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**BLACK PANTHER**

# MESSAGE FROM THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

## *Lead for a Change: Inspiring a New Era of Leoism in 2026/27*

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings and convey my message for the Club magazine of the Leo Club of Kalubowila.

As the Multiple District President of Leo Multiple District 306 Sri Lanka and Maldives for the Leoistic Year 2026/27, I am deeply honored and humbled to serve this remarkable movement under the theme “Lead for a Change.” This theme represents a commitment to inspire transformation within ourselves, our clubs, and the communities we proudly serve. Our vision for this year is to standardize the Leo community while bringing innovation, inspiration, and a renewed sense of purpose to create meaningful change.

In a world that continues to evolve, the role of Leos must evolve as well. Our service should go beyond short-term initiatives and focus on creating sustainable solutions that address real community needs. Every Leo has the potential to become a change-maker by identifying challenges, embracing creativity, and implementing impactful projects that empower communities and create a lasting difference.

The strength of Leo Multiple District 306 lies in our unity and diversity. Through collaboration among districts, clubs, and members across Sri Lanka and the Maldives, we can build a stronger, more connected Leo family. By sharing knowledge, encouraging innovation, and embracing new opportunities, we can elevate the Leo movement to greater heights.

Throughout this year, our leadership will be guided by integrity, accountability, empathy, and adaptability. True leadership is not defined by a title, but by the ability to inspire, influence, and serve others with dedication. I encourage every Leo to step forward with confidence, explore new possibilities, and lead initiatives that create positive change.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Leo Club of Kalubowila for their exceptional commitment and inspiring service to the community. Your dedication represents the true spirit of Leoism. I wish all past, present, and future Leos continued success, growth, and fulfillment as you continue building a legacy of service.

“Lead for a Change”

Yours in Service,

Leo Nisal Dulmith FLM  
Multiple District President  
Leo Multiple District 306, Sri Lanka and Maldives



# MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Dear Leos of the Leo Club of Kalubowila,

It is my great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to the Leo Club of Kalubowila on the publication of Leo Insider.

A publication like this is more than a collection of stories and memories. It is a reflection of the dedication, creativity, teamwork, and spirit of service that define your Leoistic journey. Through Leo Insider, may you continue to celebrate your achievements, share your experiences, and inspire one another to reach greater heights.

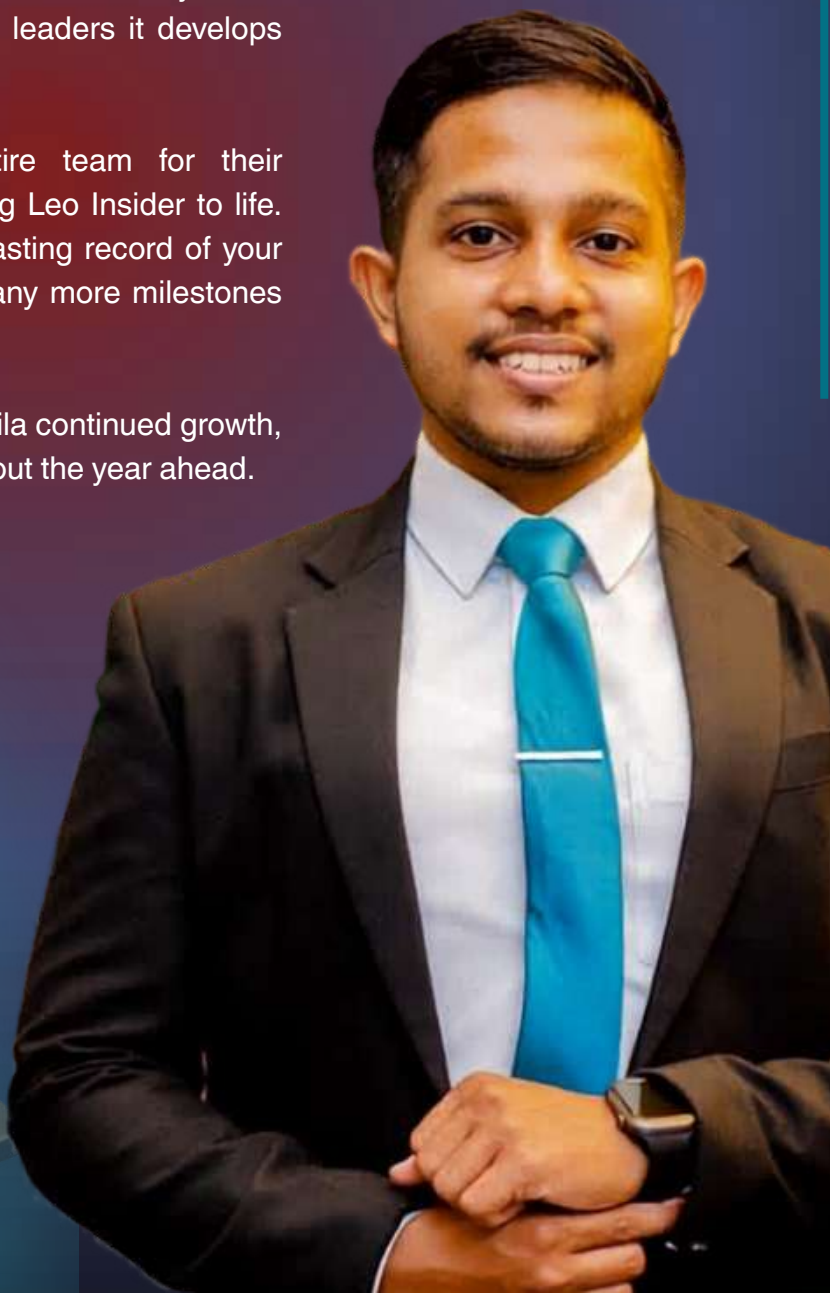
As we move forward into another exciting Leoistic year, I encourage each member to embrace new challenges, create meaningful opportunities, and continue making a positive difference in the lives of others. The strength of a Leo club lies not only in the projects it carries out, but in the leaders it develops and the impact it leaves behind.

