

The Rothes Rotary Rag

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

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DISTRICT 1010

Presidents Report



There is a lot of work going on in the club:-
Swimathon – this event went well again this year, although at the moment I am not able to say how much money was raised. Recently I went to Glenwood High School with Janet Lowe to receive the money which their team raised. As of 1st March there have been only 3 cases of polio reported in 2017 - 2 in Afghanistan and 1 in Pakistan.

Primary School Quiz has now taken place and certificates have been produced to distribute to the contestants.

Our annual Sportsman's dinner was held on Friday 24th March. Tickets sold well this year and a great night was had by all. There were loads of raffle and auction prizes and I offered a ride out on the Harley with coffee and cake, This has still to be fulfilled.

Our 60th Anniversary Dinner has been booked at Balbirnie Golf Club for Friday 28th April. I hope to see all Rotarians there, and of course we will also have some guests to celebrate with us.

Our speakers continue to keep us informed – it was very good to hear from Neil McNeil this week who is the Rector at Glenwood High School about their new engineering building. Good to hear that they have a couple of kit cars like the ones we have heard about at BRAG.

The Young Musician competition was at the Glenrothes High School on Tuesday 7th February. What talent! Conner Pratt won with his bagpipes and Michael McLean won the singing. All the competitors did well. We were so sorry to hear soon after the competition that our Head Judge, Bruce Fraser, had died suddenly afterwards. His advice and guidance to the competitors was always so useful.



Young Artist

Cont. Our Vocational committee organised a great visit recently to Glendale Plastics. It is good to see the talented businesses which we have in Glenrothes.

We would love to have some more members join us. If you know anyone who would like to find out more about it please make contact with Lindsay Roy our Vice President.

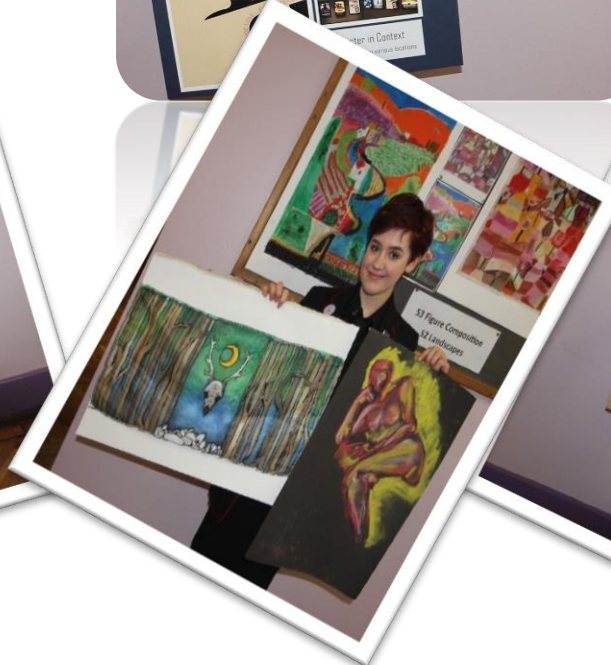
Finally, it was sad to say farewell to Giovanna Davidson who died recently. She was Tom Davidson's wife and they had been together since just after the war where they met in Italy.

Brian Johnson

On Wednesday 22nd February, Rayanna Downie From Glenwood High School won The Young Artist competition held at Glenwood High School with Joshua Medcraf also from Glenwood High School runner up. What a display of talent! - each of the 19 pupils taking part were worthy winners.



Thanks to Judges Gillian Parsons, Billy Caulfield and Sharron McCormick from ON Fife Cultural Trust who had a very difficult task. Thanks to Glenwood High School for hosting the event Well done to all who took part. All winners will be invited to our awards evening at the end of May.



Primary School Quiz

The annual Primary School Quiz took place at Auchmuty High School on Thursday evening 23rd February 2017 with 7 schools participating.

Caskieberran, Collydean, Kinglassie, Leslie, Markinch, Southwood and Warout which was eventually won by Collydean Primary School after

a hotly contested 10 rounds each 6 questions. Well done to the pupils and the school. The event was organised by Vocational Chair Murray Grubb with question master for the evening Linda Ballingall, Supported by Rotarians Anne Sampson. May Ford, Will Wishart and Geoff Sampson with Rotarians Lindsay Roy, Ron Page, and Archie Lawrie in attendance. Many thanks to Auchmuty High School for hosting the event.



