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LION RIYAZ  
ALUHER

*“Clubs and Societies play an important role in the development of students' creativity and personality”*

## Message from the Staff Advisor

I am indeed glad to pen a few words for the Leo Magazine. This is the first magazine published by the boys and I really appreciate everyone who are involved in the project specially the editors.

At a time we all face challenges and hardship, during these times it is encouraging to see students engage in productive work while being at home .

Clubs and Societies play an important role in the development of students' creativity and personality.

While engage in extra curricular activities students should remember that paying attention to your academic work is more vital.

Students, remember Royal College has always produced all-round students. Therefore you need to concentrate on your studies while engaging in extra and co-curricular activities.

Leo Club of Royal College is involved in a number of projects and they do them with a great sense of responsibility.

This magazine is one of these projects and I wish the students to continue this in the future as well.

Best Wishes.  
Stay Safe.

Riyaz Aluher  
Assistant Principal  
Senior Games Master



LION DR. LASANTHA  
GUNAWARDENA

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."*

## Message from the District Chairman for Leos

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. Royal College has been the best educational institute, not only in Sri Lanka but in the whole South East Asian region and has produced many leaders with exceptional leadership qualities.

Introducing the Leo Club program to Royal yet another landmark of producing more experienced and quality leaders.

"Leadership, Experience, Opportunity" Our motto in Leoism is simple, yet powerful. These are what Leo members will find and develop as they move forward in their Leo journey.

Being an integral part of the Lions Clubs International, with a global network of over 7300 Leo Clubs in more than 150 nations, this international scope fosters a unique global identity to Leo members.

Being a Leo member, you will have an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the national and international community.

Be a proud Leo. You can change the world.

Lion Dr K H Lasantha Goonewardena MJF / MAF  
Ambassador- Leos and Youth  
Lions Clubs International District 306C2



LEO YOSHELLE  
MARASINGHE

*"An opportunity missed  
is a fortune lost"*

# Message from the President

Being the President of the Leo Club of Royal College has been one of the greatest experiences in my life. I started out simply as a member and it has been a journey to get where I am. As a club that was chartered just a few days before I joined, there were a multitude of challenges that we had to face. But under the presidency of Fazri Amith, we endured and strived.

Throughout my time in the Leo Club of Royal College, I had worked with several individuals in multiple projects. Through them all, the club collectively received eight awards at the Lions Star Award Ceremony this year, including emerging as winner of the Most Outstanding International Program Award. And as the newly appointed leader of this club, I wish to continue the legacy that the previous board has set as well as exceed the expectations of others.

There is a precedent set-in society that as a leader we should work to help our team overcome hurdle by pushing through them, but I believe that the only way for a systematic and functional club that works on a broad spectrum such as the Leo Club, we should take a different approach. I wish to inspire and motivate my team to wade through the obstacle thrown at them like a flowing river. I want to leave behind a club that can solve any problem without getting scarred, using the most effective solutions.

A Leo Club is unique. It's a club that provides tangible benefits to our society as well as make a change that is indirect but still gives benefits. I promise to not let a single opportunity go to waste and ensure that we make maximum use of it.

"An opportunity missed is a fortune lost" this also means that each project slacked off is an opportunity missed and I would make sure all initiatives and projects conducted by the LEO Club will conclude in the best quality possible within our power.

# Club Introduction



**"Setrouveren servant"**

Finding yourself through serving

Leo club is a youth driven organization of The Lions Club International. The word "LEO" stands for LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE, AND OPPORTUNITY.

Leo clubs encourage youths to develop leadership qualities by participating in social service activities. They are dependent on a Lions club to sponsor and initiate a Leo club. They conduct various projects in the fields of Healthcare, Elders, Children, and Disabled people, Literacy and Education, and Self-development.

The Leo Club of Royal College was established for the first time under the guidance of Senior Games Master Mr. Riyaz Aluher and PDG Lion Dr. Lasantha MJF who is also the District Chairman for Leos. The College club falls under the premises of Leo District 306 C2. With the start of 30 members including the Executive committee, we hope to uphold the college's dignity and pride throughout the Leoistic year.

## VISION

A society where everyone has a decent place to live.

