



THE ROTHES ROTARY RAG

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

DISTRICT 1010

Happy New Year
Welcome to 2014

President's message



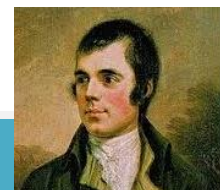
It was great to see you all at our first meeting of 2014, there was a great atmosphere around the room with everyone catching up with friends, sharing their stories of the festive period.

I have been busy behind the scenes and have been involved with a newly formed group within our district called the Focus Group, which set the task of looking at the way forward regarding our Conference, Assembly and President Elect Training meetings. We believe that the way forward is by asking EVERY Rotarian in District 1010 the same questions and their responses will give us the information

we require to submit to District Council. Everyone will be sent an online questionnaire within the next few days and I would urge you all to complete this to enable the Focus Group to gain as much information as possible. If you have any problems accessing or completing this questionnaire please contact me for assistance.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support.

Tracy



Burns supper

A reminder to all Rotarians that January 23rd is an evening meeting, and a Burns Supper. Rotarians can invite a partner. Numbers to President Tracy as soon as possible for catering purposes.



Sri Lanka Water Project

A few years ago while looking for an international project, Rotarian Brian Johnson, a member of St Margaret's Parish church in Glenrothes became interested in the joint ministry with his church and a church in Sri Lanka. Saman Perera, a minister from Sri Lanka visited Glenrothes and told of some of the poor villages in Sri Lanka where the water quality was very poor and there was no clean water in many households. As we also had Rotarians Rube Fernando from Sri Lanka and Arlene Kidd who works with Rube and visits Sri Lanka on a regular basis, this seemed like an excellent International project for the Rotary Club of Glenrothes as we could get first hand reports on how funds were being spent and on progress of the project. Both Arlene and Rube met up with Saman Perera in Sri Lanka to discuss the project and Rube then involved his brother who is responsible for the infra structure in Sri Lanka to verify the poor water quality report in the North Central District. In the first instance, filters are being sourced to filter the existing water supply to allow households to access clean water. Arlene has now visited what is the last village in this

situation with poor water quality and sent this report to Brian last week.

Arlene in Sri Lanka

I made the long journey yesterday to the village and met with the families. We have a list of the neediest households of which there are around 60+. I am researching the available filters and prices this week. This is the only village remaining without direct fresh water. I am back in office on Monday 20th but will leave again on



21st for Germany and return around 31st. My schedule then takes me to India on 1st Feb so will not be around til April. Arlene also sent the 2 photographs below of the village she visited. There is £3000 in the International pot for this project



Some of you may remember that Saman Perera spoke at the Rotary Club of Glenrothes Golf day in 2012



RYLA Students Present

Auchmuty High School students Charlise Stark and Darren Smith gave separate talks on their life changing experiences at the RYLA



camp held over two separate weeks at Nethybridge last summer. Both students gave glowing reports of their time at the camp and explained the benefits they have gained from their experiences. The picture shows an emotional Glenrothes Rotarian Lars Christiansen who was a mentor for the boys handing over certificates of completion to the students at Gilvenbank Hotel

International Golfing

Fellowship By Rotarian Krishna

I have been a member of IGFR since 1993 after attending RI Convention in Melbourne and had the pleasure of taking part in both International and European golfing events in four Continents. This year International event is in Italy about 300 hundred Rotarians are taking part with their Golfing and non-golfing partners.

In 1963 Gavin Reekie, as Governor Nominee for District 101 attended the World Assembly at Lake Placid in New York State and at the final banquet was seated along with his wife Connie, and then in coming World President

Carl Miller. Carl's theme for the year ahead was 'Meeting Rotary's Challenge in the Space Age' and promoted the idea of Matched Districts.