I sincerely commend the entire team for their commitment and effort in bringing Leo Insider to life. May this publication become a lasting record of your journey and an inspiration for many more milestones to come.

Wishing the Leo Club of Kalubowila continued growth, success, and excellence throughout the year ahead.

United in Purpose,

Leo Lion Buddhika Abeynayaka  
District President  
Leo District 306 D2



# MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

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Dear Leos,

Leadership has never been about the title written beside your name. A title can give you a position, but it cannot give you purpose. It can place you in a seat, but it cannot give you the courage to stand when standing matters.

As I begin this journey as the President of the Leo Club of Kalubowila, I carry one belief above all positions are temporary, but the impact we create is lasting.

My theme for this year, BEEYOND Titles, is a call to look beyond the labels we carry and focus on what truly defines us ,our actions, our character, our courage, and our willingness to take responsibility.

We often wait for the right position, the right moment, or someone to give us the authority to act. But leadership does not always come with permission. Sometimes, it begins with simply recognising what needs to be done and having the courage to do it.

Every member has the ability to see possibilities before they become realities. But seeing the possibility is only the beginning. The difference is made by those who dare to act on it.

This year, I do not want us to measure ourselves by the positions we hold or the recognition we receive. I want us to measure ourselves by the problems we solve, the people we uplift, the boundaries we break, and the difference we leave behind.

Let us challenge the ordinary. Let us question what can be better. Let us step forward when it is easier to step back. And above all, let us understand that leadership is not something that belongs to a title , it belongs to anyone willing to take responsibility for the future.

The journey ahead will not always be easy. There will be uncertainty, setbacks, and moments that test us. But I believe in what we can accomplish when we move with purpose, stand together, and refuse to be limited by the boundaries placed before us.

This year, let us not simply hold positions.

Let us hold ourselves accountable.

Let us not simply lead from the front.

Let us lead from within.

This is our opportunity to go further, think bigger, and leave something meaningful behind.

Beyond the title. Beyond the position.

Beyond expectations.

This is our year.

Yours in Service,

Leo Lion Savindi Dias

Club President (26/27)

Leo Club of Kalubowila



## *A New Web. A New Chapter. A New Adventure.*

Dear Readers,

Every new Leoistic Year is a chance to start a new chapter, create new memories, and leave a meaningful mark. And just like Spider-Man, we believe that with great power comes great responsibility.

Welcome to LEO INSIDER | Volume 07 | Issue 02, the first edition of our Leoistic Year 2026/27

As we begin this new journey at the Leo Club of Kalubowila, let's connect our strengths, weave new friendships, take on new challenges, and turn every opportunity into an impact.

This issue captures the people, moments, ideas, and spirit that make our Leo family what it is. So, put on your superhero mindset, turn the pages, and join us as we begin another extraordinary year of service, leadership, and friendship.

Our web is ready. Our mission begins. Are you ready to swing into a new year?

*With love & Leo spirit,*

Leo Janani Yashodhi  
Editorial Director (2026/27)  
Leo Club of Kalubowila





# BEHIND THE COVER PAGE

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## Brand New Day

Every new chapter begins with a moment of change which is a chance to leave behind what has been and step forward into what could be. For this edition of our newsletter, we wanted our cover to capture exactly that feeling. And what better character to represent a new beginning than Spider-Man?

The choice of Spider-Man goes beyond the iconic suit, the web-slinging, or the superhero image we all know. Behind the mask is a story of someone who constantly faces challenges, makes difficult choices, learns from his experiences, and still chooses to stand back up. His journey reminds us that being a hero is not about being perfect; it is about having the courage to keep going and the responsibility to use our abilities for something greater than ourselves.

That is where “Brand New Day” comes in.

A brand new day represents a fresh start, new opportunities, new challenges, new goals, and new possibilities. It reminds us that no matter what yesterday looked like, today gives us another opportunity to do better, dream bigger, and create something meaningful. In our own journey, every new chapter brings lessons from the past while opening the door to something new.

As a Leo Club, this idea holds a special meaning. Service is a journey of continuous growth. It is about stepping forward when someone needs help, working together when a challenge arises, and making a difference even through the smallest actions. Like Spider-Man, we may not always have all the answers, but we can choose to show up, take responsibility, and make a difference where we can.

With this cover, we wanted to celebrate that spirit, the excitement of starting fresh and the determination to make the most of what lies ahead. “Brand New Day” is not simply a theme; it is a mindset.

So, as you turn the pages of this edition, we invite you to look beyond the cover and discover the stories, memories, achievements, and moments that make this journey special.

Because every new chapter has a story waiting to be written.

And this one begins with a Brand New Day.  

# *Kandy Esala Perahera: Where Tradition Comes Alive*

Every year, when the month of Esala arrives, the historic city of Kandy transforms into a breathtaking celebration of faith, culture, and tradition. The Kandy Esala Perahera, also known as the Dalada Perahera, is one of Sri Lanka's most treasured cultural and religious festivals, centred around paying homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha at the Sri Dalada Maligawa.

