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President's Report

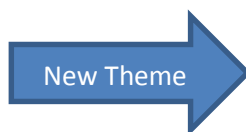
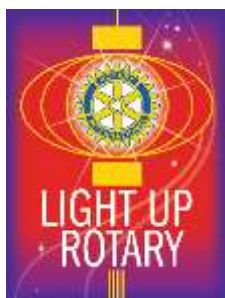
So.....my year as President of the Rotary Club of Glenrothes has come to an end. It has been fun – frustrating at times, but I have felt it has been a privilege to be at the helm of this excellent Club.

We have achieved a great deal! Our Youth projects have rivalled many Clubs in the district, our shoebox effort was amazing and the Peace Walk surely helped to light up the town. The cherry on

the cake for me was to send a Shelterbox to a family who had no home after the earthquake in Nepal. Our Sportsman's dinner, and other fund raising projects were a great success, resulting in the club giving £1200 to Cancer Research Scotland as well as putting money into the funds for next year's projects.

Now we move on to another year with renewed vigour and commitment. In order for our Club to survive we need to encourage more committed Rotarians to join our Club. We all need to get involved and support new President Wilna and her Council.

Thanks to all of you who gave me your support throughout the year – I truly believe we have done our bit to 'Light up Glenrothes.'



Presidential Handover

On Thursday 25th June the presidential handover took place at the lunchtime meeting. Outgoing President Chris handed over the chain of office to President Wilna who takes the helm for her second term in the top job. Outgoing President Chris reflected on her year and how rewarding it had been. She spoke of Rotarians having fun, starting at the Rotary Day at Balgonie Castle last August which had been the first in the District, the Youth projects, the very successful Peace Walk, the gifting of funds for a Shelter box as a result of the Nepal Earthquake, the Rotary Foundation Charity, the fellowship they had at Council meetings after the business of the day was concluded Chris also thanked her husband Steve for all his support over the years leading up to and including her year as President. She said she was handing over to Wilna Roger who is a very committed Rotarian. Rotarian Brian Johnston took over from Wilna as President Elect. Wilna spoke of the past year which had been strewn with illness and how she saw being President again as an honour to lead a great club. She spoke of the varied Service projects and concluded by congratulating Chris for her enthusiasm and following the Rotary Ideals. Both Wilna and Brian reiterated their goals and targets for the coming year and spoke with enthusiasm and excitement over new and existing projects.



IPP Chris with President Wilna and President Elect Brian



The dream team 2015/2016!

Kids Out

On Wednesday 10th June, pupils from John Fergus School and Rimpleton Primary School enjoyed a day out at the Scottish Deer Centre in Cupar for Rotary Kids Out day. 57 pupils and carers along with Rotarians fed the deer and watched a very impressive falconry display. We also had our community police officer Claire Mathieson helping with the children and sharing her police hat which was a massive hit with the kids! Thanks to Claire and a special invite for next year! The staff at the deer park were superb explaining about the different types of deer and their origins. After the falconry display everyone had free time to explore the park which now has 2 brown bears, foxes and wolves. Thanks to Rotarian Will Wishart for organising the event and to Hamish Gordon for the buses. A great day yet again.



THE SCOTTISH DEER CENTRE CUPAR

Our Awards Evening

The Annual Awards evening was held at the Gilvenbank Hotel where 92 people attended a fantastic evening showcasing the talents and successes of the Rotary year. Award winning students and judges of some of the competitions, 3 Ministers from the local churches, 2 head teachers from the local High Schools, family and friends and Rotarians were present to see a Cheque for £1200 being presented by Immediate Past President Tracy Thomson to Teresa Henderson local Fundraiser for Cancer Research Scotland who were the main recipient of the Annual Sportsman's dinner held earlier



in the year. President Elect Wilna Roger gave a special speech on the inaugural Peace Walk organised between the schools, churches and the Rotary Club. The guests were entertained with music from the winning students of the Young Musician competition Claire Houston and Marc James and special thank you speeches from winners of the Top of the form Quiz Beath High School and Winner of Young Photographer of the Year (Intermediate 1st for us and District Competition) Abbie Donald. Thank you to the Gilvenbank Hotel staff for a marvellous meal and a big thank you to Tracy Thomson for a great success which has shown to many in the community the good work being carried out by Rotary in Glenrothes and also gave Family and guests and Rotarians the opportunity of seeing what the children have been doing throughout the year and finding out more about Rotary. Thanks also to Rotarian and Presiding Officer for the Scottish Parliament Patricia Marwick who made the Presentations to all the students.



