

The Rothes Rotary Rag

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

August 2017

DISTRICT 1010

Presidents Report

It was a great honour to be presented with the Presidential Chain of Office on 13th July. It poses a significant challenge to follow in the footsteps of successive Presidents who have led the Rotary Club of Glenrothes with distinction over so many years. I will do my very best to live up to the high standards they have set. With the continuing support of members and friends, I will try to strengthen further the many successful partnerships we have developed which are making such a difference to people's lives.



Past President Brian Johnson has earned our heartfelt praise and thanks for guiding the club through a demanding and productive year. The many accolades are richly deserved Brian. Well done!

Congratulations to Anne Sampson who has been elected as Vice President. Anne has demonstrated her passion and commitment to Rotary in so many ways over recent years and I value her dedication and wise counsel as together we lead the club forward.

Preparations for the 2017 - 18 year are well advanced thanks to Committee chairs and members. I have written to all members recently, indicating that we plan to consolidate the dividends that we have achieved with partners over recent years.

However, there are several innovations that we are considering and these have been highlighted at our Club Assembly and in that recent letter sent to members. These involve extending further our influence in our local community, and in some cases the possibility of working more closely with other Rotary Clubs to make that vital difference.

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At the next Council meeting on 14th August, we will confirm the draft "agenda for the year". We will try as best as we can to ensure the agenda is ambitious yet realistic, given the human and financial resources at our disposal. Club members will have the opportunity to decide whether or not we have got the balance right at our August Business meeting.

As ever, our ability to deliver success rests with the passion, experience and commitment of Members and Friends who invest their time, talents and expertise for the benefit of others.

A prime example of success is our continued investment in selecting and funding students for the RYLA residential week. (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). What greater motivation to continue our involvement than this email from Ally Kinnear, Glenrothes HS, one of our successful candidates. " Thank you so much for the opportunity to partake in this year's RYLA week. I enjoyed it thoroughly and learnt so many skills that I can take forward in to later life"

Working closely together, I am confident that we will continue to " make a real difference " both at home and abroad. Thank you in anticipation of your continuing support.



Kids out



The last organised event of the Presidential Year took place on June 14th as the Community committee's lead Rotarian Will Wishart organised another successful KIDS OUT day at the Deer Park at Cupar. This was supported by Rotarians Anne and Geoff Sampson, Gerald Cameron, Archie Lawrie, President Brian

Johnson, Jack Dempsey and friend of Rotary Paris Glancey. Ninety-five children attended with carers from John Fergus school, Rimbleton Primary, Glenrothes and Auchmuty High Schools. This is the 4th year in succession that we have gone to the Deer Centre and as usual the park rangers were brilliant. They took the kids in groups talking about the different types of deer and also took them into a safe enclosed area where they were able to pat the deer and leisure getting to view the brown bears, the wolves and the wild cats. Luckily the weather stayed fair and yet again the day was a great success. Thanks to the Deer Park and their Rangers for a great visit, and thanks also to Hamish Gordon's buses from Leslie for providing the transport and to all the carers and helpers who helped provide a great kids day out.



Awards Evening

As President Brian Johnson's Presidential year approached its end, we hosted a fantastic Awards night at the end of May showcasing and celebrating the events which took place during the course of the year. The event organised and coordinated by Community Chair Anne Sampson and IPP and schools Liaison Wilna Roger saw students from the local High Schools and Collydean primary School, our primary School quiz winners awarded and presented with certificates, trophies and wallet of notes. Over 100 people attended the evening, and Young Musician Instrumentalist winner on the



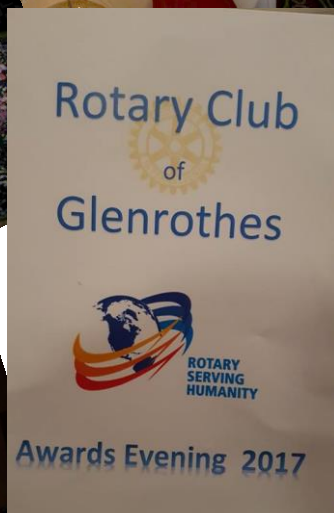
bagpipes Conner Pratt and vocalist Michael Mclean entertained the guests. Jenny Gilruth MSP presented the awards and presented Gilvenbank Community Sports Hub Chair Kenny Crichton with a cheque for £2000 being the main beneficiary of the recently held Sportsman's dinner. Guests included District 1010 Governor Roddy Duncan and his wife who travelled over 200 miles to attend, Anne Mitchell assistant Governor and Rotarian husband Harry from the Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy. High School rectors and staff along with competition judges, parents and Rotarians. The club was also delighted that Jenny Gilruth lodged a parliamentary motion with the text

Motion Text:

That the Parliament congratulates all of the young people who were winners at the 2017 Rotary Club of Glenrothes Awards, which were presented on 25 May; notes that they include pupils from Glenrothes, Glenwood and Auchmuty high school and Collydean Primary School; congratulates the Glenrothes branch of the club on its 60th anniversary year, and applauds it for the excellent and valuable work that it does to support young people in Glenrothes and the surrounding areas.

Some photographs from our Awards Evening

All photos from evening on our Facebook Page



Club Assembly



Heather Stuart Assistant District Governor from the Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy visited the club for our Assembly on June 16th and outlined the District priorities for the coming year. President-elect Lindsay Roy detailed the plans for the club for the year ahead and explained how they met with the district priorities. President Brian Johnson rewarded good service with a presentation to the staff at the hotel.



District Conference

A weekend of fun and fellowship awaits you at the Hilton Coylumbridge in Aviemore.



27th to 29th October 2017.

Come along and join us for our "Desert Island Discs evening" at the Gilvenbank Hotel Glenrothes on Thursday 24th August at 6 for 6:30 pm. Get into the spirit with your Hawaiian gear and floral lei (optional) and listen to a variety of music chosen by our 4 castaways! A 2-course buffet supper will be served midway through the evening. Cost £10 pp Please reply by 14th August so we can give numbers to the hotel

**The Rotary Club of Glenrothes
Presents
Desert Island Discs**



Gilvenbank Hotel Glenrothes

6:30pm £10

Includes 2 course buffet supper

Some more photos from our Kids Out Day



Remember you can raise funds for the club every time you shop online with Easy Fundraising.....

Ask Rotarian Tracy Thomson or Anne Sampson for more information

Do you have any old tyres – cardboard tubing from carpet rolls – anything that can be used to get children playing outside as they did “in the olden days”

Contact Rotarian Tracy Thomson via

secretary.glenrothesrotaryclub@hotmail.com

Reception and Speaker List

| Date | | Take Money and Grace | Speaker Host and VOT | Speaker |
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| Aug | 3 | Ron Page | Brian Johnson | Bin group waste recycling |
| | 10 | Geoff Sampson | Anne Sampson | Christine Cook Service Development Officer Fife Library |
| | 17 | Walter Fletcher | Council Reports | Not Required |
| | 24 | Jack Dempsey | Evening | Desert Island Discs |
| | 31 | Sheila Matthew | Jim Boyd | Leuchars Station RAF to Army" Susan Budd Community Support Officer |
| Sept | 7 | Archie Lawrie | Peter May | Dan Brown Glenrothes 70 years on Digital Story Telling |
| | 14 | Hamish Rothnie | Council Reports | Not Required |
| | 21 | Geoff Sampson | Lindsay Roy | District Governor |
| | 28 | Edgar Shields | Evening Wilna Roger | Homelands Trust Jan Kerr |
| Oct | 5 | Tracy Thomson | Wilna Roger | Bernie Brown Cadham Pharmacy |

