

# The Rothes Rotary Rag

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## Presidents Report



Dear members

I cannot believe that we are so close to the end of another year and certainly the recent weather has left us in no doubt that it is winter --dark ,wet and simply drierch.!!! However this is certainly not a dull time for our club as the photos and reports in this month's issue highlight. Our first ever Ladies' Afternoon Tea fundraiser was a huge success both in terms of the amount raised and the fun had by close on 200 ladies present. It is very likely that a similar event will become part of our annual programme. The second Glenrothes Walk for Peace took place on Tuesday 10th November . Last year's Rotary theme " Light Up the World" prompted our club to involve the schools , churches and local community in this ceremony at the war memorial. This year our theme is "Be a Gift to the World" and surely there can be no greater gift than peaceful coexistence and mutual respect both locally and in the world at large. Also this month sees the first of the competitions which we organise for the high schools namely the Young Chef. The standard of cooking and presentation achieved by the pupils is always impressive and I know this year will be no exception. I can't wait to see and taste the dishes!! I am also pleased to report that we are making slow but steady progress in our efforts to support the Auchmuty Community and Learning Centre and that a small team of members is ready to conduct mock interviews as the need arises. I would like to thank all the members who have contributed to the club activities so far this Rotary year and look forward to working with you in the months to come.



**Be a gift to the world**

## Evening Meeting

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October we held our third evening meeting in our 6 month trial. 2015 RYLA students Stephen Smith and Connor Pratt showed the group a brilliant video from the RYLA camp and each gave their individual presentations detailing their week at the camp, the different activities and team building events they participated in and how they each built on their leadership skills by leading one activity. They both thanked the Rotary club for the opportunity to have this life changing experience. We also had members of the new interact club from Glenrothes High School and a selection of pupils from Glenrothes and Auchmuty High School who entertained us during the evening.





## Rotary Shoebox Scheme

The Rotary Club of Glenrothes has been busy with our Rotary Shoebox Scheme. 100 boxes were delivered to St Columba's Church of Scotland, Glenrothes, 40 MORE to Auchmuty High School and 20 to St Paul's primary school. 700 were ordered and these have now all been distributed. Rotarian Tracy has been at the local schools talking at assemblies and delivering shoeboxes to the schools. Tracy has requested members to help with delivering the boxes to Perth Auchmuty High School is planning to make a new DVD for the shoeboxes. Check out the Rotary Shoebox Appeal Website, especially the short video - [www.rotaryshoebox.org](http://www.rotaryshoebox.org)



## Rotaract Speaker

At our lunchtime meeting on October 22nd the speaker was Anastasiya Belyaeva a student of St Andrews University and President of the St Andrews Rotaract Club. She mediated the work on a range of community projects which included Rotaract's participation in the organisation of events for the elderly and infirm. Approved and supervised the course of international projects, such as supporting a school for abandoned children in India. She ensured the club's participation in sponsorship of youth development projects, such as World Affairs Seminar. Organised a leadership development/ interview skills workshop for students and mobilised fundraising events for various worldwide causes, including

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End Polio Now. Anastasiya gave us a brief insight into her upbringing and life in the Crimea The Crimean Peninsula also known simply as Crimea is a major land mass on the northern coast of the Black Sea that is almost completely surrounded by water. The peninsula is located south of the Ukrainian region of Kherson and west of the Russian region of Kuban, surrounded by two seas, the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov to the northeast. She spoke of the beauty in Crimea and the wonderful architecture, the Castle called the swallows nest and the church and legend which is Foros resurrection church. She touched on the wine making and how the climate in Crimea appears to help with those affected by Tuberculosis. Thanks to Anastasiya for a very interesting talk

## Ladies Day!!!!!!

Well it happened! And it was a great success. The Rotary Club of Glenrothes first Ladies Day. The event hosted 190 women! - and 1 man! - Derek Walker from the Rotary Club of Cowdenbeath was brave enough to be compere for the afternoon and did a wonderful job – thank you Derek. The day started with a glass of prosecco as everyone arrived. At 2pm we were ushered downstairs to the beautifully laid out ballroom. Derek and President Wilna welcomed everyone and spoke about Rotary and the charity we were supporting which was Target Ovarian Cancer. Elaine Drysdale from the charity also spoke of her own battle with the disease. After the welcome there was a fashion show with clothes supplied by M & Co Glenrothes. Models sashayed around the tables in a selection of casual and evening /party wear. After the fashion show everyone sat down to afternoon teas with sandwiched scones and cakes. A wonderful and varied selection of prizes were auctioned during the day along with 38 raffle prizes. Once again Derek came into his own as auctioneer. The afternoon was rounded off with singing from Gavin Patrick who had the crown on the feet dancing the afternoon away.



