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2nd Nominee: Rotaract Club of Advance Tertiary College [WINNER]

Name of Project	Survivors Only
Brief Description of the Project	This project is mainly to allow participants to learn the basic survival skills in today's modern world. Participation is in groups of four, and each group must go through a series of 5 stations where they learn and carry out different skills each time. It involves teaching participants how to change tires, building a tent out of simple tools, using a map to figure out a route, using herbs as a means of medicine and how to use the first aid kit. At each station, the participants are timed and when the time is up, they move on to the next station. They are also judged by a point system created by the invigilators, where their efficiency and skill in completing the tasks on time are taken into account. In the end, the three teams with the highest points received wins.
Date of Project	11 January 2015
Duration of the Project	One-time activity
Alignment with Rotaract Goals	Develop professional and leadership skills The main aim of the project is to develop survival skills of participants, allowing them to understand what it takes to deal with certain unforeseen situations. This also allows the participants to develop as individuals, to be leaders and to act in line with certain unprecedented circumstances. For instance, the stations are changing punctured tires, building a tent out of simple tools, using a map to figure out a route, using herbs as a means of medicine and how to use the first aid kit. All of these develop a person's professional skills and allows for development of the individual. Furthermore, time restraints are set for each team to complete their stations. This develops their professional skills in time management.
Impact and Sustainability	The project allows participants to learn about something that most of us should know, yet do not. This impacts the participants as it shows that the most basic skill sometimes passes us by in this day and age. Furthermore, learning these basic survival skills isn't difficult, and this makes it easier in terms of sustainability. Sustainable skills shouldn't be difficult to learn. It should be easy to remember and as basic as possible. This project fulfils this requirement, as it teaches the participants the very basic requirements of survival. This is easy to learn and hence allows participants remember is well to educate others too.
Percentage of Members from the Club Involved in Organising the Project	26% - 50%
Collaboration with Interactors, Rotarians and Rotaractors from Other Clubs	There was no collaboration with other Clubs for this project. However, we did receive immense support in terms of participation.
Participation from Interactors, Rotarians and	There were participation from other Rotaract clubs, with a total of 19 teams, with 4 participants in each team. Rotarians also attended the event, such as DRC Johnson Pang and PP Mike Yee from the Rotary Club of Ampang. Most of the participation was from Rotaractors from various clubs in the district.

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Rotaractors from Other Clubs	
Participation of members of the public	There were participation from other Rotaract clubs, with a total of 19 teams, with 4 participants in each team. Rotarians also attended the event, such as DRC Johnson Pang and PP Mike Yee from the Rotary Club of Ampang. Most of the participation was from Rotaractors from various clubs in the district.
Innovation and Creativity	Since RAC ATC is an institution based club, some participants were college students, being members of the public. However, most participants were rotaractors in the district.
Overall Impact of the Project	This particular project can be regarded as one of those that is creative and innovative as it doesn't only succeed in teaching the participants the very essence of modern survival skills both physically and psychologically, but in a most fathomable and interactive approach which embodies enjoyment as well necessary informative knowledge through hands on experience. We managed to combine a total 5 sets of rudimentary modern survival skills in this project, notably, tyre-changing, first-aid skills, setting up tents, navigation, herbs knowledge. These activities were conducted in a most interactive way to ensure that our participants manage to grasp the very essence of the specific skills in a most concise manner. The interplay of these activities certainly gave its result in a utmost beneficial manner to our participants.
Links to photos and website	https://www.facebook.com/liqun.low/media_set?set=a.10155072238060137.531742856&type=3

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1st Nominee: Rotaract Club of Sunway University

