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President Chris takes the Baton from outgoing President Tracy



Incoming President Chris gave an uplifting speech to start her presidential year. She spoke of taking over a vibrant club and promised to keep this up within her year. Chris will be supported during the year by President Elect Wilna Roger and JVP Brian Johnston. Chris is also District Fellowship Chairman, which involves bringing Rotarians together who have similar interests. This can be anything from cricket to stamp collecting to music. There are 65 fellowships operating around the world. Chris has also organised a Rotary Day at Balgonie Castle in August to which she has invited many local businesses, schools, and has also asked Rotarians to invite family and friends

Thursday June 26th 2014 was the day the queen's baton for the Commonwealth games passed through Glenrothes and also the day our president Tracy passed her own baton to our President Elect Chris. Tracy summarised her year as president speaking of the many community projects and successes throughout the year, emphasising the importance of teamwork and working together with schools and business' within the community. Tracy was given a photo diary of her year from Geoff and Anne Sampson.



Presidents Report



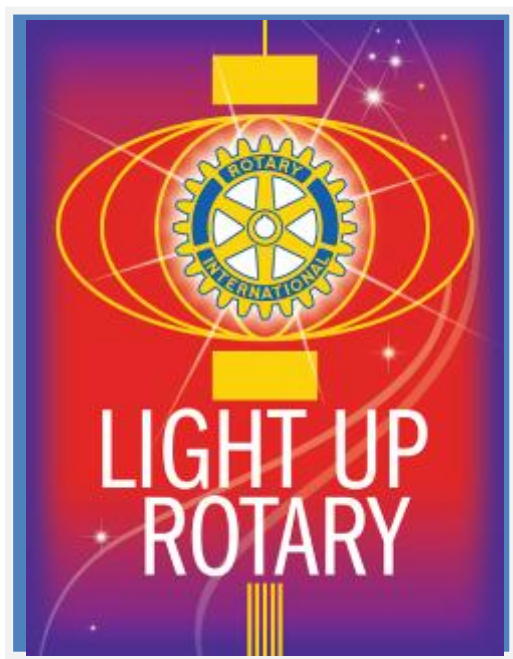
So here we are at the beginning of another Rotary Year! Exciting times ahead for our Club! The Community Committee is again planning lots of interschool challenges along with Kids Day Out, Old Folks entertainment etc. Vocational have interviewed and decided on our students who will be attending RYLA camps, and interschool quiz challenges are planned. The International Committee are hard at work, fronted by Rotarian Arlene Kidd, to make life better for a village in Sri Lanka by providing them with accessible fresh water.

Our Fundraising Committee has lots of plans! Please support IPP Tracy and her team. The Rotary Day event in August will allow our community to see who we are and what we do, and hopefully we will attract new members to the club. Ticket sales are doing well - get yours soon!

When Ann Mitchell, the new Assistant Governor for Area 8 attended our Assembly, she reported back to District that we are a welcoming, vibrant and enthusiastic club which is in good heart. Great News!!!

At the District Governor handover lunch on Sunday when Jim Houston handed over the baton to Keith Hopkins, Keith again reminded us that fellowship is a big part of being a Rotarian. We need to enjoy our meetings, fund raising and social events so that we in turn can help people in our community and world wide. The more we give, the more we will get out of it.

Light a candle - Change a life - Light up Rotary



Kids Out

As with previous years, the Kids Out day was a huge success. For the second year we went to the Deer



Park in Cupar. 81 special needs pupils from John Fergus School, Rimbleton PS and Glenrothes HS attended on the day along with 48 staff members, 4 Interactors and 2 Befrienders from Auchmuty HS who assisted the staff with the care of the youngsters.

12 Rotarians offered their support at the centre joining the pupils on their tours. 3 Hamish Gordon buses (one with hydraulic lift to accommodate two youngsters in electric wheelchairs) + 2 school minibuses transported everyone to the venue.

There was a programme of six guided tours to allow all the pupils to see and hear about the range of animals in The Scottish Deer Centre, an opportunity to go nose-2-nose with a hand-reared deer, also to feed various species of deer and view and learn about the two Brown bears, mother and son, newly arrived in the park.

The pupils were also allowed time for the Treetop walk, look for red squirrels and get a different perspective of the Park. There was also an indoor play area.

The event culminated in a falconry display in the dug out to view in action a female European Kestrel, a Harris Hawk and an Eagle Owl swooping overhead. The Eagle Owl was seen in close-up on some of the picnic tables.

Thanks in particular to Stevie, Billy and Rab - the bus drivers for the patience/care shown throughout especially with those in wheelchairs, to Reece, Connor, Rachel, Abigail, Emma and Vicky - AHS pupils who assisted the staff with care of the youngsters throughout the day and to Rotarians Will and Wilna for helping Rae



to "man" the buses. To Yvonne and Alistair and all the ranger team at the Scottish Deer Centre for the wonderful service provided and to all these special youngsters and all the staff who made this day a day to remember in the Rotary Club of Glenrothes Calendar.

An added bonus - AHS pupils Abigail and Conor so enjoyed this experience that Abigail is starting weekly work experience at John Fergus and Conor is going to contact John Fergus to get weekly experience working in their Sensory Garden. An excellent example of the Rotary Club of Glenrothes at work in the Community!

