

The Rothes Rotary Rag

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GLENROTHES

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Seasons Greetings

Presidents Report



As this will be the last issue of the Rag before Christmas, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a good New Year. Christmas is always a time for reflection, for remembering the past and looking forward to the future. We, as Rotarians, should always have those less fortunate in our thoughts, but at

Christmas time, it seems even more poignant. We see pictures of lonely elderly people, of human beings living in terrible poverty, and of children who will get no Christmas presents. Let's spare a thought for them, and help out if and when we can. As we saw in the shoebox DVD, by filling a shoe box we will be giving a little happiness to people who are blighted by poverty and war. By helping at the Old Folk's Lunch we will be giving support to elderly people who may not have any families to share a Christmas meal with, and by decorating a tree in Falkland Palace, we will be telling local people about Rotary and hoping for support from them in the future. We cannot forget the fellowship and friendship that we will be enjoying over the festive season - singing, dancing, eating and drinking! How blessed we all are to have good friends and families to share our happiness. Let us recharge our batteries so that we can give more time and effort to the projects that our Club supports in the following months and **Light Up our Community**.

Walk of peace

This year's theme Light up Rotary, proved to be the catalyst for the first ever Peace Walk in the town. It all started at a liaison meeting



in September
with the
Rectors of
the 3 local
High Schools-
namely
Auchmuty
Glenrothes
and Glenwood

--when we explained the Rotary theme for the year and suggested some kind of organised walk carrying lights, perhaps in the town park. An animated discussion ensued as a result of which it was decided to do a walk promoting peace on the Thursday evening before Armistice Sunday starting from the 3 schools and gathering at the town war memorial approximately 20 minutes walk from each. Alan Pithie, Rector at Auchmuty, applied for a licence to hold the event and completed a risk assessment for the schools. Letters were sent to parents who were also invited to attend and some of the local churches offered support as well. At 6 pm each school held a special assembly consisting of song, poetry and

video appropriate to the occasion and performed by pupils. The processions armed with torches, lanterns, glow sticks and the like then set off to the war memorial. We certainly did light up Glenrothes with many residents at windows to see what was going on! Once there Rev. Alan Kimmit from the nearby St. Columba's church welcomed everybody and Club President Chris Grist explained the Rotary theme after which pupils from the 3 schools performed some of the items from their assembly programme. We had purchased 4 white wreaths from the British Legion and these were now laid by President Chris and the Head Boy and Head Girl of each school to the strains of Highland Cathedral played by a piper from Auchmuty. The closing remarks were made by MP Lindsay Roy before we all joined in singing Give Peace A Chance -a very moving end to a remarkable evening.



Young Chef Competition

The annual Young chef competition took place on Thursday 27th November at Glenwood high School. We had 5 students participating in the competition, 3 from Auchmuty HS and 2 from Glenwood HS. Each cooked a 3 course meal to a standard I wish

I could match! This year we also had a new judge who stepped in at short notice, Shona Laing from Balbirnie Hotel in Markinch who was a great addition to the judging team. As well as her excellent background and skills as a chef, she also spoke Danish which delighted our other judge Rotarian Lars!! The standard of cooking was yet again very high and the judges had a difficult task making the final decision. The winner was Shannon West (GHS), 2nd Caitlin Walder (GHS) and 3rd Adam Braid (AHS). Shannon will now go forward to the next stage which is the district competition in February. Thanks to teachers Lisa Wishart(AHS) and Heather Nisbet (GHS)



Rotary Shoebox Appeal

IPP Tracy accepting shoeboxes from Glenwood High School. 550 shoe boxes were transported to Perth last week to start their journey to Eastern Europe



Inspiration from Keith



Rotary 1010 District Governor Keith Hopkins from the Rotary Club of Kirriemuir attended our weekly meeting at Gilvenbank Hotel on Thursday 20th November as part of his visiting the 88 clubs in District 1010. Supported by his wife Mary, he gave a thought provoking and inspirational talk to the members

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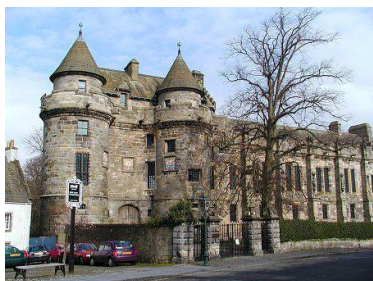
The kit for Glenrothes High School was delivered to the Gardening Club last week, and the pupils are keen to do a bit of fundraising for us. The kit for Rimbleton Primary school will be presented this week.



