

The Rothes Rotary Rag

May 2016

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

DISTRICT 1010

Presidents Report



It is now the middle of May and I cannot believe how far we are into 2016, nor how near I am to the end of my Presidential year!!!! Our programme of projects is almost complete. Only the Awards Evening on May 26 and Kids Day Out on June 8th are outstanding, both of which to my mind are highlights of the year. We are expecting a turnout of around 120 people for the Awards Evening, including all the youngsters who shone in our Youth Competitions, Primary Quiz and Top of the Form Quiz, as well as parents, teachers and representatives from local

organisations which we have supported this year. I know that it will be an inspirational evening and lots of fun as well!!

As for Kids Day Out, which will once again be held at the deer park, all we need is a fine dry day, so please come along and support the Community Committee.

President Elect Brian and the committees are currently planning the projects to be undertaken in the new Rotary Year. Our Youth Projects will certainly continue, as will our support of the elderly, but as a club we really need to reach out to the middle section of our community. I am therefore extremely gratified that the link I established last spring with the Auchmuty Learning Centre has been developed in the past 12 months, not just with financial support. A few of us have visited the Job Clubs where we conducted a couple of mock interviews and the experience has been much appreciated by the interviewees. The Rotarians involved were also very enthusiastic. This project is still in its infancy but all at the Learning Centre are keen for our club to continue to offer practical, hands on support to people trying to get back into employment. As Rotarians we all have vocational skills which are perhaps lying dormant. What better way to reinvent ourselves while helping others!!



Cheque for Ben

We recently received a letter asking if we could support a young man in the community who has autism and needs some help in funding his continuing studies. Ben Anderson has completed a degree at Stirling University and has been accepted to study for a Master's degree and St Andrews University. He then intends to study for a PHD back at Stirling. His story is inspirational. President Wilna and Rotarian Anne Sampson met up with Bens mum recently to hand over a cheque from the Rotary Club of Glenrothes. Bens mum Susan has kindly agreed to come to Rotary and talk to us about the challenges faced by Ben and his family to get to the place they are at today.



Kids Out - 8th June

Kids Out day 8th June at The Scottish Deer Centre at Cupar This is an event where all Rotarians can come along and give support and also enjoy the day. We have three buses booked this year and also all three schools are using their own buses to help with wheelchair transportation. Buses are leaving Rimbleton Glenwood and Glenrothes schools at 9:30 so if you can help being a "clippie" or conductor on the day please speak to Rotarian Will. Buses should arrive at the park by 10am so please come along and show your support on the day. Children are accompanied by carers so our job is to be there for additional support. Please come along.

Awards Evening

Our showcase of the year! This is the evening to show our guests what we do and what Rotary is about. The club's awards evening which will celebrate the achievements of young people in the community will take place in the Gilvenbank Hotel on Thursday 26th of May. All members are encouraged to come to this event and to bring along friends and family. Awards for all the youth competitions will be handed out on the evening. Presentations will also be made to companies within the community who have benefitted from our fundraising. This will be the third year we have hosted this event and this like the others should be a fantastic evening

The Rotary Club of Glenrothes

Awards Evening 2016

Gilvenbank Hotel

Thursday 26th May

6:30pm

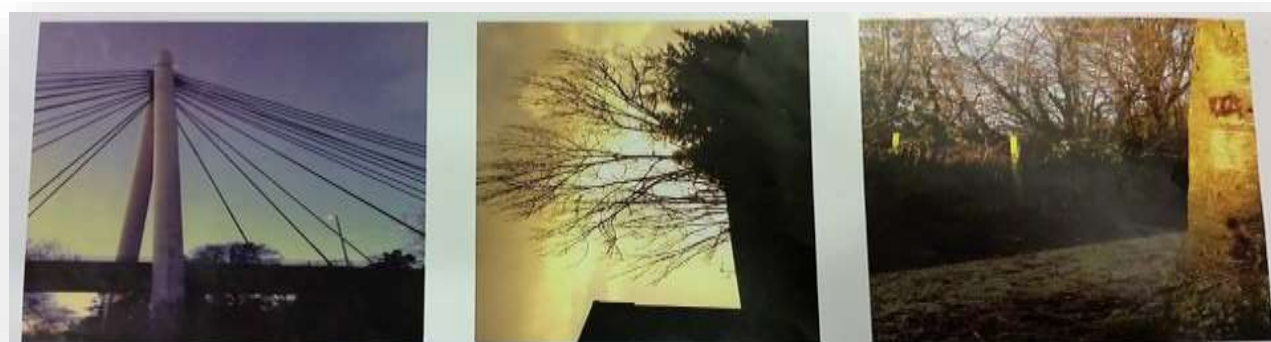


Remember that all photographs and event details can also be found on our Facebook page and also on our website

<http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=33>

Young Photographer

This year we had a bumper entry for our Young Photographer contest – 59 entries! The theme was “Our world is Beautiful” and the entrants certainly showed their own interpretation of this with a huge variety of subjects, leaving our judges with some very difficult decisions. There were 2 categories, senior and intermediate. Winner of the senior category was Rachel Hunter, runner up was Kirsty Jarvis. Both pupils from Glenrothes High School. In the intermediate category, the winner for the second year running was Abbie Donald from Auchmuty High School and the runner up Lewis Brown from Glenwood High School. Thanks to our judges Mike Ward, Ken Wilkie and Jon Nicholson who yet again did a fabulous job.