The roots of the Perahera reach deep into Sri Lanka's history. The Sacred Tooth Relic was brought to Sri Lanka in the 4th century and eventually found its home in Kandy. Over centuries, the festival evolved into the grand procession we know today. During the reign of King Kirthi Sri Rajasinghe, the processions of the four Devalas were brought together with the Dalada procession, creating the five-part Perahera that continues today.

The spectacle itself is a celebration of Sri Lankan heritage. The streets come alive with Kandyan dancers, traditional drummers, fire performers, flag bearers and beautifully decorated elephants, creating a remarkable display of colour, rhythm and devotion. Leading the procession is the Maligawa Perahera, followed by the processions of Natha, Vishnu, Kataragama and Pattini Devalas.

Yet, beneath all the grandeur, the Perahera carries a deeper meaning. It represents the preservation of traditions passed from generation to generation and the coming together of communities through faith and culture. It is not simply a pageant to be watched, but a living tradition that continues to connect Sri Lanka's past with its present.

The 2026 Kandy Esala Perahera was held from 18 to 28 August, beginning with the Kumbal Perahera and progressing into the grand Randoli Perahera before concluding with the final rituals.

More than a procession, the Kandy Esala Perahera is a living story of Sri Lanka, where history walks through the streets, tradition beats to the rhythm of drums, and heritage continues to shine.

Leo Lion Savindi Dias  
LC of Kalubowila



# 8TH USA - CANADA LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM

**Nanjemoy, Maryland August 2026**

**The spirit of Leoism reached across borders this August as Leos from the United States and Canada gathered at Lions Camp Merrick in Nanjemoy, Maryland, for the 8th USA/Canada Leo Leadership & Service Forum.**

**Held from August 5 to 9, the forum created an immersive environment where young leaders could learn, connect, serve, and grow together. The programme focused on three key areas: leadership and teamwork, service and community engagement, and preparing the next generation of Leo leaders.**

**Throughout the forum, participants explored leadership styles and communication, developed skills for planning and executing service projects, strengthened public-speaking confidence, and built lasting relationships through teamwork.**

**More than a gathering, the forum represents what makes Leoism a global movement. Young people from different communities come together with different experiences and perspectives, yet share one common purpose to lead with purpose and serve with heart.**

***Leo Prabavee Rathnayake***



# WORLD SPOTLIGHT

## Youth: The Change Starts With Us International Youth Day | August 12

Young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow—we are the changemakers of today.

International Youth Day reminds us of the power, creativity, and potential of young people to build a better world. From volunteering and innovation to standing up for our communities, every young person can create meaningful change.

For us as Leos, this message is especially close to our hearts. Service, leadership, and fellowship allow us to turn our ideas into action and inspire others along the way.

 Leo Thought

**"We may be young, but our impact has no age limit."**

So, this International Youth Day, let's not wait for the future to make a difference.

Think. Serve. Lead. Inspire.  

# PRIDE OF OUR OWN LEOS

My Leo journey began as a Leo Prospect, stepping into a world I knew little about but was eager to explore. What started as a simple opportunity to be part of something meaningful gradually became a journey filled with new experiences, friendships, challenges, and countless lessons.

From those first days as a prospect to becoming a Club Director, every step has shaped the person and Leo I am today. Being part of the club has given me opportunities to step outside my comfort zone, work with different people, take responsibility, and discover strengths I never knew I had.

The journey has not always been easy. There were moments of uncertainty, challenges that tested my confidence, and situations that pushed me to grow. But each experience taught me something valuable and reminded me that leadership is not about having all the answers it is about being willing to learn, contribute, and keep moving forward.

Today, as a Club Director, I see this not simply as a position, but as another opportunity to give back to the club that has given me so much. From joining as a prospect to taking on a leadership role, my journey continues to be a reminder that every beginning has the potential to become something greater.

The journey started with a prospect badge, but it continues with a purpose.

Leo Prabodha Udani





# ORCENZA'26

NAVIGATING TIDES WITH APEX STRENGTH

The Leo Club of Kalubowila proudly welcomed the Leoistic Year 2026/27 with its Installation Ceremony, ORCENZA '26, held on 22 August 2026 at the K. A. Munasingha Hall, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

The memorable occasion was graced by Leo Lion Buddhika Abeynayake, District President of Leo District 306 D2, as the Chief Guest, while Leo Lion Thameera Dananjaya, Immediate Past District President of Leo District 306 D2, joined as the Guest of Honour. The event was further honoured by Leo Lion Kesari Senevirathne, Past Multiple District President of Leo Multiple District 306, Sri Lanka & Maldives, as the Special Guest.

Marking the beginning of a new chapter, Leo Lion Savindi Dias assumed office as the Club President, supported by Leo Lion Danushi Gunasinghe, Leo Bihanga Nethsith, and Leo Sanoli Senevirathne as the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice Presidents, respectively.

The new administrative team is strengthened by Leo Thinesa Welagedara as Club Secretary, Leo Inuri Hasanga as Assistant Secretary, Leo Nethan Jayawickrama as Club Treasurer, and Leo Nethmi Kulatilleke as the Assistant Treasurer. Bringing creativity and stories to the forefront are Leo Imalsha Apsari, Chief Editor, and Leo Janani Yashodhi, Editorial Director. Driving the club's service initiatives are Project Directors Leo Salisa De Silva, Leo Prabodha Udani, Leo Utthara Jayasundara, and Leo Suhelee Senadheera.