*Happy Christmas to all Rotarians
from Julie, Lars and the
Whinstone Santa's*

*Ian and Fran wish all members a very
happy Christmas and a wonderful and
healthy New year*

Christmas Festivities at the Palace



Falkland Palace will be turning into a magical enchanted forest. there will be a Christmas choir performing in the royal chapel and an outdoor market organised by our fund Raising committee. There will be 28 stalls selling beautiful local and handmade

gifts, crafts, and a variety of produce. Our club will be providing Tea, Coffee and mulled wine. Santa and his helpers will be in attendance with his sleigh to add to the festivities. We still need Rotarians to help out at this event so come along help and enjoy the festivities

Interact Club Auchmuty HS

Since the October holiday the Interactors along with members of the school charities committee have been very busy. On Children in Need day Emma Kilpatrick from S6 dressed as Pudsey Bear led various activities including a Bake Sale and raised an amazing £1000 for the charity.



Foodbank Friday is now well established in the school and 4 Interactors from S4 have taken charge of this project supported by Mrs Gibson from the Art Department. On the last day of term a non-uniform day will raise funds for the Little Princess Trust which provides real hair wigs for children with cancer. One or more youngsters will volunteer to have their head shaved --at a price !!!



*May you have the gift of
faith,
the blessing of hope
and the peace of His love
at Christmas and always.*

*from Tracy, Alistair,
Nicola & Andrew
Thomson*



*It's Christmas it's
Christmas
Each merry bell chimes*

*A time for
remembering*

*Old friends and old
times*

*A time for warm
greetings*

Old ties to renew

*Wishing all Rotarians a
Peaceful Christmas &
prosperous New Year.
John & Karen Wood.*

*wishing you a merry
christmas and a happy,
prosperous and a healthy 2015*

Krishna, Jinder & family

*Merry Christmas from the
Interact Club of Auchmuty
High School!!*

*Best wishes this Christmas for
all our friends in Rotary.
Brain and Kay*



HI5 Gavel!

The Rotary Club's of Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy and Kirkcaldy Raith along with the Interact Clubs in Auchmuty, Kirkcaldy and St Andrews Highs took part in a fun High 5's Gavel evening of fun games. Putting, Snakes and ladders, Jenga, Connect 4, Dominoes, draughts,. The evening was hosted at Kirkcaldy High School and was arranged by Ann Mitchell of the Kirkcaldy Club and Jennifer Davidson depute Rector at Kirkcaldy High. After a disappointing interclub gavel season we were delighted to win the Rotary prize! A lovely teddy! To add to the excitement, our Auchmuty interact team won over the other school interact teams and they also won a teddy! A double whammy for Glenrothes!



December/January Diary

Date	Speaker	VOT	Sign in and Grace	Take Money	Visitor Host
4 th December	Ross Fisher Community Policing	Wilna Roger	John Wood	Will Wishart	Bill Wooton
11 th December	SGM		Gerald Cameron	Anne Sampson	Lars Christiansen
18 th December	Council Reports		Rube Fernando	Linda Ballingal 1	Krishna Swamy
25 th December	Holiday				
1 st January	Holiday				
8 th January	Brian Johnson	Lars	Lindsay Roy	Hamish Rothnie	Anne Sampson



*Christmas greetings to all
in Rotary and a prosperous
and healthy New Year*

From your Editor

Anne and Geoff

What kind of
motorbike does
Santa ride?

A Holly Davidson!

What did Santa say to the smoker?

Please don't smoke, it's bad for my elf!