## MISSION

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

# THE OFFICIALS

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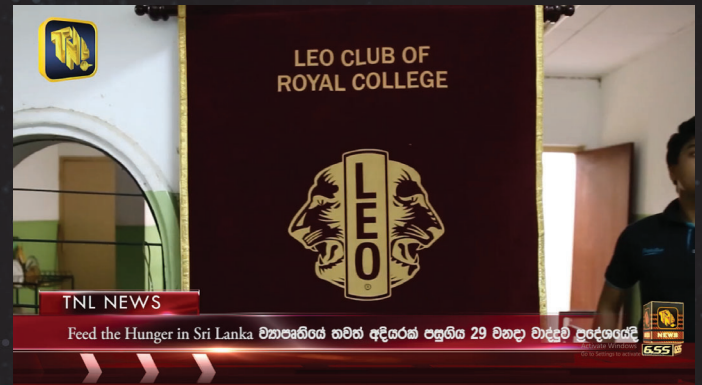
# THROWBACK

A LOOK THROUGH OF THE LEOISTIC YEAR 2020/2021

# Life of Giving

This is a project where we visited the Thudawa Children Home and spent some quality time with them. We also gave lunch and some essential items to each child. Essential items were sponsored by our sponsoring Lions club, The Lions Club Of Colombo Mid City. And all the food items were donated by two parents. A very limited number of participants participated in the event due to the prevailing conditions in our country because of this pandemic situation.

The project 'Life of Giving' was a donation programme the Leo Club of Royal College organized in order to provide children with study materials and to help them be motivated in studies during this pandemic situation. The project was carried out in an orphanage in Wadduwa with the participation of the District Chairman for Leos, Lion Dr. Lasantha Goonewardena, and fellow club members. When conducting the project, many fun activities were included to help the children cheer up, get rid of their boredom and get motivated. When conducting the project we could see how the moods of the young children who were bored inside the institution brightened up. It was as they were celebrating a festival, that we truly realised how hard it was for the children and as Leos of the Leo Club of Royal College we were very happy that we could bring smiles upon the faces of those beautiful children. After the fun activities concluded we prepared a little snack for the children which they really enjoyed. As we were about to conclude the project a young child came up to us and thanked us with a kind smile and then we knew that we were able to successfully conclude the project.



# Binge Quiz



When the Covid-19 pandemic struck, people who spent most of their day outside were forced into their home with very little enjoyment. Stuck in an endless cycle of boredom, the Leo Club of Royal College urges to solve this. **"Binge Quiz"** is was a fun quiz organized with the incentive of having a fun time. The questions for the quizzes would be based on some of the most popular and loved movies and TV shows in Sri Lanka.

The project began on the 18th of January and ended on the 2nd of February. The contest was open to everyone. The contest was separated into two sections

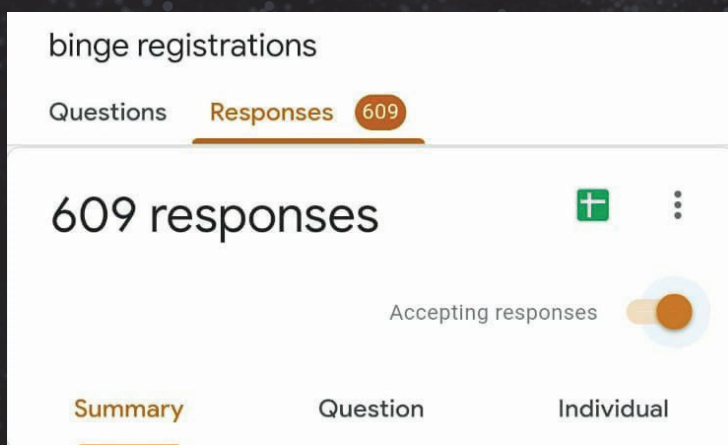
## 1. Movies

- Marvel Cinematic Universe
- Star Wars
- Harry Potter

## 2. T.V shows

- F.R.I.E.N.D.S
- Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- Money Heist

The quiz was completely conducted online via Google forms. The Quiz had **600+** participants registered for the quiz in 7 days. The Grand-Finale of the quiz was conducted on the online platform ZOOM and was live streamed on YouTube.



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# Thai Pongal Day Competitions

The project revolves around the multi-day Harvest festival “Thai Pongal.” Due to the events of the world-wide pandemic, the majority of the students of our schools would be stuck inside their homes during the span of the festival. The Leo Club of Royal College wishes to give them an opportunity and incentive to broadcast their talents as well as have a fun time by competing in online competitions such as art, speech and drama that would demonstrate their creativity.