With a new team, fresh ideas, and a shared commitment to service, ORCENZA '26 marked more than a change of leadership, it marked the beginning of a new journey.

# ORCENZA26'

NAVIGATING TIDES WITH APEX STRENGTH



Official Club Logo



# THE COURAGE TO BEGIN

There will always be a reason  
To wait for another day,  
To wait for someone else to lead,  
To wait until the fear fades away.

But change has never waited,  
And dreams were never made by doubt;  
Sometimes all that leadership needs  
Is one brave step out

You may not have the answer,  
You may not know the way,  
But courage is choosing to begin  
When certainty says, "Not today."

Do not wait for the title.  
Do not wait for the moment.  
Be the reason the moment begins

Leo Mihisarani Karunarathne  
LC of USJ



## *A New Eye on the Universe*

On 30 August 2026, NASA successfully launched the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy from Florida, opening a new chapter in humanity's exploration of the universe. The \$4.3 billion observatory will travel to a point around 1.5 million kilometres from Earth, where it will begin studying some of the biggest mysteries in modern astronomy.

Named after NASA's first chief astronomer, Roman is designed to complement the achievements of the Hubble and James Webb Space Telescopes. Its greatest advantage is its enormous field of view: it can survey areas of the sky far more rapidly than Hubble, helping scientists map billions of galaxies and investigate dark matter, dark energy, and planets beyond our Solar System.

What makes the mission particularly exciting is that Roman is not simply looking farther into space it is helping scientists ask bigger questions. Why is the universe expanding at an accelerating rate? How are galaxies formed? How common are planets around other stars? And what might we discover in the vast regions of space we have never been able to survey in such detail?

Roman is expected to operate for at least five years, with its first scientific images anticipated after its journey and commissioning phase. Its discoveries could reshape our understanding of the universe and provide targets for future telescopes to investigate in greater detail. Sometimes, looking forward means looking beyond what we already know. And right now, humanity is doing exactly that.



# DEAR DIARY

When I first entered the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, I knew I didn't want to fit into the conventional mold of a typical state university undergraduate. I wanted to build an outgoing personality, push my boundaries, and step into experiences that would truly challenge me. To take that very first step, I chose the Leo Club of University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Joining the club in 2023 opened doors I never anticipated. From the very beginning, Leoism gave me a platform to share my own ideas, sharpen my skills, and experiment without the fear of failure. It became a playground for personal growth, a space where every initiative brought invaluable hands on experience and every challenge helped me evolve.

The turning point of my journey came in 2025, when I was appointed as a Director of the Leo Club of USJ. That year stands out as the most fulfilling and memorable chapter of my Leo life. It was during this period that my perspective on leadership completely transformed. I realized that true leadership isn't about standing in the spotlight yourself, it is about creating space for others to step into it. Watching fellow members grow, take initiative, and shine through the opportunities I helped provide became the most precious reward I could ever gain.

Today, as I continue my journey as the Vice President of the Leo Lions Club of Colombo USJ Alumni, I look back with deep gratitude. Leoism gave me the ultimate platform to try new things, step out of my comfort zone, and build lifelong connections with incredible people. More than anything, it taught me that when you lift others up, you truly find yourself.

*Leo Lion Pasan Katugampala*



# PAINT O'CLOCK

By Leo

## Colours, Quiet Moments, and Me 🎨

There is something special about sitting down with a paintbrush in my hand and a few colours in front of me. For a little while, everything else becomes quieter. I can forget about yesterday and tomorrow and simply enjoy the little world in front of me, a blank page, colours, and the happiness of creating something.

Painting is one of my favourite hobbies. I would not call myself an artist who can create everything perfectly from imagination. Sometimes, I find a picture that inspires me and try to paint it in my own way. Other times, I experiment with colours, shapes, and little ideas that come to mind. For me, painting has never been about perfection. It is about enjoying the process.

I especially love choosing and mixing colours. Sometimes I know exactly what I want, while other times I simply mix colours and see what happens. There is something exciting about watching a blank page slowly turn into a picture.

Of course, not every painting turns out perfectly. Sometimes a colour is too dark or a line goes wrong. But those little mistakes have taught me that everything does not have to be perfect to be beautiful.

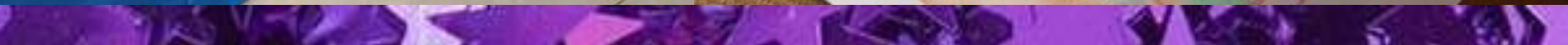
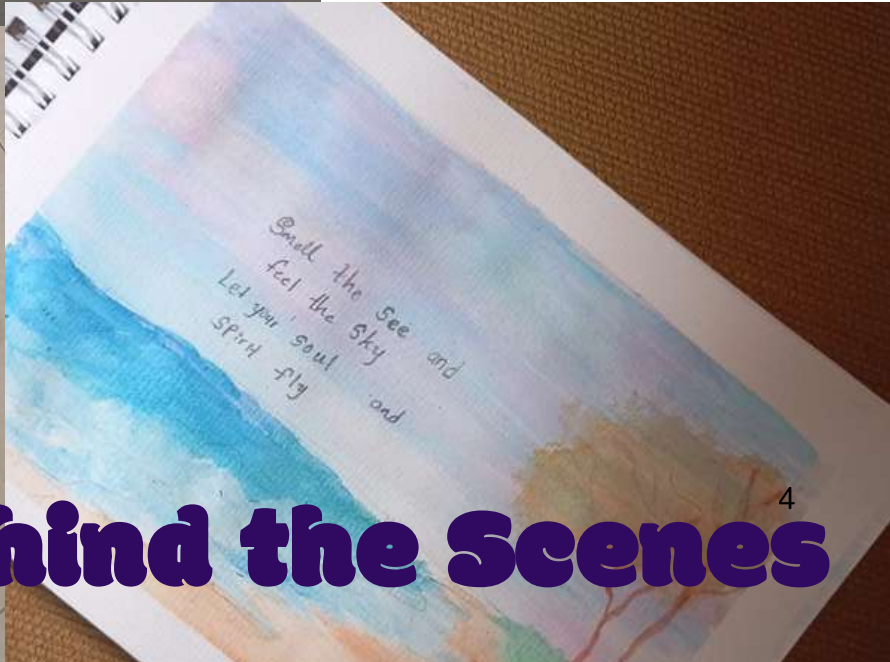
Painting gives me a quiet happiness that is hard to explain. On busy or difficult days, it gives my mind a peaceful place to rest. A quiet room, some music, a paintbrush, and colours slowly appearing on paper can make an ordinary day feel special.

