

The Rothes Rotary Rag

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLENROTHES

December 2016

DISTRICT 1010

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Presidents Report



This time of year is a bit of a mixture – I can't say that I like dark, damp mornings, but bright sunny ones are great. Within the Club we have got a lot of bright sunny things going on to keep us engaged: -

Young Chef competition – I was able to go along to Glenwood high School to present prizes at this recent event. Thanks to Anne and her team for a wonderful morning. Even a fire evacuation didn't ruffle the 6 competitors.

Christmas collection at Asda on Saturday 3rd and 4th Dec. Iain's persistence has paid off and we have a super opportunity to meet the public at Asda and spend the day with Santa. Please come along for as long as you can – I have even bought an elf suit to wear.

Christmas Fayre at Markinch Church hall on Saturday 10th Dec. Tracy has been heading up this event. We will be inside for this one, so bring your friends along for a couple of hours of fundraising and fellowship.

Concert of the Band of the Royal Marines. Looking forward to this fundraising concert run by Dunfermline Rotary. Wednesday 14th Dec

FOGR – Friends of Glenrothes Rotary Club. We are sending regular updates out by email and we are receiving some offers of help. This has included shoe boxes, cakes for the Christmas Fayre, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac etc.

New member. Ron Page gave us his first vocational talk this week – it was good to learn a bit about his background.

Club Christmas lunch will be upon us soon – Dec 22nd.

Christmas events are also being held at Auchmuty High School where we team up with them for their senior citizen's party on Friday 16th. We are also collecting items to put into hampers which pupils from the other two High Schools will be delivering to their old folk. Finally we are supporting our Interactors at the High School with their handbag project where they fill surplus handbags with items for women who get overlooked at Christmas. Let's get involved – share some cheer and have a lovely Christmas time!



Brian Johnson

Young Chef Competition - AKA call the fire brigade!

The annual Young Chef competition was held in Glenwood High School on Thursday 24th November. Six pupils took part this year three from Glenwood HS and three from Auchmuty HS. As in other years the standard was exceptionally high with mouth-watering menus and stunning presentations. The task for the pupils was to prepare and cook a three-course meal in 2 hours, starting time 9:30. All was going really well and 6 starters were presented for the judges at 11am. At 11:15 just when main courses should have been ready – the fire alarm went off!!!!!! Almost 15 minutes outside which would have stressed many professional chefs – but not our young competitors. All returned calm and focused! The judges were impressed with how organised and focused all the pupils were and the points were very close. The eventual winner – Jaan Yilmaz produced a perfect berry Soufflé for his desert which tipped the scales in his favour to come out on top!

It also has to be said it was a problem in the Technical department which caused the fire alarm – not the cooking!!!

Thanks to all the pupils who took part - runner up Charley McGuire from Glenwood HS 3rd place Derry Creaney from Auchmuty HS also Finlay Hutchison Auchmuty HS, and Kerrie Walker and Erin Morrison from Glenwood HS. Thanks also to Glenwood HS for hosting the event, judges Bob Rae and Shona Laing and Rotarians who organised and supported the event. Also, a special thanks to last year's winner Grant Duffus who presented the trophy. Jaan will now go forward to the District competition in February.



The Auchmuty Team



The Glenwood Team



The Prize Winners - Jaan, Charley and Derry



Jaan's Menu

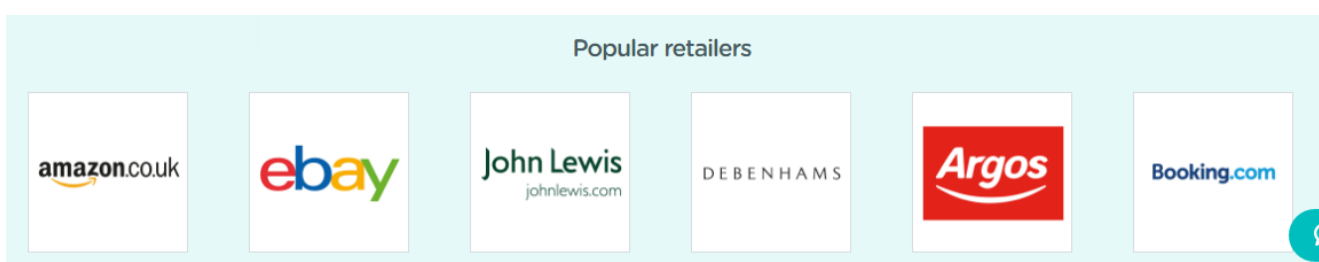


Easy Fundraising



Remember with the Festive season fast approaching many of you will be shopping online. Did you know you can donate to our club whilst buying on line. Retailers give 1% of your spend to your registered charity. Register with Easyfundraising, most retailers take part – it's so easy. If you don't know how to register, please speak to Anne Sampson for help to set it up. At present we have 26 supporters and to date we have raised **£849 41**!!!! Not bad for no effort. So get registered and add to the pot!

