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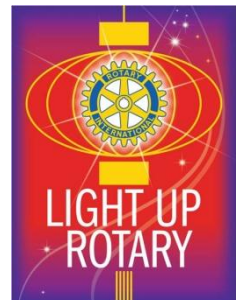


My first month as President has gone so quickly! Although numbers at our lunch meetings have been down because of summer holidays, we have had some good times together, with interesting and informative speakers.

As we are in the middle of summer, enjoying the weather and our gardens, we can recharge our batteries for the Rotary year ahead. We can reflect on our achievements last year, and look forward to supporting our fellowship and fundraising events this year with renewed vigour!

Each committee has so much planned - from our exciting International project to getting involved with local community projects, as well as supporting our own foundation charity.

So let us continue to 'Light up Rotary' in our club. I always say the more we get involved the more we will get out of it. Let's all resolve to be an even better Rotarian this year, to support our fundraising committee in their various events - we can achieve amazing results if every member is committed to Fellowship and Service.



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RYLA (Lars Christiansen)

I had thought that 2013 would be my last RYLA camp, but was asked to be a reserve for the 2014 camp as they were having difficulty in finding enough mentors for the week.

The male mentors arrived early so they could then be at Abernethy when the buses arrived with the boys. These buses also took the girls group back home, so I was able to have a quick word with Shannon McCabe our girl RYLA candidate before she left. Shannon had had a great time and had made many friends over the week, and judging from the amount of tears (a girl thing) that were flowing from all the girls, it had been a great success.

Once both buses had arrived we arranged them into their teams, and as usual, though there had been 80 girls we only managed 61 boys. Each of the mentors then checked off their teams, and we made a brief introduction, making sure they knew where the accommodation was. The accommodation consisted of a two-bunk room in a chalet or up to an 8 bunk room in the main house. After they had settled the boys were given a brief outline of the week, and what was expected. Each mentor then met their teams for a briefing.

Each year there is always a last minute drop out, but fortunately, we had a good connection with a couple of local clubs who have a couple of boys on stand by and these places were soon filled. But it means that the clubs who sponsor the boys / girls do not see any benefit for their community.

My team consisted of 7 boys from all over the country. A diverse and interesting group. My first briefing, always starts with "my ground rules" and these are first and foremost that the instructors must be obeyed. I explain the rule of the leader, and how, they must each convey to their team how they want the team to act when they are the "leader".

During the week, the leader for the following day is given a briefing by an instructor for the following days activities, to be passed on to the rest of the team. I, as part of the team listen to the instructions and after, will normally feedback on how the instructions have been communicated.

The day activities for all teams consist of River Canoe/Kayak sailing, hill walking, climbing, abseiling, mountain

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Cont....biking, raft building, sports day, and a couple of very interesting Challenges. After dinner activities consist of quiz nights, swimming gala, survival game, and an evening with the instructors. The final night was reserved for a presentation by each team of what they thought of the week and how they feel it has benefited them.

Over the week the teams are assessed by the mentors, the instructors, and together with the scores from the sports day, quiz nights and survival results a winner is declared.

My team were a great bunch of boys, ranging from the wholly academic, the silent shy to the loud "let's go" guys. I found that overall the Rotary Clubs had chosen well, but there were a couple who did not even know their local club, and one who had been told that it was a leadership course, but not that it was sport orientated, and therefore felt out of it as this was certainly not his strength. Due to a shoulder problem he could not use his left arm for swimming, but with the encouragement of his team he swam in the relay using just one arm to great applause from his team and all the others. This also occurred with the

rock climbing where everyone endeavoured to reach the top, which was about 30 feet and then abseil down. It was very satisfying to see by midweek that it was not "I", but "we", and there was shouts at all the competitions "Come on guys we are a team, let's go"

It was especially satisfying when the team for their presentation suggested that they should all "dress" up in the various centres outfits, so that each area could be thanked, so we had a cleaner, cook, climber, canoeist, one in pyjama's sleeping bag and head torch covering the bivouacking.

This went down very well, and the Instructor looked great in a blond wig, and a little black number, despite being unshaven and with hairy legs.