Maybe one day I will become better at painting, or maybe I will always paint pictures that inspire me. Either way, I hope I never lose the simple joy of picking up a paintbrush.

Because for me, painting is more than a hobby.

It is a little pause from the world, a little space for creativity.

\* Leo Suhelee Kavithma  
Leo Club of Kalubowila



# LEOISM ?



A strong Leo-related article for your newsletter could be about why Leoism matters in today's world, especially leadership, service, and youth empowerment. Lions International describes Leoism around Leadership, Experience and Opportunity, with Leos serving as young changemakers through community projects.

## More Than a Volunteer: The Making of a Leo

In a world that is constantly changing, young people are often told that they are the leaders of tomorrow. But Leoism challenges that idea.

We are not leaders of tomorrow. We are capable of creating change today.

Being a Leo is more than participating in service projects or wearing the Leo emblem. It is about discovering what we are capable of when we choose to step forward. Every project, every challenge, every meeting, and every person we work with becomes part of an experience that shapes who we become.

The true strength of Leoism lies in its ability to turn ideas into action. A simple thought can become a project. A group of young people can become a force for change. And one small act of service can create an impact far beyond what we initially imagine.

Leadership in Leoism is not limited to holding a position. It is found in the member who takes the first step, the volunteer who stays until the work is done, the person who speaks up with a new idea, and the one who quietly makes sure nobody is left behind.

That is why Leoism is built around Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity. These are not simply words associated with the programme; they are opportunities to grow through real experiences while serving real communities.

As young people, we have the ability to see possibilities differently. We bring fresh ideas, new perspectives, and the courage to question what has always been done. But that potential becomes meaningful only when we choose to act.

So, being a Leo is not simply about asking, "What can I do?"