The First Phase of the project which were the competitions, began on the 12th of January and ended on the 22nd of the same month. The competitions were done in both English and Tamil. The contest consisted of two categories.

1. **Category 1- Grade 3, 4 & 5**
2. **Category 2- Grade 6, 7, 8 & 9**

There were two competitions within each category.

1. **Art Competition**
2. **Creative video competition (Speech, narrating a story, a documentary etc.)**

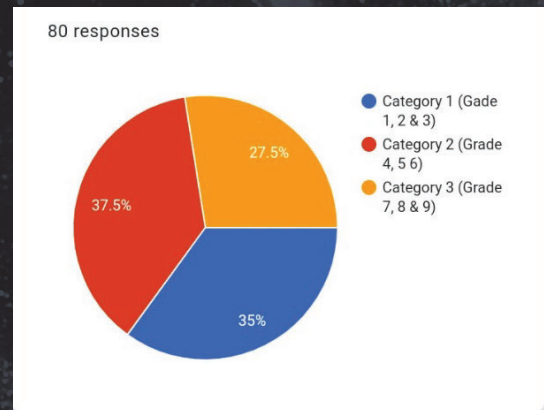
The second phase of the project was the Release of the Results. After the judging process that was conducted via Zoom, the results were release through a YouTube video that was uploaded on the LEO Club’s Official channel.

We received over 100 submissions in total and the Release of the Results YouTube video received over 250 views.. The online participation certificate was emailed and the prizes for the winners will be distributed after school starts.

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## CREATIVE CLIP COMPETITION - ENGLISH



**CATEGORY 1  
WINNER**

**KYREN JOHN**



# Patriots'21

## PATRIOTS'21

FOR THOSE WHO SERVED

Seventy-three years ago, on February 4th, our nation was freed from the clutches of the British, ending hundreds of years of being under the control of another empire. LEO Club of Royal College brings you "**Patriots'21**", orbiting the Independence Day. Targeted to be an initiative to demonstrate our gratitude to all the individuals who risked their lives and worked hard to maintain the national security of Sri Lanka. We will be sharing short thirty second to one-minute clips about these great individuals. We will be explaining about what they did to be remembered as well as giving a small insight on the historical events.

By detailing their trials and tribulations and their great achievements we presented their life to the world and in doing so showed our gratitude towards them.

We completed a Video Series getting a wide range of audiences to watch and understand the sacrifices these Patriots made for our beloved nation. By publishing our videos on IGTV, which is easily accessible by all sorts of people, we are allowing our message to be spread easily to a diverse audience.

The Videos were on the following prominent Old Royalists who served our country.

1. **Anagarika Dharmapala**
2. **Senior DIG. M. R. Latheef**
3. **Hon. Lalith Athulathmudali**
4. **Hon. Ponnambalam Ramanadan**
5. **Major General Vijaya Wimalaratne**
6. **His Excellency J.R. Jayawardane**

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# Empower'21

This project consists of a series of interviews. This project revolves around International Woman's Day to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. The LEO Club of Royal College brings you "Empower'21", an initiative created to inspire women for their hard work and dedication, by inviting the most prominent women in Sri Lanka to share their success stories. The interviews would be conducted by members of the LEO Club of Royal College.

The first Interview was conducted with **Mrs. Otara Gunawardena, Founder of ODEL PLC and EMBARK.CO.** She received Jaycees' "Most Outstanding Young Person in Sri Lanka" for the year 2001, "Zonta Entrepreneur of the Year" Award in 2001 and also she was honored as one of the "Prominent Woman in Sri Lanka".

The Second Interview was conducted with **Dr. Patti Hill, International Vice President of the Lions Club International.** She was elected to serve as the 3rd Vice President of Lions Club International at the association's 102nd International convention. She is a professional psychologist who championed the rights of children and youth who are deaf and/or blind. She was honored with the Ambassador of Good Will Award. She is multinational coordinator for Campaign Sight First II and the multinational secretary for the Lions Eye Bank Society. She is the Vice President of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta.

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## EMPOWER'21



HOW DID YOU BECOME VICE PRESIDENT?



Otara Gunewardene

@otaradel

In conversation for a video, with the students from the Leo Club of Royal College .