It is only regrettable that only three Rotarians from the local club, came to see the centre and the activities. As usual it was sad to leave, but the boys all went away with new friends and a great experience.



"It's been an awesome week and we're really grateful to

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For information on the girls week at camp visit the District 1010 website

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Boat Trip doon the water at Perth

A number of our Rotarians joined the Inner Wheel ladies for a summer cruise on the "Maid of the Tay" from Newburgh to Perth. The trip was organised by Lesley MacDonald from the Inner Wheel club of Glenrothes. The weather was at this summer's best with blue skies and glorious sunshine. All on board took their own picnic and drinks for the sail. Rotarian Walter definitely got into the spirit of the day!!!



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Wilna celebrates the Big 70!



Past President Wilna celebrated her 70 birthday with a garden party at home with friends and neighbours. The sun shone gloriously on the day and all who attended enjoyed good food drink and company. I am sure we would all like to add our warm congratulations to Wilna.



Rotary Day

Remember the Rotary Day will take place on Sunday 16th August at Balgonie Castle. Bring your own picnic.

Entertainment will be provided by

- Fife Strathspey & Reel Society
- Fiona Stewart Dancers
- Lesley and Gary Thomson (bagpipes & fiddle)
- Brodie Cummins - District 1010 Young Musician of the Year Vocal Winner

Compere - District Governor Keith Hopkins

Tickets - Adults £10 children £5



As you will all be aware our nominated charity for 2013/2014

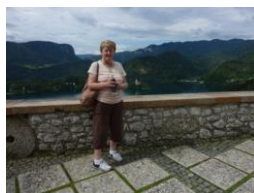
Was Foodbank, Glenrothes and as well as presenting them with a cheque at our recent awards evening we have been able to give them 3 large donations of food. Sadly, there is a great need for donations of food for our local Foodbank - therefore there will be an opportunity for Rotarians to donate items via Rotary each Thursday and Past President Tracy will deliver the food to Pentland Place Glenrothes.

IGFR (International Golf Fellowship for Rotary40th European Championship, Bled, Slovenia



At the turn of the year I joined the International Golfing Fellowship for Rotary

and I signed up to play in the 40th European Championship which took place in Bled, Slovenia. A party of six of us, Rotarian Krishna and his wife Jinder, and my wife Maureen and I flew from Edinburgh to Stansted then on to Lubjiana on Sunday 29th June. we were all very pleasantly surprised by this small country nestling just south of the Austrian Alps with Italy to the west, Croatia to the east and the Adriatic Sea to the south. Everybody speaks English as it is taught from primary school onwards. On the official opening night I was surprised and



The competition took place over three

days with one days practice. We played 2 courses (1) Bled Golf and Country Club, reckoned to be in the top 100 golf courses in the world and (2) The Diners Club Golf Club of Lubjiana which was about to host the European Amateur Womens finals. We accounted our selves well with Sandy M. and Krishna coming in the top 12 overall and Sandy A. and I coming mid table.

Slovenia is a hidden jewel and if you are looking for a place not too far away providing wonderful food, stunning scenery, very reasonably priced and excellent weather then look no further

Ron young

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August Diary

Date	Speaker	VOT	Sign in and Grace	Take Money	Visitor Host
7th August	Devan Cunningham— Premier Engraving	Lars Christiansen	Archie Lawrie	Julie MacDougall	Rae McKnight
14th August	Council reports		Sheila Matthew	Peter May	Stuart Morris
21st August	James Wells Chief Executive Emms International	Sheila Matthew	Tracy Thomson	David Ritchie	Hamish Rothnie
28th August	Keran Mc Lean---Herbal Medicine	May Ford	Geoff Sampson	Wilna Roger	Lindsay Roy
4th September	Andy Strachan 1 st vocational	Murray Grubb	Anne Sampson	Edgar Shields	Alan Strath

Presidents Golf Trophy

Date Change

Thornton golf Club September 10th 2014

Knock, knock."

"Who's there?"

"Nobel."

"Nobel who?"

Just for a laugh

Member Update

Dave Smith has not renewed his membership due to family

Visit to new Forth Bridge August 29th
11:30 am - Names to Rotarian Sheila