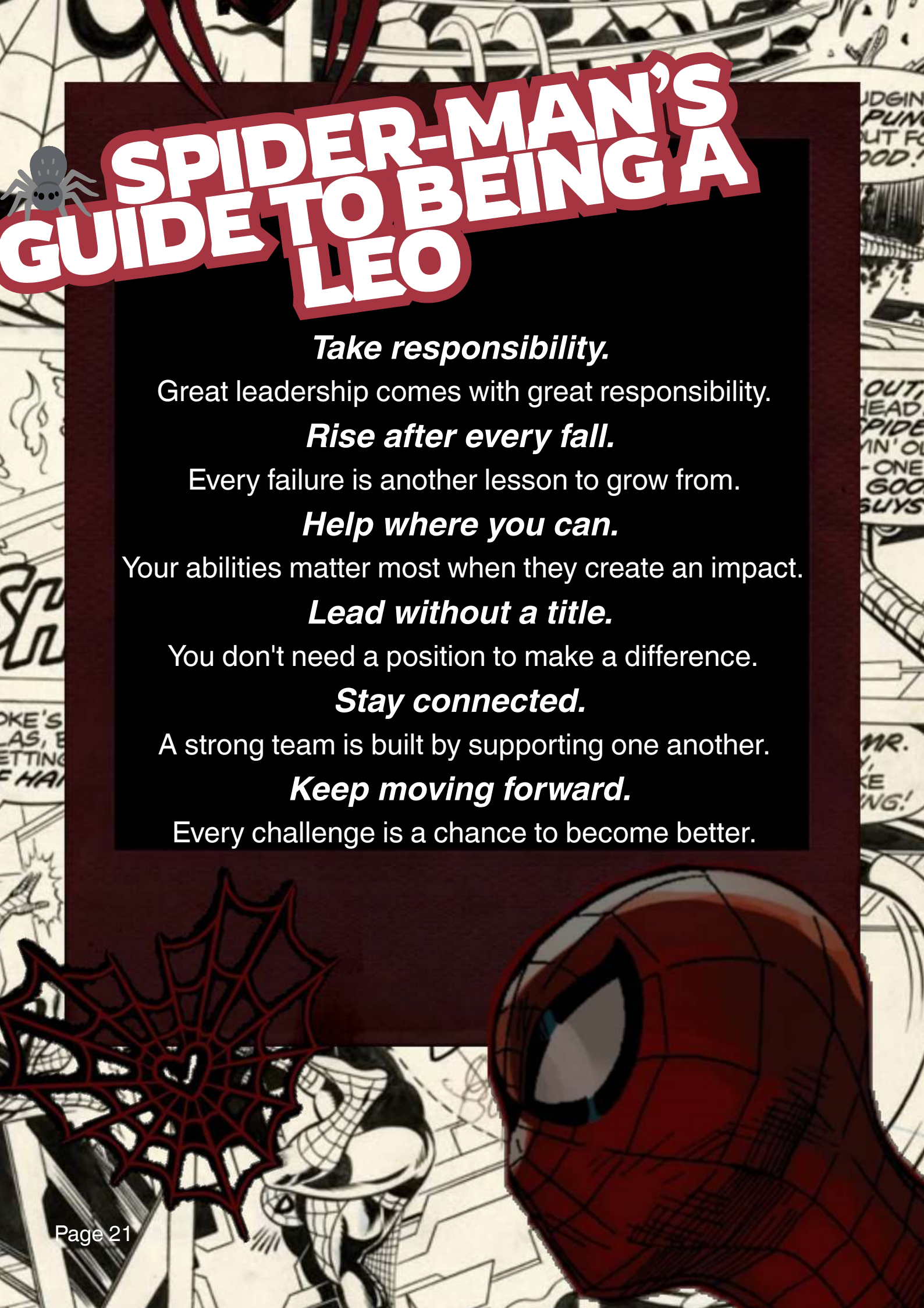
It is about asking,

"What can I change?"

And then having the courage to begin.

Because service may be where the journey starts but the person you become along the way is the real impact.

Leo Nathan Jayawickrama  
LC of Kalubowila



# **SPIDER-MAN'S GUIDE TO BEING A LEO**

***Take responsibility.***

Great leadership comes with great responsibility.

***Rise after every fall.***

Every failure is another lesson to grow from.

***Help where you can.***

Your abilities matter most when they create an impact.

***Lead without a title.***

You don't need a position to make a difference.

***Stay connected.***

A strong team is built by supporting one another.

***Keep moving forward.***

Every challenge is a chance to become better.

# Across the Leo Network

## A New Chapter Begins: The 49th Multiple District Installation

On 29 August 2026, the Leo family of Sri Lanka and the Maldives came together at the University of Colombo, New Arts Theatre for a momentous occasion, the 49th Multiple District Installation of Leo Multiple District 306 Sri Lanka & Maldives.

The ceremony marked more than the formal beginning of a new Leostic year. It was a celebration of leadership, service, fellowship, and the enduring spirit that connects Leos across the island and beyond. As one chapter came to a close, another began with fresh aspirations, renewed energy, and a shared commitment to serve communities and empower young leaders.

An installation is always a moment of transition. It is where responsibility is passed forward, new leaders step up, and countless possibilities begin to take shape. The 49th installation stood as a reminder that leadership in Leoism is not simply about holding a position, but about accepting the responsibility to inspire others, create meaningful change, and leave a positive impact through service.

With the new Leostic year now underway, the Leo Multiple District 306 family looks ahead with determination and enthusiasm. New challenges await, new friendships will be formed, and new stories of service will be written.

Here's to a new year of leadership, service, fellowship, and making a difference together.

The 49th chapter has begun..

*Leo Lion Savindi Dias*



# Leo Club of University of Sri Jayewardenepura Across the Leo Network

## Shatranj 2026 – Celebrating International Chess Day Through Innovation

In celebration of International Chess Day 2026, the Leo Club of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura proudly organized Shatranj 2026, an online chess tournament held on 19th July 2026. The project was designed to promote strategic thinking, healthy competition, and fellowship among members of the Leo movement while commemorating the global significance of chess.

One of the unique highlights of Shatranj 2026 was the development of a custom online chess tournament platform by the club's IT Crew. Rather than relying on existing tournament management systems, the team successfully designed and implemented its own platform to handle participant registration, tournament coordination, and match administration. This achievement showcased the technical capabilities and innovative spirit of the club while providing participants with a smooth and organized competition experience. The tournament attracted 41 participants, bringing together enthusiastic chess players from Leo District 306 D2 clubs. Throughout the event, competitors demonstrated exceptional strategic thinking, concentration, and sportsmanship, making every round both exciting and competitive.

After several challenging rounds, the tournament concluded with outstanding performances from the winners:

🏆 Winner: Asindu Dilsara

🥈 1st Runner-Up: Menura Basitha

Beyond the competition itself, Shatranj 2026 reflected the club's commitment to combining technology with meaningful service initiatives. By developing its own digital platform and successfully organizing the event, the project provided members with opportunities to enhance their technical, organizational, and leadership skills while fostering stronger connections within the Leo community.

The Leo Club of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura extends its sincere appreciation to all participants, organizers, the IT Crew, and everyone who contributed to the success of Shatranj 2026. Their dedication and teamwork transformed the celebration of International Chess Day into a memorable and impactful event.

Every move counted, every strategy mattered, and every participant contributed to making Shatranj 2026 a remarkable success.



# Leo Club of Raththanapitiya

## Across the Leo Network



SIHINA MANTHEERUWA – THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS

On the 19th of August at 4.00 PM, an inspiring relaxation session titled "සිහින මන්දිරය" took place at the Indira Cancer Trust, initiated and executed by the Leo Club of Raththanapitiya alongside dedicated volunteer friends.

The project focused on emotional rehabilitation for over 15 brave children under the age of 18 undergoing cancer treatment. Beyond the harsh reality of medical routines, hospital rooms often lack the warmth and color that childhood so rightfully deserves. Recognizing this need, our team transformed the quiet halls of the facility into a vibrant haven of laughter, imagination, and comfort. Through structured interactive games, guided coloring, and freehand drawing, we provided a comforting space for the kids to express their creativity, paint their own stories, and regain the simple joy of childhood.