Good luck with your project 🌟



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# Colour My Sight

This is a project conducted by all the Leo Clubs of District 306C2 with the motive of supporting the individuals with eye diseases. This vision care project will be done as an eye screening and spectacles will be donated to 100 individuals who have been identified to have the requirement of spectacles. This project is funded by a private organisation in the United States of America. The project will be supervised under DCL/PDPG Dr. Lasantha Goonewardena.

Our objectives were inviting several individuals at risk and running tests to identify the problems and minimizing individuals with eye diseases in Sri Lanka. By curing those with eye diseases, as well as spread awareness regarding eye problems, Showing gratitude to the past teachers of college by inviting the past teachers of College and running free tests on them as well as providing them with fully funded eye glasses.

The screening started off at 10.00 a.m. for the Past Teachers Association. The project started off with an opening ceremony organized for the event. An eye screening for the Past Teachers Association of Royal College was later held with the assistance of the Doctors' Association and 100 spectacles were donated to chosen members from the screening according to the doctors' recommendations.

All Covid-19 regulations were followed throughout the duration of the entire project.



# Awards' 20/21



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*Fazri Amith*

Immediate Past President

Leo Club President Excellence Award  
from Lions Clubs International

District Governor's  
Appreciation Award



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*Binuja Amaranayaka*

Deputy Head Prefect  
Royal College - Colombo 07

International President's  
Appreciation Certificate

*\* 4th highest award a Leo /Lion can receive*

District Governor's  
Appreciation Award



• *Completed* •  
PROJECTS

July - August

# Installation'21

The Leo Club being one of the newest clubs in Royal College and in its short time here has made a tremendous impact. **"Installation"** will be a ceremonious event attended by multiple influential individuals and organizations as well as several Leo Clubs in the district 306-C2, represented by members of their LEO Clubs.

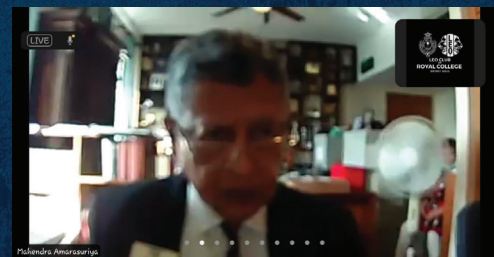
The event will consist of mainly two segments. Firstly, the felicitation of the previous board where we'll be expressing our gratitude for the effort and work they put in to make the Club. The second segment will be the installation of the new board where we will be congratulating them and wishing them luck for a successful year ahead. The 1st Installation will be a sentimental project for the club that carries a magnitude of prestige and we aim to make it memorable.

All the individuals who supported the club were thanked and appreciated through the Newly Appointed President's speech, the vote of thanks and by words of many others.

The new board was inducted gloriously by the **Past International President of the Lions Clubs International, The Chief Guest of the Installation, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya.**

We were able to give the opportunity to the dignitaries to felicitate the previous board by appreciating their hard work and dedication.

Our Immediate Past President was able to highlight our achievements such as starting with just 30 members and currently having 108 registered members, winning 8 Awards in the district award ceremony etc. through his speech.



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# Forward Focused

In current status quo, students and teenagers around our nation are having mixed feelings when it comes to deciding what they want to do in life and the Covid pandemic has only made it worse.

The Leo Club of Royal College wishes to solve this problem through the initiative **"Forward Focused"**. We plan to conduct a series of online sessions where professionals from specified fields will talk and motivate our students, clearing their mind of any doubts they had.