Name of Project	Bargain Wagon
Brief Description of the Project	<p>The event, Bargain Wagon is an event where private vendors were invited to sell their collection of items to the public; those whom are which the students and teachers of Sunway University. The vendors were required to pay a certain amount to get a booth to sell their items during the event.</p> <p>The event was held for two days, on the 10th and 11th of November 2015.</p> <p>The primary objectives of this event are to raise funds for Rotaract Club of Sunway University (Provisional) and promote entrepreneurship among young adults through rent collection from young vendors and giving them a platform conduct business.</p> <p>The vendors that were invited are Trendybellaz.com , Style In, Bash and Dazzling lovers. Besides that, A booth from our very own Rotaract Club of Sunway University was set up, as a Funding project to also raise funds for the club.</p> <p>In Conjunction with our community service project, Project Gratitude, a booth was set up to raise funds and collect items for a chosen Orphanage home. Also in conjunction with our International Service project, Stop Animal Abuse, a booth was set up for the organisation PAWS, to sell items as well as collect donations for the welfare of the animal shelter.</p>
Date of Project	10 November 2014
Duration of the Project	One-time activity
Alignment with Rotaract Goals	<p>Develop professional and leadership skills</p> <p>Rotaractors were in contact with the vendors, as well as negotiating the prices of the booth for the vendors. They were also required to strategically plan where the booths were to be set up, to gain maximum crowd attention. Rotaractors also designed posters, fliers as well as set up an event page on social media as a publicity motive.</p>
Impact and Sustainability	This project had a good impact on the Rotaractors of our club, as well as the students of Sunway University. Bargain Wagon has created a lot of awareness among students about the existence of a Rotaract Club. Sustaining the project will be easy as not much hand-on preparation is needed
Percentage of Members from the Club Involved in Organising the Project	1% - 25%
Collaboration with Interactors, Rotarians and Rotaractors from Other Clubs	No, we did not collaborate
Participation from Interactors, Rotarians and Rotaractors from Other Clubs	No, we did not collaborate
Participation of members of the public	Members of the public were the students and teachers of Sunway University, who were involved in taking notice of the items on sale, as well as purchasing the items.
Innovation and Creativity	This type of project has not been introduced to Sunway University in

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	the recent years. It also acts as a platform to promote awareness on the Rotaract Club and to help with other rotaract projects. This project was like a 3-in-1 project.
Overall Impact of the Project	Rotaractors of the Rptaract Club of Sunway University are students, who are very well accustomed to a classroom environment. This project allowed us student rotaractors to get into the 'event managing' world and have hands on experience dealing and bargaining with vendors, as well as learning how to deal with different personalities and overcome challenges.
Links to photos and website	http://tinypic.com/r/mac7s5/8

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3rd Nominee: Rotaract Club of Bangsar

Name of Project	Debate Tournament 2015
Brief Description of the Project	The Debate Tournament 2015, a 2-day event in April, followed the Asian-Parliamentary debating style. A total of 12 teams participated, giving a total of 36 participants, who were mostly students ranging from 16-25 years of age. The 1st prize was RM450, 2nd -RM300 and 3rd -RM150, and we also had 10 Best Speakers and participation certificates for all. On Day 1, debaters were given the unique opportunity to debate 3 rounds without being eliminated. Also, each debater was given valuable feedback by the respective adjudicator hence polishing their skills further. Eight of the 12 teams (66%) proceeded to the quarter finals on Day 2. The topics given to the teams were very relevant at that time. Example 'GST Needs A Trial Period'. Another interesting topic was 'Hudud Law Should Be Implemented To Non-Muslims'. Although this may seem as a controversial topic, the points discussed were not offensive but rather educative to the audience present. On the final day, Member of Parliament YB Tony Pua graced the event, and the students, audience and members were inspired by his speech. The objective of the tournament was to provide a common platform for debaters of different qualifications allowing young debaters to learn from their seniors. The event encouraged sharing of ideas in light of critical issues while developing critical thinking. The volunteers and members of Rotaract learnt greatly about debating, spread the word about Rotaract and were inspired to adopt purposeful speech.
Date of Project	4 April 2015
Duration of the Project	One-time activity
Alignment with Rotaract Goals	<p>Provide opportunities for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and our world</p> <p>"This debate tournament aligns with the aforementioned Rotaract goal for two important reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Debating itself is a skill that gives youth the opportunity to address needs and concerns in our community and the World. Debating makes people smarter as reading, writing and researching are its core parts. Thereby, making the community better prepared to address its needs. It is extremely important to our (all the people of Earth's) existence as a civilized world. Speaking about issues and figuring out prospective solutions is key to make the World go round. It is important to note that debating is a method used for millennia as a way of passing on and changing cultural norms, laws and even mindsets. To address the needs and concerns of the community, one needs to be able to clearly articulate their point of view and demonstrate the value their opinion holds. Speaking about one's ideas could lead to great innovations in a workplace, sustainable developments, better sanitation in rural areas etc. 2. The topics given in the tournament were based on recent changes in Malaysia hence providing the opportunity for young people to address the needs and concerns of the community and World with confidence while presenting their ideas in a logical manner. "
Impact and Sustainability	The impact of the Debate Tournament was wide, in the sense that there was a two-way impact. The debates, along with the debaters and adjudicators, gave us, the members of RAC Bangsar, volunteers from other Rotaract clubs and audiences, an opportunity to learn about a new skill. On the other hand, the voluntary work of RAC Bangsar impacted the debaters and others to join NGOs, especially