Every smile shared and every drawing created served as a powerful reminder of resilience and the deep impact of human connection. The laughter that filled the room brought temporary relief not only to the children but also to their families and caregivers, proving that simple acts of presence can bring immense light to dark times.

We, the Leos of the Leo Club of Raththanapitiya, are honored to have our project featured in the Leo Club of Kalubowila's official newsletter for the month of August, celebrating a shared vision of compassionate service across our Leo community.



# MESSAGE FROM A PRESIDENT OF ANOTHER CLUB

It is a great pleasure and privilege to extend my warmest greetings to the Leo Club of Kalubowila through your monthly magazine.

Leoism has always been more than just a platform for community service. It is a journey of friendship, leadership, learning and personal growth. Along the way, we meet people who inspire us, face challenges that shape us and create memories that stay with us long after a project comes to an end. These experiences are what truly make the Leo movement special.

As young leaders, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others, even through the smallest acts of kindness. Every project we organize, every helping hand we extend and every connection we build contributes to something greater than ourselves. I believe that the true value of Leoism lies not only in what we accomplish, but also in the people we become through the journey.

I would also like to take this opportunity to appreciate the commitment and enthusiasm of the Leo Club of Kalubowila. Your continuous efforts towards serving the community and creating meaningful experiences for your members reflect the true spirit of Leoism. I hope that the journey ahead will bring you many more opportunities to learn, lead, serve and grow together as a club.

As the President of the Leo Club of University of Sri Jayewardenepura, I look forward to strengthening the friendship and collaboration between our two clubs. May we continue to support one another, share ideas, create meaningful initiatives and most importantly, enjoy the beautiful journey that Leoism offers us. Wishing the Leo Club of Kalubowila a successful and memorable Leoistic Year filled with meaningful service, strong friendships, valuable experiences and countless achievements. Let us continue to lead with purpose, serve with heart and inspire through our actions.

With warm Leoistic wishes,

Leo Methin Thismalpola  
Club President (26/27)  
Leo Club of University of Sri Jayewardenepura



# Through the Eras

When I first heard about the Leo Movement, I imagined it to be just another youth organization, a group of young people coming together occasionally to carry out a few CSR projects. In 2018, with that simple perception and a strong desire to give back to society, I joined the Leo Club of Kalubowila alongside a few of my close friends.

At that time, I never realized that I was not simply joining a club. I was stepping into one of the most transformative chapters of my life, a journey that would eventually lead me to serve as a Club Director and, more importantly, redefine my values, relationships, experiences, and sense of purpose.

Over the years, I came to understand that Leo is not merely a volunteer movement. Leo is a way of life. For me, it became what I proudly call “Leo Life.”

When I look back on my Leo journey, I see countless memories that I will always cherish. In fact, I can honestly say that there are hardly any bad memories. The Leo Club of Kalubowila was much more than just a club to me, it was truly a family.

From the very first day I joined, I had the opportunity to work with several Club Presidents, office bearers, and many talented and passionate Leo members. I was also fortunate to work alongside members of other Leo Clubs. These experiences were incredibly valuable because they allowed me to work with people from different backgrounds, personalities, and ideas. Every project, meeting, discussion, challenge, and success taught me something new and gave me valuable life experiences.

Another unforgettable part of my journey was the opportunity to work directly and indirectly with the Lions. Their guidance, support, and experience added great value not only to my Leo journey but also to my personal life. Through all these experiences, I learned about leadership, teamwork, responsibility, friendship, patience, and the importance of serving others.



When it comes to memories, I could probably write more than a hundred pages about my Leo journey. There are simply too many beautiful moments to list individually. Therefore, I would like to mention a few experiences and projects that remain especially close to my heart.

One of my favorite projects was “Shilpayata Athwelak.” This was a project that brought us close to children in schools in rural areas. We donated school supplies and essential dry rations, but what made the project truly special was the time we spent with the children

Eating together, participating in activities, sharing laughter, and seeing their happiness created memories that I will always treasure. For me, this was not just about donating items, it was about connecting with people and bringing happiness to their lives.

I also have a special place in my heart for the projects we carried out with elderly mothers and fathers. Being able to spend time with them, listen to them, support them, and bring even a little happiness into their lives gave me a deep sense of satisfaction and peace. While we may have gone there with the intention of helping them, I believe those experiences gave us just as much in return.

Apart from community service projects, I also enjoyed many other activities, including religious events such as Bodhi Pooja, environmental projects, fellowship activities, and many other initiatives that brought us together. The projects themselves were meaningful, but the friendships, laughter, planning, travelling, challenges, teamwork, and unforgettable moments created along the way are what made my Leo journey truly special.

Today, my official Leo journey has come to an end. It is not easy to close such a beautiful chapter of life, but I do so with a heart full of gratitude and countless unforgettable memories. Although I am now a Past Leo, my connection with the Leo Club of Kalubowila has not ended.

Even today, I continue to support the current Leos and help with their projects whenever possible. I believe the reason I still feel connected to the movement is because of the valuable experiences I gained and the beautiful memories I created throughout my journey.

Leo gave me much more than I ever expected when I joined in 2018. It gave me friends who became family, experiences that shaped me, opportunities to lead and serve, and memories that will remain with me forever.

As I look back, I can proudly say that my Leo journey was one of the most beautiful chapters of my life.