Top of the Form

The "Top of the Form" High School Quiz took place at Auchmuty High School tonight with 10 teams from all over Fife participating. Our 3 local Glenrothes High schools, plus St Leonards, Waid, Madras, Levenmouth, St Andrews, Beath and Dunfermline. The eventual winners were Waid Academy with

St Leonards runners up and only 4 points separating the top three teams with Dunfermline third. The Trophy was presented to the Waid team by Deputy Lord Provost for Fife Kay Morrison. Well done to organiser Jim Boyd and the Vocational Chair Murray Grubb and the other 13 Rotarians who turned up to support this successful annual event. Many thanks to Auchmuty High School once again for hosting the event.



Interact

A great presentation at our meeting this week from some of the interactors from Glenrothes High School telling us about all the fund-raising projects they are involved in within the community. We should all be proud of these young people and what they have achieved. Well done to the girls and thanks to their teacher Tracy Darmudas and to Rotarian Wilna Roger for her work with the girls



Lip Sync Antics!

Rotarian Wilna attended the Lip Sync Battle arranged by the Interactors on Wed 29th March at lunchtime. 22 teachers competed for the coveted Lip Sync Belt by dressing up, cavorting about and miming to tracks of well-known pop songs. Victory went to 3 gentlemen from the PE department much to the delight of the packed assembly hall. Money raised from the 50p entry charge will go to supplement the school benevolent fund.



Young Photographer

As of previous years, our young Photographer competition proved extremely popular with our local high school pupils. Entries poured in for both the intermediate and senior category of the competition, 41 in total!. The theme this year was Reflection and was well interpreted by all the entrants. Although most opted for mirror type reflections, there were a few who interpreted the theme as reflective mood or reflective thinking. The judges Mike Ward and Ken Wilkie were extremely impressed with the talent and the very high quality of the prints this year. The winners were **Senior Section**, 1st Grady Ireland – Glenrothes High School, 2nd equal, Kyle Smith – Glenwood High School and James Meek – Auchmuty high School. Intermediate Section, 1st Kassy Watt – Auchmuty high School, 2nd Mia Bennett – Glenwood High School

Well done to all who entered - such talent



Glenwood High Winners



A small selection of the photographic entries. More photographs can be seen on our FB page or on our website at <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=33>



Sportsman's Dinner

Another great night at the Gilvenbank Hotel at the Annual Sportsman's Dinner with the main recipient of the evening the Gilvenbank Community sports hub. The speakers for the evening Compere Willie Allan, ex Scottish Rugby internationalist Doddie Weir and Sandy Strang were in brilliant form and highly entertaining. The evening was well organised by Iain Haywood and Tracy Thomson supported by other Rotarians on the night. Thanks to all who supported the event in so many ways and to the Gilvenbank staff who looked after us so well.



Some photographs from
the evening



60th Anniversary Celebrations

This year we are celebrating 60 years of The Rotary Club of Glenrothes.



Rotarians and invited guests will celebrate this event at Balbirnie Golf Club on Friday 28th April at 7pm. If you have indicated your attendance please forward money to Rotarian Geoff Sampson - £25 per person

End Polio Now

With eradication now closer than ever, Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland's latest campaign, Purple4Polio, is designed to unite communities to engage in activities as part of the final push to eradicate polio for good. Purple4Polio aims to plant purple crocus corms all over the UK to raise awareness of the eradication campaign. In 2016-17, 7 million corms were planted. Our club is in the process of ordering Purple4Polio crocus corms to be planted at the local schools



The village inn at Pitlessie lit up in the Purple4Polio colour



Clubs are invited to accept free jars of jam asking members for a small donation for the jam then fill the jar with coins.

Why not organise a tea party for friends – or a prosecco party ! sell tickets and proceeds go to the End Polio campaign

Club Diary

Date	Speaker	Topic
6th April	Jilly Guild	' Developments at Glenrothes Foodbank '
13th April	Bob Garmory	Glenrothes International Airport
20th April	Business Meeting	
27th April	to be confirmed	*** lunchtime meeting
4th May	Lyndsay Clark	Health Promotion Project
11th May	Neil Henderson	The Importance of Local Press
18th May	Business Meeting	
25th May	Awards Ceremony	(evening meeting)

Shoeboxes

Rotarian Tracy Thomson advised that 260 Shoeboxes had been taken up to Perth by Rotarians on Thursday 9th March 2017 for onward transmission to Eastern Europe. Many thanks to all of the people and organisations who contributed towards this fantastic number of boxes being filled and to Tracy for her continuing support for the appeal. To find out more go to <http://www.rotaryshoebox.org/>



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Car insurance Collect up to £40	Home insurance Collect up to £40	Broadband and TV Collect up to £54	Gas and electricity Collect up to £12	Mobiles Collect up to £20

Remember you can raise funds for the club everytime you shop online with Easyfundraising. Ask Rotarian Tracy or Anne for more information

Spring in Glenrothes!