Awards Night – a fabulous end to President Tracy's year

On Thursday 19th June 2014 President Tracy Thomson, welcomed 68 people including Club Rotarians and, Children and their Parents and invited Guests to this an evening meeting held at the Gilvenbank hotel. The purpose of this an evening meeting was to recognise all the achievements and award winners during President Tracy Thomson Presidential Year. This was the first time this had taken place in this club and was deemed a fantastic night which had been organised by President Tracy Thomson as she is a week away from bowing out from a wonderful year.

Tricia Marwick, Presiding Officer in the Scottish Parliament and also a member of the club presented the awards. Young Photographer Cody Crossan from Glenrothes High School who won the local heat in his age group also was runner up in the district

competition and was awarded a cheque from district as well as his certificate from the club.

The evening came to a close with a speech from Rotarian and Past District Governor and RIBI President John Minhinick who also had the pleasure in handing over to President Tracy the 2013-2014 Presidential Citation and the Rotary Club Central award for actively engaging Rotary and changing lives and also for setting strategic goals for this year and years to come.

A cheque for £1000 and £160 worth of food was handed over to Mary Hill, Glenrothes Foodbank representative by President Tracy, being the clubs main focus on fund raising this year..

Awards

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Award - Sean Divine and Shannon McCabe

Young Musician - - Vocal section - Callum Ford Auchmuty - Instrumental - Rosie Randall Auchmuty

Young Chef - Sharie Gordon

Young Artist - Ruby Main Auchmuty

Foodbank presentation - Tracy Thomson to Mary Hill

Primary School Quiz - Markinch Primary

Top of the Form - Beath High School

Young Photographer - Cody Crossan - Glenrothes High School

Interact Club Auchmuty High School - Vikki Taggart presented a cheque to Heather McNally for Hope and



Awards night



Young Chef Competitors Farm Visits

Community chair, Rotarian Rae Mcknight in conjunction with Carole Brunton, Royal Highland Education Trust, Fife Countryside Initiative arranged to take the Young Chef winner Sharie Gordon and runner up Megan Hichin along with hospitality teacher Heather Nisbet from Glenwood High School to visit 2 farms on Monday 26th May 2014. Three Rotarians from The Rotary Club of Anstruther along with four pupils from Waid Academy joined the group. Rotarians Chris Grist and Sandy Clerk also supported the visits.



- Visit 1 St Andrews Farmhouse Cheese Company at Falside Farm, Anstruther hosted by owner Jane Stewart, to learn about the process of cheese making, see the process and taste the products made.
- Visit 2 Balmonth Farm, Anstruther hosted by owners Ian and Carole Brunton to learn about food production on a mixed farm including beef, sheep and arable farming. Pupils also had an opportunity to hand feed lambs and be introduced to calves born that day.

Both hosts gave an inspirational talk on the work they do and conveyed the enjoyment they derive from following a career they love. The pupils also left with a much better understanding of the process and costs of food production.

Heather Nisbet was inspired to consider ways of delivering this experience to a greater number of pupils at Glenwood HS. Another very successful day delivered by Rotary.



Rotarians at Perth Races (and the waiter!)



Thanks

Our thanks also go to Jim Boyd who has been secretary in the club for years and is now handing the mantle over to Ian Hastie. Also thanks to Alan Strath who has passed to role of Attendance Officer to John Ferris Good luck to both Ian and John in these

Members

The Club is sorry to lose Rotarians Sally Pollard, who through ill health has left the area to live with family and also Jim Penman who has been a Rotarian with the club for many years and has dedicated so much time and effort to the club

The Club assembly

The annual Club Assembly took place at Gilvenbank on 5th June 2014. New committee chairs presented their budget and goals for the year. Some new faces are taking on the positions this year with Rae McKnight continuing as chair of the Community Service, Arlene Kidd taking up the position as International Chair, Julie McDougall taking over as Vocational Chair, Brian Johnston remaining with Foundation and Past President Tracy remaining with Fund Raising.

Invite to RYLA

All Rotarians are invited to visit RYLA. The female camp runs from 5th - 12th July and the male camp runs from 12th - 19th July. Tuesday is the best day to visit to ensure you will see your candidate.



July Diary

Date	Speaker	VOT	Sign in and Grace	Take Money	Visitor Host
3 rd July	Ann Reid – Speaking Lives	Linda Ballingal	John Allison	Jim Boyd	Gerald Cameron
10 th July	Tricia Marwick	Wilna Roger	Lars Christiansen	Rube Fernando	May Ford
17 th July	Council Reports		Walter Fletcher	Roy Francey	John Galloway
24 th July	Malcolm Rooney – District Environmental and Climate change officer	Jim Boyd	Murray Grubb	Ian Hastie	Iain Haywood
31 st July	Dave Smith - 1 st vocational	Iain Haywood	Brian Johnson	Arlene Kidd	Mark Latimer

Just for laughs

My husband and I were sitting at a table at my 20th anniversary secondary school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink, as he sat alone at a nearby table.

My husband asked: "Do you know him?"

"Yes," I sighed. "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he started drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" says my husband. "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