My official Leo journey may have ended, but the memories, friendships, values, and spirit of service will always remain.

Once a Leo, always a Leo at heart. ❤️🦁

Thank you, Leo Club of Kalubowila, for giving me a family, a purpose, and a lifetime of unforgettable memories.

Mr. Manoj Gamage  
Leo Club of Kalubowila





## A Leo Must-Watch



### *The Pursuit of Happyness (2006)*

*Theme: Never Give Up*

*Leo Value: Perseverance & Hope*

*The Pursuit of Happyness is an inspiring story of Chris Gardner, a father who faces poverty, homelessness, and countless challenges while building a better future for his son.*

*His journey reminds us that success requires patience, courage, and the determination to keep going, even when life gets difficult.*

#### *Leo Takeaway*

*"Keep believing. Keep trying. Never give up."*

 *A must-watch for every Leo who believes in turning challenges into opportunities.*

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# Practical Life Tips

*Has The corner*

*Choose courage over comfort.  
"Growth begins where comfort ends."*

*Trust the process.  
"Great things take time to become great."*

*Surround yourself with good people.  
"The right company can inspire the right direction."*

*Listen more than you speak.  
"Wisdom often begins with listening."*

*Take care of yourself.  
"You cannot pour from an empty cup."*

*Turn ideas into action.  
"A small action is better than a perfect plan."*

*Let go of what you cannot control.  
"Peace begins when you stop fighting the uncontrollable."*

*Celebrate small victories.  
"Every milestone deserves to be remembered."*

*Keep your promises.  
"Your word becomes your character."*

*Leave things better than you found them.  
"Your impact is measured by what you leave behind."*



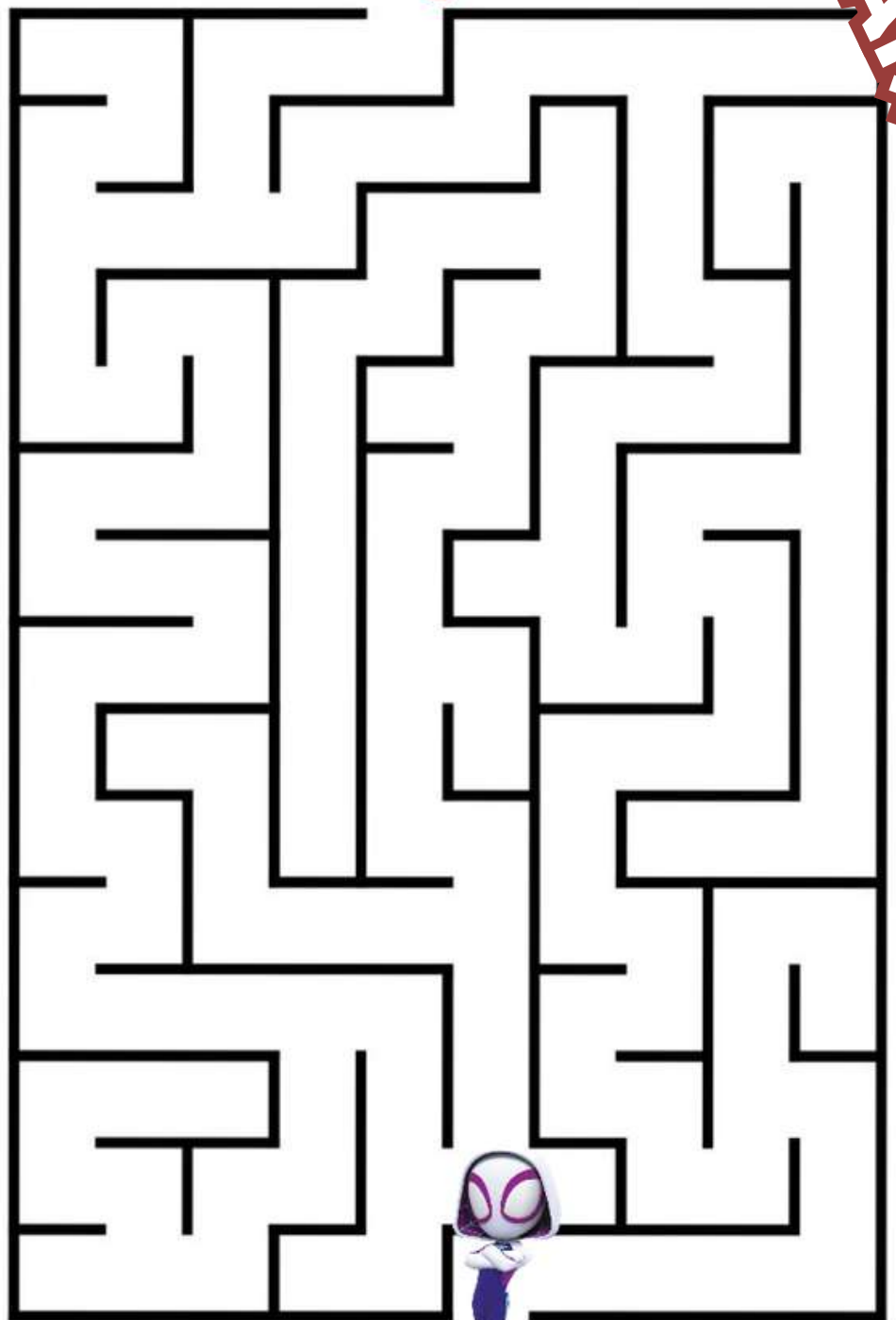
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