Gavin related the wonderful golfing liaison between District 101 & 728 and the Jackson Christy Porrige Bowl Trophy [which I won it 1994 just a trivial information] and suggested to further the World theme of Matched Districts that Carl should develop this Golfing fellowship on a WORLD basis. Carl responded, 'Gavin, I want you good people in Scotland to organise a similar competition between Districts on a world basis and I will provide you with a suitable trophy. I will be in Scotland in two months time, Let me have your ideas. Then two months later a meeting took place at Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland on 17th August 1963. Carl was then the World President of RI and Gavin was District Governor of District 101, based on Carl Miller's theme after much discussion the well known jewellers, A & C Cairncross, Perth, Scotland produced a suitable design at a cost of £256 paid by Carl Miller, and continues today as the most coveted of the IGFR trophies both for intrinsic value as well as its meaning to fellow golfing Rotarians. Gavin Reekie presented the "Runner-up" trophy and it was Gavin who proposed me to IGFR. First World Tournament was held at St. Andrews in 1964. There are about 1200 fellow golfers representing 64 countries. There are over 20 national golf fellowship groups, the largest of which is the United States Group. 26th RIBI Club

Festive fun with some of our Rotarians

A group of Rotarians had some fun and fellowship at Balbirnie House Hotel over the festive period attending the hotel's party nights and the Hogmanay celebrations.





Events Diary

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

Friday 21st March 2014 – 7 pm for 7:30 pm
GILVENBANK HOTEL GLENROTHES
Tickets only £30 /person

AUCTION & RAFFLE

SPEAKERS

**Willie Allan, Craig Brown
& Jimmy Stirling**

Anyone still wanting a ticket for the Sportsman's Dinner should contact president Tracy or Iain Haywood ASAP as tickets are now limited. Auctions prizes should be handed in to Tracy and any unwanted unopened chocolates can be donated for the chocolate hamper

SUPPORTING OUR NOMINATED
CHARITY FOR 2014



Have you filled your jam jar? Brian Johnson is now asking Rotarians to bring along their filled jam Jars. Remember to add at least one £1 coin. There are still a few jars of jam still available for anyone interested



**Book Sale - Saturday 22nd
February**
Kingdom Centre Glenrothes

Scottish Evening at Glenwood

Friends of Glenwood are hosting a Scottish evening on Thursday 30th January to which Rotarians and partners have been invited. Wilna Roger will let us know the venue next week and collect names

Good luck to Sharie Gordon our representative for the young chef competition who goes forward to the Rotary District 1010 competition to be held at Dundee College, Kingsway Campus on 25th January 2014

**Young Photographer
Portfolios due in 25th
January look out for
news in next issue**



January/February Diary

DATE	SPEAKER	VOTE OF THANKS	SIGN IN AND GRACE	TAKE MONEY	VISITOR HOST
9 January	May Ford 1 st Vocational	Chris Grist	Edgar Shields	John Wood	Lindsay Roy
16 January	Auchmuty Iceland Talk	Rae McKnight	Jim Boyd	John Allison	Gerald Cameron
23 January	Evening meeting BURNS SUPPER		Lars Christiansen	Murray Grubb	Roy Francey
30 January					
6 Feb	George Sneddon Fife Economic strategy 2013-2015	Ian Hastie	Iain Haywood	Rae McKnight	Archie Lawrie
13 Feb	Council Reports		Arlene Kidd	John Ferris	Sheila Mathew
20 Feb	Tu Edwards Maggie's Fife				

The Rotary Club of Glenrothes welcomes two new members

The club had a promising start to the New Year with the induction of two new Rotarians at Thursday's meeting. Dave Smith ex Rangers and Scottish football internationalist and Mark Latimer financial advisor were introduced by Iain Haywood and inducted by President Tracy Thomson. Both were given a warm welcome to the club. The photo opposite shows President Tracy with the new members. From left, Dave Smith, President Tracy and Mark Latimer.



Rotary Day - Sunday 23 February 2014

2014 is the centenary year of the formation of British association of Rotary clubs (forerunner to RIBI)