Some of the popular retailers registered with Easy Fundraising so you can donate as you buy online !!!



Helping Handbags Charity

The Interact Club from Glenrothes HS are collecting handbags for the charity listed below. They are asking for our help. I'm sure all of you either have old handbags or wives or partners do. Simple put a few of the listed items on them and pass to Rotarian Wilna who will pass on to the interactors. Remember these interactors also help and give their time for our charity events. More details on the Facebook page listed below.



Santa Collection



Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th December – at Asda Glenrothes 10am – 3pm each day

Support need from Rotarians interactors and Friends of Rotary to help collect. Santa and his helpers will be there!!!



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -
Saturday 10th December
10am 11:45am FAMILY
FESTIVE FUN at Markinch
Church Hall, Come along with
family and friends for a
coffee, chat and chill out.
Christmas stalls, bric a bac,
toys, tombola and of course -
a SPECIAL VISITOR.

Christmas Fayre

Rotarians – we need support for this by way of raffle donations,

bric - a- brac and presence on the day!



Cantamus Concert

The ladies inner wheel organised a great night at the Markinch Town Hall as President Caroline Galloway introduced the local small scale Ensemble Cantamus singing songs from the golden age of American Music. The evening was organised to support the Diabetes association for Fife Youngsters.



Gavel



The final game of three in the District 1010 Gavel competition took place at the Gilvenbank Hotel against the Rotary Club of Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay. Glenrothes won, with the final result 10 to 6 . Once again a wonderful night of fellowship and many laughs against other dear friends. After 3 matches Glenrothes won one and lost two,



High Fives Kirkcaldy HS

We have been invited to a fun gavel evening with interact groups from Kirkcaldy High Schools and Rotarians on Thursday 15th December in Kirkcaldy HS. Eight members from our own Interact group have signed up for this and Rotarian Geoff is still looking for Rotarians to make up a team

Shoe Box Collection

Jim Boyd prior to transporting some of the 170 Shoeboxes to Perth today for onward transmission to Eastern Europe. Well done to Tracy Thomson, Rotarians and the schools for all their efforts. Next Collection around Easter



Haldane Visit

What a great visit to Haldanes at Bankhead industrial estate. 12 Rotarians were given a great talk and shown round the factory today by MD Forrester Adam.



Glenrothes High School 50 years celebration



A number of Rotarians attended the 50th anniversary celebrations at Glenrothes High School. The picture below shows Rotarian Geoff Sampson standing in front of a beautiful display created by Rotary Young Artist of the year 2016 Olivia Mckendrick Brown for the 50th anniversary. Well done Olivia. The. A few ex teachers and pupils recalled memories of their time at the school and the school band played a medley from 50 years ago. This was followed by a time capsule being buried in the school gardens then a buffet prepared by some of the pupils.



Peace Walk

This year the peace walk took place on 10th November. Rotarians, pupils and teachers walked from each of the High Schools to the war memorial in the town. Poetry and music was provided by pupils from the 3 High Schools including a stunning rendition of John Lennons "imagine" by Glenwood HS head boy. A very moving service yet again ending with everyone singing "give Peace a Chance"



Reception Rota.



Please note that only 1 person required for duty along with Attendance Officer Peter May

(Arrive 12:35 for lunchtime meeting, 18:10 for evening meeting please.)

1st December	Lindsay Roy
8th December	Geoff Sampson
15th December	Anne Sampson
22nd December	Andy Strachan
29th December 5 th January	Holiday
12th January	Edgar Shields

19th January -	Krishna Swamy
26th January -	William Wishart (evening meeting)
2nd February	Bill Wooton
9th February	Jim Boyd
16th February	Lars Christiansen
23rd February	May Ford (evening meeting)

A Very Merry Christmas to you all and a happy healthy and peaceful New Year