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	<p>youth based organisations such as the Rotaract clubs.</p> <p>As discussed in the previous section, the impact of debating cannot be explained in a few words and is a skill that is necessary to be applied in everyday situations. As Takia Wicks put it, debate teaches you how to think outside of the box, and how to stand up for yourself without resorting to violence.</p> <p>In the future, RAC Bangsar aims to organise more speaking competitions, such as a Public Speaking Tournament, either by itself or by pairing up with other Rotaract clubs. Brickfields Asia College, BAC, which was our venue, has also approached us for future combined community service projects. The concept of a Rotaract club was also spread in BAC."</p>
Percentage of Members from the Club Involved in Organising the Project	51% to 75%
Collaboration with Interactors, Rotarians and Rotaractors from Other Clubs	This was not a joint project with another Rotaract/ Interact/Rotary club, however there were volunteers from other Rotaract clubs to help over the 2 days.
Participation from Interactors, Rotarians and Rotaractors from Other Clubs	Two interact clubs sent one team each for participation. That is, 3 students from each school. One of the schools was SMK Assunta. Rotaract clubs of SEGi university and Sunway university volunteered to help over the 2 day event. There was also an adjudicator from the interest group of Rotaract Club of Sentul. The president of Rotary Club of Bangsar was present to hand-out the participation certificates to all the participants.
Participation of members of the public	All of the participants, i.e. debaters, were members of the public. Some of the teams were also from other states, not just KL, such as Terengganu. The adjudicators and the audience were also members of the public. That is, there were 30 participants and 10 adjudicators who did not belong to any Rotaract/ Interact/ Rotary Clubs.
Innovation and Creativity	The Debate Tournament 2015 was an idea that stem from the original idea of hosting a public speaking competition. RAC Bangsar then decided to host an event that brought out team working skills. Debating is an art that is hard to perfect and needs consistent practice. In this tournament after the topic for each round was released, participants were given 30 minutes time to prepare for their points. However, they were not allowed to use any gadgets or WiFi to 'search' for any points. Yet, all of the teams were able to put forth some very innovative and critical points. This project is innovative because it forced innovation from the participants and from the adjudicators. For each round the judges played a video that was relevant to the topics before it was released. Hence, the adjudicators had to think of very creative topics and also innovative ways of releasing the topics. This project also made the members of RAC Bangsar innovative as debate tournaments are not out of the norm, but debate tournaments that give opportunities to very experienced student debaters to become adjudicators and allow the youth to meet icons such as YB Tony Pua are innovative.
Overall Impact of the Project	As per the definition of a project that deserves this award, the Debate Tournament 2015 expanded the members' understanding of a new work environment. Such as that of a lawyer, where a lawyer needs to have continuous critical thinking and logical speaking skills. One of the adjudicators for this event was a criminal lawyer and because of that the members of RAC Bangsar and the participants got an insight

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	<p>into her job scope.</p> <p>Debating gives opportunities for other business/work opportunities such as that of a teacher. Preparing lecture material requires to have wide knowledge while to deliver the lecture one needs to be concise and use appropriate language to enable the entire class of students to understand.</p> <p>In this sense, this project promoted the need to respect and recognise the value of useful occupations, related to purposeful speech, as opportunities to serve. I can say with guarantee that this event improved the member's personal, social and leadership skills as RAC Bangsar was the sole organiser of the event and each member of the club had a particular job, such as communicating with the adjudicators or sponsors, to do regardless of their presence on the day of the event."</p>
Links to photos and website	<p>"An event page was created for this event. Some of the photos shot during the event have been posted on this page: https://www.facebook.com/events/621109547989146/"</p>