Sportsman's Dinner

The annual sportsman's dinner was held at the Gilvenbank hotel on Friday night with the evening organised by Iain Haywood, brilliantly compered by Willie Allan, with the guest speakers ex Rangers and Scottish Internationalist Willie Henderson and comedian Eric Davidson. The 135 guests in attendance heard about Willie Henderson's footballing exploits and Eric's comedy style had the guests in an uproar. The service and food provided by the staff at The Gilvenbank hotel was first class. The main recipients of the evening will be the Glenrothes Strollers.



Willie Henderson with Rotarian Geoff and some of the guests



Remember Club Assembly
Thursday 2nd June at Gilvenbank
Assistant Governor Ann
Mitchell will attend

**District 1010 Conference
Saturday 29th October 2016**



**"It's what we do that matters"
Rotarians in Action**

The NC500. Rotarian Adventures by Brian Johnston

The NC500 stands for the North Coast 500. It is a 500mile round road trip starting at Inverness, going north to John O'Groats then west to Durness, south to Scourie, Ullapool, Gairloch, Torridon, Applecross then back to Inverness via Garve.

Kay and I were part of a group of 45 Harley Davidson enthusiasts riding 32 Harleys making the trip starting on Thursday 28th April. You may recall that this was the day when it was snowing in Glenrothes at lunchtime, so I was rather anxious about what we might encounter on the A9. Anyway we set off and drove through quite a bit of snow before leaving the worst of the bad weather behind after Aviemore. It was lots of fun with many interesting stops on the way such as Dunrobin castle, John O'Groats, Smoo Cave, and special fun getting into and out of Applecross which has a wonderful set of tight hairpin bends as the road drops 2000ft.

Along the way we met a group of people in a collection of Supercars – 2 Lamborghinis, a Ferrari, an Aston Martin, A Jaguar XKR, Nissan GTR and a Porsche Carrera. Some of the hotels were a bit like stepping back in time, but the camerarderie was great. One night a coach party from Fife were entertained as our young women danced with the elderly men and two of our number played guitar and sang.

I really recommend that you try this route which is now recognised as one of the best coastal tour routes in the world. Go, before it gets too busy!



Our Interactors



Some of our interactors fund raising throughout the year



Cowdenbeath Ladies Day

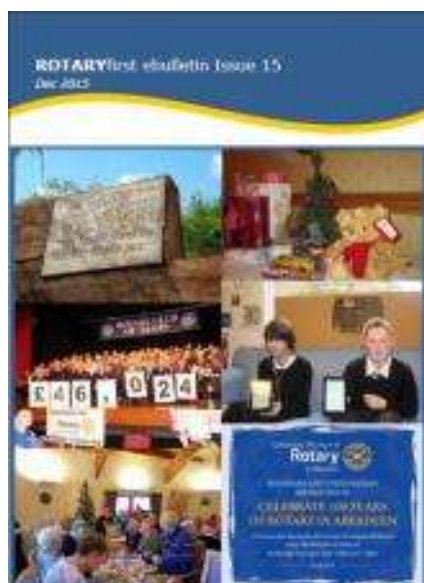


President Wilna and Past President Chris both attended the Rotary Club of Cowdenbeath Ladies Day fundraiser held in the Glen Pavilion Dunfermline. A very successful afternoon with 350 ladies attending – 100 more than last year!

Watch this space for news of our own Ladies Day later in the year!

Diary May/June/July 2016

DATE	SPEAKER	VOTE OF THANKS	SIGN IN AND GRACE	TAKE MONEY	Visitor HOST
19 May 2016	Jilly Foodbank	Anne Sampson	Murray Grubb	Iain Haywood	Arlene Kidd
26 May 2016	Awards Evening		Ewen MacDonald	Mark Latimer	Archie Lawrie
2 June 2016	Club Assembly With Anne Mitchell		Julie MacDougall	Sheila Matthew	Peter May
9 June 2016	Council Reports		David Ritchie	Scott Galloway	Lindsay Roy
16 June 2016	Peter Grant MP		Malcolm Robertson	Hamish Rothnie	Geoff Sampson
23 June 2016	TBA		Anne Sampson	Edgar Shields	Andrew Strachan
30 th June	Desert Island Discs		Krishna Swami	John Wood	Will Wishart



The Rotary First annual magazine has now been delivered to all Rotary Clubs. This magazine and our own Rag should be distributed in your health centre waiting room bus stations schools libraries and any events that we host. This along with our new brochures (coming out shortly) will publicise the good work done by Rotarians and can help recruit new members or friends of Rotary. So let's all do our bit and help