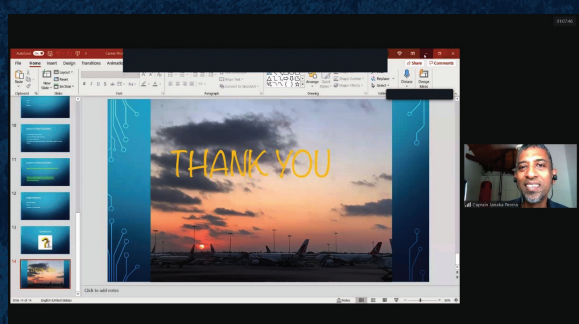
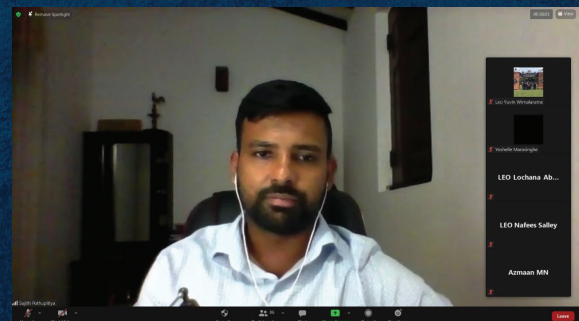
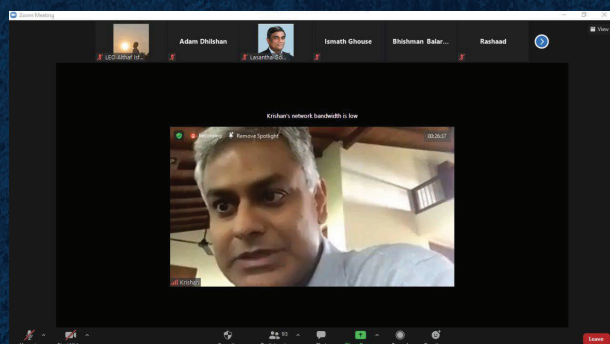
This project would allow our students to understand their goals and wants in life more clearly, making it much simpler for them to make these crucial decisions.

The project was done in partnership with the **Lanka Lions Foundation**.

The Project Started off with a workshop on **"How to Choose a Career Path"** by **Mr. Farill Farook, Speaker, Coach, Marketing Consultant and Business Psychologist**.

The Second Phase was a Workshop on specified Career Paths. **The Business Management** workshop was conducted by **Mr. Krishan Balendran, Chairman at John Keells Group**. The **Software Engineering** workshop was conducted by **Mr. Sajitha Pothupitiya, Director at Dimensions IT (Pvt.) Ltd**. The **Aviation** workshop was conducted by **Captain Janaka Perera, Airline Captain at Sri Lankan Airlines**. Finally, the **Military** workshop was conducted by **Brigadier Kapila Dolage, Director Training at Army Headquarters**.

Overall the project was a massive success with participation of more than 60 for each workshop.



# Salvos'21

Salvos'21 was one of the LEO Club's largest and most widespread projects conducted, gathering participants from all ages, ethnicities, genders and backgrounds. Participants from all around Sri Lanka participated in this fun Quiz. Factoring around the statistic that thousands of people die every year due to the bad decisions they make in a situation of crisis, "Salvos" is a series of online quizzes that is based upon questions on a certain circumstance and will be marked accordingly.

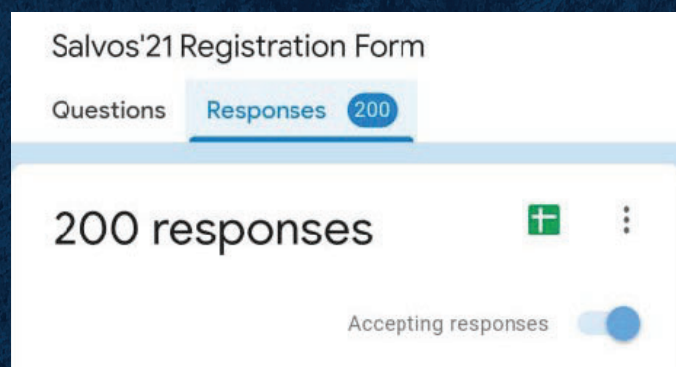
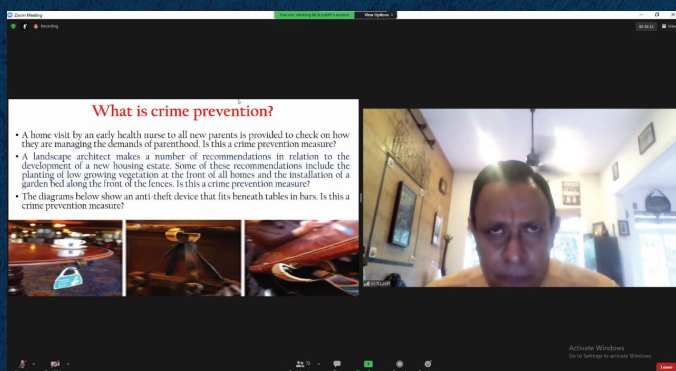
The project started off with a workshop regarding Crime Management and Prevention, conducted by retired Senior Dig M. R. Latheef, which was held on the 8th of August.

