUB ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

ROTARACT CLUB OF FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

I. PROJECT ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Description		Surplus/ (Deficit)** (Rs.)
Funathon	Club Service	0
Legal Update	Community Service	-
Silver Lining	Community Service	-
Werala	Club Service	1020
Work-It-Right	Professional Development	0
Installation	Club Service	8055
Spookzilla	Club Service	24165*
Crisis Brigade	International Service	-
T-shirts	Finance	4177.2
Hithawathkama	Community Service	10554
Colors of Love	Club service	9643.4
Lawyer Up	Professional Development	-
Caveat on Cyberbullying	International Service	-
PawPals	Community service	-
Together Sri Lanka	Community Service	-11000
Smart Start	Professional Development	-
Beat the Stumps	Sports and Recreational Activities	6950
Maatha	Community Service	6330
Me to We	Community Service	-
Gen-Orators '23	Professional Development	0
Samatha	Community Service	-34
BrandIn	Public Relations	-1540
SLAMM	Club Service	0
Net Project Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		58320.6
Surplus/Deficit brought forward from 2021-22 (Opening balance)		17482
Surplus/Deficit carried forward to 2022-23 (Closing balance)		75802.6

*Rs. 62560 from Spookzilla surplus (Rs. 86275) was used for admin expenses.

ROTARACT CLUB OF FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Description	Surplus/ (Deficit)**
Website Domain Renewal Payment	0
District Dues	0
Wayamba Visit	0
RLTS	0
Southern Visit	0
RDC Registration	0
Net Administration Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	0
Surplus/Deficit brought forward from 2021-22 (Opening balance)	-3381.46
Surplus/Deficit carried forward to 2022-23 (Closing balance)	-3381.46

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

III. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

Description	Notes	Amount (Rs.)
Income		
Total Surplus from Projects		133454.6
Total Surplus from Administration Account		-
Member Contributions for Admin Expenses		40320
Member Contribution for RI Membership Dues		34200
Bank Interest		1270.24
Total Income		209244.84
Less: Expenditure		
RI Membership Dues		(76,860)
Total Deficit from Projects*		(12,574)
Total Deficit from Administration Account*		-60220
Withholding Tax		-44.84
[Other Expense]		
Total Expenditure		-149698.84
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		59546

ROTARACT CLUB OF FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

IV. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Description	Notes	Amount
Assets		
Receivables		-
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Bank)		68749.94
Cash in Hand		4896.6
Total Assets		73646.54
Net Surplus/Deficit		
Administration Account Summary		
Opening Balance		-3381.46
(Surplus)/Deficit for the Year		0
Closing Balance		-3381.46
Project Account Summary		
Opening Balance		17482
(Surplus)/Deficit for the Year		58320.6
Closing Balance		75802.6
Bank Interest		1270.24
Withholding Tax		-44.84
Liabilities		
Payables		-
Accruals		-
Net Surplus and Liabilities		73646.54

ROTARACT CLUB OF FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
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V. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES SUMMARY

Receivables (Dr)		Payables (Cr)	
Description	Amount	Description	Amount
Project Receivables		Project Payables	
[Name of Project]		[Name of Project]	
[Name of Project]		[Name of Project]	
[Name of Project]		[Name of Project]	
[Name of Project]		[Name of Project]	
[Name of Project]		[Name of Project]	
Administrative Receivables		Administrative Payables	
[Transaction particulars]		[Transaction particulars]	
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Total receivables	-	Total payables	-

ROTARACT CLUB OF FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

VI. BANK RECONCILIATION

Description	Notes	Amount
Closing surplus/(deficit) as per administration account		-3381.46
Closing surplus/(deficit) as per project account		75802.6
Payables		-
Less: Receivables		-
Total cash balance as per Financial Statements		72421.14
Add:		
Unpresented cheques		
Bank Interest		1270.24
Less:		
Unrealised cheques		
Unrealised cash transfers		
Cash in hand		4896.6
Withholding Tax		44.84
Balance as per bank statement		68749.94

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