Our Awards Evening



Rotary News

Congratulations to IPP Chris and Husband Steve on the arrival of their new baby granddaughter Vivie



On Thursday 4th June we said goodbye to Rotarian and PP Ian Hastie. Ian and his wife Fran are moving to be nearer their family in Beath Ayrshire. Ian will be a great loss to our club but I'm sure another Rotary Club will benefit from our loss. A small gift was presented to Ian and Fran from President Chris



On Sunday 21st June a group of Rotarians took to the water at Ratho. Sunday lunch on the Barge and a trip doon the water was a very pleasant way to while away a few hours. Although the weather was not too warm and a cold wind was blowing, inside the barge was cosy, the food was good and a few glasses of wine a good fellowship made for a very pleasant afternoon



Rotarians Wilna Tracy and Anne along with friends attended the Rotary Club of Cowdenbeath's Ladies Day in The Glen Pavilion in Dunfermline. Prosecco, Afternoon Tea and live music ensured a brilliant afternoon. Great prizes were also on offer from a raffle and an auction. Cowdenbeath Rotarian Derek Walker was compere for the afternoon. We are hoping to host our own ladies day later in the year so watch this space.

Annual conference

A Fantastic Halloween theme:-
The room will be dressed appropriately—but will you? Dress to kill (or just killed!) In Black Tie & DJ or as Dr Jeckell, Dracula, Lurch or some other monster or witch. Come Disney Style as Peter Pan, Snow White, Cinders, or Bugs Or will we see Rob Roy or Bruce or Wallace, even Flora Macdonald, or Nessie? There will be prizes, so start thinking you, have 5 months, and counting, to be the Goul of the Ball!

Theme for 2015/2016



Anyone wishing to attend the conference this year should complete the booking form on the Rotary District 1010 website

<http://www.rotary-ribi.org/>

Youth Philanthropy Initiative. (Report from President Elect Wilna)

Just before the end of term I was lucky enough to be invited to Auchmuty HS as a judge for final of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative competition. YPI was founded in Canada in 2002 by the Toskan Casale Foundation , the original creators of Mac cosmetics. Together with the Wood Foundation in Scotland the initiative has donated over 12 million dollars to charities nominated by pupils in Canada, Scotland and New York City .Each year pupils working in groups research local charities which address social issues which concern them in their community. They then give a presentation in front of an invited audience and a panel of judges, the main criterion being that the charity must be based in the local community and provide social services directly to people. At the final in Auchmuty HS 10 teams of S2 pupils took part representing charities such as Chas, Crossroads and Fife Young Carers. However the winning presentation was in support of the Fife Boomerang Association which provides outings for people with mental health issues, thus building their confidence and reducing isolation. The £3000 prize will indeed make a huge difference to the lives of many in our area. Well done, everyone.



July Diary

Date	Speaker	VOT	Sign in and Grace	Take Money	Visitor Host
2 July 2015	Denis Madden	Brian Johnson	Mark Latimer	Archie Lawrie	Peter May
9 July 2015	Council Reports		Stuart Morris	David Ritchie	Lindsay Roy
16 July 2015	Industrialist		Hamish Rothnie	Geoff Sampson	Anne Sampson
23 July 2015			Edgar Shields	Andy Strachan	Alan Strath
30 July 2015	Evening Meeting John Winter The wit of The Scots	Walter Fletcher	Krishna Swamy	John Wood	Linda Ballingall

Committees for the Coming Year

Community Chairman Anne Sampson; Depute David Ritchie; Cttee - Will Wishart, May Ford, Archie Lawrie, Sandy Clark, Andy Strachan, Geoff Sampson, Tricia Marwick Supporting Role. Wilna Roger.

Vocational Chairman-Murray Grubb; Depute Peter May; Cttee - Jim Boyd, Rube Fernando, Hamish Rothnie, Edgar Shields, Bill Wooton, Julie MacDougall, Linda Ballingall.

Fundraising-Chairman Iain Haywood; Depute Mark Latimer; Cttee - Tracy Thomson, Roy Francey, Lars Christiansen, John Wood, Stuart Morris

International-Chairman Tracy Thomson; Cttee - Arlene Kidd, Alan Strath, Krishna Swamy, John Galloway.

Foundation-Chairman Brian Johnson; Cttee - Gerald Cameron, John Ferris, Ewan McDonald.

Membership-Chairman Lindsay Roy; Cttee - Andy Strachan, Brian Johnson, Iain Haywood, Jim Boyd.

July Birthdays

Many Happy Returns to

President Wilma 13th

Geoff Sampson 28th



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