The quizzes that followed are the Natural Disasters and Survival quiz, the Disease Prevention and Quarantine Life quiz and finally the Crime Management and Prevention quiz.

Overall the project was a success, we received 202 responses for our registration. We also had a considerable amount of participants for each individual quiz, with the Natural Disasters and Survival quiz receiving 114 participants, the Disease Prevention and Quarantine Life quiz receiving 82 participants and the Crime Management and Prevention quiz receiving 72 participants.

We also received a considerable amount of participation for the Crime Management and Prevention Workshop, which garnered 74 participants.

Category winners were awarded a set of Logitech H111 headphones. The Overall Winner received a set of JBL Tune 500BT headphones.



# UPCOMING PROJECTS

**'Expanding the Family'** is an Initiative taken to increase the Leo Member base in Sri Lanka by promoting the value and importance of being a Leo while showing the Experience, Opportunities and Exposure that can be gained by being a Leo. This project will be done in Collaboration with the Lions Club of Colombo Mid City.

# EXPANDING THE FAMILY

## INTERNATIONAL LEO DEBATE

**"International LEO Debate"** in collaboration with the Debaters' Council of Royal College will bring the opportunity for just that. Focusing on an international spectrum, we'll be contacting LEO Clubs from all around Sri Lanka and the world to participate in the tournament. The tournament will be judged and the topics would be given by past Debaters and the Debater's Council.



**Lions Clubs International**

**Where  
there's a need,  
there's a Lion.**

Join us. Serve those in need.  
Build friendships. Be a leader.

Lions Club International (LCI) is the world's largest Service Organization with over 4500 clubs and more than 1.4 million members in 250 countries around the world. Its headquarters is located in Oak Brook, Illinois, Chicago, United States.

When you become a Lion, you become part of a global network of volunteers working together to make a difference. Here are just a few of the great benefits you can expect.

- 01. Join a Community of Good**
- 02. Put Leadership Skills into Action**
- 03. Access a Global Support System**
- 04. Experience the Feeling of Service**

# LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

The Largest Volunteer  
Organization in the world

While each Lions club has its own service focus, there are five global causes of particular interest around the world. These are areas of need identified, and voted on, by members and supported by our association and foundation.

- 01. Diabetes**
- 02. Vision**
- 03. Hunger**
- 04. Environment**
- 05. Childhood Cancer**

## VISION

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

## MISSION

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

# LEO CLUBS

The Youth Wing of the  
Lions Club International

**"Leadership, Experience, Opportunity."**

That's what makes a Leo. As the youngest members of Lions Clubs International, Leos embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership — one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and where Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who've successfully served the world for decades.

**7,200+**  
Clubs  
Worldwide

**140,000+**  
Leos

**150+**  
Countries &  
Territories

**30,000**  
Service Projects  
2019-2020

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# EDITOR'S NOTE

*"Where there is Unity,  
There is Victory"*

I hope you all enjoyed the Inaugural Edition of **The LEO Journal**, the Monthly Newsletter of the **LEO Club of Royal College**. It is with immense pleasure and honour I take over the responsibility of being the Editor of the first ever Newsletter published by our club.

I would make this a great opportunity to thank our Club President Leo Youshelle Marasinghe for giving me the opportunity to lead the editorial team of The LEO Journal. I am also grateful towards our Staff Advisor Lion Riyaz Aluher and Lions Advisor PDG Lion Dr. Lasantha Gunawardena for guiding us and giving all of their support to make this newsletter come to life. And also I would take this moment to thank all the Main Contributors who helped in numerous ways to make this exceptional.



**LEO CHENUKA ELWITIGALA,**  
**EDITOR - IN CHIEF**  
**THE LEO JOURNAL**

Carrying out club projects during this pandemic time-frame through the Online Paradigm for a club like us who is always physically engaged in Service Projects was really a tough nut to crack. But together as a team we worked tirelessly to still leave a mark behind, even through the Online Platforms. **"Where there is Unity, there is Victory"**. Our team always thought out of the box to come up with exceptional project ideas that can be carried out these times. All showcased in this Issue of the Monthly Newsletter is the Story of the Success. We hope to make an impact through our future projects as well.

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