**And the best news!!-Our 1st ever ladies day has raised £4967 !!!!!**

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors - FMC, Balbirnie House Hotel, The Drysdale [Davies] family, M & Co, The Wee Tea Company, Derek Walker, Rotarians and friends

A massive thanks goes to Rotarian Tracy Thomson who organised the event.

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## Gavel Nights



The Gavel season 2015 commenced with a home match against our close friends the Rotary Club of Leven at the Gilvenbank Hotel. Both Club President's Dudley Foster of Leven and Wilna Roger of Glenrothes and the other Rotarians had a great night of fellowship as they competed at Connect 4, Jenga, Putting and Tennis ball in a basket. Leven were victorious in this first



match. The second match against Anstruther unfortunately had to be cancelled. Match 3 saw us play against our friends from the Rotary club of Cowdenbeath. Newbies to our team were Peter May ex-military and Andy Strachan ex Police who were great addition's to the team as Glenrothes ran out winners 9 to 7. The final match in

the first round saw our team travelling to St Andrews New Bowling club clubhouse to take on the Rotary Club of St Andrews Kilrymont. Glenrothes winning 17 points to 15. The contest finishing with an epic jenga match with gavel organiser Geoff Sampson tipping the blocks on the 31st level! The indoor bowling was also very close with a photo finish decider! Also a mention that the winning team consisted of 5 women and 3 men!! Now it's on to round 2 where we meet Kinross and Dundee!



The Jenga Collapse!!



Geoff the organiser and Newbie gaveller Andy with the Kilrymont team



The Brown takes the point!

## Walk for Peace

On Tuesday, the Rotary club of Glenrothes joined local schools and Elected members for the second Walk for Peace. Each of the 3 High Schools hosted an assembly with guests. This year members of our club attended Glenrothes High School. After a Welcome from Rector Avril Mc Neil, then a welcome on behalf of the pupils by Stephen Smith, one of our 2015 RYLA students. Mr Stanton introduced pupils Abbie B, Abbie C and Beth who gave an excellent presentation on their visit to the war graves in France and Belgium. Claire Houston then sung a very moving Waltzing Matilda. School Chaplain Alan Kimmitt then spoke of conflicts throughout the world and the importance of the Peace Walk for bring the community together. School pipers A Cairns and R smith then piped everyone out the hall to Highland Cathedral to commence the walk to the war memorial

On arrival at the war memorial the group met up with the other schools and local councillors to begin the service. The service began with President Wilna welcoming the group and talking about peace and the meaning of peace, Avril McNeil then introduced the first of the performers, poems and songs from Pupils from all 3 High Schools and a section on values from the graduates of the e Columba 1400 leadership award. White Wreaths were then laid at the memorial from the different representatives. Piper and RYLA student then gave a moving pipe performance of Highland Cathedral. After the vote of thanks Alan Kimmet led the singing to John Lennons "Give peace a chance" while everyone waved their lights and glow sticks. Yet again a great community evening bring people together in peace and unity. Photos in next months Rag!



**Good News!!!!**

The Rotary Club of Glenrothes has won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – a voucher for £150 for the Video of Past President Chris' Rotary day in August 2014

## November/December Diary

DATE	SPEAKER	VOTE OF THANKS	SIGN IN AND GRACE	TAKE MONEY	Visitor HOST
<b>12 November 2015</b>	Council Reports		David Ritchie	Lindsay Roy	Hamish Rothnie
<b>19 November 2015</b>	John Kilgour – The Fife Group	Lindsay Roy	Geoff Sampson	Edgar Shields	Andy Strachan
<b>26 November 2015</b>	Evening Meeting Songbirds choir	Peter May	Anne Sampson	Alan Strath	Krishna Swamy
<b>3 December 2015</b>	SGM	Tracy Thomson	John Wood	Will Wishart	Bill Wooton
<b>10 December 2015</b>	Council Reports		Linda Ballingall	Jim Boyd	Gerald Cameron
<b>17 December 2015</b>	Christmas Lunch		Rube Fernando	Roy Francey	John Galloway

**All District 1010 Rotarians are invited to join in the Community choir at a concert in the Younger Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm. Rehearsals are on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. This is a great community Christmas concert with performances from local schools and the amazing St Andrews Community orchestra. The Rotary Club of St Andrews will be providing tea and coffee and taking a retiring collection. Even if you do not want to sing – come along and support the event. Tickets are free!**

**A group of Rotarians recently attended at 60s/70s evening hosted by the Rotary Club of North Fife. A fun evening with live music and a hog roast**

**Young Chef November 26<sup>th</sup> Glenwood High School**

**Following a meeting with Auchmuty Learning Centre, President Wilna and Rotarian Murray will be conducting mock interviews at the centre. They are looking for another volunteer to help with this**